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Photo taken by Ron Rabun

A nice rainbow taken in the Upper Sac by Ron Rabun

*April 2007*



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# APRIL 2007

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1.	2.	3.	4. Speed Tying Clinic 6:00 PM	5.	6.	7.
8.	9.	10.	11.	12. Conservation Committee Mtg. 6:00 pm General Meeting 7:30 P.M.	13. American River Watershed Conference CSUS 4/12-13	14. Off the Hook 1-Year anniversary celebration, Placerville, 10:00 AM
15.	16.	17. Fly Tying Jam 6:30 PM	18.	19. Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	20.	21. Greenstone Country Fishout 8:00 American River cleanup 9:00
22. Ralston Afterbay Cleanup 9:00	23.	24.	25. Rancho Murietta Fishout 9:00	26.	27.	28. Secret Ravine Cleanup 8:30 Arcade Creek Cleanup Georgetown Arts and Nature Festival
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# President's Message

Rick Radoff

Wow, it is April already. Well, our annual dinner is over with, and even though I am writing this before the dinner, I am sure that it was a huge success. I would like to congratulate Mike Howes and the Dinner Committee, and all of the Volunteers for an outstanding job!!!

The coming months will offer better weather for fishing, and there will be many fishouts and clinics scheduled. So, look to *The Leader* and the Website for these upcoming events.

We are also getting close to elections (June). I would like to thank Frank Stolten and Mike Brune for once again volunteering to be the nominating committee. So, if anyone is interested in running for an Officer or Director position, please call or see Frank or Mike. I would also like to thank Ron Hayashi for stepping up at the March General Meeting, and volunteering to be Co-Chair of Programs, along with Tom Bartos.

Don't forget that at this April's General Meeting we will be voting on changes to the Bylaws. So, make yourself familiar with the changes so that you can make an educated decision. Again, the Bylaws and the changes are on the Website, were in the March issue of *The Leader*, and were e-mailed to each member.

At the May General Meeting the results of the Survey will be



given, and the Board will have a response as to the directions that will be taken to meet the needs and wants of the Membership that were voiced in the Survey. I would like to thank all of you that took the time to fill out and send in your survey. It was very important that we got a large response, and we did.

I would like to thank Nick Burnett for being the Kiene's Fly Shop Liaison in the past. Nick's workload has increased as a Professor at Sacramento State, and asked to be replaced. I asked Pete Peterson if he would take the position, and of course, Pete said yes. Thank you Pete!!!

I have said this many times, and I will keep saying it, the Granite Bay Flycasters Board Meetings are open to all members, and if you would like to see how your Board operates, and /or are interested in running for a position, please come to a Board Meeting. I hope to see you all at the April General Meeting.

Tight Loops...Rick Radoff

## SPECIAL FISHOUT SURVEY

The fishout schedule for Granite Bay Flycasters members is coordinated with the club's fiscal year—July 1 through June 30. As Fishmaster for the upcoming fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007, I am planning the outing schedule and I need members' input.

Kent Ripley has helped me design a special on-line fishout survey on the Granite Bay Flycasters website. This survey is in addition to the general member survey that was just conducted by your board. In the fishout survey I have listed a large number of potential outing locations with an estimate of the best time. Please take the time to look at the survey by going to the website and clicking on the link that is there for this survey. You can also locate it by clicking on the link for fishouts. You can fill out the survey online and simply email it to me or print it out and mail it in. You can fill out the survey online and simply email it to me or print it out and mail it in.

I would like your input on the schedule, including additional outing sites and whatever else you want to comment on. I have had a lot of wonderful suggestions already, but everyone interested should provide input—and I think that means all members who want to actually fish and learn more. Please also volunteer to lead fishouts. I will lead some myself, but will rely upon others to lead most of the outings.

Thanks for your help.

. . . Bill Carnazzo

## Fly Tying Jam

Our next fly tying jam will be held Tuesday, April 17 starting at about 6:30. My concentration will be on one of my favorite fish to catch in the American River, **SHAD**, and the flies to catch them. These are easy and fun flies to tie so you should at least look at some of the flies and make a resolution to spend at least a little time trying to catch these hard pulling fish. I have my favorite flies, including a surprise fly. Hopefully, you will bring your favorites to share!!! I usually use a Mustad 1197-N hook in size 4-8 but other hooks will work. You can also bring brightly colored yarns and chenille, but as always, we can share!

