

# *The Leader*

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Mike Egan with a 4-pound Rainbow caught at Commanche Lake on an Olive Wooly Bugger, the first fly that he ever tied. Mike's brother, Paul, taught him how to tie the fly at his Beginning Fly Tying Clinic.

*November 2006*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5.	6.	7.	8.	9. General Meeting 7:30 P.M. Conservation Committee Mtg. 6:00 pm	10.	11.
12.	13.	14.	15.	16. Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	17. Lake Commanche Fishout	18.
19. Lake Commanche Fishout	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
26.	27.	28.	29. Beginning Fly Tying 6:00 P.M.	30.		

# President's Message

Rick Radoff

Well, it is fall, and it is my favorite time of the year. Fran and I just got back from Montana for two weeks, and the weather and fishing were great. Soon I will start Pheasant hunting, and my Springer, Buzz, is anxious to go.

Fran and I won't be at the November General meeting. We will be in Palm Springs at the AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) Expo. Yes, that is another one of my passions, flying. Fran and I, along with thirteen other people, own two planes, and it is a fractional ownership and makes the cost of flying affordable.

I would like to thank John Hogg in advance for taking my place and running the general meeting in November. This is also the time of the year when club events and clinics are on the rise. Paul Egan is starting his Beginning Fly Tying class and his Intermediate Fly Tying class. Check the schedule in this issue of *The Leader* for dates and times.

The famous chili cook-off and swap meet is December 2nd, and thank you Denny Welch for taking on the task of running the event this year.

Sign-ups for the casting classes are filling up, and when enough people have signed up, Sturmer White will hold casting classes. Sign up at the general meetings, or call Sturmer to sign up, and then keep a look out for the dates and times that will be put in *The Leader*.

Art Hawkins will be putting out a sign-up sheet for a Net Building Clinic in the near future, and when



enough people have signed up, then he will schedule the dates and times for that clinic.

The International Sportsmen's Expo / Sacramento will be January 18 - 21, 2007, and the Granite Bay Flycasters will again have a booth at the Expo. A sign-up sheet will be out at the general meeting for volunteers to help man the booth.

Our 21st annual dinner will be March 25, 2007, and will be at the Dante Club, and we will have a speaker this year. It will be Brian O'Keefe. There will be a day program also, the day of the dinner, located at the clubhouse. Thank you, Mike Howes, for taking on the job as dinner committee chair, and thank you volunteers that make up the dinner committee. There is still need for help with the dinner, so if you would like to volunteer, contact Mike Howes.

The Speaker for the November meeting will be Steve Cooper, and the December meeting is our holiday potluck year end meeting. We still need a Program's Chair. Ron

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English has been doing a great job filling in, but would really like someone to step up and volunteer for this position. Whoever does will get lots of support and help.

Special thanks go out to Pete Peterson and all of the GBF Volunteers who worked at the Salmon Festival on October 14th and 15th. It was a huge success.


Special Congratulations go out to Kent Ripley (Webmaster), Jeff Burkholder (prior *Leader* Editor), Art Livingston (prior *Leader* Editor) and Frank Stolten, the current *Leader* Editor for being instrumental in the Granite Bay Flycasters receiving the NCCFFF Communications award, which was presented by Ken Davis, a board member of the NCCFFF and also a Granite Bay Flycasters member, at the October general meeting.

I hope that you all have a good time at the November meeting. Fran and I look forward to seeing you all at the December meeting.

Tight Loops...Rick Radoff

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## Granite Bay Wins Communication Award

Last month the Granite Bay Flycasters won the Communications award for having an outstanding newsletter and web site. These two communications tools keep members informed with current information about what is going on in the club and provide a forum for members to communicate with each other.

