

# *The Leader*

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo by Peg Miskin

Tony Hammamoto instructing Karen, a breast cancer survivor,  
at the Casting For Recovery retreat.

*September 2006*



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# SEPTEMBER 2006

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# President's Message

I am writing this just after the August general meeting, again we had a good meeting and Chip O'Brien had an excellent program. Chip remarked that the last time we had him as a speaker was in the early ninety's, and that he enjoyed himself, and would like to come back and present one of his other programs.

I'd like to thank Frank Stolten and Denny Welsh for bringing snacks, and Pete Peterson for putting on the coffee. While we only had one minor glitch with the refreshments it's obvious that we need a Refreshments Coordinator, someone that makes sure that all of the food and drinks and required plates and utensils are put out. It's an easy job, it just needs some coordination (any volunteers?).

On August 6th Fran and I had the pleasure of joining Mike Powers, Tony & Allison Hamamoto, Nick Marmolejo, Bob DeRoss, Julie Frost and Steve & Christine Johnston as stream helpers for Casting for Recovery. Nancy Siegler, Peg Kelker-Miskin and the rest of the Ladies that coordinated the event, as well as the participants treated us all nicely. This is a very worthwhile event to volunteer for, and I will do it again next year.

I am sad to report that we lost one of our members to long battle with a kidney disease; Lenny Hobbs passed away on August 1st. His good friend Joe Johnson (Kyburz Joe) posted the news on the message board. We tried to send flowers but due to gas costs no florist

Rick Radoff



would deliver to Kyburz . Denny Welsh had a nice reply to Joe's news on the message board, and I hope we all remember the last sentence the next time we go fishing. At the last Board meeting, we created a new position: MEMBER SERVICES (unless we come up with a better name), I asked Denny Welsh if he would like to chair the position and he accepted. Denny's duties will be to send cards and or flowers to members who might need our support and encouragement. Also at the last Board meeting I appointed a committee with Ron English as chair to revise our outdated by-laws (we will keep you posted). At this time, I would like to welcome back Bill Carnazzo into the membership ranks, Bill rejoined in August. This month's program will be put on by Frank Stolten and I on the Salmon & Trout Education Program, which we started in 1989 with four teachers, we now have just over seventy teachers in the program. I look forward to seeing you all at the September general meeting.

Tight Loops...Rick Radoff

## Annual Upper SAC Fishout

Oct. 20-22, 2006

Fall will soon be here and that means great fishing on the Upper Sacramento River. Once again, GBF plans this annual fish out to take advantage of the action. This years' event will be from Friday, October 20 to Sunday, October 22, 2006. Some members who can't wait will arrive on Thursday. We have plans for the group to eat together on Friday and Saturday. Those that come Thursday will meet at the Pizza Factory in downtown Dunsmuir. On Friday, we plan dinner at Casa Ramos and Saturday at Mike and Tony's, both in Mt. Shasta City. Dinners are planned for 8:30 p.m. when we should be done fishing for the day.

Cave Springs Motel, Acorn Motel and Railroad Motel are convenient places to stay. All have rooms with two or three beds making it possible to team up and share costs. Cave Springs has cabins and RV hookups and is usually where many members stay. This makes communication and planning easier. It pays to make reservations early.

At this time of year we can expect warm or cool weather and possibly some rain, so be prepared. Check the web site for more up to date fishing details. This has always been one of the premier fishouts. If you any questions contact Joe Aichroth at (916) 772-4177 or e-mail [jaich@surewest.net](mailto:jaich@surewest.net). There will be a sign-up sheet at the September and October meetings. There is no limit to the number of members able to attend.

. . . Joe Aichroth

## The Annual Dinner Committee Wants YOU!

Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their club! In order to ensure another successful annual dinner event (coming March, 2007), we need your input, ideas, energy, enthusiasm, raffle donations, financial contributions, beer, cookies, etc...

Join in the fun and reward of helping put together our famous annual fund-raising dinner. We'll be feeding and entertaining about 200 people, executing an incredible raffle and silent auction, and generating the funds needed to support the club for another year!

Get involved! Contact our annual dinner chairman, Mike Howes (916-863-6795 or [LifelsReel@aol.com](mailto:LifelsReel@aol.com)) and ask him how you can help with this great event. Make a difference - be a part of the club's biggest, most important function of the year!