By the time you read this, our Dinner will be over and we will have some of our regular tiers back such as Pete Peterson who told me that he would be tying some Puglisi Flies. If you want to tie along with him or have taken his bass fly tying class and need a refresher he is glad to help!

This is a great time to work on your skills whether you tie or just watch so I hope to see 'ya there!!!

. . . Jim Holmes

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### Monthly Fly Tying Winners for March

**Beginners:** - No Entries

**Non-beginners:** - Jim Northup

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## Greenstone Country Fishout

Saturday, April 21st

with

Tony Hamamoto

The fishout at Greenstone Country this year is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st. Since this fish out will be limited to twenty members a signup sheet will be available at the general membership meeting in April. If you cannot attend the general meeting in April, have someone else sign you up at the meeting.

For those who don't know about Greenstone Country, it is a private gated community nestled in the foothills of El Dorado Country. Opened in 1985, Greenstone has grown to about three hundred homes on parcels of three acres or more. Most of the residents do not fish even though there are three fishable lakes with the biggest being a 12-acre lake, Indian Creek Reservoir. The lakes hold Large-mouth Bass and Bluegills.

Indian Creek is best fished from a float tube or any non-gas motorized watercraft measuring 14 feet or less. If the temperature has been around 70 degrees for three continuous days, then there will be lot of surface action. Otherwise, I recommend using an intermediate sinking or a floating line with long leader. Rod weight depends on the fly you desire to use. Since the lake is not fished much, almost anything works, from big poppers to woolly buggers to damsel nymphs. If the weather is clear, I recommend using white poppers

or chartreuse colored flies, however if it is overcast, then use dark colored flies.

Please provide your own lunch for this fishout. Tony and others will provide free instructions on stillwater fishing for Largemouth Bass for the beginners.

Tony has requested that we do not arrive before 8 am at Indian Creek Reservoir. To get there from Sacramento, go east on Hwy 50 towards Placerville and take the Greenstone Road exit, #41. Proceed north under the freeway and take a right, (eastbound), on Green Valley Road travel  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and make a left to the entrance gate. Tony will provide you with the access code.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Tony at: [hatchandhama@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hatchandhama@sbcglobal.net). Also, check the Granite Bay Flycasters Bulletin Board for updates.

## Bass/Saltwater Fly Tying Class

Effective with the fly tying jam on April 17th, I will be giving instructions on tying these flies. I will provide all materials for a fee of \$3.00 per night. That is about 1/2 of what a normal fly costs. Bring your own tools. This class is for intermediate tyers and up. It is NOT a beginner's class.

The April fly will be the EP Puglisi streamer. There should be enough time to tie 4-5 flies per meeting. If you have a favorite bass or saltwater fly that you would like to learn, I will gladly accept any requests. There is no sign up sheet for these classes. Come one - come all.

. . .Pete Peterson

## Rancho Murieta Fishout

Wednesday, April 25th

This year's fishout at Rancho Murieta should be at the prime time of the year. The weather will be great and the fishing should be the same.

The three lakes you will be able to fish are Lake Clementia, Bass Lake and Lake Calero. The outing will begin at Lake Clementia where we will meet between 9:00 and 9:15 AM to start fishing. Several very large bass have been caught already this year.

We will have a BBQ at a cost of \$5, payable the same day as the fish out. Knute Anderson and Dick Shannon will co-host and help cook. This information may or may not determine if you want to eat.

This fish out will be limited to 12 members and there will be signup sheet at the April general meeting. Please indicate on the

signup sheet if you plan on eating at the BBQ.

Equipment: a fast rod between # 6-9 weight and 8-10 ft. in length; a floating or intermediate line; a float tube or pontoon boat; bring black and brown wollybuggers; leeches, clousers, poppers, gurglers and your favorite bass fly.

We will meet at Lake Clementia at the boat launch between 9:00 and 9:15 AM. Your name will be left at the gate; tell the security that you are a guest of Bill Ossolinski or Knute Anderson. To get to Lake Clementia, drive straight down Murieta Parkway to its end, where you will take a right on Camino De Lago. Go through the gate, which takes you to the lake. Lake Clementia is on the left.

Rancho Murieta is located along the Jackson Highway (Highway #16). For information, contact Bill Ossolinski at (916) 354-8474, or Knute Anderson at (916) 354-1165.

. . .Bill Ossolinski



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## Two Fee-Based Clinics Available to GBF Members

I've made arrangements for two fee-based clinics for Granite Bay Flycasters members: a shad clinic with Al Smatsky, premiere shad guide on the American, Yuba, and Feather Rivers; and a "Czech Nymphing" clinic with Andy Burk on the Truckee River.

