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High Plains Adventure: Owyhee River Journal

Join Steve on a journey through the badlands of Eastern Oregon in pursuit of trophy Brown Trout. This blue ribbon fishery offers anglers unique opportunities to stalk wild Brown Trout with a backdrop of stunning high desert scenery. It's a reliable year round fishery that consistently produces Brown Trout exceeding 20 inches. It's also possibly the West's best-kept secret.

Steve Cooper's Bio: Steve was born and raised in Stockton, California, where he lives today with his wife and youngest son. Growing up in a fishing family, his passion for angling began at a very early age. His father, Carl, helped pioneer the Monterey Bay blue shark fishery in the early sixties. Steve,

a fly fisher at heart, began to develop salt water fly fishing strategies, and by the mid eighties, Steve owned his own boat and was guiding for a number of off shore species. Steve's reputation as a guide, and knowledge of the central coast salt water fishing scene, earned him a spot on the Budweiser national fishing team, and attracted national sponsors such as Sea Ray boats and Mercury out-board motors. Major sponsorships gave Steve the opportunity to present his slide

shows and seminars throughout California. Currently, Steve is owner/operator and head guide for The High Plain's Drifters Guide Service, devoting most of his summers to exploring the remote regions of Eastern Oregon and Washington; taking the roads less traveled, exploring rivers and streams often overlooked by the general angling population. His programs, Bronze Back Fever, and Owyhee River Journal, document the trials, tribulations, joys and heart aches encountered when fishing remote locations. In spite of himself, every now and then he stumbles onto some great fishing!



President's Message

by Mike Howes

Happy August to all. We have two fish-outs coming up. The first one is on Aug 22nd at Fuller Lake, headed up by Scot Vaughn. Scott is inviting all new members to the fish-out. Fuller Lake is a great lake to learn how to fish from a float tube. If you have any questions, contact Scott at svaughn@ottoliniassoc.com. From August 27th to the 30th Jack Ramos, jramos@surewest.net, is running a Burney Falls fish-out. There are various rivers and streams to fish in the Burney



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Falls area. There will be signup sheets at the next general meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, contact them directly to let them know you plan on attending. Fish-outs are a great way to meet fellow fly fisherpersons.

We are always interested in fishing new waters. If you have an idea for a fish-out, let Karl Wolff know by emailing him at karl.wolff@swbcglobal.net.

Vicki Fenner, who has dual citizenship in the Granite Bay Flycasters and Tahoe Truckee Fly Fishers (TTFF), has sent a flier announcing the TTFF annual summer BBQ on August 8th—only \$10 if you sign up by July 26th. I attended last year, and the food and the company were great. It is held at the regional park in Truckee. Let Vicki, vfenner4@gmail.com, know if you plan on attending.

GBF supports "Casting for Recovery" (CFR). CFR is a program that is involved in the healing process for women that have experienced breast cancer by teaching them the "art of fly fishing." This year they are having two sessions at the Clearwater Lodge from August 21-23 and 28-30. GBF members will be participating on August 23rd and the 30th. We assist the ladies with on-stream fishing. Only basic knowledge of fly fishing is needed to help out. More information about CFR can be found on our website: www.gbflycasters.org. If you are interested in participating, contact Rick Radoff at radoffcnst@jps.net.

Last Board meeting we approved our 2009-2010 Budget. The club runs on a fiscal budget year of July to June. When we set up our budget, we keep in mind our club's mission statement. "Granite Bay Flycasters is a non-profit organization dedicated to fisheries conservation, the advancement of the art of fly fishing and good sportsmanship." With two significant future revenue-generating events—annual dinner and membership dues—we were able to come up with a balanced budget. Our future budget revenue is based on past revenues; so, it is kind of a magic act. Of course, we can adjust our expenses as we receive actual revenue. We also have a bank account of a year's revenue to fall back on. Now, if you understand that, would you like to be on the Board? I am available, as is any Board member (Blue name tags) to answer questions you may have about the budget. I will have copies of the budget at the general meeting.

...Life is reel.
Mike Howes

Burney Falls Area Fishout August 27 - 30

We have just scheduled a fishout for Burney again in August. Those of you who made it to last year's fishout know what a great time it was. If you missed it last year, just ask any one that attended what fun we had.