Many of our members contribute by writing articles for the newsletter (all members are encouraged to submit articles), and others edit, fold, staple and mail the newsletter (some do both) while others post great information on the web site. Two of our members, however, deserve special mention. Jeff Burkholder was the person that transformed our very ordinary newsletter (the *Leader*) into a tool that draws interest and readers into reading the publication from front to back. The *Leader* is colorful and easy to read with most of the great formatting changes being incorporated by Jeff. Art Livingston was editor after Jeff and now Frank Stolten has assumed the responsibilities of Editor. Both Art and Frank have made minor improvements to a great publication and "encourage" timely submission of articles (15th of the month).

Our outstanding web site ([www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org)) is not primarily, it IS, the direct result of many, many hours of quality work by Kent Ripley. Kent is a great volunteer who is always looking for ways to improve the web site and amazingly he puts into practice the improvements he envisions. If your not a member of the club's message board, log on

some time and you'll be amazed at all the good, current information that is available. Kent has placed loads of conservation information on the web site and that too is worthy of your investigation.

Our past Leader editor (Art Livingston), our current Leader editor (Frank Stolten) and our web master (Kent Ripley) are either current or past members of the Board of Directors and are dedicated members of our club. At the last monthly meeting Ken Davis, Biologist, New Zealand Mud snail expert and a member of the Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFF) Board of Directors presented the Communications Award. We appreciated Ken making the trip out to personally present the award and again thank all those who unselfishly volunteer their time and skills to make the Granite Bay Flycasters the best club in the West!

## The Wet Fly Award

The Annual Dinner Committee is now accepting nominations for the club's infamous Wet Fly Award. This annual recognition is bestowed on the club member that has demonstrated the highest level of 'oneness' with the waters we fish... who has taken that fateful extra step leading to an intimate bonding with the environment of our quarry... who has gone above and beyond the limit of mere waders to immerse him/herself in the world of our noble nemesis... who, in other words, has fallen in the water while fishing!

Who do you know who's slipped, tripped, stumbled, fallen, crashed, capsized, or otherwise gotten soaked while fishing – and won't mind having the story recounted aloud at

our annual dinner on March 25th? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Annual Dinner Committee member to relay the deserving story by March 1st. Remember... think wet!

## Raffle/Auction Items Needed

At each year's Annual Dinner, club member contributions make a huge difference – whether donating merchandise or services, or just pitching in some extra funds to help the raffle committee buy more prizes (usually at 'wholesale' or other discounted prices).

Please consider donating something to this year's dinner. Our success at obtaining nice raffle and auction items is directly related to our success at raising the funds needed to pay for club activities in the year ahead. Contribute now and you'll benefit all year!

Here are some of the kinds of things club members have donated in years past:

- New, unused merchandise – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Professional services – in gift certificate or coupon form.
- Handcrafted goods – again, fishing-related or otherwise.
- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please call Mike Howes at 916-863-6795. Any contribution is appreciated, and all donors are duly acknowledged at the dinner. Here's your chance to help the club help you (and fellow members) catch more fish in 2007!

## Lake Amador Fishout, Sunday December 3, 2006 With Dick Davis

Lake Amador usually fishes well this time of year as those of you who have been there in the past can verify. Trout weighing 5 pounds are not



unusual. A 5-weight rod with a floating line and a 10 -12-foot leader should do the trick.

In the past, the most popular flies have been a black leach or a black or olive wooly bugger. I will check with the lake when the time is near to get a report on fishing and weather conditions, and notify those who sign up by e-mail, or phone. Try to join us for this fishout. The fishing is always lots of fun.

### **Cost:**

Fishing Fee Per Angler:

\$8.00

Parking Fee Per Car:

(2 people) \$9.00

Float Tube/Pontoon Boat

Launch Fee:

\$2.00

Directions From Sacramento:  
Take the Jackson Highway (Hwy 16) East. Turn Right on to Ione/ Michigan Bar Road. Turn Left onto Hwy 104 to Ione. Once In Ione, Turn Right onto Hwy 124. Go about 2 miles and turn Left on to Buena Vista Rd. Continue on Buena Vista Road as it crosses Hwy 88. About 2.5 miles down the road, you will come to a stop in the town of Buena Vista. Turn Left at the stop. Lake

Amador Road will be on your right in approximately 1 mile.