PS... Don't forget to take lots of photos on your fishing trips for the dinner slide show and to keep your eyes peeled for worthy 'Wet Fly Award' nominees!

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## Casting Classes

Sturmer White along with several other experienced casters will be conducting both Beginners and Intermediate casting classes this Fall. There will be signup sheets at the Sept. meeting for anyone interested in either class. The dates haven't yet been set but will be determined when enough people have signed up. Here's an opportunity to learn the basics correctly with excellent instruction or, if you're already an intermediate caster, to work out some of the kinks and learn a few new casts. For more info contact Sturmer White at 791-2618 or [sturmerwhite@surewest.com](mailto:sturmerwhite@surewest.com)

## Casting for Recovery

[www.castingforrecovery.org](http://www.castingforrecovery.org)

Fly Fishing and breast cancer...it seems like an odd connection at first. That is until you talk with someone who has experienced a Casting for Recovery retreat.

Founded in 1996, Casting for Recovery is a national non-profit support and educational program for women who have – or have had – breast cancer. Retreats are held around the country at no cost to the participants and include counseling, educational services and an introduction to fly-fishing to promote mental and physical healing.

With grants and donations received from many organizations, private persons and other sources CFR has been able to bring this great program to California. This is in fact the sixth year here in California for CFR retreats. This fall, there are two northern California retreats. One of which is funded by

To Celebrate Life a grant from Marin County. These grants have enabled CFR to expand and grow our grass roots, efforts and help to guide us, educate us and for us to continue with these very special retreats across our wonderful Nation.



Thanks to the volunteers who give their precious time to come so far to be a part of this wonderful event. Tony Hamamoto, Mike Powers, Steve & Christine Johnson, Julie Frost, Nick, Bob DeRoss, and Rick Radoff. This event was shared with the Ladybugs Fly-fishing club, which I am the president. I am also staff member of CFR and this is my 4th year with them.

These volunteers are very important to this retreat as they provide the ladies with the fishing part and that is the part they truly look forward to the most.

Once you experience this event you will want to do it again. Thanks again to everyone who took time to come up and help. *(more photos of the event are on page 19 of this issue.)*

... Nancy Siegler

### Burney Falls Area Fishout

Sept. 20 - 23, 2006

(For details, see page 6 of the August issue of *The Leader*)

## Casting

### **Working Toward Longer Casts**

At the recent ACA casting games in Long Beach, many time casting champion, Steve Rajeff, cast his 6 weight over 115 feet - an incredible cast! For the rest of us, consistent casting in the range of 65 to 95 feet is realistically achievable - and who knows, someday, one day, 100 feet, then 105 feet, then 110 feet, then look out Steve!!

Improving your distance requires a program with three elements: proper equipment, a measurement system, and intelligent practice.

#### **The equipment**

First the rod: a fast action, 5,6, or 7 weight, 9 foot rod is ideal for the distance cast. Good rods cannot overcome bad form, but they can do a proper job of carrying the amount of line necessary to make a long cast. For distance practice, avoid soft, slow action rods, short rods, as well as light rods, such as 2, 3 and 4 weights. These require extra attention to timing and form just to make a standard distance cast - they won't help you with the long cast.

Also important is the line you choose. Many's the time, I have heard an angler mention that they don't want to practice with their 'good line' because it adds excessive wear and tear. Au contraire! You should invest in a top quality line to practice. A hi-visibility line in bright yellow or orange will help you track your line and loops in the air. (A hi-vis line may not be appropriate for fishing conditions requiring stealth and low profile.) And, if your goal is to cast beyond 70 feet, you should consider a distance line with an extra long head. The head is the tapered portion of the line consisting of tip, front taper, belly, and rear taper. Behind the head is the thinner, untapered running line. While standard flylines are 90 feet in length with 30 to 40 feet of head, a distance line will usually be 105 feet and have a head of 60 feet or more.

Extending the maximum length of line possible beyond the rod tip, and generating as much line speed as possible, is the basis of a long cast. The long head of a distance line allows it to be fully extended beyond the tip without the line collapsing. Beware of extending beyond the tip, any of the the thinner, untapered, running line. The transfer of energy from the rod to the line will diminish rapidly - usually to the point of the line collapsing on the final cast. Running line must held inside the guides, and then 'shot' on the final cast.