One of your California treasures is McArthur-Burney Falls State Park, a wonderful location for our August fishout. We hope to see all of you at this fishout. The meeting place is at the state park. There is a message board on the right as you enter the park.

This is where will post our campground location and other information as it comes up. We will make our base at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. There are motels in the town of Burney about 10 miles away. From our base, there are seven or more quality waters close by: Burney Creek, Hat Creek, Pit River, Fall River, McCloud River, Baum Lake, and Manzanita Lake. There are also three fly shops with plenty of flies and information.

Please contact Jack Ramos at 916-774-9972 or jramos@surewest.net if you have any questions. There will be a sign up sheet at the August meeting. There is no limit to the number of people who can attend this fishout.

At this time of year you can still make reservations at the McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park www.parks.ca.org (530) 335-2777

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Fuller Lake Fishout - August 22nd

On Saturday, August 22, I will be leading a fishout to Fuller Lake. Most of the club has fished the lake in the past, so great detail is not needed. One of the goals of this fishout is to assist new members and new fly casters as they learn the wonderful world of lake fishing and float tubing. So, if you are new to lake fishing and float tubing, this is your opportunity. I will be more than willing to assist anyone with either their casting or fish techniques.

Let's meet at 8:00 AM sharp! Fishing Gear - 3, 4, or 5 weight rod with an intermediate sinking line would be the best combination, and you will need a float tube with fins. Fly-casting from the bank is really not an option, due to the lake being surrounded by trees. Wiggle tails, wooly buggers and leeches in olive are normally the most productive flies for me. Fuller Lake is regularly stocked with browns, but don't be surprised to catch a rainbow trout, too. Hopefully, everybody will catch fish!

From my past experience at Fuller, the best technique to catch trout is a very quick retrieval, browns are an aggressive fish, and prefer to attack a quick moving fly. On a good day, you can catch fish anywhere on the lake. The middle of the lake is a good area to fish as well.

At the August meeting there will be a signup sheet; you can also email me prior to the meeting if you plan on signing up. On August 18th I will be at the monthly fly tying jam, and can show anyone the pattern that I use at Fuller. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me directly at 916-813-1308, or via email at svaughn@ottoliniassoc.com.

. . . Scott Vaughn

Lifetime Member, Joe Kimsey

GBF has only three "lifetime" members—meaning that they do not have to pay dues to maintain their membership status. Joe Kimsey from Dunsmuir is one of our lifetime members, and a long-time friend of mine. Unfortunately, Joe recently suffered a stroke. He seems to be recovering well, according to Bob Grace, owner of the Ted Fay Fly Shop. At present, the long-term picture is not clear. Well-wishers can send Joe a card, care of the Ted Fay Fly Shop, 5732 Dunsmuir Avenue, Dunsmuir, CA 96025.

. . . Bill Carnazzo

Lake Crowley Fishout, September 11 - 12

This is a new addition to the fishout schedule, so details are still being developed at this time. I plan to have an early morning meeting at a local flyshop in Mammoth Village on Friday, Sept 11, and for those who can't make that one, a second meeting on Saturday, Sept 12. At the meeting, we will get local information on the best flies, and which location to go to at the lake.

This is basically a float tube/pontoon boat excursion. As the wind usually kicks up by noon, forcing tubers off the lake, I will have additional information on fishing Hot Creek, and other nearby waters. There will be further information at the August general meeting along with a signup sheet.

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Classes and Clinics

by Bill Carnazzo
Member Education Chairperson

Upcoming classes and clinics

No assigned date yet—Ken Hanley will be conducting a tying clinic for GBF members sometime in the late Fall. Ken's newest book, *Tying Furred Flies*, will form the backdrop for this class. Ken recently received a prestigious award for his book from the Outdoor Writers Association of California. To view this award, click on the following link: <http://www.billcarnazzo.com/links/files/hanley-news-on-furred-flies-books.pdf>

No assigned date yet—casting classes, and an intermediate knot/rigging class. I'll be working on getting these set up in the coming months. Right now I'm on the river guiding most of the time, and it will likely be that way through September, so my time is limited.