The attached picture is Dick Davis with an 18-inch rainbow taken from Lake Amador on an Olive Wooly Bugger.

## November Fly Tying Jam

The November Fly Tying Jam is currently scheduled for November 21, which is only two days before Thanksgiving. Since we are leaving to go out of town, my wife would kill me if I take the time out to go and tie flies, therefore, I am canceling this session. I have looked ahead to December and see that our schedule calls for our jam to be on the 19th, which fits well within my schedule.

I was looking at my sad fly boxes, which have been sorely depleted during the active fishing year. I would encourage you to do the same and bring to the jam in December your list of "to tie" flies and get started!

. . . Jim Holmes  
jwholmesjr@aol.com

## Fishing Photos Wanted

We need photos for our Annual Dinner slide show. Your shots of club events, including fishouts, classes, fly-tying jams, and other activities are what make the Annual Dinner slide show special! Save your photos for now (digital, film, or slides) and keep your eye on future issues of *The Leader* for information on how to submit them for the show.

Let's go beyond the vise WAY BEYOND THE VISE. Let's go all the way to the river or stream of your choice. One that you would fish dry flies and nymphs the same day some times within just a few minutes of each other. The problem for me was should I carry two rods or tie new tippets every pool or run I come to. Nymphs needing split-shot, flora-carbon and, an indicator. Dry's needing tapered mono with tiny strong knots.

This dilemma could use a lot of line and cost a great deal of fishing time. Both of which are frustrating. Or worse yet breaking the extra rod, or with my scattered brains leaving one of them behind on the bank some where . . .

While fishing on the Yuba River with Pete K. I was tying and retying leaders and tippets. Pete who is an avid dry fly fisherman said he was going to switch to nymphs for this one run and then I saw it. He pulled out of his vest an old fly line spool with his leader already wound on it with his flies tied on and ready to go. He unspooled it, looped it on his fly line, wrapped his dry fly leader with flies on the spool and was fishing before I could cut my fly off and even start to tie on some more tippet.

When I got home I made one of my own.

This is all you will need:

1. an old fly line spool
2. a pair of cutters
3. and a couple of rubber bands

I used a Cortland fly line spool with the holes.

1. Cut a section out of the side of the spool. (If your spool dose not have holes just make two cuts side by side and bend the tab you just



made and hook it in the notch you just made and wind it on the spool.



band to the notch.

4. The last thing I did was to make a very large loop in the butt



section that is connected to my fly line. This allows me to slip the leader through with flies, shot and, indicator.

. . .Paul

Please write back with any comments, suggestions or tips of your own that you would like to share with us:

Write to:

Beyond the Vise

C/o Granite Bay Flycasters

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Or E-mail to: [paulegan81@com-cast.net](mailto:paulegan81@com-cast.net) (please put "beyond the vise" in the subject line)

## Mark Your Calendars . . .

The famous Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner is coming!

This is our club's largest organized event of the year and everyone's invited to come for the fun, food, great prizes, amazing raffle, incredible auction, fantastic program, and all the rest of what makes this event so popular! As our primary fund-raising of the year, your purchase of dinner tickets (and maybe some drinks, raffle tickets, and auction items) helps the club pay for the kind of great programs, activities, outings, and conservation efforts that Granite Bay Flycasters has become famous for! Here's the facts...

- Who: Club members, friends, families, co-workers, neighbors... anyone who's willing to help support our great organization (and be eligible for great prizes at the same time)!

- What: Fabulous dinner, raffle, silent auction, and other prizes, along with a famous guest speaker\* who will also conduct an instructional 'day program' at the clubhouse.

- When: Sunday, March 25th, 2006. The day program usually runs 10am-noon, and the dinner festivities get going by 4:00pm (bar opens at 4:00; dinner is served around 5:00).

- Where: The Dante Club on Fair Oaks Blvd. (between Howe & Fulton) in Sacramento. This famous venue was carefully chosen for its quality of food, facilities, and services.

