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It's all here at the Annual
Swap Meet and Chili Contest.

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President's Message

Rick Radoff

For those of you that missed the December Holiday meeting, I am sorry, for a great time was had by all. I hope that you don't miss it next year, for it's a great time to get together and just enjoy each other's company.

I would like to thank my wife, Fran, and Jeanne English for coordinating the pot luck portion of the meeting, and also Sue Goss and Marty Holmes for all of their help; and, of course, we thank all of you that brought food dishes for the pot luck dinner. Wasn't it great to see Bob Morton make the meeting (thanks to Pete Peterson)? We all wish Bob a speedy recovery.

At the December meeting Jim Bitcon informed me that his schedule for the coming year is way too hectic, and asked me to find a replacement for the Merchandising Chair starting in February. I want to thank Jim for a great job that he has done with merchandising, and ask if anyone is interested in Chairing that position, to please call me.

January will start off with a bang (as usual) with casting classes and fly tying classes continuing, and net building getting ready to start; and, of course, the International Sportsmen's Expo at Cal Expo starting January 18th through the 21st. There are still some open time slots to fill for manning the booth at the expo. The sign-up sheet will be at the January meeting, or you can call me or Bill Carnazzo to sign up.



The schedule is also posted on the Granite Bay Flycasters Web-site so you can see the time slots available.

There was a lot of activity at the December meeting for membership renewals and purchasing of dinner tickets, and I am sure that the January meeting will be just as busy. So, if you couldn't make the December meeting, or won't make the January meeting, please contact Jeanne English for membership renewal, and Mike Howes for dinner tickets.

This year's dinner is shaping up to be one of the best yet, so don't put off buying those tickets at the last minute, for they may not be available. Mike Howes and his dinner committee are doing a great job, and I am sure that everyone will be impressed. It is no secret that the income from our annual dinner funds all of our conservation projects and donations for the coming year, and we count on your support. So, I hope to see you all there.

Tight Loops...Rick Radoff

Fly Tying Jam January 16th

Our first Fly Tying Jam in 2007 will be held on January 16th starting at 6:30 at the GBF Clubhouse. Just remember that the rangers close the gates at 7:00, so after that you probably will not get in!

January, after the Christmas fun of family and friends, is a great time to take a serious look at your probably depleted fly boxes and make your fly tying plans for the next few months while the weather is bad and there aren't so many fishing opportunities.

I have started the process and know that my sheep creeks and zug bugs are in desperate need so those will be my focus flies for our next jam. All you need is some brown hackle, peacock herl and flash stuff on a size 12-14 1x or 2x long hook. If you are not familiar with these flies, come to the jam and find out!!! Others at the jam tie different stuff. This is the time to practice and refresh your memory from those flies that you tied at a class last year. Usually, there are many people at the event who will help you with your fly tying questions. So...bring your vice, materials and have a good time tying!!!

See 'ya there!!

... Jim Holmes
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Monthly Fly Tying
Winners for December

Beginners: - Pete Scaroni

Non-beginners: - Ray Ito

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2007 Renewals Due!

Renewals for 2007 may be paid to Jeanne English at the Jan., Feb., and March meetings. The dues are a mere \$30 for individuals and \$35 for a family membership. Don't miss out on your access to clinics, fishouts, and the Leader. A check can also be mailed to the GBF post office box address. March 15 is the deadline for renewal. Thanks for your past participation and early renewals.

Amador Lake Fishout Report

I want to thank Dick Davis for leading this fun fishout. Fourteen club members braved fantastic weather to participate. Too bad the fish didn't think it was so great. Gene Goss caught about five fish. Tom Pettey caught only one, but it was a nice hefty one that gave him a good fight. The rest of us, well, let's just say we enjoyed the fine weather. I tried nearly everything in my fly box. Nothing worked for me. I was thinking about using a Dupont Spinner (The one you pull the pin, throw as far as you can, and run for cover. AKA the Crocodile Dundee Method Of Fishing). Fortunately, I didn't have one available.

