

Thoughts from the Professor Vol. 3 Chapter 6

This month I am reviewing a couple of items from the Library. The first is a DVD **I Want to Learn How to Fly Fish with Dave Long**

This is a DVD for someone who has never fly fished or who knows very little about fly fishing and fly casting. Overall the information provided is fairly sound and it covers the basic techniques of fly fishing. In addition to basic fly fishing techniques related to dry fly fishing it also includes some instruction for Nymphing and mending lines and various casts. The main feature of this video is that the presentations are fairly simple, easy to follow and understand. One other feature of this video are the beautiful streams that he uses to show the techniques. As this is an older video there is one point that needs to be clarified. In the video he talks about wading boots and the use of felt on the boots. It is generally accepted that we do not use felt and in some states it is banned. This is because of the belief that invasive plants and microbes that more readily attach to felt. If you have an interest in Spey casting there is a separate section on this area of fly fishing which is most interesting and useful. The second is a DVD called **The One** produced by **Grey Ghost Productions.**

This is pure and simple a DVD largely about fishing in various locations. The chapters include Whistler, BC, Rapid River in Maine, East Outlet, Maine, Upper Dam, Patagonia, The Brotherhood, Their One and Project Healing Waters. What you can appreciate about this is that it has the feel of the old time shows. It's kind of like a friend doing a personal video where there is not that real polished performer look to the show. At the same time the video production of the show is very good. The videos include a little downeast humor, often something about

each of the areas being fished and some of the interactions between pals that fish, hunt and simply love the outdoor. The music behind these shows may not always be to your liking and at times somewhat loud but overall it is professional in the presentation. What is absolutely outstanding is the video and the scenery of the places they visit. The sections on Healing waters and "The Brotherhood" lend themselves to the friend talking to a friend aspect of this video. Some of it may be a little corny and laid back but overall this was a very enjoyable video. So until next (hopefully on the water) time.....

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