- Why: Because you want to win some of the thousands of dollars worth of new fishing gear, trips, and other cool stuff that will be raffled and auctioned off during this event.

- How: Three ways to join the fun... 1) Buy dinner tickets at our monthly club meetings<sup>1</sup>, 2) Donate funds, prizes, or services for the raffle or auction<sup>2</sup>, and 3) Volunteer to help with the 'dinner committee' that puts the whole thing together<sup>3</sup>. You choose!!!

\*This year we're fortunate to have Brian O'Keefe as our dinner speaker and day program leader.

<sup>1</sup>Dinner tickets are \$35 each and there will be a special raffle prize drawing for early ticket purchasers.

<sup>2</sup>Funds donated for the dinner are used to buy raffle prizes from local fly shops (at big discounts).

<sup>3</sup>Volunteers are needed for various dinner efforts. Please contact Mike Howes if you can help.

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### Monthly Fly Tying Winners for October

**Beginners:** - No entries

**Advanced:**

Best Tie: Ray Ito won again  
\$25.00 Gift Certificate: Ray Ito won, but generously donated it back  
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## Salmon Festival Huge Success



GBF did it again. Thanks to all of the volunteers, we were once again able

to show the kids (330 this year) how to tie a fly. I did not count how many people tried fly casting, but those that did came back from the lake with a big smile. Without a doubt, we generated interest in our club and fly fishing in general. We had a new festival co-coordinator Kimberly. She made some major changes and all for the better. The festival this year was laid out so that it was much better for GBF. The positive attitude of the GBF members was at an all-time high and everyone said they had a great time. I am again dumbfounded once again at the volunteer rate of our members.

All of the volunteers deserve a pat on the back and a hearty well-done. Also, a double pat on the back for the members who were there both days.

It takes a lot of work on my part to put this together, but I know from

the start that the volunteers I need will be there.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS. Without your help, this festival would not be possible. Now lets talk about next year - bigger yet?

... Pete Peterson

## Fly Fishing in the Grand Ronde River



### STEVE COOPER

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STEVE DOCUMENTS CHASING WHAT  
HE CALLS THE MOST OVERLOOKED  
GAME FISH IN THE WEST ON  
TWO OF HIS FAVORITE RIVERS,  
OREGON'S UMPQUA RIVER AND THE  
FABULOUS GRAND RONDE RIVER IN  
WASHINGTON

Steve Cooper has been fly fishing and tying for almost thirty years now and has landed everything from Bluegill to Blue Shark on the fly. He is a former member of the Budweiser National Fishing Team and has had numerous sponsorships through his fishing career including Sea Ray boats and Mercury outboard motors. He has both guided and worked as a deck hand from Point Sir to Bodega Bay. In addition, he has probed the

dark world of competitive Bass fishing and lived to tell about it.

Steve enjoys taking the roads less traveled and searching for the next big adventure. Much of his program will focus on his latest find, the fabulous Grand Ronde River. He considers this river to be the best Fly Rod Bass fishery in the West and will be guiding on the river in 2007. He will also include some discussion on the Umpqua River, another fine Bass fishery. Also, Steve says "Just for the Trout Bums I'll mention my favorite Trout River, I don't mention it's name on the internet, it's too risky. Guess what? This river just happens to be on the path leading to the Grande Ronde."

This is going to be great program you won't want to miss.

When: November 9, 7:30 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse

## Baby Boomer Benefit

Some of us are already there. Others are rapidly approaching. As a friend once said: "Growing Old Isn't For Sissy's". However, there are a few good perks for those 62 and older. I didn't know about this benefit until I saw a sign as I was entering Lassen National Park this summer. "If you are 62 or older, you may qualify for the Golden Age Passport. Ask the Ranger about it." Since I just turned 62 last January, I decided to ask. For \$10, you receive a Golden Age Passport that is good for the rest of your life. Moreover, here I was just about to pay the \$10 fee to enter the park for a few days. My friends, this is a great deal. I copied the following information from the National Parks

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Web Page ([www.nationalparks.org](http://www.nationalparks.org)). If you are eligible, get one the next time you go to a National Park. I've been using mine to go to Manzanita Lake and to camp at National Forest Campgrounds, at half price.