One thing more about the line you choose, please don't overline - for example putting a 7 weight line on a 6 weight rod. The last thing you need is for the rod to have to carry more weight than it was designed to do.

A couple of more details; use a 2X, 7 and 1/2 foot tapered leader, and attach a 3/4" piece of white poly yarn - like that used on strike indicators. Attach the yarn with a Duncan's loop - it seems to maintain tension better on the yarn. Fluff the yarn out with a brush. If practicing on water, apply floatant to the yarn.

And, be sure to clean the line regularly - you will pick up a lot of gunk from the grass, or concrete, or water - (grass is the cleanest.) That gunk will add weight, and irregularities to the line, retarding the line's ability to shoot through the guides, and carry through the air. Some line cleaners also apply a coating that makes the line surface slicker - does it work? You betcha!

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### **Measurement**

Throwing for distance by definition requires measurement - so pace off a course and set down enough markers so that you can measure every cast - I recommend one every 10 feet starting at 40 feet.

Next, you must mark your line - I use a black Sharpie- and put a mark every 10 feet. In order to see it easily, you will find that the marks have to be about 2 inches in length in order to see them easily as you pull line off the reel or strip it in. I make a long mark at 50 feet; a long mark and a short mark separated by about 1/2 inch for 40 feet and 60 feet; long and two shorts for 70 feet; a long and three shorts for 80; one long mark for 90, and one short mark for 100.

One of the main reasons for marking the line is so that you can standardize the amount of line that you pick up on the first backcast, and also what length you will ideally carry beyond the rod tip while false casting. You will quickly find that extending the maximum amount of line does not achieve the longest cast, unless maximum line speed is maintained as well.

### **Beginning practice**

The first step to improving your distance is to know and acknowledge how far you can cast right now. Hitch up your drawers, haul back and let 'er go - not once, but 10 times. Then take your 7 best casts, average them, and that's your current base.

Once you begin to practice, measure every cast, not just your good ones. If you blow up a cast, for whatever reason, you can mentally mark the reduction of distance and identify whatever shortcomings led to a poor cast. Don't ignore a bad cast, by just quickly starting another. Stop and assess what went wrong, and then try a modification to correct it.

Here are a few tips that can help you get started.

Videotape yourself. You can make a few casts, and then review through the viewfinder. Although its difficult to actually see the line, just seeing your body movements will help you understand your casting better.

Whenever you can, watch good casters - (videotape them if possible, or buy or rent their videos if available) You want a solid mental imprint of what good casting looks like. I personally have books, tapes and video of many fine casters including Jeff Putnam, Bill Kiene, Jamie Lyle, Joe Libeu, Tim Rajeff, Joan Wulff, Floyd Dean, Al Kyte, Mel Kreiger, Bill Gammell, and others. And just in our own club we are fortunate to have a Certified Master Instructor- Steve Johnston - who works out of American River Flyfishing.

Learning to cast for distance requires a full mastery of fundamentals: a tight loop on both the backcast, and forecast movements; use of a double haul to increase line speed; complete awareness of the line's path, and line form not only in front of you, but even more importantly, behind you. And finally, proper rod movement to achieve its maximum capabilities to load and release.

In another article, we will identify and correct common faults that compromise long distance casts.

. . . John Hogg

## Red Lake Fishout

Saturday, October 7, 2006  
With Tony Hammamoto &  
Nancy Seigler

Red Lake lies near the top of Kit Carson Pass on Highway 88, about 35 minutes from Lake Tahoe. The elevation is about 8,200 feet. It was created in 1924 for irrigating livestock in Nevada. Today it is owned by the California Department of Fish & Game.

The cool water supports a good population of Brook and Lahontan Cutthroat Trout.

Red Lake is a beautiful Alpine lake surrounded by snow-capped peaks. It is one of the more picturesque lakes in the area and it supports some wonderful wild life. The Bald Eagle enjoys the area and can be seen throughout the summer and fall. Deer, Bear, Osprey, Duck, Geese, and many more wonderful, wild animals, inhabit the area.