All in all, we had a fun time harassing each other on the lake. There are big fish in that lake. They are usually eager to take a wooly bugger. Sunday was just not one of those days. They stock this lake weekly with large fish. Try it again later in the month.

I enjoyed everyone's company. Thank you all for participating.

... Art Livingston

Yuba River Steelhead Fishout

It's that time of year. The days are short, cold and wet and most importantly Steelhead have returned from their journeys at sea. Since they have been gone for months, they are looking for fly fishers to tell about their journeys. Therefore, being kind and considerate souls, 15 GBF souls on two different days will make the trek to welcome the steelhead back to their birthplace.

Ok, so the above is not the totally true. Fifteen GBF members will be welcoming the steelhead and hopefully enjoy their company for a few moments and then parting company so that someone else may enjoy their company.

For several years, GBF has had a relationship with the University of California, Davis to get access to waters that are typically unavailable to the general fly fishing population. UCD runs a research property that is covered with oak forest that contains deer and turkeys everywhere and, best of all, at one end of the property is the Yuba River. The property is a few miles above the highway 20 bridge and has no general public walk-in access. As a result, this area gets very little fishing pressure. This is a unique opportunity for 15 GBF members to fish for this wonderful and hard fighting fish.

On two different Saturdays, February 17th and March 17th, the club has received written permission to take some of its members onto the property. The fishout leader for February 17th is Pete Koistinen and he can be contacted at 916-780-0925 or peterkoistinen@comcast.net. The fishout leader for

March 17th is Paul Meyers and he can be contacted at 916-785-9446 or paul.meyers@hp.com.

This is a limited access area and a limit of 15 fly fishers has been placed on the club by UCD; the following is list of requirements to help insure a successful fishout.

- 2007 GBF membership dues need to be paid prior to the fishout. Those that don't have their dues paid will be moved to the bottom of the wait-list. This is a requirement for insurance purposes.

- Cancellations are always difficult both for the person that is canceling and the person leading the fishout. However, in this case, I think the person most affected is someone on the waiting list that could go. I'm hoping that on each fishout above, we have 15 fly fishers. To accomplish this in the past, we have requested a \$10 commit fee. However, do to logistics this year, this is not possible. Instead we are asking each fly fisher to be honest. If you cannot or don't think you can go, please let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Early notice means that the fishout leader has time to contact and confirm that the next person on the waiting list is available to go.

The steelhead on the Yuba are not as big as the ones on the American; however, they fight as hard as any other fish their size. Their jumps and long runs place you into the backing. This is what fly fishing is all about, that huge rush of adrenaline! Thoughts like "Is my tippet strong enough?", "Hum, did I test that knot?", "Ah, Do I have enough backing?" and "Wow, this is a beautiful fish!" go through one's mind.

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Annual Dinner Update

Planning and preparation for this important club event is picking up steam as the dinner date (March 25th, 2007) fast approaches. Here's the latest...

- Tickets are \$35 each if purchased by 2/28/07 (\$40 after that). Buy 'em by January 31st to be entered into a special 'early bird' raffle. Tickets are available at the next three club meetings (Jan, Feb, Mar) or by calling Art Hawkins at 916-725-3026.

- Dinner location is The Dante Club in Sacramento – at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, between Howe & Fulton. Dinner will be served at 5:15pm. No-host bar opens at 4:00pm. Meal choices are prime rib, roasted lemon herb chicken, and vegetarian ravioli.

- Our famous raffle and silent auction will be on-going throughout the evening. We have thousands of dollars worth of awesome prizes to be raffle and auctioned off, including lots of gear (rods, reels, lines, flies, float tubes, etc) and some very nice trips.

- The guest speaker for the evening, Brian O'Keefe, will lead an instructional day program at the GBF clubhouse on the day of the dinner. All dinner attendees are invited. Day program topics will be distance fly casting and wildlife (i.e. trophy fish) photography.

