

# The Leader

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## Monthly Program



Bill Carnazzo will be the guest speaker at our July meeting. Bill has been fly fishing for nearly 50 years, and guides on the Upper Sacramento, McCloud, Middle Fork American drainage (including the Rubicon, the North Fork of the Middle Fork, and all other streams and tributaries of this drainage), and North Yuba rivers. His guiding career began approximately 17 years ago when he bought his first home in Dunsmuir. Bill is also a master fly tyer who ties at many fly fishing shows; he also is responsible for the Fly-Tying How-To Center at the ISE show at Cal Expo each January. He was recently awarded the coveted "Ned Long Fly Tyer of the Year" award by the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. He has designed many original fly patterns that are known as "fish catch-

ers," including Bill's Stick Caddis and other October Caddis imitations. Bill also works part time at Kiene's Fly Shop in Sacramento, and teaches fly fishing courses at Sierra Community College and San Mateo Community College. He has authored a number of articles for The Sierra Fisherman, and California Fly Fisher magazine on a variety of topics, the latest of which was on the Middle Fork American drainage. He was a founding member of Granite Bay Flycasters and has been club president twice. When not guiding, Bill teaches fly tying classes for GBF, and clinics on nymphing and pocket water fishing.

For our July meeting, Bill will present a program on fly fishing the Middle Fork of the American River in the Upper American River drainage. He will cover places to fish on the Rubicon River, the Middle Fork above French Meadows Reservoir, Duncan Creek, Long Canyon Creek, the North Fork of the Middle Fork, and other venues. He will also talk about strategies, techniques, rigging, and flies. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about fishing locally for wild trout.

## President's Message

*by Mike Howes*

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A new fiscal year is upon us. The club elections are over. I will remain President for one more year. I am looking forward to another fun and exciting year. I would like to "Thank" the outgoing Board members: Ron English, Karl Wolff, and Bill Carnazzo for their contributions last year, and for their continued involvement in the club. I welcome the new Board members: Dennis Baker, Taylor Yates, and Mel Ode-mar. The new Board will have its first meeting on July 16th. We will be discussing the 2009-2010 budget.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5.	6.	7. Conservation Committee Meeting	8.	9. 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting	10.	11.
12.	13.	14.	15.	16. 7:00 PM Board Meeting	17.	18.
19.	20.	21. Fly Tying Jam	22.	23.	24.	25.
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	

*President's Message- Continued from front page*

Looking back over last year, our club was very active. Just glancing at the website and a few of my notes, we did the following activities:

In education—we completed 36 sessions dealing with educating our members in the various aspects of the “Art of Fly Fishing.”

Member activities—11 fly tying jams, annual dinner, annual picnic, Sagehen, and 12 general meetings, with outside speakers at 6 of the meetings.

Outreach programs—participation in the following: Casting for Recovery, Downstream fly fishing day, salmon eggs in the classroom.

Conservation—2008 Spawning survey, Rubicon clean up, Bear Valley River restoration, and Caples Lake rescue. We will be donating \$6600 to various conservation efforts for our local water sheds, and funding a student fellowship grant of \$2000. WOW what a club...If you were unable to help out last year, plan on doing so this year.

We had a great turn out for the annual picnic. Mike Powers, Dan Lovesee, Dave Thompson, Don Van Sant, and Tony Hamamoto did their usual great job. The competition was fierce, but we all managed to survive. The barbeque by Tony and Don was excellent. An extra “Thanks” to Tony for donating the Tri Tip. I am looking forward to next year’s picnic.

Karl Wolff has volunteered to take on the position of Fish Master. If you want to lead, or have an idea for a fish-out, contact Karl at [Karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net). We are always looking for new lakes and streams to fish.

Jim Holmes will be helping out Ron Hayashi on general meeting programs. We have set every other meeting for an outside speaker. The other meetings will be two membership meetings, and a Christmas pot luck. That gives us three more meetings to come up with something to entertain you. Do you have a presentation you would like to do? It could be an outing, or an educational program. Contact Ron or Jim, [anadromy@surewest.net](mailto:anadromy@surewest.net) or [jwholmesjr@aol.com](mailto:jwholmesjr@aol.com) respectfully.

