

In Bounds—

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And they make great glove warmers too!

The second piece of knowledge is the importance of multiple pairs of removable felt insulation liners for my Sorrel boots. A dry foot is a warm foot is a comfortable foot. I have also found that extra insoles go a long way when ice fishing, oops, I mean trimming trees. It is sad that Orion didn't have the choices we have today or he perhaps wouldn't be hanging from the winter sky.

However, I am thankful that technology as afforded me the clothing for protection from the elements, lest I have to change cups in nothing but a brief breech wrap. Again, during the warmth of summer I wear several changes on any given day. Layering is key in the summer as I often wear shorts for mid day comfort covered by stylish and removable warm-up gear in the cool of the morning. My days also start with stratum of upper body protection including light jackets, sweatshirts, vests and half-sleeve wind shirts. Should the day be inclement I will don my heavy weather gear and brave the elements.

Perhaps one of the best investments my club made this season was to purchase exceptionally high quality rain suits for the green staff from Gander Mountain during their spring clearance sale. Yes they were expensive, but the comfort of my associates was of great importance to me and their appreciation for a dry butt was and continues to be priceless.

Another "group" purchase was the investment in insulated Carharts for my full-time and shoulder season staff. Each employee working the months of April, May, September and October is given warm bib overalls to fend off the cool temperatures. And this season we came across a bargain clothes dryer at a garage sale. Orion would have given up one of his dogs for warm and dry Carharts in the morning!

And as long as I am talking about warmth, let me give you the skinny on true comfort. My friends, I am referencing the fine feeling of silk undergarments. For Christmas two years ago I was given a pair of silk long underwear. At first I was apprehensive to wear such apparel for fear of losing my masculinity. But one frosty Minnesota morning I gave in and literally slipped into my slinky, kinky

body glove.

Now I know why women love the sensual feel of silk and the reason their legs don't become popsicles when wearing skirts in the wintertime. Please don't think that I have begun shaving my legs to accentuate the smooth texture of silk upon my skin, but I freely admit that I am feeling a bit giddy thinking about the cool weather ahead and when I can wear them again!

Wearing hosiery has also allowed me the complete appreciation of what a "run" is all about. My first "run" occurred when bending over to pick up a branch during a winter tree removal project. While doubled up I felt a very peculiar sensation in my private area. Not knowing what it could be I went back to the shop for further investigation. Much to my dismay I had developed a gaping gash of torn silk from my crotch down to the inside of my right knee. It was an opportunity for me to get in touch with my "feminine" side.

If only Orion had the choices we have today to protect ourselves from the wrath of Zeus. But then again had he been so well clothed he might not be in the sky guiding me to my golf course and championing the first frost of fall.

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