The lake is best fished from a float tube where you can get into some of the more remote areas of the lake and fish the lies where the fresh springs come into the lake. Woolly buggers (size 14 in olive and black), AP nymphs, damsel nymphs, and a number of other subsurface flies work well here. The West end of the lake is the most productive for fly fishermen.

**The "Ladybugs" Fly-Fishing Club** has recently adopted this lake and with the assistance of the DFG it is their hope to make this an even better fishery for both the fly fisherman and traditional fisherman.

If you have any suggestions on how they might make this a better place to fish, please feel free to drop them an email.

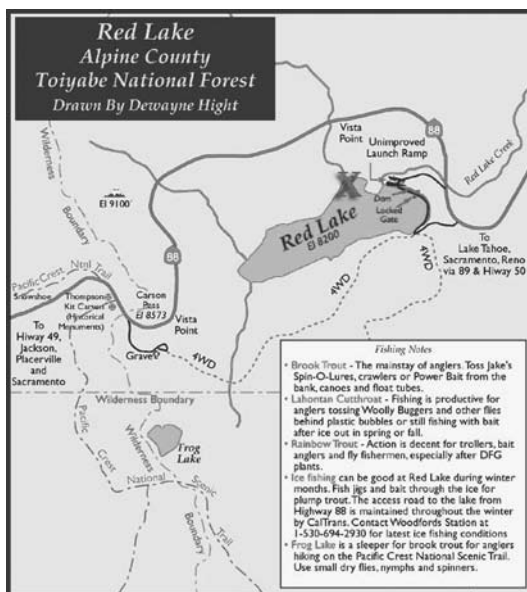
**Directions To Red Lake:** Best way from Sacramento is to take Highway 50 to Pollock Pines. Exit at Sly Park and head south towards Sly Park Lake. Turn LEFT on Mormon Immigrant Trail to Highway 88. Turn LEFT on to Hwy 88. You will pass Silver Lake and Caples Lake and go over the Carson Pass. The Red Lake turnoff will be on the right.

For a good map of Red Lake, go to the following web page:

<http://www.fishsniffer.com/maps/redlake.gif>

Tony and Nancy will meet everyone at the boat ramp at 9:00 AM. Bring your own food and drink (Tony wants to fish this time...not cook).

There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting. There is no limit to the number of people who can attend this fishout.





## Frenchman Lake Joint GBF/CFFU Fishout

**Joint GBF/CFFU Fishout  
Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2006  
with Art Livingston (GBF)  
and Gary Howard (CFFU)**

This will be a joint fish-out with another Sacramento area club, the California Fly Fishers Unlimited (CFFU). According to reports, this lake should be red hot at this time of year. The lake is at nearly 5600 feet. Most participants will camp at the lake. Although, Reno is about an hour away.

**LOCATION:** Frenchman's Lake Recreation Area is off Highway 70, about 8 miles north of the town of Chilcoot on California Highway 284. We will be using the Cottonwood Springs Campground. There will be a Dinner get-together with CFFU. Bring your own main course, and something like a salad, veggies, or desert to share with the rest of the group.

**FISHING:** The Float tubers will probably want to use the Snallygaster Point area, while boaters will be putting in at the Lunker Point

boat ramp area. The Sheep Creek Special is a good fly for this lake. For up-to-date information, check out the Fishout link on our club's web page.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the September meeting. No limit on participation. Contact Art Livingston at [artlivings@comcast.net](mailto:artlivings@comcast.net) or (916) 722-2992 with any questions about this fishout.

## Rod Building Class - October

Do you want to learn an exciting skill? The next rod building class will be held Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at the GBF Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. There will be only a \$15 cost for this class. A signup sheet will be posted on the front table at the next two GBF regular member meetings. Members will be bringing their own blanks kits to begin the class. Rod kits can be purchased through various on-line stores such as Cabela's, Hook 'N Hackle, or Mudhole. Larry Lee, also has great quality, low cost rod kits (\$90 plus tax for one-handed rod 4-piece rod with moderate action). Members can build the traditional one-handed rod or even build a two-handed (Spey) rod. If you

have any questions or need information on the selection of a rod kit, call Bill Avery at (916) 625-1637 (email: [jbavery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbavery@sbcglobal.net)) or Larry Lee at (916) 965-0127 (email: [larrylee@l3rods.com](mailto:larrylee@l3rods.com)).



