

The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo by Mike Powers

Larry Goodell leaving Fuller Lake after the
One Fly Contest.

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President's Message

I would first like to start this message by thanking all of the supporters of our slate that won the election. We are all glad that the election is over and look forward to the year ahead. I would also like to thank last year's officers and Board members for their hard work and time donated as volunteers. Yes, we (the officers and Board members) are all volunteers, and the Granite Bay Flycasters is a non-profit organization with a mission statement and a set of Bylaws.

My first order of business as President will be assigning a committee to review and revise our outdated Bylaws. The revised Bylaws will then be presented to the membership for review and comment, and then voted on. My second order of business will be to have the Treasurer give an annual financial statement (fiscal year end) at the August general meeting. My third order of business will be to assign the Conservation Committee to substantially increase our donations to fly fishing and conservation related causes, and also to increase funding for the scholarship program. My fourth order of business will be working with the new and remaining Board members to reinstate Bill Carnazzo back into the ranks of the membership.

I am writing this message just after our annual one-fly picnic at Fuller Lake. I would like to thank Mike Powers for an excellent job on organizing the event, and Tony Hamamoto (who could hardly walk) for an excellent job heading up the barbequing, and Bob DeRoss for running the one-fly event, and all of the people who helped these fine

Rick Radoff



gentlemen. I would like to also thank all of the members and their families that attended. I feel certain it is safe to say that all had a good time.

I strongly encourage any member who wants to learn more about the Club and how it functions, to attend the monthly Board meetings.

Tight Loops...Rick Radoff

Meet the New Officers & New Board Members

Rick Radoff – President: Rick has been with the club for seventeen years, and has been Vice President twice and President and Past President once. Rick has been involved with most of the club's conservation projects and has been the lead co-chair on the Salmon and Trout Education Program from its inception in 1989. Rick's other interests are flying and bird hunting. Rick is a General Contractor and mostly remodels schools.

Jeanne English – VP Membership: Jeanne has been a member of the club for twenty years, and has served as Secretary once and once as a board member. Jeanne

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has also been involved with most of the club's conservation projects throughout the years. Jeanne along with husband Ron, started the club's first youth program, and ran the first youth program for the NCCFFF Conclave. Jeanne along with husband Ron are General Contractors and perform mostly Public Work's construction.

Fran Radoff - Secretary: Fran has been a club member for seventeen years along with husband Rick. Fran was Secretary for the club once before. Fran has also worked on conservation projects throughout the years and has helped Rick greatly with the Salmon and Trout Education Program. Fran along with Rick has raised two wonderful girls that grew up attending many fishouts and club picnic's throughout the years along with many other long time members of the club. Now it is time to have the Grandchildren to come along. Fran is the hard working other half of Radoff Construction, Inc.

John Hogg - Treasurer: John has been a member for fourteen years, and has been Vice President three times and a board member once. John is a Certified Casting Instructor, and served as the club's Casting Instructor for nine years. John owns eleven offices in the Sacramento area offering income tax preparation and tax planning.

Ron English - Director: Ron is a twenty year club member and served as Treasurer once and once as a board member. Ron has also worked on most of the club's conservation projects throughout the years. Ron has been Programs chair and worked on many dinner committees'. Ron is always there when

something needs to get done, and has donated materials and time and equipment to various club projects, including the clubhouse. Ron is the other hard working half of R T English Construction Inc.

Karl Wolff - Director: Karl has been a club member for four years, and right away jumped in with both feet, serving on the board for two years and dinner committee for two years also. Karl has been involved with many club fishouts and enjoys working with the membership. Karl is a District Sales Manager with responsibilities in nine Western States.

Tom Bartos - Director At Large: Tom is a fairly new member, but like Karl, has jumped in with both feet also and has served on last year's dinner committee, and has volunteered for this year's dinner committee also. Tom has also attended many fishouts and led some fishouts, and has been involved in the rod building classes. Tom is retired, and had worked in several industries.

Annual Past Presidents Picnic Recap

What a great weekend we had. We arrived on Thursday and set up camp. A few members arrived early and greeted the others. By the time I got there, about 2:00 or so, twenty members were already there. Thank you to the early risers who actually got there early. Some people got in an afternoon of pre-fishing, like my self. As it turned out, it did me no good. I caught a few fish but nothing like the week before.