Both of these clinics provide a once-in-a-lifetime to anglers wanting to branch out and expand their skills. Both Al and Andy are industry professionals, and we need to pay them for their time. However, the fees are nominal compared to what you will gain in terms of skills, techniques, and river savvy.

The shad clinic will be held from 3:00 p.m. until dark on Wednesday, May 16th, 2007. It will be limited to eight Granite Bay Flycasters members. The cost will be \$25 per person. Participants are responsible for their own food and water.

The Czech nymphing clinic with Andy Burk will be an all-day event to be held Saturday, June 2, 2007. It will be limited to six Granite Bay Flycasters members. The cost will be \$55 per person. Each angler will need to provide food and (if desired) lodging (or camping)—these are not included.

I will shortly have more details on exact meeting place, equip-

ment, etc., for these two clinics and will get that information out to the membership. There will be sign up sheets at the April general meeting and, if the clinics are not full by then, at the May general meeting. For further information, contact Bill Carnazzo at (530) 367-5209 or (916) 295-9353.

. . . Bill Carnazzo

## Off the Hook Fly Shop Celebrates its One-Year Anniversary!

You are invited to help celebrate the first anniversary of *Off The Hook Fly Shop* in Placerville on April 14, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For one day only there will be great deals on **ALL** flies (99 cents) and selected items, fly tying demonstrations, hot dogs and drinks plus hourly raffles. For further information please see [www.placervillefly-fishing.com](http://www.placervillefly-fishing.com).

### Welcome New Members

David Drewry, Don Craig, Cameron and Tony Christensen, Ken Heimbecker, Jerry Lyerly, John Nichols, Eric Palmer, and Vicki Fenner

Membership note: Thanks to all who have paid their 2007 dues! Please remember to let me know if you change your e-mail address, phone number or address so I can correct it on the membership list. Thanks, Jeanne English (530) 677-7169 or [rtefish@d-web.com](mailto:rtefish@d-web.com)

## Kiene's Northern California Warm Water Expo

This past weekend (March 10) was the Kiene warm water expo. It has to be described as a huge success. There were over 200 in attendance with approx. 35-40 GBF members.

Those attending were rewarded with some of the best talent in the warm water world. The area around the fly tiers was packed all day as well as the seminar rooms.

Ken Hanley gave away 100 of his highly published bass fishing book and Kevin Doran gave away over 100 DVD's on the delta fishing area. There were some outstanding fly-casting demos also.

The single element that stood out above all else was undoubtedly the unselfish sharing of information from the demonstrators and the public. There were no secrets withheld. This is why these people are the best.

Those of us that are addicted to warm water fly fishing and those that want to learn more about this aspect of fishing can only say thank you to Bill Kiene and the people that put this show on.

...Pete Peterson

## Membership Roster - Available in May 2007

The membership roster will be available in May for members who request it. You can request it by e-mailing Jeanne English (VP Membership) [rtefish@d-web.com](mailto:rtefish@d-web.com), or Rick Radoff (Pres.) [radoffcnst@jps.net](mailto:radoffcnst@jps.net). Then it will be e-mailed to you. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER---  
-Contact Jeanne English or Rick Radoff by e-mail (by April 30th) and request to be excluded.

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- \* 9' 2pc 4wt Scott SVS Fly rod, Med action, Vinyl tube and sock, Sweet rod. \$45
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To place a classified ad, you must be a member in good standing of the Granite Bay Flycasters. Classified ads will run for only one issue of *The Leader*, unless the seller requests it to run longer. Submit your listing to: [fstolten@comcast.net](mailto:fstolten@comcast.net) with subject line: 'GBF: Classified'. Or mail your info to: Frank Stolten, 8290 Country Lake Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662. All ads must arrive by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

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## April Program

The April program will spotlight a local fishing venue—the Upper American River: the fishery, the problems, and the relicensing of Placer County Water Agency's hydro generation facilities. Bill Templin and Bill Carnazzo, who regularly fish these canyons, and who have been instrumental in establishing the Upper American River Foundation, will present a program covering the Middle Fork American and

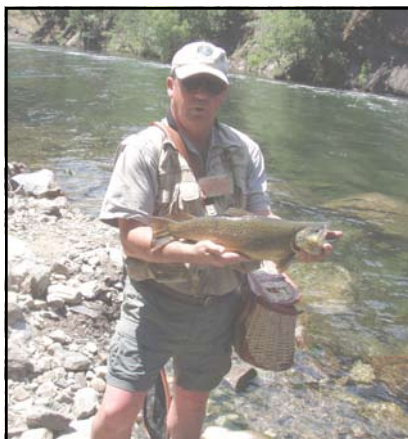


*Bill Carnazzo with an Upper American River brown.*

its prominent tributaries including the Rubicon River, the North Fork of the Middle Fork, and others. They will pinpoint access points and suggested areas to fish.

