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Frank Stollen, Rick Radoff and Bill Carnazzo
assisting breast cancer survivors Joyce, Verna and Christine
at the Casting For Recovery retreat

October 2007



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President's Message

Rick Radoff

Wow! what a great meeting we just had. Don Muelrath had a great program, and stayed after to talk about photography skills. Dr. James Swan and his son gave us great information on the California Game Wardens.

Well, it is time for me to get on my soap box again and talk about what it is to be a member of the Granite Bay Flycasters. We have had several sign-up sheets to help out with Club activities, and the volunteer turn out is poor, to say the least. We have 237 Members to date, and the same people that have been volunteering for years are still by far the majority of the volunteers for the upcoming activities.

We post our requests on the website, and send out e-mail blasts asking for help, and have sign-ups at the general meetings and ask for help, but the response is weak. I challenge all of you Members that are sitting on the sidelines to get more involved with your club. I know that if you do, you will get more out of being a member, and feel like you can make a difference.

Well, Fall is here, and the fishing should get better. I look forward to Fall fishing more than any other season. We have many great fish-outs coming up, and I hope that you can attend some of them.

Check *The Leader* and the website calendar for the fish-out



schedules. We also have some conservation activities coming up that Bill Templin will be scheduling soon. So, keep a look out for those. I am sure that they will also be posted on the website, and e-mail blasts will be sent out with information on the events when they are scheduled.

Don't miss the Northern California Council / Federation of Fly Fishers---Festival of Fly Fishing this month on the 19th and 20th at the Redding Convention Center in Redding, CA. See the ad in *The Leader*.

At this last meeting, and meetings to come, we are selling to members some of our books that are duplicated in our Library. So, if you want a good deal on some very good books, come to the meetings and talk to Bill and Ellen Tydeman / Librarians.

I do hope to see you all at the next general meeting, and remind you again that all members are welcome at the monthly Board Meetings, the Thursday after the general meeting.

Tight Loops . . .Rick Radoff

Here we are in October, one of the best fishing months of the year. The bass are gorging themselves for the winter months and the stripers are moving into the delta. This is also the month for the Salmon Festival. Sign-ups for the festival are running a little low. We need at least fifty members for the fly tying and fly-casting instruction. The festival is Oct. 13-14. Remember, you do not need to know how to tie to be able to help the kids tie flies.

If you are new to striper fishing or have never tried it, you will need a different retrieve than for bass. The best retrieve is two to three long 36-inch pulls at a fairly rapid rate. Follow this with two shorter pulls and then a pause of a couple of seconds. Repeat this until your fly is almost at your feet. It is not uncommon for stripers to take the fly right next to your boat or tube. I have had them slam into the side of my boat many times trying to get the fly. You cannot retrieve the fly too fast for the stripers to grab it.

My favorite flies for stripers are the Clouser Minnow, Whistler, Sar-Mul-Mac, Tropical Punch, Sheep Shad Hair Jig and Gurglers (this is prime top water time).

Trivia – Bass kill their prey by crushing it in their powerful jaws. If a bass can crush a bluegill with their sharp spines, why would a weed guard slow them down? I use weed guards on all of my flies that do not ride hook up.

The October fly will be Dave Whitlock's Sheep Shad. If I was backed into a corner and had to pick one fly only, this would be the fly. For the October fly jam, along with your tools, bring a roll of 3/0 white thread.

Good fishing . . .Pete Peterson

Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

Fly Tying Vises For Sale:

1. I have a near-new Dyna-King "Sidewinder" vise for sale. This true rotary vise is the top of the Dyna-King line. You can see it and review its features at http://www.dyna-king.com/flyvise_dtl.asp?itemval=14&pv=0&pid=012 . At retail, with pedestal base, it sells for \$429.00. My vise comes with the following add-on items: Magnifier (\$45); trim bag (\$35); clamp base with long shank (\$79); midge jaws (\$40); Black Stream fly tyer's lamp (\$95); tool caddy (\$40). The grand total at retail would be \$723. I am asking \$500.00 for it. Contact Bill Carnazzo at 530-367-5209.