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Allison Hamamoto doing the Backwards Cast

Friday we had a leisurely morning. Jason and I went over to Truckee and fished. We had a hard time so we headed to the North Fork of the North Fork of the American River and got into fish on dries. We got back at dark to find a lot more people had arrived. The bonfire was basing and the fish stories were flying.

Saturday we headed to Fuller Lake for the One Fly Contest. It was difficult fishing because the lake level was down a lot. Launching over a few rocks and lots of mud was a challenge. I took one step and was up to my knees in mud. I was able to pull myself out and start fishing. From what I observed everyone had fun and a few fish were caught. However, the Kauls caught more. Congratulations to Mike and Sandy, the winners again this year. Next year I am going to follow them and do what they do. I suggest you do the same.

After the One Fly Contest, we started the 'Frank Massey Memorial

Not So Special Olympics'. It went off without any problems. I'm sure Frank is Proud. While the Olympics were going on, Tony and his experienced crew were busy at the barbeque. What a great meal. After Dinner we presented the awards and cleaned up. We told more fish stories around the fire and went to sleep. We woke up Sunday morning and slowly broke down camp.

I want to thank everyone that attended, and especially the volunteers that helped make this one of the best fish-outs ever. I want to personally thank everyone who attended and volunteered to help. However, if I listed names I am sure to miss someone. Therefore, I am only going to mention one. Thank you, Frank, for the fun of your company, and your inspiration. You will be missed.

... Mike Powers



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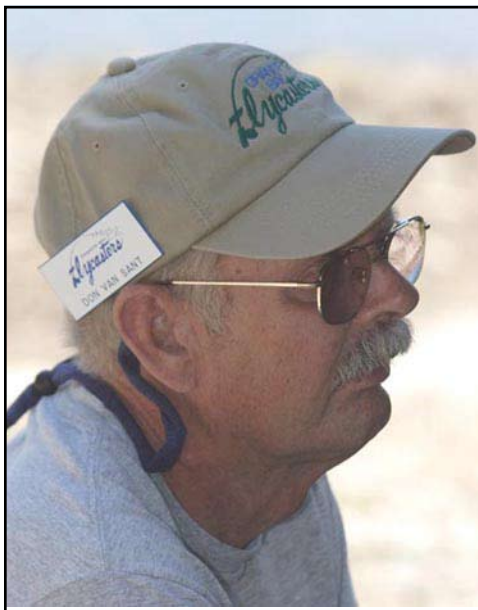
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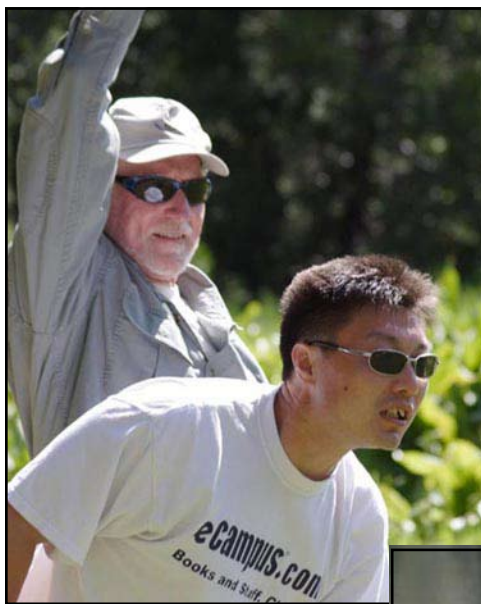
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Bob and Dan



Don



Gene and Jason

Tom



Paul and Mike

Humor in Waders

SOMETIMES THINGS JUST HAPPEN

Yes, fish long enough, and almost all of us have done it. The "it" is breaking a rod which to me is akin to cycling on a very low tire at the start of your ride, or perhaps breaking the binding on one of your skis early in the day on a good downhill run. Oh sure, you can continue on, but often with laughable results.