- GBF member donations for the raffle and auction are always important to the evening's success. Bring merchandise, gift certificates, or even funds (for prize purchases) to any GBF club meeting – or contact Mike Howes at LifelsReel@aol.com for other options.

- We need more photos for our 'Members In Action' slide show. Save your photos from club fish-outs, classes, and other outings... and be ready to submit them by March 1st.

- Watch out for 'Wet Fly Award' candidates. This is our dubious annual recognition of someone who's gotten very wet while fishing. Give nominations to any Board member.

- Plan to attend this event for the people, the prizes, the food, the fun, and the fellowship ...not to mention the support it provides to allow our club to operate for another year!

In Praise of the Roll Cast

Ah, the joys of casting! The long haul cast, with its tight loop and the whole line streaking through the guides, or, that pinpoint accuracy cast when you drop the fly on a leaf, which in turn floats under the overhanging bush to that waiting lunker brownie...

But the lowly roll cast is far more versatile and productive than the occasional glory casts we all aspire to. It plays many important roles - let's take a look.

The roll cast allows the caster to straighten out the line lying in a puddle after it has been stripped off the reel in anticipation of a cast. And this is the first step to a successful pickup/laydown (the standard forward cast), as there can be no slack in line when that backcast is started.

When casting from a float tube, a roll cast movement helps break

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the surface tension holding the line on the water, and is then followed immediately with a standard, aerialized backcast.

And of-course the roll cast's most well known attribute is that there is effectively no backcast room needed to execute it. When there are trees, rocks or bushes behind the caster, the roll cast will still get the line and fly out on the water.

The roll cast is also the easiest cast to learn, and novice anglers can be fly fishing the same day they've learned it.

Not so well known, is that the roll cast is the foundation of every spey cast including the switch, single spey, double spey, circle, snap T, and snake roll casts.

Also not so well known, is that very substantial distances, up to 80 feet, can be achieved even with a single handed roll cast when the spey principles of anchoring the line and creating a d-loop backcast, are used.

For the most part, roll casts must be practiced on the water, because the surface tension that holds the line is what the roll cast uses to load the rod. Roll casting practice on a lawn can be achieved if one builds a 'grass leader'. This is a leader with cross tied short pieces of leader tied in every foot or so, that the lawn will hold the line to some extent, and provide necessary resistance, (the surface tension equivalent), so that the rod can load.

Roll casts can be achieved only with floating lines. Because double taper lines are typically larger in diameter, they are usually easier to roll cast as there is more surface tension on the line. But weight forward lines perform adequately as

well, and in my opinion, are generally superior in overall performance to double taper lines.

Attempting to roll cast a sinking line where a substantial part of the line has sunk below the surface is dangerous, and can easily result in a broken rod.

Generally, longer rods, nine to ten feet, make an easier job of the roll cast. I have found that as long as a rod has a fairly stiff action, it will work well. Extremely soft action rods do not seem to execute the roll cast well. In my view, the extreme flexibility of such a rod, prevents it from loading, given the short time and distance of the rod stroke used with the roll cast.

There is only one thing more difficult than trying to write how to actually execute a cast, and that would be having to depend on reading such a description to learn the cast. Visual examples are an absolute necessity. But allow me to make one observation about the most common mistake made with the roll cast. This when the caster uses a forward action similar to throwing a dart, and the arm is fully extended in front of the caster upon completion of the cast. This action results in a short, inefficient cast, and usually a sore shoulder for the caster.

The correct downstroke is similar to using a hammer, and pounding a nail, or to give it a little more gruesome twist - the same downstroke as with a hatchet to detach the head of a chicken. Upon completion of the cast, the elbow is still as the side of the caster.