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## GBF's Salmon & Steelhead Classroom Education Program



The program this month is on GBF's Salmon and Steelhead Classroom Education Program and is especially timely with the salmon run just beginning and the Salmon Festival coming up soon in October. It also emphasizes two of GBF's primary goals, conservation and education. Sure, we're all here for the fishing but the health of our fishery resources depends on how well we take care of what we have now as well as plan for the future. The future starts with today's youth and the key to it is education.

*Rick Radoff and Frank Stolten*  
CO-CHAIRS OF THE  
CLASSROOM EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our speakers will be Rick Radoff and Frank Stolten who jointly co-chair the program; Rick since 1989 and Frank since 1992. GBF began this program in 1989 with a just a few local teachers and it's now the oldest and one of its most successful programs. It's based on the simple concept of educating students about

the lifecycles of salmon and steelhead and all of the critical factors that effect their survival. Factors that also effect humans as well.

The program entails placing aquariums in classrooms with teachers who have attended the required in-service training. GBF supplies the entire setup and, in a cooperative effort with the Dept. of Fish & Game, obtains fertilized salmon and steelhead eggs from the hatchery. Once the fish hatch and reach plantable size in 4-6 weeks they are released and begin their long journey to the sea and, hopefully, back to the river of their birth.

We now support classrooms in four surrounding counties and have

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over 70 teachers in the program. It's an extremely popular program that continues to grow since few teachers leave the program; some have participated for the entire 17 years.

When: September 14, 7:00 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse

## Salmon Festival October 14 - 15

It is almost that time again. The Salmon Festival remains the largest event that GBF does aimed at the general public. It takes approx 50 volunteers to pull it off. I know this is not a problem because we are a club that volunteers. It is very important for new club members and those new to fly fishing to understand that you do not need experience to participate in this event. I need 24 spots filled for showing kids how to tie a fly. If you have never tied before, this is not a problem. Come about 5 minutes early and someone will be there to get you started. In the past, all members have said that they had a great time and it was a lot of fun.

I will also need 24 spots filled for fly casting. This does take a little experience but you do not have to be a master at it. We just show the people the very basics of fly casting and let them try.

Each shift is 4 hours. We have made it through the two days due to a large group of our members doing a day of it and stay for both shifts. If you can donate four or eight hours, there will be sign ups at the next two general meetings or phone me at (916) 240-1997.

Again, this is a great way to spend some time with other members. You will meet new people and share like interests. I ask, if you sign up please make every effort to be there.

Thank you,

. . . Pete Peterson

email: rpeterson7@surewest.net

## Salmon & Steelhead Trout Classroom Education Program Training Session September 16

At the September general meeting Frank Stolten and Rick Radoff will be giving a presentation on the Salmon and Trout Education Program. There will be a sign up for volunteers for this program at the general meeting. The following Saturday, there will be an in-service given to new Teachers for this program at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery Visitor Center from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We don't require the volunteers to attend the in-service, but it is highly recommended. We deliver eggs to classrooms twice a year, once in November for Salmon and again in February for Steelhead. If this interests you, come to the September general meeting and find out all about it, or if you cannot make it, call Frank Stolten 725-6894 or Rick Radoff 624-2107 for more information.

Frenchman Lake Fishout

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2006

1. Sagehen Creek, Sept. 15-17

Kids are Free! As of this writing there is still space available for the Sagehen Creek entomology and ecology program scheduled for September 15, 16 and 17. We have invited two exiting speakers for the Friday and Saturday evening programs but if you can't come for the whole weekend, how about getting up early on Saturday and joining us for breakfast or the entomology program that will begin at 9:00 a.m.? Call John Carroz at 916 783 0802

to sign to see if there is still space available. T

The UC Berkeley Sagehen Field Station is located about six miles above Truckee so it is only about 2 hours away from Sacramento.

2. Volunteers are needed to restore the riparian corridor along Secret Ravine near Sutter Hospital in Roseville on Saturday, September 9th. We will start about 9:00 am and go for several hours. Tasks will include trash pick up, spreading seed and straw and some shovel

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work to smooth ground and build water bars on dirt roads. Secret Ravine has salmon runs (yes, right in Roseville) and is an important local stream. Please E-mail Gregg Bates at [dcc@surewest.net](mailto:dcc@surewest.net) to express your interest and also let Heath Wakelee, 916 870 5253 ([GBFConservation@cs.com](mailto:GBFConservation@cs.com)) know if you plan on participating. We need to turn out about 20 people for this ½ work day so please plan on helping and bring those young people with you.