. . .Life is reel.  
Mike Howes

## Sagehen Creek Entomology and Casting Clinic



June 13, 2009

Twenty GBF members attended our annual entomology and casting clinic at UC-Berkeley Sagehen Creek Field Station near Truckee, CA. The clinic started at 9 AM with Jeff Brown, Sagehen Station Manager, giving us a talk and video about the history of Sagehen and the research projects at Sagehen and the surrounding area. At 10 AM, Terry Eggleston, GBF member, presented on the life cycles of aquatic insects, and showed us Ralph Cutter's "Bugs of the Underworld" DVD. After lunch, we put on our waders and met Terry again to collect bugs from Sagehen Creek. Numerous bugs were collected: large stoneflies, crane flies, aquatic worms, mayflies and caddis. After collecting the bugs, we brought them back to study and identify. Then, we went underground to observe

the creek through the glass wall. We saw how fish react to invertebrates and fly imitations with Rick Radoff casting flies for us to observe. We even saw 'Cujo,' the resident 18" Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. Finally, Rick Radoff gave us some casting instruction.

Everyone had a great time, and learned much about the life cycles of invertebrates. If you get a chance, you should sign up for this experience next year! Sagehen web site: <http://sagehen.ucnrs.org/>

. . .Karl Wolff

## Annual Picnic Recap



Above: Casting Spectators

Below: Carson



The Fuller Lake One-Fly Tournament, The Frank Massey Not-So-Special Olympics, The Great Barbeque and Good Friends, it was fantastic!—even for those of us that got skunked in the tournament. It was great to see new members at the camp-out; it would be a FISH-OUT if I caught a fish.

Thanks to everyone who attended—you all pitched in and helped me make this a great event. Tony donated and prepared tritip steak, an awesome meal. Don was on the chicken, and John was

the carver. Thanks, we take you guys for granted. You all do such a great job every year that I forget what great service you give to the members. Thanks to Dave and Dan for all your help in the prep, planning, and execution of the whole event. A special thanks to Kathy who was the head official of the tournament, and the Grand Puba of the Massey games. Congratulations to Scott who caught the most fish, Dick "who broke my streak" for big fish, and Robin who won most and big fish.

Jack lost his nickname of "Back hand Jack" to Scott; but, "Back Hand Scott" just does not sound right, so let's let Jack keep his nickname. Not to take away from a remarkable cast from the winners, Scott and Bev. For the most creative tie with only 5 minutes to scrounge materials, Bill and Bob won. I can't name everyone that helped, because you all did. But thanks to the people that showed up for all the days, rain or shine. It is great to be able to spend time with you all.

. . .Mike Powers



Back Hand Jack



### Fishmaster's Report

Starting this month, Karl Wolff will be taking over the Fishmaster's duties. I would like to thank everyone who led fishouts during the past year. We still need more fishouts and leaders.

If you would like to lead a fishout, please contact me at [billh07@comcast.net](mailto:billh07@comcast.net) or Karl Wolff at [karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net)

**NOTE:** The Deschutes River dates have changed. The Dates are November 11 -15.  
See you on the water.

. . . Bill Hagopian  
Fishmaster

Date	Location	Fishout Leader	# people
August 27	Burney Falls	Jack Ramos	Unlimited
Oct 8 - 11	Upper Sac	Eric Palmer	Unlimited
November 11 - 15	Deschutes River	Robert Miller	?

### North Yuba Nymphing Clinic a Success

On Saturday, June 20th, approximately 15 GBF members gathered at 7:00 A.M. in Downieville for the annual North Yuba nymphing clinic. We departed for "the meadows" area at 7:30, and began the clinic (amidst mosquitoes, and even rattlesnakes) at around 8:30. It was a gorgeous day, and the river was in great shape. After the clinic, everyone fished in the meadows area—and all participants caught fish after learning the "short-line" system. Most of the fish were fairly small, as is typical of the North Yuba, but no one was complaining. After lunch, most of the participants went to other areas to fish. Thanks to Karl Wolff and Sturmer White for their help in putting on this clinic.