Have Fun and Enjoy Our National Parks and Forests.

. . . Art Livingston

## Golden Age Passport

(For citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are age 62 or older)

The Golden Age Passport is a lifetime entrance pass to national parks, as well as sites managed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U. S. Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. The Golden Age Passport admits the pass signee and any accompanying passengers in a private\* vehicle if a park has a per vehicle entrance fee. Where a per person entrance fee is charged, the Golden Age Passport

admits the pass signee, spouse, and children.

The Golden Age Passport also provides a 50% discount on federal use fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, parking, boat launching, and tours. In some cases where use fees are charged, only the pass signee will be given the 50% price reduction. The Passport is nontransferable and does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires.

A Golden Age Passport must be obtained IN PERSON at a federal area (National Park, Historic Site, Wildlife Refuge, etc.) where an entrance fee is charged. There is a one-time \$10 processing charge to obtain the Golden Age Passport. It is available only to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 62 years of age or older. You must show proof of age, such as a state driver's license, birth certificate, or similar document.

Many thanks to Dave Vingom for driving up to Redding a few weeks ago to volunteer at the Northern California Fly Fishing Conclave. Dave helped teach beginning fly tying to two classes and ended up taking his wife and daughter along. Dave's daughter helped teach the class and I think that was especially noteworthy. Thank you to all of the Vingom family.

Are you a "Conservationist" or someone just concerned about the environment? From [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com), one definition of conservationist is "someone who

works to protect the environment from destruction or pollution [syn: environmentalist]." One key word for me in that definition is "works" so it is not enough to "think" good thoughts, you must do some kind of work and in this case I like the definition that describes "work" as "the result of exertion, labor, or activity; a deed or performance." So in order to be considered a conservationist, we must "work" to protect the environment.

Leadership in conservation is

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encouraged by all Granite Bay Flycasters club members. And we hope each member spends four hours working at some conservation project each year. It is not enough to think positive thoughts and to comment to our fishing buddies that "someone" ought to do something about this or that. We must take it upon ourselves as users of some pretty outstanding habitat to work to protect and preserve it. Writing this column each month is a real struggle (work) for me but I don't count it in my conservation hours/year. Bending down and picking up litter along a stream does count and I'm very glad it does. If you know of an area that needs work, please bring it to my attention and perhaps we can make it a club project for some weekend.

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## Prince Nymph

### Originator: Doug Prince

Let's go classic. This fly has been used for years. It has been tied in all kinds variations; bead headed, weighted, non-weighted, extra hackle, black wings and tail (Black Knight), yellow wings and black body (Dark Lord) and so on and so on.

The fly for this months contest will be the one originated by Doug Prince. Stock, basic and, deadly, this was my first "Go To" nymph when I was in Salt Lake City cutting my fly fishing teeth on the Provo River. The Prince nymph is easy to tie and produced fish regularly. It was a confidence builder. To my knowledge the Prince Nymph has not caught any thing as big as the fish on the front of last months Leader but I did see a very nice steelhead caught with a size #8 in the Feather River Wild Life Preserve two years ago. Everyone was catching fish in the one to two pound range and some were being lost a bit bigger, even the guide boat that slipped through hooked and lost fish on cast-masters. It was a good day for ½ pounders. But no big fish. One guy wadded to the top of the riffle and was swinging a nymph and soon his fly line was stretched straight down stream with the backing being striped at drag blistering speed. Everybody just stepped back and in about 10 min. the angler was holding a beautiful Feather River Steelhead.

When he returned to the bank, between all of the "way to go's", At-a-Boy's and, nice fish comments most of us were asking what fly he was using. I was surprised to hear



"A Prince Nymph" and then to see that big Prince in the hook holder of

his rod. He was using floating line with out split shot so I assume he was using a weighted version. The original Prince Nymph was tied with out lead, and we will use that pattern to follow this month. I will recommend tying some with out lead some with lead some with bead heads and some with out in lots of sizes. This is a very easy, inexpensive and, effective tie.