3. Have you volunteered at least four (4) hours this year to help maintain, preserve, and protect our sport? Four hours per year - that is all the club requests and we hope that every member can find some way to give back to the sport they enjoy. One way is to start carrying a plastic bag with you when you are out fishing and pick up some of that trash along the stream. Statistics show that a clean area is less likely to be "trashed" than an area that is already cluttered with refuse.

## Looking for fishing outings and tips?

Visit the GBF website and Message Board for the most up-to-date information

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## The Little Green Thing

The Little Green Thing is a very versatile fly. Like most of my flies it is a generic pattern. It can represent many bugs in many situations. I have caught fish on this pattern in just about every situation possible. The Little Green Thing has worked in streams, rivers and lakes. It has worked on sunny days, rainy days and even snowy days. I have caught fish on it from California to Utah. The one time this pattern comes to mind in a club function was at the East Carson River fish out with the Sacramento club. Fishing was tough all weekend at the lake and in the river. I had caught a few on dries and one nice Bow on a large green hare's ear in the river. I had kicked all over the lake with no avail. On the last night Jeff Sullivan joined us and amongst the talk about making wine we got in a few words about fishing. Jeff told me he had learned a technique a year or two ago that worked well for that lake. Jeff told me to go to the bank just as the sun was coming up and use a little green buggy looking fly cast it out and strip it in very slow, just barely keep it moving. Just my luck I had ONE fly in my box that fit his deception. I had stayed an extra day so Monday I was up with the sun and at the beach. Four weight in hand with a 9' leader and 3# tippet on the second cast I was retrieving the fly along side some weeds and BAM!!! The line was jerked out of my hand and shooting through the rod. I got so excited I reached out and grabbed it. The next sound I heard was "tink". I sure was not expecting such a large fish. IF I would have waited for it



"Little Green Thing"

to get to the reel this story might have been longer. Like I said earlier I had one fly of this description in my box but I tried anyways to no avail several other flies and several cast, not one hit. This is just one of my stand-by patterns. It is simple to tie, looks very buggy and, if you use stronger tippet than I do they last a long time.

### **Instructions:**

1. Smash barb and place in vice.
2. Start the thread 5 wraps behind the eye and wrap back along

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### **MATERIAL LIST**

Hook:	TMC #2487, size 10 - 18
Thread:	Uni-thread 6/0 black
Tail:	Olive Antron floss
Rib:	Fine copper or silver wire
Thorax:	Olive Antron floss
Abdomen:	Peacock Herl
Hackle:	Black Saddle (barbs same length as the gap)
WING CASE:	Olive Antron floss
HEAD:	Thread black

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the shank deep into the bend. This will form a thread base.

3. Tie in a piece of wire

4. Tie in the Antron floss leave a small piece sticking back for a tail. Pull the main piece of floss to the rear of the fly and secure down with 3 or 4 wraps of thread. Wrap the thread about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up the hook.

5. Wrap the floss up to the thread at the  $\frac{3}{4}$  point. (For a thicker body over lap the floss, for a thin body wrap it side by side.) Tie it off with the tag end directly on top of the hook shank. **DO NOT CUT.....!!!**

6. Wrap the wire to the thread. You can reverse wrap if you prefer but you don't have to the Antron is very strong and the wire is just for looks.... Tie off and cut the end

7. Tie in the hackle

8. Tie in 2-5 peacock herls depending on what size fly and how thick you have made the thorax.

9. Twist the peacock then wrap it to the forward most point of the thread five wraps behind the eye. Tie off and cut the tag ends.

10. Palmer wrap the hackle forward to the end of the peacock using only three wraps. Tie off and cut the tag end.

11. Pull the tag end of the Antron floss forward over the abdomen to form a wing case, tie off.

12. Cut the end a little long leaving a small piece of floss for a head. Pull the end back over the fly and wrap the thread 2 or 3 times under it, whip finish and glue.