Recently I hiked to a Sierra fishing spot with Bob Hyink, almost giddy with the anticipation of a great day of mountain fishing. I rigged up my 4wt. at streamside and began wet wading. The water looked really good-almost gin-clear, with a wade able flow and loads of attractive runs. I was ready for a big day. I could just feel it. My very first cast yielded an annoying snag. I waded upstream and took a firm tug, which was met with a snap- a rod break just below the top section of my three-piece rod. I thought I'm really doomed now, with no back-up rod and a full day ahead. But I wasn't about to hike out without at least trying to make a go of it. Now here's the humor in all of this. I can now assign new meaning to the technique we know as "short-line nymphing". Trying to use a four-foot rod stub to lead a fly through the current required me to virtually stand over a section of rapids. Even the fingerlings were darting for cover. Anything larger just cleared the area. I'm not suggesting that it is impossible to fish this way. I just can't do it and looked particularly foolish in my efforts. Imagine a grown man fishing with something akin to a Snoopy Rod. After a few comical attempts to apply a perfectly good

technique, I abandoned this to try a few dry flies.

I found I could actually cast a dry fly with reasonable proficiency. But, again the results were laughable. First, my back cast invariably snagged whatever was attached to the streamside rocks. After all, with a four-foot rod stub a relative novice like me has virtually no chance of clearing even the ground when casting 25 feet of line (side casts and roll casts yielded no better results). I got a particularly good working familiarity with a variety of riparian ground cover. And on the fly drift- keep a tight line? This simply is a cruel mantra for a guy fishing with a four-foot stub. But, voila! I actually hooked into a few fish. However, I might as well have been using car antenna to bring them in. And Sturmer never taught me how to fish with an auto part. With a barbless hook, my technique resembled an infantry soldier in full retreat, splashing backwards over boulders and trying desperately to avoid a wet fly caliber full body immersion.

Frustrated and weary at day's end, I began my trek with Bob back to the vehicle thinking that hiking on a very narrow path with a four-foot rod really isn't bad. You virtually eliminate problems with your rod catching the brush when scrambling over loose, uneven terrain! I'm beginning to look for the positives for the day- a good sign that I'm getting a little perspective on all of this. And what did I really learn? Here are a few thoughts that came to me on the drive home that afternoon:

- When you're dealt a lousy hand, make do with what you've got....even when the results are comical. Your turn will come.

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- Don't take life's little set backs too seriously.... save the worry for things that really matter (Frank Massey's recent untimely passing comes to mind).

- Half of the fun of fly-fishing is enjoying friends, and scenery, which can border on spectacular. Pause to appreciate your surroundings and those you're with.

- A good laugh - particularly at yourself - is not only healthy but is one of life's truly under appreciated emotions.

Laugh on, live on, and most of all, fish on!!!

... Tom Pettey

We Build on Past Performance

This year's Annual Dinner was a tremendous success. Being a relatively new member, it was my understanding that this year was our first sell out. Ron English shared with me that past Annual Dinners were also sold out and that past Dinner Committees also generated great income, leaving the Club in excellent fiscal shape that resulted in the treasury surplus we have today. It is the hard work and dedication of past and current members that make GBF the successful club it is today.

... Art Hawkins

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Fly Fishing the Mt. Cook Region in New Zealand

Jeremy Gray has been a GBF Member for a long time. He used to own the fly shop in Nevada City. Jeremy is an avid fly tier and rod builder. He builds both split cane bamboo rods as well as graphite rods. In the past, he was a licensed

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guide, but no longer currently guiding. He has fly fished extensively in California and has also fished in Idaho, Nevada, Florida, Pennsylvania, Hawaii, the Maldives, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, and New Zealand.

Jeremy's presentation will be on fly-fishing the Mt. Cook region on the South Island of New Zealand. He will speak about getting there, what to expect, cultural differences, transportation, lodging, guides, and of course fly fishing locations, techniques, and his experiences there.

Jeremy Gray can be reached at 916-797-2005.

When: July 13, 7:00 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse

Baja Fishout
July 15 - 22, 2006

Fly Tying Jam July 18

Our next fly tying jam is scheduled for July 18 at 6:30 at our GBF Clubhouse. Since I am going to be in La Paz, Pete Peterson, an excellent tier of bass flies, has agreed to host the jam. I suggested that he demonstrate a few bass flies, namely the Deceiver and the Clouser. He said that he has a special version which, if I have it right, is a Deceiver-Clouser using the best of both flies. His main fishing focus is the largemouth trout or green carp (spelled BASS) and he always has the latest info on those species. He usually has all of the materials, including hooks, so just show up and TIE! Reminder, this is a FREE event! Ask questions!

Any of you who are thinking of tying flies or who want to just come and enjoy others who are practicing their craft, this is a very fun event!