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 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 15th of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

Frenchman's Lake Fishout and Outing October 6-7

Last year Granite Bay Flycasters did a joint fishout with California Fly Fishers Unlimited at Frenchman's Lake, and this year we invited a few more fly clubs to join us at Frenchman's Lake.

We will be camping out at Frenchman's camp, or you can stay in Reno its only 1 hour away. On Saturday we will BBQ with the other fly clubs, you need to bring your own main course and something for a potluck on Saturday about 5:00p.m.

In 1987 a northern pike was caught out of Frenchman's Lake and the lake was poisoned with rotenone. The lake has been heavily stocked with rainbows, including Eagle Lake trout, along with some browns, and Kamloops trout. There is plenty of food for them to grow, but Frenchman, is not quite as prolific as Davis Lake. By the time we do our fishout at Frenchman's Lake, Lake Davis would be poisoned with rotenone for the second time to stop the spreading of the northern pike to the other waterways downstream from Lake Davis.

Frenchman's Lake is at 5,599 feet above sea level and is smaller than Lake Davis, with 1,580 surface acres. It has upper and lower sections, with a channel connecting them. The upper section, with shallow coves and summer weed beds, is the preferred area for fly fishers. A gravel road goes all around the lake, and there are a

number of side roads that offer fishing access. Do not drive off the roads or park outside of the parking lots; a few years back I paid a \$250 fine for driving 50 feet to the water edge to launch my float tubes.

Two of the better access points for fly fishing anglers are on the north-western shore, Snallygaster Point and Nightcrawler Bay. They are big, shallow areas with weed growth where the fish like to cruise to slurp up bugs EARLY in the morning. With little rain this year the lake level will be down and you will have to carry your fishing stuff a couple of hundred feet to get to the lake edge. There are two boat ramps on Frenchman's Lake, one is at Lunker Point on the north end of the lake; the other one is at Frenchman's campgrounds on the south end of the lake.

A float tube that you can carry, and a 6 weight with intermediate line, and a size 12 sheep creek or a black wiggle tail will put you into the fish. DFG keeps this lake well stocked with planters 13-15 inches, you just have to locate where the pods are working and you will be into all the fish you want to catch. With a 5 fish trout limit, close proximity to Reno, no speed limit, or boating restrictions, and all night fishing for catfish. This lake can turn into a zoo on a warm Sunday afternoon. With all that said, there are some fine holdover fish to be caught. Big holdover fish are smart and have seen it all, last year I took the time to fish for holdover fish,

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the fish count went down to 6 fish a day but the size of the fish went up to 20+ inches. I used a 3 inch black wiggle tail at dark, and a baitfish pattern 2-3 inches around the weed beds, and shallow coves before the sun hits the water. A lot of the trout I caught were taken on cast flies (no trolling).

Your fish leaders are:

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Raffle/Auction Items Needed

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

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

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

- New, unused merchandise – fishing-related or otherwise.

- Flies you tied (favorite or specialty pattern?) in a flybox.
- Other handcrafted goods – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Professional services – in gift certificate or coupon form.
- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please call Mike Howes at 916-863-6795. Any contribution is appreciated, and all donators are duly acknowledged at the dinner.

. . .Mike Brune

New Venue New Menu New Prizes New Friends?

For the 2008 Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner, Raffle, & Silent Auction coming March 15th, 2008, three of these things are guaranteed. The fourth is up to you, but this event makes it easy!

This is our biggest bash of the year... and a great opportunity to sit down, meet, and really get to know your fellow club members over a nice multi-course meal, an entertaining guest speaker, and an incredible raffle and amazing silent auction.

Meet new people who've never heard your old fishing yarns! At this event, friendships are created and rekindled, fishing exploits are shared (and sometimes created), and the real benefit of being a

member of the Granite Bay Fly-casters 'family' can be realized.

This is a must-attend event for anyone who wants to get the most out of their club. So keep your ears open for information on dinner ticket sales – and if you have any input or abilities that you'd like to contribute, contact Mike Howes at LifelsReel@AOL.com.

. . .Mike Brune

Fly Tying Jam

Our monthly Fly Tying Jam will be held on Tuesday evening, October 16th, starting at 6:30 P.M. Just a reminder as to starting time, the rangers start closing the gate at 7 about this time of year and if you are late, don't bother because the gate WILL BE LOCKED!