... John Hogg

Swap Meet and Chili Cook Off Recap

Well, another year has passed and we have once again survived the swap meet and chili cook off. Attendance was good. In fact, I had one of those clicker things and tried counting all that came through the doors. The thing started smoking and started to burn my hand so I quit counting at 817...just kidding, but we did have a lot of people. Bill and Marilyn Kiene graced us with their presence, as did Mike Powers from American Fly Fishing Company, and Dennis Price and Phil Cardman from Fly Fishing Specialties. Joe Bania was also there peddling some overstock items from Frank Seifert's shop in Placerville, Off The Hook. I also saw several familiar faces from the CFFU club.

A lot of stuff changed hands again this year. I can't speak for others, but personally, I went over board again. For example, I bought over 1,700 hooks from Pete Peterson for \$10. I didn't need another 1,700 fish hooks and I especially didn't need 1,700 weird hooks like the ones I got from Pete, but for \$10 bucks you can't go wrong, right? I've got enough hackle at home to stock a small shop, yet Pete snookered me into buying 3 more saddles and a cape that he happened to have laying around. And then there was Bill Carnazzo's bicycle tire. . . don't ask, but the price was right.

Which brings us to the chili cook off. We had 12 entrants and had everything from "Alabama Mud" to "Vegetarian Chili." I was rooked again this year, but what's new? My Chil-A-Roma was a crown pleaser, but it only tied for second place with a couple others. If you can believe it, Ron English's "Four Pepper Chili" (what a lame name) won again. I was

reluctant to announce him as the winner, however, because I noticed several irregularities in the voting. For example, the official rules clearly state that when voting you should place a "checkmark" next to your choice. In direct violation of that rule there were two people who voted with an "x". Those two votes were eliminated. I examined the tally sheet carefully and found that several of the "checkmarks" were made by the same hand. Those too were eliminated. Even so, Ron won by one vote. A lesser man would demand a recount, but I don't want to put the club through that. Therefore, Ron English is this year's winner of the chili cook off and the recipient of the \$50 gift card from American Fly Fishing Company.

My thanks to Mike Howes, Pete Peterson and Joe Aichroth for all their hard work in making this event happen. They did all the work, yet I get all the credit. Ain't life great?

. . . Denny Welch

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When tying a lot of flies or big hairy bugs, even using glues, the basket has become one of my favorite tools. Yes, it is a tool. It keeps the cleanup down to a minimum. All the cut off parts fall right in, and when I drip the glue because I use too much, I don't have to worry that it is landing on the table and sticking forever.

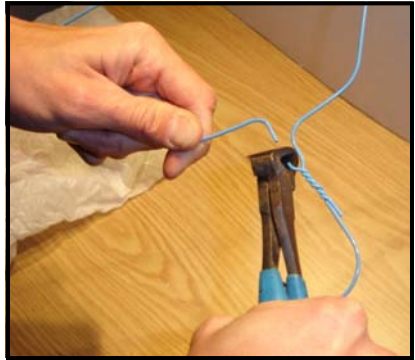
Now, you could just go to the fly shop and buy one; or, you could read on and see how to make one with stuff you already have right at home.

All you need is:

1. a wire coat hanger
2. a pair of wire cutters
3. a grocery bag (plastic)



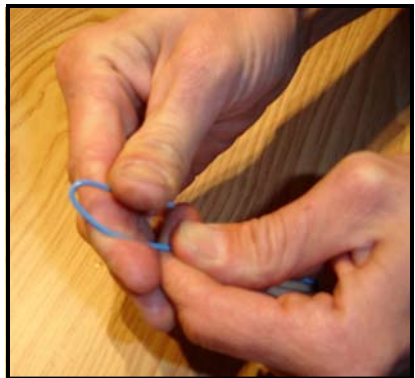
First, take the wire cutters and cut the hook off.



Next, straighten the coat hanger all the way out.

Now bend 1 to 1 1/2 inches of one end over into a hook.