Members should always feel free to suggest classes and clinics that would be of benefit to the membership. It can be anything—simple and basic, or advanced and more complex. We like to do a good mix, but give preference to basic classes and clinics in order to help newer members advance their skills.

And, remember—classes and clinics are great, but one of the fastest ways to flatten the learning curve is to attend fishouts. Karl Wolff, our Fishmaster, has set up an outstanding lineup of venues. Here is where you can find assistance in casting, angling strategy and techniques, and stream/lake lore. So sign up—early and often.

Invitation to Tahoe-Truckee Fly Fishers Annual Summer BBQ

Vicki Fenner, who has dual citizenship in the Granite Bay Flycasters and Tahoe Truckee Fly Fishers (TTFF), has sent a flier inviting GBF members to the TTFF Annual Summer BBQ on August 8th. Only \$10 if you sign up by July 26th. I attended last year, the food and the company were great. It is held at the regional park in Truckee. Let Vicki, vfenner4@gmail.com, know if you plan on attending.

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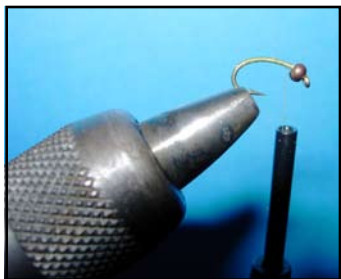
No, the fly's name is not a typo. I named it "Peatridge" because two of the main ingredients are partridge and peacock. The "hotwire" part comes from the type of wire used for the abdomen. I am partial to the soft hackle configuration because it can also serve as a nymph—in effect, a two-for-one fly. The soft, wavy hackle appears to be enticing to fish, especially on the swing when the fly rises up in the water column, making it resemble a swimming nymph on the way to emergence. Of course, all of this is guesswork (albeit somewhat educated), since I've never had the pleasure of interviewing a trout. Let's face it—a good deal of the art of fly tying is more for the pleasure of the angler than anything else. That said, once in awhile we do land on a pattern that really does work. It's at that point that we tyers begin to invent reasons why the fly is effective—there's plenty of pontification out there, for sure. But we really don't know what it is that triggers a trout's instinct—and we'll likely never know.

In any event, this month's pattern is one that does indeed entice trout. Why? Quien sabe, but my guess is that it just looks buggy, and has some motion to it. Not very cerebral, but it's the best I can do. The fly can be tied on any standard nymph hook, but I prefer the "scud" type of hook which allows for a more natural shape to the bug.

MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Tiemco 2457, #14-18
Bead:	Small copper bead to match hook size (e.g. 2mm for #16 and smaller)
Tail:	Partridge, sparsely applied
Thread:	70 denier flat nylon, olive
Abdomen:	Chartreuse wire, extra small
Hackle:	Partridge, tied in soft hackle style
Head:	Fine, small peacock herl

Tying Instructions



Step 1



Step 3

1. Crimp the hook barb and place the bead on the hook. Cover the hook shank with a single, flat layer of thread; extend the thread halfway down the bend of the hook. Move the thread back to behind the eye.
2. Cut a small section of partridge feather barbules; use the feathers that are well marked. Measure the tail fibers so that they protrude from the rear of the hook approximately 1/8". Tie the bunch in just behind the bead. Hold the bunch up above the hook as you work rearward, ending mid-bend. This technique will keep the bunch right on top of the hook. Leave the thread at the rear, and clip the excess feather behind the bead.
3. At the same point, tie in a 4" section of wire and wrap the thread forward to the back of the bead. Make sure that each layer of thread lies flat in order to avoid build-up of thread which results in a bulky body. Wrap the wire forward in tight turns and tie it off about two hook eye's width behind the bead, thus leaving room for the hackle and the head.
4. Cut another bunch of partridge—larger than the tail bunch. Measure it with tips pointing rearward, so that the tips extend to the point of the hook. Place it on the hook just ahead of where the wire was tied off, and tie it in using two loose wraps. Pull the thread tight; that should distribute the hackle evenly around the hook. If it looks too sparse, add another bunch, but don't over-do it. Sparse is good.