This is getting to be near the end of the fishing season and we hope for early rains but many waters

remain very fishable until frozen over such as Frenchman, Fuller, and other high Sierra Lakes, On the menu for fish are mainly midges, leeches, and the like... not many bugs hatching this time of year!. It is a good time to keep up with those types of patterns so check your fly boxes so you are not low the next time you are at the ake. I will continue to tie midge and leech type patterns and will hopefully have some new ones from our trip to Crowley.

Be sure to have your scud type hooks and we can share the rest! Others may be tying different types of flies, you don't have to follow these flies...this is also time to bring those fly tying questions and problems perhaps from a class you have taken or are just curious about fly tying! All of this is FREE!!!!

Hope to see 'ya there!

. . .Jim Holmes

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Outing Committee Report

You can view the fishout list (through (July, 2008) on the website; also, keep up with the message board for "impromptu" outings. If you don't have access to the Internet and want a copy of the list, just give me a call or send me an email and I'll see to it that you get the list. There are articles in this issue regarding each of the outings for October. Here is the list, but please read the individual articles for details.

Frenchman Lake Oct. 6

Upper Sac/McCloud Oct. 11-14

There is no limit on attendance so we can take signups via phone and email.

For information on the individual outings, call or send an email to the outing leader (as listed in the article) or to one of the Outing Committee members—we are listed at the back of the Leader.

Finally, we will be scheduling a beginning fly tying clinic, and an intermediate fly tying clinic to be conducted this coming winter. Paul Egan will be teaching the beginning clinic, and I will be teaching the intermediate clinic using an interesting format that will include bringing in guest tyers for several of the sessions (example: Sturmer White to demonstrate good hair spinning/trimming technique).

More information will be published in the near future on these clinics, including dates. Terry Eggleston has suggested a clinic on entomology, and we're going to take him up on that for this winter. Also on the agenda will be

a one evening clinic on knots/line loops, and one on making your own indicators. So, we've got a lot going on and we're certainly open to your ideas.

. . . Bill Carnazzo

Annual Swap Meet December 1, 2007

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, and start getting your "stuff" ready to sell at our annual swap meet and chili cook-off, to be held at the clubhouse on December 1st. Now is the time to look through all of that gear that you have, or items you no longer want or need, set them aside, and get them ready to sell. For those looking for equipment, I can't conceive of a better place to find rods, reels, lines, flies, waders, boots, and all manner of "stuff" that we use in our sport. As in the past, we'll start the swap meet at 8:00 a.m. and go until around 2:30 p.m.

Also, begin thinking about your chili entry into the contest, which is always a fun (and tasty) event. Denny Welch has agreed to "honcho" the swap meet for us again this year, on the condition that he has help. So, we'll be asking for volunteers at the October general meeting. If you have any questions or want to volunteer and can't make it to the meeting, here's my contact information:

. . . Bill Carnazzo

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bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net (email)

Salmon Festival Time

Oct. 13-14 are the dates for this year's Salmon Festival. This is the largest event that GBF undertakes. We need at least 50-60 volunteers for the two-day event. I have made a schedule that consists of two four-hour shifts for each day. We offer both fly casting and fly tying instruction.

If you have never attended this event, it is a lot of fun. The more experienced members will give the fly casting classes and the newer members will show the kids how to tie a wooly bugger. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO

TIE!!! It takes less than 5 minutes to show non-tyers how to do a wooly bugger. GBF supplies everything required.

This is also a great time to meet other members of our club. There are always slow times that allow us to visit.

We were a little short of volunteers last year so please put these dates on your calendar and sign up.

Thank you,

. . .Pete Peterson

P.S. A four-hour shift will wipe out most of your day, so you are welcome to donate the entire day (or both days).

Scenes from the Casting for Recovery Retreat at Clearwater Lodge



Left: Checking out bugs



Above: First casting lesson



Left: Hey, this really works!