One additional note about fly tying...it has been easy money for the past two months in the fly tying contest because NO ONE ELSE HAS ENTERED. I ENJOY COMPETITION! Bill Aaberg has thrown down the gauntlet, how about you?

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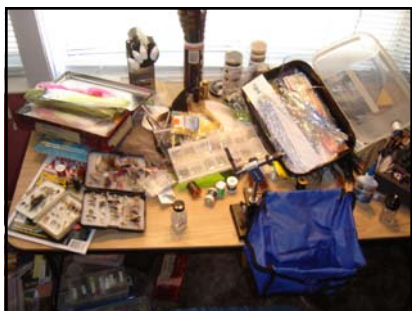
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Beyond the Vise

This is a new article to *The Leader*. I hope it will be helpful to many of our members. We will be covering the many overlooked aspects of fly tying that lie, BEYOND THE VISE. My desire is to share some of my tricks and schemes, in trade for some of yours.

If your tying bench looks like the one in this picture, you, like myself might need help.



When I first started tying, I went to the fly shops and was overwhelmed with the amount of materials available and by the different price ranges for what looked like the same thing. I bought many impractical items, some I have not used yet. When I started tying twenty years ago, my whole kit; vise, materials, and tools, fit in a small plastic tool caddy 14"x 6"x 8". As you can see by the picture, I have an inventory problem. Have you ever gone to the fly shop, stand in front of dubbing or chenille and wonder; do I have tanish-yellow or yellowish-tan at home? Or, look behind the counter and wonder; is the hook you need a TMC 3216 in size #8, or TMC 3218 size #6? Have you sat at your vise and said to yourself; "I could have sworn, I bought some of that yesterday"? If you have done any of these, I hope to get questions from you. If

you have conquered any of these problems, drop me a line. Together, we may be able help those of us who are challenged in these areas. Send me some of your ideas for material storage, preparation, tool cleaning and storage, gear storage, or any other topic. We would appreciate hearing from you.

I have a few good tips already lined up. However, I will need other member's participation to keep this column running. I hope you all enjoy this new addition to your *Leader*.

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Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) Middle Fork American River Field

If you would like to become more involved in water issues concerning the Middle Fork American River, you are invited to learn more on field trips to be held on August 30 and September 27. The Placer County Water Agency will lead the trips and explain the options facing water decision makers in the near future. This would be a great opportunity to become more educated about our very important American River Watershed. Come and learn how dams or diversions could impact our recreational opportunities. For more information visit the Placer County Water Agency web site at www.pcwa.net, contact Julie at the Foothills Water Network (530 622-8497) or call Granite Bay Flycaster Heath Wakelee at 916-870-5253.

Sagehen Entomology Workshop Save The Date – Sept. 15-17, 2006

We're going to expand the Sagehen Entomology Workshop this year to include more room for more people and lots of information about the importance of "watersheds" on stream health. We will continue to provide a lot of information about what invertebrates are found in healthy streams, relative abundance, imitations to use, how to fish those imitations plus both short line nymphing and dry fly casting sessions. Wow! One workshop that really has it all. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a newcomer to fly-fishing, this is a weekend you will certainly want to attend.

This year John Carroz hopes to secure the tent cabins (same as in years past) and secure camping sites at the nearby Sagehen campground. We will be going later in the year so it won't be as cold but the days will be shorter.

The plan is to arrive Friday, September 15 in the afternoon to fish (the Sagehen is about 8 miles north of Tahoe City) in the area and then have a group dinner followed by a watershed program. On Saturday, September 16, we'll have a group breakfast, followed by our plenary entomology program beginning at 9:00 a.m. that will include streamside collection and identification. After a group lunch, we'll have a nymphing demonstration at the stream-viewing window followed by a short line nymphing clinic and dry fly casting clinic. As time permits, open fishing then a group dinner and more presentations by watershed/stream researchers will follow this. Sunday will be breakfast and scatter to either home or to one of the many streams or lakes in the Tahoe National Forest.

This will be a fantastic weekend you will not want to miss. The cost for the weekend has not been set but I anticipate something like \$60 for two nights, five meals and many hours of expert instruction. We still need someone to lead the kitchen crew and everyone that attends the workshop will be asked to help in some capacity. If you have those special cooking/leadership skills, please give John Carroz a telephone call to volunteer. John's telephone number is 916 783 0802. If you can't reach John, please give Heath Wakelee a call at 916 870 5253.