#### **Instructions:**

1. Place hook in vise and smash barb.
2. Pull *two biots* from the goose feather and place them on top of one another curves down and tips pointing back.
3. Tie them in on top of the hook shank at the bend. Use one soft loop then spread the tips so they fork, then tie down with three or four tight wraps.
4. Tie in a piece of flat gold tinsel. For ribbing.
5. Tie in two to six Peacock herls depending on the size of hook you are using.

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#### MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	TMC 5263 sizes 4-16
Thread:	Black 6/0
Tail:	Brown stripped goose
Rib:	Fine flat gold tinsel
Body:	Peacock herl
Hackle:	Brown hackle
Wing:	White tripped goose

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6. Wrap your thread forward forming a base layer. Stop behind the eye about 6-7 thread widths.
7. Twist the peacock herl together and wrap it forward. Form a cigar shaped body by not over lapping at first then over lap a bit and a bit more until reaching the center of the body. Now overlap less and less until you reach the hanging thread. Tie off the peacock herl with two hard wraps and clip the ends.
8. Reverse spiral wrap the tinsel to the tie in point secure with two wrap directly on top of the wraps holding the herl.
9. Select and trim a brown hackle (dry fly quality) with barbs 1½ times the gap of the hook.
10. Secure the feather by the butt end at the tie-in point directly on top of the other materials.
11. Wrap thread forward three wraps. Then wrap the hackle to the thread.
12. Three finger sweep and tie down the hackle into wet fly style.
13. Now select two white stripped goose biots. And put them together, points rearward, curves down. Fork the tips and tie them directly on top of the shank, forming the wings. The points of the biots should be longer than the hackle and shorter than the body.
14. Form a smooth tapered head whip-finish clip the thread and glue.

As a note to all of the people entering flies in the monthly contest. I would love to hear stories about or see pictures of fish caught on your flies.

Please respond to:  
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 Subject: Fly Tyers corner

### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

**For Sale:** Outcast PAC1000 pontoon boat in near new condition upgraded with dry storage pouch (have original also), seatback storage/cushion, anchor and Cataract graphite composite oars. Over \$1700 new, sacrifice for \$1100.

**For Sale:** BW Sports Guide Vest, size Large, brand new condition, new \$75, asking \$45.

**For Sale:** Simms short style mesh wading vest (older model similar to the Freestone), size Medium. Excellent condition \$35.

**For Sale:** Bare lightweight nylon waders with storage sack size ML. Excellent condition, good emergency backup, \$40.

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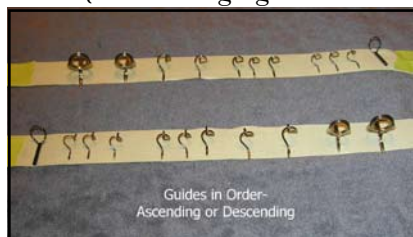
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## Rod Building 203C Guide Order & Sharpening - Part 3

This is the last of three articles that provide direction for placing the guides in proper order on the blank and then sharpening them. The next series of articles will show you how to place the guides on the blank temporarily so that you can permanently tie the guides to the blank with thread.

After you have selected the guide spacing (see previous article in this series), and you have marked that spacing onto the blank with masking tape, you will need to get the guides ready for mounting to the blank. It is very critical that you have the guides set in their proper order (either ranging from small



to large or from large to small depending on which way the blank is placed) so that when you mount the guides, the proper size guide will be in the proper location. To mount the guides, first place the guides onto a piece of 1 inch wide masking tape. The masking tape strip length must be long enough to hold all of the guides. Place the guides perpendicular to the length of the masking tape in ascending or descending order by size (see photo "Guides in Order-Ascending or Descending"). Often, some guides are

the same size, so you should put them side by side in a group (on the masking tape?).