Left: Participants and Staff

Bottom: Trying it out on the stream



October Program: Mike Costello



The October presentation will be just in time for the delta striped bass season. The guest speaker is well-known local guide and owner of Pacific Adventures, Mike Costello. He will be speaking about fishing in our area. Mike has spent his life pursuing fish with a fly rod. He enjoys catching fish as well as teaching others the magic and mystery of fly fishing. In fact, he has spent eighteen years and over

4000 days teaching others the sport that he loves. Mike is licensed with both the Fish and Game and the United States Coast Guard. He is currently working with the following equipment vendors and sponsors: Scott Fly Rods, Bauer Reels, Able Reels, Patagonia Clothing, Airflo Fishing Lines, Hyde Drift Boats, and Outcast Rafts.

When: October 11, 7:00 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse

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Upper Sacramento River Fishout October 11-14, 2007

October is almost here so make your plans now. The upper Sac fishout is one of the better fishouts sponsored by GBF. The fishout is a little earlier than in previous years. This means the weather should be warmer, but be prepared for a cold snap. This also means that the bugs should also be more active and the fish feeding actively to put on weight before the really cold weather sets in. We are planning group

get togethers for dinner for those interested. Bill Carnazzo will be presenting his Short-Line Nymphing Clinic for those wanting to learn this very effective method or just wanting a refresher. Details of time and place for these activities will follow later. Since there is no limit on attendance, a sign up list will be at the September and October meetings. A data sheet will also appear on the web site.

For further information or questions contact: Joe Aichroth (916) 772-4177 jaich@surewest.net, or Eric Palmer (916) 987-1359 jepalmer@pacbell.net.



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Meetings:

We are now holding our Conservation Committee meetings every 4th Thursday starting at 7 p.m., at the Raley's on San Juan at Sunset Ave. This looks like a centrally located site according to our last plot of member addresses, so we hope this time and location will make it easier for you all to attend. The capacity of their "Event Center" meeting room is 25 and we hope to fill it each month. See you on October 25th!

Activities Past:

On **August 16** Monte Hendricks and Rich Platte presented a Power Point talk on "Oil and Mud on the Rubicon OHV Trail". The photos were "worth a 1000 words" but Monte and Rich added a few words to help us better understand the impacts that have been (and continue to be to some extent) occurring on the resources of this pristine area at the top of the Middle and South Fork American River Watersheds. Thanks guys for a very informative presentation! We hope to help find a way to help improve things up there.

On **September 10** Jim Coleman, Bill Carnazzo and Bill Templin made a recon trip up to the Bear Valley restoration site on PG&E property that GBF spent about 10 years restoring the Bear River to its channel to enhance the fishery that had been impacted by grazing. The site is in need of maintenance so at our last Board Meeting we selected the date of October 6 to see how

much we can get accomplished. If we get about 10 people to help we may be able to accomplish the tasks of cutting small trees and tying them to the existing rebar to replace those that washed out during the last high water event. We will also be cutting some willow branches and planting them in a few spots that have started to erode. We need you!, so please call and let us know you are willing to help. You can call me at 916-601-9954, or email me at wtemplin@surewest.net.

On **September 15** the 1st "Watershed Education Summit – North" was successfully held to introduce high school students from Placer County to the opportunity that has been available to primarily Eldorado County students for the past 8 years through the original "Watershed Education Summit (<http://www.watershedsummit.org/>) This would not have been possible without the support of Tahoe and Eldorado National Forest staff, GBF, Placer and Eldorado County Resource Conservation Districts, the Upper American River Foundation, Trout Unlimited Sac-Sierra Chapter, Foresthill High School, Colfax High School, Placer High School, and Del Oro High School students and teachers. The day was a great success and good data were collected on watershed health (that will help the USFS and others) while 10 students got a good introduction to the protocols and what it takes

to gather information for natural resource recovery following the catastrophic Star Fire. We hope to have even more participation from students, teachers, and trainers next year... that could include YOU.

Activities Future:

October 6: Bear Valley Trout Stream Restoration Site Maintenance Day

October 25: Conservation Committee Meeting (see above for location).

Significant Issues:

"San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act" – Mike Laing shared information from the NC-CFFF with us on this important **"bipartisan supported"** legislation presently needing your letter of support in the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 24 <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>) and Senate (S. 27 http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm). "This legislation is needed to fully authorize and approve a landmark Settlement agreement between the parties to NRDC v. Rodgers, an 18 year case concerning the restoration of flows and native salmon populations to the San Joaquin River, the second longest river in California." As we all know, the salmon REALLY need your help, and it is way over due, so act NOW!