Eastern Sierra Conservation Opportunities

Some of you may be familiar with the Bishop based organization Friends of the Inyo. With the help of volunteers, a small group of dedicated activists have accomplished a lot to help protect and improve the Eastern Sierra natural environment. In addition to other projects, they have improved stream and fishing opportunities in the Eastern Sierra and for this we are most appreciative.

Each year the Friends of the Inyo offer free field trips and volunteer opportunities to help improve conditions. If you are interested, please give them a call to go on one of their trips or offer to lend a hand. Here are three of their upcoming trips:

July 29 – 31. Coldwater Canyon Project II.

August 5-7 – Coldwater Canyon Project III.

Coldwater Canyon is just south of the Mammoth Lakes Basin and receives an incredible amount of use, yet sees very little ranger presence. On these trips, we will address normal seasonal trail maintenance, and remove illegal campsites and fire rings. This is a great chance to make a difference in an area that really needs some help.

August 5 – Sawmill Meadows Restoration Day. Volunteers Wanted! Friends of the Inyo will be working with the USFS Hydrology Restoration Team to rehabilitate and restore the natural hydrological systems within this amazing meadow system located in the Glass Mountains of the Eastern Sierra.

For more information or to sign up for a project call or E-mail Jamie Anderson at 760 873 6500 or E-mail at jamie@friendsoftheinyo.org. To learn more about Friends of the Inyo, visit their website at www.friendsoftheinyo.org.



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"Yuba River Squalla"

One sunny afternoon, Pete Koistenen and I were fishing the Yuba River, and doing fairly well on nymphs. We really wanted to get some fish on dries. We were throwing Parachute Adams, little Mayflies, March Browns and Quill Gordons, all to no avail. We would get frustrated then go back to our nymphs, picking up a fish or two in each run.

Pete was out ahead of me, and we were moving up a run alongside of some trees. We saw an older gentleman about 50 yards ahead of us. Pete called back to me, "he's got one!" We watched him land and release it. Pete went back to drowning his nymph. I took a moment and watched them fish. It seemed like in no time at all that the guy ahead of us had another one on! And, that fish had hit a dry. I called to Pete, "Did you see that? That guy just got one on top!" Pete got out and we watched this man land his second fish.

After he'd made several casts with no more hits, Pete and I approached, and asked what he was using. He said he was using a fly that his grandson had made for him, and that it had been working great all day. He showed it to Pete and Pete said, "WOW! That looks just like the real thing!" The Squallas were out, and that's all the fish were hitting on top.

I'd heard about them, but have never seen them. Pete told me about them before we went, and I tied some smaller versions of my Stone Fly pattern that had worked so well in Utah, but I hadn't gotten a hit all day. Pete had even stopped

at the Auburn Fly Shop and bought a couple imitations that they had recommended. Those flies didn't work either.



Yuba River Squalla

As we chatted with this fellow fly fisherman, his grandson returned from upstream. Pete and I talked to him about his fly. He said it was just something he threw together a couple of years ago, but has been refining it ever since. He told us he caught several fish upstream. We sheepishly told him of our dry fly

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MATERIALS

Hook:	TMC 2312, size 10 - 6
Thread:	UNI-thread 6/0 Yellow
Egg Sac:	Peacock Hurl
Ribbing:	Micro Vinyl Body Ribbing, Black
Abdomen:	Blended yellow and light olive Wapsi super fine dry fly dubbing
Wing & Post:	4 Cul De Canard Natural Dun
Hackle:	Black dry fly two times the gap
Thorax & Head:	Same as abdomen

luck. When he heard our story, he took pity, and gave Pete one of his flies. Pete immediately tied it on. We ended our chat and headed up stream.

It wasn't even 5 minutes later that Pete had a fish on. This fly is a great imitation of the real bug on the Yuba. Pete fished this same fly for two seasons before he gave it to me to copy. I tied him a half dozen and myself another six. It's too bad the water has been so high, and our schedules have been so separated that we haven't been able to get back to the Yuba to try them out. This is a fairly easy tie, and a good way to learn the parachute technique. Tied on a size 10 to 6 TMC# 2312, its large enough to see what you're doing.