13. Now that the fly is tied take a comb or a dubbing teaser and fray the tail and the head.

Tie up a bunch you may need them if you use 6x tippet.

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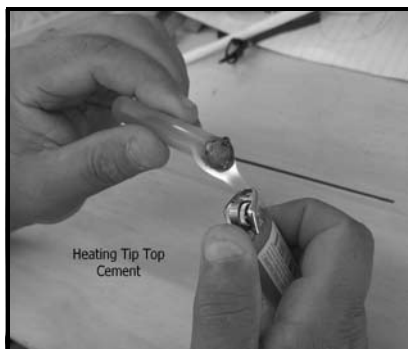
## Rod Building 203A Tip top Application - Part 1

This is the first of three articles that will provide guidance for applying the tip top guide. The next two articles in this series will discuss marking the blank for guide placement, putting the guides in proper order, and sharpening the guides.

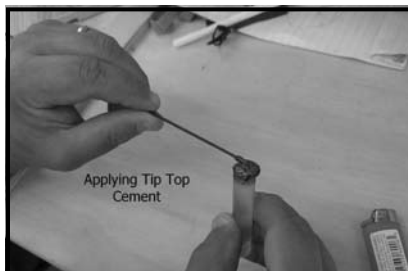
The tip top is applied to the tip (top end) of the blank. It needs to be placed prior to marking the guide placement. Before placing the tip top, however, it is important that you already have the spine or spine marked on each blank section. For optimum rod performance, the reel seat and guides must be fit to the proper side or parallel axis of each blank segment. If the rod guides are placed at random on the blank rather than on the spine, the rod will not work as well when casting and playing fish. If you do not have the spine or spline marked, you can refer to the article entitled "Blank Alignment for Reel Seat and Guides" or contact Larry Lee ([larrylee@L3rods.com](mailto:larrylee@L3rods.com)).

Next you need to make sure that the tip top barrel can be placed over the tip of the rod (with a little room for the tip top cement). It should not fit with excessive tightness nor should it fit too loosely. Think along the lines of Goldilocks and the Three Bears – it needs to be just right! If your tip top doesn't fit well, then you need to get a new one.

Tip top glue (or cement) is made by Flex Coat. It is an amber colored glue stick that requires heating with



a lighter (see photo: "Heating Tip Top Cement") before placing on the blank. Once the tip of the cement stick is in a liquid state, apply it to the end of the blank where the tip



top will be placed (see photo: "Applying Tip Top Cement"). Next, you

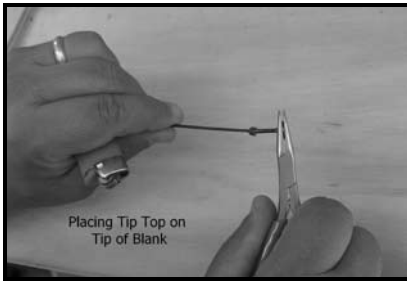


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need to quickly hold the tip top with a pair of needle nose pliers and heat the barrel of the tip top (see photo: "Heating Tip Top"). When the tip top barrel is very warm (not really too hot), place the tip top barrel onto the tip of the blank with the pliers



Placing Tip Top on  
Tip of Blank

(see photo: Tip top on Blank"). Visually line the tip top loop up with the axis of the spine and let the cement cool for a few seconds (or until tip top will not twist). Lastly, you need to remove the excess tip top cement residual with your finger nails, being careful not to scratch



Removing Tip Top  
Cement Residual

the blank or the tip top barrel (see photo: "Remove Tip Top Cement Residual").

Several words of caution are required here. Do not use epoxy or super glue to cement the tip top onto the fly rod blanks, or you will not be able to change the tip top without

losing part of the tip of the blank. By using the Flex Coat cement, you will be able to change the tip top later if you wear the tip top out. Also, when applying the cement, do not over heat the tip top or the blank. Blanks will melt when direct flame from a lighter hits them. Also, if the tip top is too hot, it can meld to the blank. Sometimes, when you are fishing, the tip top may come loose. To fix it, you just need to use lighter and carefully heat the tip top. This will re-melt the cement so you can then reset the tip top and let it cool.

If you would like to learn more about building your own rod, there are always classes available. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Larry Lee at [larrylee@L3rods.com](mailto:larrylee@L3rods.com) or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.

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