The program will be in Power-Point format, with many excellent pictures. They will also discuss the PCWA relicensing process, which is

just beginning, and opportunities for river improvements that will benefit the bugs and the fish — mainly by



*Bill Templin with a nice middle fork brown.*

increasing instream flows and fixing silt-causing problem areas. This is an opportunity for input from anglers on needed improvements, and also an opportunity to fish the watershed and report results to those doing fishery studies for PCWA—in effect, a “monitoring” project for fly fishers.

So please join us for this interesting and informative program.

When: April 12, 7:30 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse

American River  
Watershed Conference  
April 12th & 13th

## Either Hand Fly Casting

Either-Hand fly casting offers numerous advantages, and not the least of them is a dramatic improvement in your strong-hand casting. It also doubles the range of fishing and presentation angles in open, windy conditions, and when you are casting into cover. In addition, Either-Hand fly casting lets you avoid most back cast obstacles, allowing you to fish with equal ease from "either side of the river." Further, it's an excellent way to teach yourself how to teach fly casting to others.

Try the following eight-step process to teach yourself how to cast with either hand. Be sure to wear eye protection and use a bare leader when you try this. It will take about 30 minutes.

1. **Start** with 45 feet of line. Grasp the rod with your left hand and

pinch the line between the first finger of your left hand and the grip.

2. Envelope the outside of your left hand with your right hand: thumb-over-thumb, fingers-over-fingers.

3. Begin false casting with the rod on the right side, left arm comes across the chest. Let your right hand control the rod, your left hand becomes part of the grip; goes along for the ride. Most pressure is with the right hand.

4. **Increase grip pressure of left hand** so right and left hand pressure are equal. Both hands in equal control to assimilate good left-handed casting from right hand experience.

5. While false casting, **move your hands close to right side of your face**, sensing equal control with both hands.

6. Lay the line down with a forward cast. Lift the line, still casting from the right side, make 6 false casts, and lay the line down. Repeat until pickup back cast is as good as regular false casts.

7. **Transfer control to the left hand.** Lift the line to cast, but now to the left side of your face. Continue false casting while moving your hands incrementally between casts to the left hand casting position, with hands outside of your left shoulder, right arm comes across your chest. Transfer control to your left hand by gradually increasing the pressure of the left hand on the grip while diminishing pressure with the right hand with each false cast.

8. Separate your hands and manage the running line with your right hand. **Cast left-handed!**

. . . Dan Lagace

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## LOTS GOING ON IN APRIL

If you have not done so already, this would be a great month to log your four hours of conservation time. If you have already done your duty, I hope that you will be willing to log some additional volunteer hours in April. Here are some important events to consider (especially April 28th!):

On April 12 & 13 the American River Watershed Conference will be held. Visit [www.csus.edu/CREST/American\\_River\\_Watershed\\_Conference.html](http://www.csus.edu/CREST/American_River_Watershed_Conference.html) for more information. Among other topics, this important conference will look at the status of species of concern in the Lower American River, and address important topics

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like water temperature, flows, salmon egg physiology, and the value of woody debris.

On April 18 & 19 Sierra College will have their annual Earth Day Celebration at the Bell Tower Quad.

On April 21 join the Protect the American River Canyon (PARC) for a stream clean up event at the Highway 49 bridge over the American River. Begins at 9:00 a.m.

On April 22 there are two events. First, is Bill Templin leading a group for a cleanup at the Ralston Afterbay at Oxbow Reservoir. Contact Bill for more information via E-mail at [wtemplin@surewest.net](mailto:wtemplin@surewest.net). At Bill's events there is always food and fishing, so you will want to join him on this all day event. The second event starts at 9:00 a.m. in Lincoln at Markham Ravine. Contact Bill Plumb at 916-677-9762 for more information.