Step 2



Step 4

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Step 5 and completed fly

5. Cut two pieces of peacock herl from the eye area of the feather; this part of the feather contains colorful, very small barbules. Tie these two pieces in by their tips and take 3 or 4 wraps. Tie it off and whip finish. Place a tiny drop of superglue on the end of your bodkin, and cement the thread.

Tips:

1. Keep the fly sparse, and avoid a thick body. Mayfly nymphs are very slender.
2. I like to flatten the part of the wire that will be tied in so as to eliminate excessive bulk when building the body. Use flat-nosed pliers for this purpose.
3. Use your bodkin to apply superglue rather than squeezing a drop from the bottle directly onto the fly. Your placement will be much better.
4. I keep a cloth next to my vise for wiping the bodkin clean after each application of superglue to prevent glue buildup on the needle. If you do get buildup, use a lighter to burn the buildup off.

Now, go crank one of these bugs, go fish it, and...

See ya on the creek. As Ryan Miller says, when in doubt.... go fish. I live by that simple philosophy.

Upper Sacramento River Fishout October 8 - 11

Before you know it, this summer heat will be a memory, and it will be October, which means time for the Upper Sac Fishout at Dunsmuir. We have selected the second weekend in the month, and again Bill Carnazzo has graciously agreed to present his popular Short-Line Nymphing Clinic on Saturday morning. This presents an opportunity to learn this technique from the master himself, or if you have experienced it before, perhaps it's time for a refresher. This nymphing technique was perfected on this water by Upper Sac legend and Grand Master, Ted Fay, in the mid 20th century, and when properly applied, is deadly on the large but cautious trout lurking in the depths below the pocket water froth.

October is "prime time" on this Blue Ribbon freestone trout stream with moderate flows and temperatures, and fishing at its best. Trout average 12", but often reach over 20", even in the city park, with some browns encountered. Close proximity to the McCloud, about a 50-60 minute drive from Dunsmuir, is an added bonus. Weather can be variable in October, ranging from warm to light rain, so plan accordingly.

We will have the usual dinner get-togethers at local restaurants for the first three nights for those interested. There is no charge for this fishout, and details and other information will be emailed to all participants. Since there is virtually unlimited river access for miles above and below Dunsmuir, there is no attendance limit. The sign-up sheet will be available at the August and September meetings.

For more information contact me at 916-987-1359 or ejpalmer@pacbell.net.

...Eric Palmer

Fly Tying Contest Winners for July

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Advanced: Ray Ito

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Conservation Corner

Our July meeting had only 3 attendees, but we had a terrific presentation from Bill Templin, representing the Upper American River Foundation.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

We have several new projects coming up the rest of the year.

August 15th – Sugar Pine Reservoir Cleanup We will assist the Upper American River Foundation with a cleanup of area creeks that feed into this reservoir. See the separate article in this month's *Leader* for details.

September 19th – Great Yuba River clean-up. We will assist the South Yuba River Citizen's League with their annual Yuba River cleanup. A separate article will be in next month's leader.

October 18th – Truckee River Day. In conjunction with the Sac-Sierra chapter of Trout Unlimited, we will assist the [Truckee River Watershed Council](#) with the [14th Annual Truckee River Day](#) on Sunday, October 18th. I will have a sign-up sheet for this event beginning with the August general meeting. This will entail various one-day projects on the Truckee River, with a celebration afterwards with food and drinks, booths, and fun activities. There will also be a fish release at 4:00 PM. Children can bring a clean bucket to help release trout into the river.

December 2009 – Annual Salmon Count - This will be in conjunction with Dry Creek Conservancy. More details to come.

Sign-up sheets for all events will be at each general meeting.

The next conservation committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 PM at the Round Table Pizza in **FAIR OAKS** (San Juan & Winding Way). As always, all are welcome to attend.

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Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

For Sale:

Super Fat Cat float tube. Like new, with brand new bladder. Price: \$250.00 (\$150 less than a new one). If interested, call Bill Carnazzo at (530) 367-5209 (home); or (916) 295-9353 (cell); or, send an email to bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net.

For Sale:

Hodgman neoprene chest waders, XL, used twice, in almost new condition, \$35. Contact Karl Wolff at karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net.