Instructions

1. Mount hook high in vise.
2. Start thread center of hook, wrap back 1/3 down the bend.
3. Tie in 2 strands peacock hurl.
4. Twist them and wrap 3 wraps.
5. Tie off and tie in ribbing.
6. Dub an abdomen loosely to form a smooth cigar-shaped body approximately 2/3 of the hook shank.
7. Rib to form segments.
8. Select 4 CDC feathers approximately the same size and shape. They need to be at least as long as the hook or a little longer.
9. Lay them one on top of each other, tips matched, curved down.
10. Place them on top of the fly, with tips pointing back just past the Egg Sac, and tie down with a couple of soft loops and then a couple of hard loops.

11. Now select a black dry fly quality hackle, 1 ½ to 2 times the gap.
12. Tie it in, shiny side to you, tip going back.
13. Glue.
14. Pull the butt ends of the CDC feather up and back, wrap 5-10 wraps in front to stand them up.
15. Bring your thread behind the butts, and dub the thorax and the head.
16. One wrap of dubbing behind the post, pull the post back, and finish going forward.
17. Parachute-wrap the hackle and tie off.
18. Glue and fish. Remember that C-D-C feathers do not need floatant. Have at least two of these flies with you, one to fish while the other is drying.

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Rod Building 202A Epoxy Preparation and Rod Gluing Part 1

The next two articles will provide guidance on how to prepare epoxy in anticipation of gluing of the reel seat, handle, and winding check onto the blank.

You begin by preparing the rod blanks to accept the handle, reel seat, and winding check (see articles Rod Building 201A through 201 D) Once this is complete, the next step is to prepare the epoxy to glue the components to the rod blank.

Tools and Materials Required:

First, assemble all of the tools and materials that you will need to you're your rod components to-



gether (see photo: Gluing Materials and tools). These include:

- epoxy (You will typically use an epoxy consisting of 50% hardener and 50% resin, which can be in either liquid or paste form (rod building epoxy or rod bond). You will be mixing these materials together.)
- paper bowls for holding epoxy when mixing
- sticks to mix epoxy thoroughly
- acetone for epoxy cleanup
- plastic cup for acetone

- old tooth brush for acetone cleanup of excess epoxy
- paper towels for epoxy clean-up
- masking tape for rod clamping,
- vapor mask to prevent inhalation of vapors from epoxy and acetone if doing much gluing
- rubber gloves to prevent epoxy and acetone skin contact

Now a quick word of caution: Please read the manufacturers label on the epoxy containers! Do the gluing in a well-ventilated area, and/or wear a vapor mask (especially if you are often around epoxy fumes). Also, always use vinyl gloves before and during the mixing and applying of epoxy.

In addition, the pot life of the epoxy is also listed on the manufacturer's label. The pot life is dependant upon epoxy type (5 minute, 2 hour, or longer) and the temperature.

First, you will need to dispense the required amount of the two epoxy materials (hardener and resin) into a paper bowl. I usually put two equal sized blobs about the size of a half dollar next to one another. When mixed, this should give you enough epoxy to glue the reel seat, handle and winding check to the



blank. You should then thoroughly mix the epoxy for approximately 30 to 60 seconds with the wooden stick (see photo: Mixing Epoxy). If you do not mix it thoroughly or have unequal portions of hardener and resin, the epoxy will not set and become hard. This can cause major issues with the integrity of the final product and the rod would need to be repaired.

After the epoxy is mixed, begin applying the epoxy to the reel seat area around the circumference of



the blank with the stick (see photo: Epoxy for Reel Seat). After the epoxy has been applied, install the reel seat in the blank by twisting it in



(see photo: Installing Reel Seat To Blank). The twisting allows uniform application of the epoxy around the entire blank.

After the reel seat has been installed, begin applying the epoxy to the handle area around the circumference of the blank (see photo:



Epoxy For Cork Handle). Also, if you have an inletted reel seat, apply a small amount of epoxy around the entire top of the inletted part of the reel seat. After the epoxy has been applied, install the wooden handle to the blank by twisting it



in (see photo: Installing Handle To Blank). For inletted reel seats, be careful when forcing the cork over the reel seat. If there is too much epoxy within the reel seat and the hooded cork, the excess pressure could cause the hooded cork to split and you will have to replace the cork handle.

The next rod building article will discuss gluing the winding check to the blank, cleanup of epoxy, and clamping the components just installed for drying. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Larry Lee at larrylee@L3rods.com or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.



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