Thanks and Happy Trails to you for many good fishin' spots,

. . . Bill Templin
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Ken Hanley's Pygmy Hopper

I had planned on featuring the October Caddis emerger pattern for October. Instead I decided to write about my friend Ken Hanley's Pygmy Hopper. I first saw Ken tie this beauty a couple of years ago at one of the fly fishing shows. He gave me one and I've kept it ever since. Ken, Andy Guibord and I recently did some Smallmouth Bass fishing on the North Fork of the American River just above Clementine Lake, and at Yankee Jim's bridge. Ken was using his hopper, and gave me one to try. The action of the fly is excellent: it floats in or just under the surface film (as a real hopper would), and the "kicker" legs move enticingly. Andy caught the nicest fish of the day on a Pygmy Hopper, and I landed a few small fish most of which took the hopper. The fishing was slow, but we had a great time trying different approaches and flies.

The Pygmy Hopper is relatively simple to tie, and has no exotic materials. So crank out a few of these and enter your best in the monthly contest at the November meeting. I'll be tying the hopper at the October meeting, so if you have any questions you can resolve them there. Also, to see color pictures of each step of the tying instructions, visit Granite Bay Flycasters' web site and click on "Fly Tyer's Corner" on the home page.



Steps 1 - 3

Instructions:

1. Smash the hook barb un-

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MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Daiichi 1260, 1270, or similar bent long shank hook, sizes 6-8
Thread:	Camel colored 6/0 or 8/0
Tag:	Red super floss or silk
Abdomen:	Furled spooled antron yarn: three strands—tan, green, and gold
Underwing:	Natural deer hair
Overwing:	Butts of furled antron yarn
Thorax:	Dubbed tan Buggy Nymph
Long Kicker Legs:	Silli-legs, pumpkin/blue black or similar color
Front Legs:	Same as kicker legs
Head:	3mm foam, white, colored to desired tone

less you are using a barbless hook. Cover the front 2/3 of the hook with the red superfloss or silk to form a "tag." Cover the wraps with a coat of Flexament.

2. Cut three pieces of antron yarn (one strand each color) from the spools. The strands should be about 6" long. Even them up and "furl" them, following the instructions set out in the March, 2005 Fly Tyer's Corner Leader article. You can find it on the following page from on the Granite Bay Flycasters web site: <http://www.gbflycasters.org/fly%20tying/2005/FlyArchive2005.htm>.

3. Tie in the furred abdomen at the midpoint of the shank and wrap forward to about the 1/3 point on the shank. Place some Flexament on the tie-in area. Don't trim the butts of the antron yet, as they will become the overwing.



Step 4

4. Using a long (6") piece of the leg material, double it over and tie it in on top of the furred antron so that it forms the kicker legs, which stick out to the rear of the fly. The tie-in point should be at the same midway point on the shank as you used to tie in the antron. They should be pulled

down to the sides of the hook and aligned in that manner. Don't trim them yet.



Steps 5 - 6

5. Cut, clean and stack a small bunch of deer hair. Trim the butts so that the bunch is around 1/2" long. Tie it in on top of the tied-in antron; don't allow it to slide around to the bottom of the hook; it should just splay out over the top of the hook. Place a drop of Flexament on the wraps.

6. To form the overwing, pull the antron butts back over so they face the rear, and tie them down on top of the deer hair; trim the antron to the length of the deer hair or a tad shorter. It helps to comb out the butts before undertaking this step. Tie down the overwing and apply a drop of Flexament.



Step 7

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7. Tie in a set of front legs at the 1/3 point on the shank, so that there are two "legs" on each side of the hook. They will be in an "X" configuration; take the front-facing legs and pull them back, securing them in that position so that all 4 of the front legs are facing rearward along the sides of the shank.



Step 8

8. Tie in a piece of foam cut to about 3/8" in width. Before doing so, trim the end to be tied in to a "V" shape. With the point of the V facing rearward and the rest of the strip sticking out over the eye of the hook, tie the foam in securely keeping it on top of the hook and wrapping over it right to the eye of the hook. Apply a drop of Flexament.