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



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New Pit River Flow Regime

by Bill Carnazzo

For those of us who love the gnarly beast known as the Pit River and its burly, brutish Rainbows, the impending changes in the river's flow regime create an odd admixture of trepidation and curiosity. The trepidation stems from the already-sometimes-scary wading amidst large, slippery rocks and tumultuous currents—a recipe for “hat-poppers.” Our curiosity is piqued by the big unknown—where will the “new” good fishing be found since, obviously, many of our now-favorite haunts will become unfishable and just plain dangerous?

There is a prodigious amount of misinformation drifting about on the new flows and their potential effects. The best source for accurate information is Pacific Gas & Electric's new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission permit to operate its Pit 3, 4, and 5 hydropower facilities on the river—if you can stomach reading through such highly technical bureaucratic documents. Or, you could read Andrew Harris' excellent article in the February, 2009 issue of California Fly Fisher Magazine. Much of what follows is a synthesis of Andrew's article.

1. **Where to locate the FERC permit.** See www.ferc.gov for the actual permit language. Click on e-library, then on docket P-233, and finally on P-233-081.
2. **Effective date of new flow regime.** The targeted implementation date for the new flows is July 2, 2010.
3. **Base minimum flow.** Currently the lowest minimum flow in the Pit 3, 4, and 5 reaches is 150 cfs. The new permit changes that to 280 cfs.
4. **New flow regime structure.** We now enjoy flows in the range of 150 to 250 cfs, depending on specific reach and time of year. The revised flows will vary by season and by reach within each season. The seasons, as defined below, are summer, fall, and winter.
 - a. **Summer minimum flows.** Summer is defined as April 21 through August 31.
 - i. **Pit 3:** 280 cfs
 - ii. **Pit 4:** 350 cfs
 - iii. **Pit 5:** 350 cfs
 - b. **Fall minimum lows.** Fall is defined as September 1 through November 30.
 - i. **Pit 3:** 280 cfs
 - ii. **Pit 4:** 350 cfs
 - iii. **Pit 5:** 350 cfs
 - c. **Winter minimum flows.** Winter is defined as December 1 through April 20.
 - i. **Pit 3:** 300-450 cfs
 - ii. **Pit 4:** 375-600 cfs
 - iii. **Pit 5:** 400-550 cfs
5. **Spring “freshet” releases.** Every other March there will be an elevated release, with at least two consecutive days at 1500 cfs. The exact timing and level of these flushing flows will likely depend on many factors, including whether the impoundments are spilling, the extent of the snowpack, precipitation and runoff forecasts, and other variables.
6. **Whitewater flows.** To accommodate the rafting interests, beginning in 2013 there will be two weekend periods—one on August and one in September—when flows will be raised to 1200-1500 cfs, but only on the Pit 5 reach.

There is a lot of speculation out there on what the effects of the revised flows will be on Pit River angling. Nonetheless, it appears that there is general consensus that a river with a reputation for being tough and dangerous to wade will get tougher and more precarious. As to the quality of the fishing at any particular location, and of the fish that we will catch, I for one will wait until the opportunity to parse that out presents itself. It will be a challenge,



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Membership

by Jerry Devlin
V.P. Membership

As of this writing, Granite Bay Flycasters has approximately 245 memberships (individual and family, which means we actually have a lot more people in our club than 245. Anyone wanting a copy of the membership list can obtain it by sending me an email message at wndycty3@aol.com, and I'll send it in a reply. It is in Excel 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.**

Please be sure to welcome new members Mike Baker, Joe Black, Tony Gariano, Karl Kloetzer, Gary Rivera and returning after several years away, Roger Bryan.

Special note to new members: Be sure to participate in our popular club events and features. Here are just a few:

1. **Fishing outings.** Historically we have held several fishouts each month. In addition to these scheduled events, there will be "impromptu" fishouts that occur from time to time. You can find out about these on the club's message board (more on that later).

2. **Member education.** We have a very active member education program. You can learn to tie flies in classes taught by masters of this aspect of our sport. There are also instructional classes and clinics on virtually every facet of fly fishing, including casting, entomology (bugs fish eat), fishing knots, rod and net building, techniques to increase your catch rate—and much more.

