

First off, thank you for coming to our club and bringing a wealth of information that none of us really thought of before or at least thought “not me”. I go fishing to get away from the world and problems and don’t give much thought of the danger I might put myself in. I have had a number of emails from my people that attended and they were quite taken by your openness and your willingness to share your story. I have been told that it was the best presentation that we have ever had at the club. So for the club I thank you, people like you that can show your love for the sport of fly fishing even when it has caused so much discomfort shows how important it is for you.

Now the second reason I wanted you to come was more of a personal reason. It was to show my daughter and niece that just because you’re a woman doesn’t mean there are limits to what you can accomplish in this world if you can find something you love to do you can achieve the highest standards in it. My daughter left the meeting more pumped to fulfill her role in fly fishing this year. I’m not sure where it will be the end for her but the lessons she will learn from the experiences will only make her a better person. My niece also got it “She’s a professional fly fisherman!” you definitely didn’t fit her stereotypic fly fishermen picture, which is great.

Tight Lines until we talk again.

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