Step 9

9. Dub a nice full thorax over the top of the tied-in foam. Pull the foam over the top of the thorax, tie it down at the rear of the thorax, and trim it so that you leave a stub about 1/8" long. Trim the front legs to about a 1" length, and the kicker legs to about a 1 1/2" length.



Step 10

10. Whip finish at the point where you tied down the pulled-over foam, and apply a drop of superglue to the thread wraps on the underside of the fly. You can use permanent markers to vary the color of the foam; a nice "camo" look seems to work well.

Tying tips:

1. When working with foam it is helpful to use a nylon thread to avoid cutting the foam when tying it down. Just before tying it down, twirl the bobbin clockwise; this results in a flat thread surface.

2. It also helps to grab the foam just behind the tie-in point and squeeze it together; you will get a better tie-in and avoid cutting the foam.

Fish the Pygmy Hopper for trout, smallies, black bass, and panfish. Remember that trout look for hoppers at the edges of the stream, and not out in the middle. See ya on the creek.

Rod Building 103: What About Blank Actions?

Fly All blanks have an action associated with them. By knowing what kind of fishing you are going to do helps greatly in determining blank or rod requirements. For example, are you fishing lakes, large to small streams, the ocean or maybe an aquarium or your backyard pond? Also, what size of fish are you trying to capture, such as a nice size trout or a billed fish that runs over 100 pounds?

Let's first define blank actions. There are four basic blank actions: extra fast (top 25% bends), fast (top 33% bends), medium or moderate (top 50% bends), and slow (entire blank from cork handle bends).

Extra-fast and fast blanks or rods are chosen to handle a slightly larger range of fly lines and flies. These actions are also selected for those requiring longer casts of over 50 feet for larger streams or lakes. Slow and medium action blanks or rods handle a smaller range of fly lines and flies. They are typically used for shorter, softer, and delicate casts of less than 50 feet in smaller streams, beaver ponds, or large aquariums. Blanks or rods should not be chosen for maximum casting

distance if that is not the primary use. Selection should be made on how effective the rod will be for the majority of the fishing done with it (make it easier on yourself and enjoy). Remember one rod is not going to be effective in all types of fly fishing.

Rods get their actions from blank taper, blank wall thickness, and density of material (graphite, fiber glass, composite, and binding materials) manufacturers use in constructing the blanks. Fast action rods are typically made with complex tapers and high-density materials, while slow rods are made from simple tapers and lower-density material.

Manufacturers often provide blank and rod specifications on websites or catalogs. This information is helpful in selection of the blank or rod you may want. Some manufacturers provide more information than others, but you can get a good gauge in examining the specifications and statistics of the blank or rod.

When you get a blank or rod in hand, you can judge the action by a simple test. When doing this test on a blank only, DO NOT put the blank in serious flex. You can get breakage at the joints of multiple piece rods by flexing the blank too much.

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When flexing a blank, you will need to determine the effective spine of each segment and align properly. Without doing this, you will not get an accurate rod flex. A discussion of locating the effective spine will be coming soon. If you would like to know how to locate the effective spine earlier, please contact Larry Lee to help you.

To conduct the test, hold the rod or blank parallel to the floor with eyes down or rod blank spine up and the butt end against your abdomen. You will then need to rotate the rod 90 degrees in either direction. Then start a side-to-side tip motion, progressively increasing the tip motion until the whole rod flex is shown. When you observe the curvature of the rod and compare with the definitions above, you can get good idea how the blank or rod reacts with increasing loads. When conducting this test on a built rod, the types of eyes (single foot, double foot, eye stiffness, eye sizes.) and how they are tied on also changes the action somewhat.

There are many variables in trying to achieve the particular rod performance for the purpose you have in mind. By examining the blank or rod actions, the fly fisherman will have a better understanding of the rod characteristics, and why a rod responds in a particular way.

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format. The board's policy is that the list is not to be used for any commercial purpose, and is not to be distributed to persons outside the membership—so please observe those restrictions. I will have membership application forms at the October meeting.

. . .Bill Carnazzo

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