3. **Web site.** You will find us at www.gbflycasters.org. This site is a huge repository of information about the club, its activities (past, present, future), and its history. The site also features a message board for members to communicate with others on issues such as fishing locations, tackle-problem solving, and other items. Our monthly newsletter, The Leader, is also published on the site. It contains a huge amount of information, including a featured fly of the month with tying instructions and detailed pictures.

4. **Library.** Granite Bay Flycasters has a large library of fishing books, magazines, and videos available for member checkout. At each club meeting the librarians have these publications available at the rear of the room.

5. **Annual dinner.** This is the club's premiere event, featuring a good dinner, a prominent speaker, and a huge raffle and silent auction. It is the vehicle by which we raise most of the money needed to further our conservation and community education programs. Members attending enjoy camaraderie along with the food, drink, and other pleasures of an entertaining evening.

6. **Conservation.** Our Conservation Committee is very active in supporting, proposing, and conducting conservation activities. It is a very hands-on program for which we have won many awards. You can read all about it on the web site and in the Leader. New members often gravitate to this interesting and rewarding part of our activity agenda.



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Rod Building 202A

Epoxy Preparation and Rod Gluing - Part 1

by Larry Lee

The next two articles will provide guidance on how to prepare epoxy in anticipation of gluing of the reel seat, handle, and winding check onto the blank.

You begin by preparing the rod blanks to accept the handle, reel seat, and winding check (see articles Rod Building 201A through 201D) Once this is complete, the next step is to prepare the epoxy to glue the components to the rod blank.

Tools and Materials Required

First, gather all of the tools and materials that you will need to assemble your rod components together (see photo: Gluing Materials and tools). These include:

- Epoxy: You will typically use an epoxy consisting of 50% hardener and 50% resin, which can be in either liquid or paste form (rod building epoxy or rod bond). You will be mixing these materials together.
- Paper bowls for holding epoxy when mixing
- Sticks to mix epoxy thoroughly
- Acetone for epoxy cleanup
- Plastic cup for acetone
- Old tooth brush for acetone cleanup of excess epoxy
- Paper towels for epoxy cleanup
- Masking tape for rod clamping,
- Vapor mask to prevent inhalation of vapors from epoxy and acetone if doing much gluing
- Rubber gloves to prevent epoxy and acetone skin contact



Now a quick word of caution: Please read the manufacturers label on the epoxy containers! Do the gluing in a well-ventilated area, and/or wear a vapor mask (especially if you are often around epoxy fumes). Also, always use vinyl gloves before and during the mixing and applying of epoxy. In addition, the pot life of the epoxy is also listed on the manufacturer's label. The pot life is dependant upon epoxy type (5 minute, 2 hour, or longer) and the temperature.

First, you will need to dispense the required amount of the two epoxy materials (hardener and resin) into a paper bowl. I usually put two equal sized blobs about the size of a half dollar next to one another. When mixed, this should give you enough epoxy to glue the reel seat, handle and winding check to the blank. You should then thoroughly mix the epoxy for approximately 30 to 60 seconds with the wooden stick (see photo: Mixing Epoxy). If you do not mix it thoroughly or have unequal portions of hardener and resin, the epoxy will not set and become hard. This can cause major issues with the integrity of the final product and the rod would need to be repaired.



After the epoxy is mixed, begin applying the epoxy to the reel seat area around the circumference of the blank with the stick (see photo: Epoxy for Reel Seat). After the epoxy has been applied, install the reel seat in the blank by twisting it in (see photo: Installing Reel Seat To Blank). The twisting allows uniform application of the epoxy around the entire blank.



After the reel seat has been installed, begin applying the epoxy to the handle area around the circumference of the blank (see photo: Epoxy For Cork Handle). Also, if you have an inleted reel seat, apply a small amount of epoxy around the entire top of the inleted part of the reel seat. After the epoxy has been applied, install the wooden handle to the blank by twisting it in (see photo: Installing Handle To Blank). For inleted reel seats, be careful when forcing the cork over the reel seat. If there is too much epoxy within the reel seat and the hooded cork, the excess pressure could cause the hooded cork to split and you will have to replace the cork handle.



The next rod building article will discuss gluing the winding check to the blank, cleanup of epoxy, and clamping the components just installed for drying. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Larry Lee at LLLee@L3rods.com or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.

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