

TROUT

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“Take this,” I said. “It’s working.” And before I walked up to the bridge, I pointed out where I supposed the trout were lying in the tea-colored water.

But I couldn’t leave. I had to watch from the bridge to see what the trout were doing. Taking care to not cast my shadow over the fish, I leaned both elbows on the rail and watched the angler work out line and swing the Muddler across.

A trout streaked up from the middle of the water column, followed a couple of feet and closed its mouth over the deer hair streamer. There was no reaction from the fisherman. He let the fly continue to swing while the trout moved with the fly then opened its mouth and spit it out.

In 20 casts, 10 trout grabbed and the guy did not a single time sense the bite. I could not stand it. I walked back down.

He was ready to change flies. “You’re getting bit on almost every cast,” I said. He didn’t believe me but he cast again. When the fish bit, I called the strike. He caught a fish. I left him to it.

What was the difference, I wondered then, and still wonder today when I fish alongside someone who clearly catches more fish than me. If the fly is the same and the presentation is the same, why does one angler catch fish and another does not? How many fish bite and we do not know it?

Line control and sensitivity is hard to teach and even harder to learn.

Let’s call it electricity, an impulse in a conductor. Cast out a dead thing; the con-



Camp Chef/Contributed Photo
Fighting a heavy trout on a 3-weight in a small stream.

ductor swings out in the void. And then, out of the void comes a live thing and closes the circuit. For a moment, the line tingles. Energy pulses from the trout on the other end. In tune with the lightning rod, the graphite in your hand, you sense it. Exchange of energy. Reaction making contact.

Let the fish take a bit of line. Lift the rod or turn the tip toward the bank. Let the trout hook itself. It’s electric.

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SHOWS

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They’re the gun that won the West and still win the heart of any true West-erner. I shot a cinnamon bear a few years ago with a Henry’s Golden Boy 45-70. That made for a beautiful picture with the brass lever action laid on the cinnamon bear.

If you need some décor for a mountain cabin, I don’t know how you could do better than hit a gun show and grab a box full of old school ammo boxes to set up on a shelf. I saw a guy that had a whole box of old ammo boxes for sell today.

Usually at every gun show I can find at least one deal on a couple of boxes of ammo that I need. But one word of caution. I’d advise against buying any ammo reloaded by some individual local. Years ago I bought some at a Nampa Gun Show and it nearly blew the firing pin back through the end of the bolt. It was protruding out the back of the bolt. Little Tommie’s forehead would have been the next stop. So



Tom Claycomb/Contributed Photo
If you want some old ammo boxes to decorate your mountain cabin look no further than your local gun show.

only buy reputable ammo.

One thing that I really like to stumble upon is a unique local dealer. One year at the La Grande gun show I met a guy that sold imported knives from Finland. They were unique. The handles were made out of reindeer horns. He had a mushroom knife that had boars’ bristles on the end of the handle to brush dirt off of your mushrooms as you gathered them.

The other day I met a young man named Justin who owns Dakota Prairie Ammunition. They manufacture ammo of course. I’m going to be testing

some of his ammo. I love helping guys that are just getting their feet on the ground and many times you’ll be able to meet a new fledgling company at your local show.

I’m sorry, I don’t have a list of upcoming local shows but I’ve heard that the Pendleton show is on March 13-14 and also heard a rumor that the La Grande show is being held on the same dates.

So don’t just set around the cabin bored this winter. Get out and hit a gun show. If nothing else I always see a few old-time books that I can’t pass on. Have fun.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- You may have to decide between two options you would rather avoid altogether -- but circumstances today require you to do what is hard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- In keeping yourself safe, you are also keeping others safe as well. Now is no time to throw caution to the wind, tempting as it may be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You'll want to dig deeper than usual today in order to come up with the answers that will liberate you from a situation you did not create.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You can find meaning in things that others overlook or ignore entirely. Today, that which happens will steer you in a new direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Now is not the time to give up on something you've long considered important. Play your cards right today, and it can be yours indefinitely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You may find it more difficult than expected today to continue following another down a certain familiar path. It's time to make a change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You have more to do at this time than you may realize, but piece by piece the big picture is likely to reveal itself to you today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You should be able to avoid personal conflict with ease today -- unless someone you know continues to push your buttons and demand a reaction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- You must be sure that jealousy plays no part in what should be a busy and complex day. You can celebrate another's good fortune instead!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- You can learn a thing or two from someone who has walked the path you are eager to explore. Soon you'll be ready for your own journey.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- You should be able to sample freely all that is or will soon be available to you. The decision you make today will help shape the days to come.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You can claim to be lucky or you can claim to be capable, but the truth is that you are both and what happens today will prove it.

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