On April 28 there are three events taking place: (1) Granite Bay Flycasters will participate on a cleanup of Secret Ravine. We'll meet in the parking lot behind the United Artists Theatres (Eureka & Sunrise in Roseville) at 8:30 a.m., and travel together to our usual starting site near

Sutter Hospital. This is the club's traditional Creek Week event, and we need all the people we can to turn out; (2) Bill Templin will lead a group in the Auburn area to clean up Arcade Creek. Contact Bill Templin via E-mail at [wtemplin@surewest.net](mailto:wtemplin@surewest.net) for more information; (3) Georgetown will have its Arts and Nature Festival in downtown Georgetown.

Well, that should be enough to keep me busy! I hope you will all take part in at least one Creek Week activity and leave our streams clean.

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## Ron's KHE ("Krystal Hare's Ear")

From time to time I like to feature patterns created by anglers who know how to catch fish and can tie patterns that work. This month I asked my friend and guiding associate Ron Rabun to present his version of the venerable Hare's Ear. He calls it Ron's Krystal Hare's Ear. I can attest to the success of this pattern. Just take a look at Ron's fish picture that accompanies this article. Here's Ron's description:

"This is a variation of the Flash Back Hare's Ear. I first tied this Hare's Ear variation in 1976 to fish the Callibeatis emergers at Lake Solano. The deer hair provides some flotation and the fly would move in the surface film in a bubble. As I further began to develop my short line nymphing, this fly became my first pick as the dropper because it represents both mayfly and caddis emergers. Three things make this pattern effective. First, deer hair and weighting gives it neutral buoyancy. Second, the color and sizing simulates various stages of many emerging mayflies and caddis. Finally, the subtle flash provides a strike target. On January 14th, 2007 while fishing the Upper Sac Winter Season, I landed 3 fish and two were on the KHE size 18 as the dropper. The Rainbow pictured above was one of



*Krystal Hare's Ear*

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### MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Mustad C53S, Tiemco 200R, or Daiichi 1260, sizes 12-18
Thread:	Brown or dark brown 8/0
Tail:	Dark thin deer hair, one strand of light orange or green Krystal Flash
Rib:	Three strands of ultra thin copper wire
Abdomen:	Medium dark Hare's Ear dubbing
Thorax:	Same as abdomen
Wing case:	8 deer hair r fibers, using the butt section, and 8 strands light orange or green Krystal Flash
Head:	Same as abdomen; option: add gold or copper bead matched in size to hook size
Weight:	(Optional) Lead wire or substitute, or lead wine foil (see instructions at end of article)

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those fish. In conclusion, the KHE's success can be directly attributed to the fact that in my short line nymphing technique, it is the first fly seen by the fish. The rest lies with the reliable response of the fish to take this pattern."

### Instructions:

1. Optionally, add bead to hook and apply weight nymph style with 3-4 wraps of lead wire at the thorax. I use wine foils because I use a technique that creates a tapered body. See my explanation below.
2. Select 8 deer hairs and tie in the tips for the tail, no longer than 1 gap of the hook. Wrap the butts half way up the hook because you will be using these on the wing case. Don't cut the butts.
3. Tie in one orange or green Krystal Flash strand and create a fork as part of the tail. Trim to length of the deer hair tail fibers.
4. Select three strands of extra fine copper wire (if you don't have extra fine just use one strand of copper wire). Take the three strands and twist tightly to form a strand that looks like it is variegated. Tie in the wire just ahead of the tail. See tip below.
5. Select 8 Krystal Flash strands (same color as legs) and tie in on top of the abdomen just behind the wing case position.
6. Dub the Abdomen to under the wing case with the medium dark Hare's Ear dubbing.
7. Wrap the copper wire 3-4 wraps to under the wing case and tie off and cut.
8. Add final dubbing to the thorax.
9. Take deer hair butts and tie down as the wing case. Don't cut the butts. Leave space for the head.
10. Take the Krystal Flash strands and tie over the wing case to form a subtle flash back.

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# Rod Building 204C (3 of 3) Tying Guides to Blank

This is the last of three articles that provide direction for permanently tying the guides to the blank. These articles collectively describe how to: 1) tie the guide to the blank, 2) tie the hook-keeper to the blank with thread, 3) reinforce the ferrules, 4) place thread onto or adjacent to the tiptop, 5) add some small single trim or trim bands, and 6) prepare the rod for epoxy application to the thread.

In all of these photos, I used a metallic colored thread that I hope shows the steps clearly. If you have a difficult time following the steps outlined here, it would probably be helpful to enroll in a rod building class and learn these techniques from the instructor. Also, it should be kept in mind that this is not the only way to tie on guides, but it is a technique that learning rod builders seem to adapt to quite quickly.