The guides must now be prepared to be attached to the blank. Normally, guides are tapered at each foot by grinding during the manufacturing process. The guides are then plated with chrome, black chrome, or titanium carbide. This manufacturing process contributes additional thickness to the tip of the foot. When you are attaching the guide to the blank with thread, this makes it difficult for the thread to transition onto the foot without leaving a gap in the thread. To prevent this, you will need to sharpen each guide foot to so that the thread holds the guide to the blank smoothly, with no gap.

To sharpen the guides, I first use a Dremel tool with a grinding bit and secondly a needle file for filing metal (see photo "Dremel Tool and Needle Files"). The Dremel tool is



used to grind the guide plating off (see photo "Sharpen Guide with Dremel Tool"), and the needle file is used do the final sharpening of the guide foot (see photo "Sharpen Guide with Needle File"). If you do not have access to a Dremel tool, the guides can be sharpened with a needle file, but it will take you a long time as titanium carbide and chrome plating are very hard.

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When sharpening the guides with the Dremel tool and the needle file, sharpen both the top and the bottom of each guide foot. Make sure that you do not leave any metal burrs on top of the foot (which would cut the thread) or on the bottom of the foot (which would dig into the blank and cause the blank to break in that location). Be cautious not to sharpen too quickly when using the Dremel tool because the metal in the guide may burn and the tip of the guide will be destroyed.



When the sharpening is complete, the end of the guide will be quite sharp and the thread can transition onto the foot when wrapping without any gaps. When sharpening really small guides or the hook-keeper guide, you may need a pair of needle nose pliers to hold the guide. Taking the time to sharpening the guides properly will greatly simplify the guide application.

As always, rod building classes are also available for learning these processes. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Larry Lee at [larrylee@L3rods.com](mailto:larrylee@L3rods.com) or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.



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## Swap Meet and Chili Cookoff

We've got our SWAP MEET AND CHILI COOKOFF scheduled to take off on Saturday, December 2nd. Officially, we start at 9:00 and will go until noon. My bride and I plan on getting there at about 7:00 to start getting things set up for the multitudes. We've had members of other clubs attend both as sellers and buyers and a fly shop or two is usually there with some incredible deals.

The swap meet is always a huge event. It's the one time each year we can stock up on those things we really need and also get rid of all the stuff we bought last year. Rods, reels, boats/float tubes, tying materials, flies, waders and many other items will all be there. It's also the one time each year you can get all of these things at a reasonable price.

I've also gotten a number of calls

concerning the chili. We have some pretty different stuff coming again this year and I'd like to speak for just a moment on safety. For obvious reasons, we cannot allow any open flames in the building. For those of you with respiratory (breathing) problems, I'd suggest you wear a mask. Hopefully, the exhaust fans will keep us comfortable. If not, make frequent trips outdoors for fresh air. Shots of Keopectate will be offered for a nominal fee.

Here are a few other random notes:

1. Get there early for the best selection.
2. Stay late for the best price.
3. If you are bringing chili, bring it in a crock pot and make sure you have a serving spoon with it. Put your name on your pot, on the lid, etc.

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4. If you want, bring some of your special cornbread.

5. We'll have coffee, water and punch available. If you want to bring something else go ahead and we'll throw it in the communal ice chest. Sorry, but no alcohol is allowed....park rule.

6. Name your chili. My last two entries "Just Passin' Thru" and "True Blue Spaghetti Chili" were both crowd favorites, but due to some voting irregularities I was denied the crown.

7. Bring cash.

8. Bring your check book.

9. If you have one, bring a short extension cord for your chili. Label it.

10. First come, first served re the table space. Space will be at a premium so be prepared to share the space.

11. Feel free to bring your boats, float tubes, prams, pontoons, etc., but set them up outside. Those things usually sell better if they are inflated (with air, not price).

12. Bring a friend.

I hope to see you all out there on Saturday, December 2nd. Give me a call if you have any questions...530-889-8562 (home)...916-786-2070 (office) or [dennywelch@jps.net](mailto:dennywelch@jps.net).

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