Take the wire and lay it down with



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GBF - Monthly Meeting

January Monthly Program

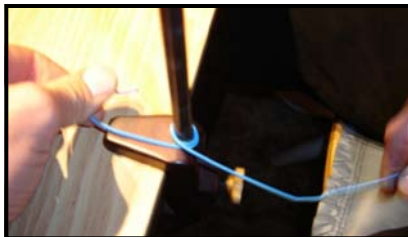
Our featured speaker this month is Rich Brown who will have a presentation on fishing Western Spring



Creeks. Rich has been fishing these waters for many years and will discuss the characteristics of western spring creeks and the tackle, fly selection, and presentation necessary for successful spring creek fishing. Rich was formerly a member of the Granite Bay Flycasters and served for several years as chairman of the Annual Dinner.

When: January 11, 7:30 PM
Where: GBF Clubhouse

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the hook pointing away from you next to the vise.

Extend the hook about 2 inches beyond the vise stand.

Wrap the long end of the wire around the vise stand twice.

The hook should be pointing away from you and the long end should be pointing at you.

Now bend the long end to the



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right about five inches from the vise stand at a 90-degree angle.

Next, move along the wire about nine inches and place a second 90-degree angle in the wire. It should look somewhat like a U at this point. Now move along the wire away from you until you are in line with the hook at the other end and place a third 90-degree angle in the wire.



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This should form a square. Bend a second hook in the end of the wire and slip one over the other.

Place a grocery bag in the square and fold the edges around the wire and you are ready to tie and cut away.

Unlike the fancy one from the shop you can throw the bag away when it gets all stuck with glue.

Great tying and bent rods to all.

... Paul

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

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Steelhead Fishout - Continued from page 5

The equipment needs for this river are simple:

- Length: 9 to 9.5 foot
Weight: 6 or 7 weight rod
Reel: good adjustable drag with 100 yards of backing capacity
Line: floating
Leader: 3 or 4X, 7.5 to 9 foot leader (fluorocarbon optional)
Tippet: 4 or 5X (fluorocarbon optional)
Nymphs: mayfly nymphs, stone fly nymphs, caddis lava and pupae under a large indicator that can support a few split shot. Usually this fishout is too late in the year for egg patterns to be effective.
Dries: elk hair caddis and yellow stimulator (to imitate the Skwalla stone-fly) can be effective if there is a hatch or insects on the water.

One thing I would like to stress is that this is big water and it is moving.

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Depending on power requirements, the water flow might change throughout the day; therefore, keep one eye on the water level so you don't find yourself on the wrong side of the river. A couple of things I think about before hand can help if you are going to venture into the water:

- Boots with felt and studs
- Wading staff
- Fishing Partner
- Personal flotation device
- Common sense

In order to keep things fair, signups will start at the January meeting (no pre-signups) for the February and March fishouts. Both signup sheets will be placed at the front of the room and at the break people can sign up for one of the trips. Additionally, to create as much access for the membership as possible, we are requesting that people only signup for one of the fishouts (not both). A wait list will be managed and people on the wait list will be called if someone drops. However, managing a wait list is difficult work, so if you know you cannot go, please don't sign up.

Regards,

... Pete Koistinen and Paul Meyers

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Surf Candy

I'm glad to be back writing this column again. Thanks to Paul Egan for stepping into the breach and taking over for awhile—he did a great job, and has graciously agreed to back me up for those times when I am unable to get an article done due to guiding schedules or fly fishing travel.

For the next few months, I'm going to feature some flies for the salt. Saltwater fly fishing is a new twist that many fly fishers are experiencing. For me the fly fishing angle in salt water is relatively new. I spent most of my non-fly fishing youth prowling the surf, scrambling beneath wharves, and wading among the rocks in Monterey Bay looking for fish. So in a rough sense I knew what to do when it came time to cast a fly into inshore environments. I also spent time on commercial fishing boats, so offshore fishing was not new to me either. But nothing prepared me for the thrill of saltwater species grabbing my fly and making my reel sing. Until you've experienced it, it's hard to imagine.

