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TIPS FOR SOFTER PRESENTATIONS

- 1) On longer casts, apply power, stop the rod and drop the tip of the rod to the water's surface and use the water as a cushion to "kill" the impact of the line on the surface.
- 2) When stopping the rod, think and repeat STOP TOO HIGH. This applies to both the back cast and forward cast.
- 3) Visualize what it would look like for the rod to STOP TOO HIGH, the line fully straighten out BY YOUR PAUSING TOO LONG ON PURPOSE, and the forward cast completed by starting slow and ending fast with the rod again TOO HIGH ON THE FRONT.
- 4) After STOPPING TOO HIGH on purpose, hold the rod in this position while the line fully extends /straightens, and the straight line as a whole all at the same time lays down on the surface.

EX. On a 10 foot cast, complete the forward cast and repeat HOLD IT, HOLD IT, now DOWN.

On a 20 foot cast, complete the forward cast and repeat HOLD IT, HOLD IT, HOLD IT, HOLD IT, now DOWN.

On a 30 foot cast, complete the forward cast and repeat HOLD IT, HOLD IT, HOLD IT, HOLD IT, HOLD IT, now DOWN.

The whole point with this part of the exercise is to first stop the rod HIGH, then HOLD it there for enough time for the line to fully straighten, and then come down with the rod.

5) Practice at different distances 15, 25, 35, 50 feet-- and practice using EXACTLY enough power to straighten the line and not 1% MORE.

6) To sum it all up, I start with the rod tip low to the water, accelerate back into the backcast by starting slow and ending fast with a power snap or abrupt stop and with the rod TOO HIGH, I pause for a little longer than what feels normal, ROD STILL HELD HIGH, and I now accelerate smoothly into the forward cast by starting slow and ending fast with a power snap or abrupt stop with the ROD tip again TOO HIGH, and taking care to use only the power necessary to straighten the line at an eye level plane above the water's surface--and once straight I begin to drift down toward the surface with my rod.

Thanks again for allowing me to spend an hour casting with you. Hope this helps you, and let me know if I can be of further help.