## **Tying on the guide (continued from previous article):**

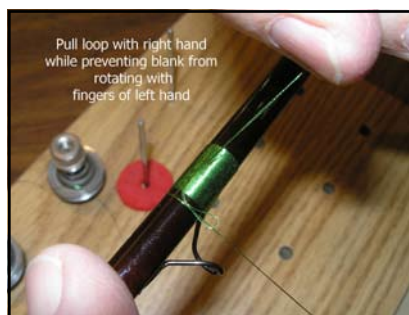
*A few general notes to refresh your memory from the last article:*

During the final wrapping, threads should ideally not overlap, but should be as closely adjacent to each succeeding wrap as possible so that the blank does not show through.

### **Continued:**

Insert the end of the clipped thread through the loop, while still holding the wrapped thread

down with your finger. Next, take the opposite hand and hold the end of the thread firmly, putting the remaining fingers of that hand (or just one finger, if that is all that will fit) onto the blank to keep it from rotating. Now with the right hand pull the loop until the end of the loop rests just under the end of the wrap by one to two threads (see photos: “pull loop with right hand” and “end of loop under wraps”). Now you can take



your fingers off the blank and clip the unlooped end of the thread that goes under the wrap, being careful to not damage your wrap with the scissors (see photo: “clip end of thread”). Next, pull both ends of the loop entirely through (see photo: “pull loop entirely through”). There should be no

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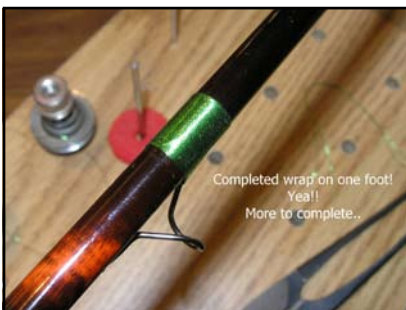


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thread from the clipped end of the thread coming out the completed wrap. If there is, you have a couple of options: 1) Cut off the entire thread and try again using the previous steps, or 2) Very carefully and quickly burn off the end of the thread with a lighter. I will discuss why having no loose thread is important in a later article.

The next photo ("completed wrap



on one foot") shows a completed wrap on one foot. Now start the process again with the other foot, beginning with the "wrap and tape off" step in article 204C 1 of 3 (see photo "start wrap on other



guide foot"). Continue the process as described in these three articles to complete the wrap on the second foot. Voila! You have now completed tying the guide to the blank (see photo "completed guide foot").



The last three articles have described the basics of tying on individual guides down the entire length of the blank. There are variations to this technique that will be discussed in later articles.

As always, rod building classes are 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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11. Cinch down both the deer hair and krystal strands.
12. Form the legs by separating three deer hairs and two krystal strands for each side of the fly and tie/cinch down holding toward the hook point. Trim remaining butts and krystal strands.
13. Trim the legs at the hook point for correct length. Finish head with Hare's Ear dubbing and tie off thread. See below for glue/whip finish technique.

**TYING TIPS - Ron adds the following tips:**

1. **Note on cementing head:** I have used super glue for head cement with resounding success. I take a drop and place it in a small container, and then take a very small amount on the needle point and place it on the thread before doing the whip

finish. These never come apart. You can also use the very small drop directly on the head if it is small enough not to soak into the fly. See photos below.

2. **Wine Foil Weighting:** That older 'reserve' wine you have been saving has now just become more valuable. So drink it. I think I have cornered the market on old lead wine foils for the purpose of weighting my flies. Everyone tries different techniques during their fly tying practice. Many of you may have tried to use old lead wine foils and found that cutting them into strips was not effective. The secret is to cut the pieces into triangles and roll them onto the hook shank. The triangles are cut to the size proper for the pattern size with the intent of creating a tapered mound on the hook shank. I secure the wine foil in two ways: First, by

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wrapping thread under the foil prior to rolling on to the shank; secondly, by cinching down the two ends of the rolled foil to keep it from rolling. I then wrap the foil with thread and then tie the fly normally. See photos below. **[Editor's note:** if you don't have wine foil, use adhesive-backed lead strips which can be found at the fly shops, or at a golf pro shop where they use it to add weight to golf clubs.]

3. **Twisting wire:** See the photos below.



*Rainbow taken on Krystal Hare's Ear*

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