Some anglers become so enamored with the salt that freshwater fishing falls by the wayside. That's not going to happen with me—I couldn't live without the surface take of even a tiny trout, or seeing my line hesitate as a fish takes my nymph, or feeling the grab of my steelhead fly on the swing. Nor can I imagine life without bass and panfish, let alone striped bass. So many fish—so little time.

The Surf Candy is one of Bob Popovic's many legendary creations. You can find the Surf Candy and



Surf Candy

other patterns in his book, co-authored with Ed Jawowski: "Pop Fleyes." Created in the late 1980's, it represents baitfish. It can be tied in various colors to imitate different baitfish species. One common saltwater species is the Sardina, found virtually everywhere in Baja. The version in this article is designed to represent a Sardina. Incidentally, it

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MATERIAL LIST

- Hook: Mustad 34007 or similar saltwater hook
- Thread: 6/0 Danville nylon, #4 to 2/0
- Underbody: Silver or pearl mylar tinsel or braid (I use my friend Ray Radley's "Radfloss")
- Body: Ultra-Hair or Super-Hair: white, grey, deep green; Crystal Flash: pearl, green/black
- Eyes: Silver or gold adhesive eyes to match hook size (I prefer the holographic 3-D stick on eyes)
- Gills: Red Sharpie
- Head: Five-minute epoxy

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can be used as a freshwater baitfish for swinging streamers to big fall browns, and even for bass.

Tying instructions

1. Cover hook shank with thread back to hook point; at that point tie in a piece of pearl mylar tinsel or braid. Take thread to hook eye, wrap the material forward and tie off behind the eye.

2. Tie in a small bunch of white synthetic hair behind the eye; it should extend about 5 hook lengths behind the bend of the hook.

3. On top of the white, tie in a small bunch of the grey synthetic hair (same length). Apply a drop of super glue to hold these slippery materials in place.

4. Tie in a small bunch of pearl Crystal Flash (same length). On top of that tie in a small bunch of the green synthetic hair.

5. The final touch is a small bunch of the green/black Crystal Flash. Tie this in on the top to imitate the dark back of the Sardina.

6. By now you should have a relatively large, nicely formed smooth head. Whip finish and add a drop of super glue to hold it all together.

7. When the super glue is dry, mix a small amount of 5-minute epoxy. Coat the entire head and the part of the body that is between the head and the hook bend with the epoxy. Use a generous amount but turn the fly in the vise constantly to ensure an even distribution. Pause during the turning process and grab the end of the body material and pull directly rearward; this gives the body a slender, sleek appearance as the epoxy dries. Alternate pulling and turning for about 4 or 5 minutes.

8. When the first coat is almost completely dry (still a bit tacky) stick on the eyes, making sure that they are placed in identical positions on either side of the head. Put pressure on them by squeezing with your thumb and forefinger.

9. Using a red Sharpie, make a vertical mark just behind the eyes to represent gills.

10. Apply another coat of epoxy; this coat should be lighter than the first, but should thoroughly cover the eyes and all of the rest of the area covered by the first coat.

11. Be sure to turn the fly in your vise or on a fly turner so ensure an even distribution of the epoxy.

12. When the final coat is dry, taper the ends of the body so that it looks like a swimming baitfish.

Tie this dude on a stout leader, cast it to your favorite saltwater species, and hold on; and...see ya on the creek!



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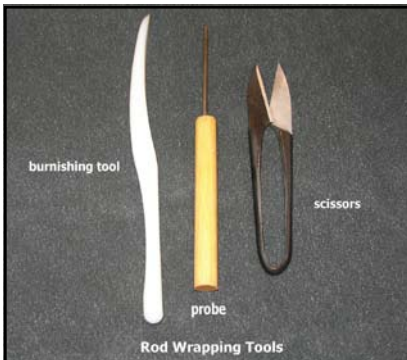
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Rod Building 204A - Continued Rod Wrapping Tools

In this article, we are going to digress slightly and provide information on tools and rod wrapping machines required to apply thread on the guides. In the next series of articles, we will continue to describe how to: 1) tie the guides (including hook-keeper) to the blank with thread, 2) reinforce the ferrules, 3) place thread onto or adjacent to the tiptop, 4) add some small single trim or trim bands, and 5) prepare the rod for epoxy application to the thread.

Tools Needed:

In a prior article, we showed some of the tools needed for temporarily mounting the guides to the blank. For the next step described in this article, you will need a few additional tools. These include: a burnishing tool, a probe, and scissors



(see photo: "Rod Wrapping Tools") and a rod wrapping machine. The burnishing tool, made from nylon, is used for final movement of the thread (or burnishing) when small adjustments to the thread place-

ment are necessary. The probe is used for helping remove unneeded masking tape. The scissors are used for cutting the thread. The tools shown come in a small kit that can be purchased from Cabala's.

Rod Wrappers:

There are many types of rod wrappers that will do the job. They range from cut-up card board boxes with a book and cup to hand rod wrappers to electric rod wrapping machines. In general, the more features a rod wrapper has, the easier it is to wrap the rod. This article will briefly discuss four types: 1) the box rod wrapper, 2) the home-built hand rod wrapper, 3) the Flex Coat (commercially made) hand rod wrapper, and 4) a commercial electric powered, variable speed rod wrapper. To determine which one is the best fit for you, you must first decide how many rods you are going to build and how much you want to spend. You can also choose a rod wrapper based on the features described below.

Box Hand Rod Wrapper:

The box hand rod wrapper is the simplest, the least expensive, and probably the most difficult rod wrapper to use for wrapping



thread onto the rod (see photo: "Box Rod Wrapper"). To build a box rod wrapper, you need to cut up a

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normal cardboard box (as shown in photo), use two of rubber bands for blank tensioning, and a book and a cup for thread tensioning (note that the thread is under the book and wrapped around the base of the cup).

Home-Built Hand Rod Wrapper:

This rod wrapper is built with a table saw and a hand held drill



(see photo: "Home-Built Hand Rod Wrapper"). You can go to the home building supply store to get many of the supplies. Supplies needed include: wood (fir, pine, oak, etc.), dowels, small molding, screws, hot gun glue, and wood glue. You are going to need at least one thread tensioning device, but two is better. These can be purchased from Cabala's (www.cabelas.com). You are also going to need Velcro (sticky back and non-sticky back) from the fabric store. The total cost of materials is about \$30. Building a hand rod wrapper will be deferred to a later article. These are good little machines, but obviously you must obtain the parts and fabricate the unit. Quality of the machine is based on your abilities and tools you have available.

Flex Coat Rod Wrapper:

These rod wrappers (see photo: "Flex Coat Rod Wrapper ") can be



purchased for about \$70 at specialty fishing stores such as Cabela's or Angler's Workshop. It must be assembled and you may want to add some Velcro straps for blank tensioning. These rod wrappers are very well made and very easy to use. They can be used on any flat space, including the kitchen table, and you can stop in the middle of a wrap to answer phones etc.

Power Rod Wrapper:

If you want to continue to build rods and would like an efficient wrapping tool, the power rod wrap-



per may be for you (see photo: "Power Rod Wrapper"). The model shown in the photo was built by Batson Enterprises and costs about \$375. It has two motors. One motor is a variable speed motor controlled by a foot treadle, and the other motor is a constant speed motor used for epoxy application and drying. This rod wrapper can be extended by 4 foot increments. It is an excellent machine and is quite easy to use. After mastering the use, you

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can really speed things up. Also with this unit, you can use it for both a wrapping and epoxy drying machine.

Summary:

If you are building one rod, it may be beneficial to you to start off slowly, perhaps with a rod building class from the club with the teacher supplying the equipment. If your interest in rod building continues beyond this point, you can then decide what kind of equipment you really want to acquire.

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 or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.

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