. . . Bill Carnazzo

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## Trip of a Lifetime

We were the winning bidders on a 2-for-1 trip offered by Belize River Lodge that was up for auction at the 2008 GBF dinner. Terry and I flew into Belize on May 23, arriving about 3:00 PM their time. We were guests at Belize River Lodge. Jetlagged, we went to bed early, knowing that we were in for a long day Sunday fishing the flats and mangroves. Let me say here that I go along for the ride. Terry fishes, and here in Belize, it's combat fishing.

Man, did he fish! He super slammed. He used a Sage rod with an Abel reel. He also used an Abel reel on a Loomis rod. The first fish taken was a good-sized 14 pound snook that took a blue and white Lefty's Deceiver. Next, just around the corner in the mangroves, Terry cast to a large pocket, looking for more snook. To his and Raul's surprise, a tarpon grabbed the same fly. After a short battle, he was boated, photographed and released. Next up, Raul said that he knew a spot where bonefish usually hang out. Sure enough, as we rounded the



corner into the lagoon, the bonefish were there. Picking up his 8-weight Sage rigged with a size 6 Bahama Mama, the first of many bonefish on this trip was landed. All of sudden, it dawned on Raul and Terry that they had a grand slam at 10:15 in the morning. Raul asked him what he wanted to do. He could stay and continue what they were doing, and maybe get a permit, or, they could go looking for a permit. Terry decided to go for it. They had seen them the day before, they just weren't hungry.

They went to the flat where they had seen them the day before, and poled for over an hour with no luck. So, they decided it was time for lunch. Afterwards, Raul said that he knew of a place where sometimes

the permit hung out, and that is where they went. They arrived at the new flat and started poling. A half-hour into the hunt, Raul spotted one lone permit, heading their way, moving fast. Raul turned the boat so he could make the cast; the permit's head went down and picked up the fly. Permit on! Gently, Terry played him, and after about 10 minutes the permit was in the boat. A lot of yelling, congratulating, photographing and a couple of Belikins (Belizean beer) were what came next. The Inshore super grand slam was accomplished by 2:15. It was Terry's first super slam ever. The rest of the day was great, with a few tarpons and a couple of bones.



Well, I know you want to hear about super slam two. I dived in the Blue Hole while Terry got his second super slam. Once again, with a Sage rod and an Abel reel, or the Abel reel on the Loomis rod, Terry brought them in. The young tarpon was 15 pounds. The bonefish was small at 3 pounds, but a lot of fight is in these little guys. The snook was 6 pounds. The big story with this super grand slam is the permit. The big guy was 20+ pounds! What a great way to end a vacation.

... Sara Eggleston



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## Classes and Clinics

by Bill Carnazzo

Member Education Chairperson

### Clinics and Classes Held in June

**June 13-14th—Entomology clinic at Sagehen research station.** This was an excellent opportunity to learn about aquatic insects and other species that are important to trout fly fishers. Robin Egan and John Carroz headed up this event. There will be a separate article on Sagehen in the Leader, either this month or next.

**June 20th—North Yuba nymphing clinic.** This annual event was held on the North Yuba River above Downieville. This very popular clinic was attended by 15 GBF members. Bill Carnazzo, with the able assistance of Karl Wolff, taught participants how to catch trout using the technique known as "short line nymphing." Some members elected to stay at Loganville campground. It was a gorgeous day for catching wily, wild trout, and learning new techniques and places to fish.

### 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.

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## Fly Tyers Corner

*by Bill Carnazzo*

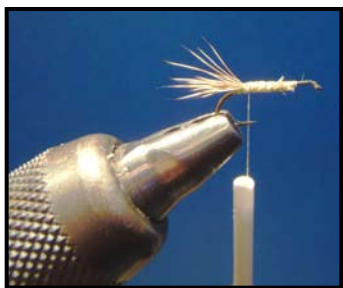
### Shambles Caddis

This pattern is a variation of an old standard, the Elk Hair Caddis. It's quite simple and can be modified easily in size and color to suit your needs. I call it the "shambles" caddis because after a few fish it looks like a shaggy mess. Who cares? It just keeps on producing fish. All you have to do is wash off the fish slime, squeeze the water out of it, powder it up, and return it to service. It floats like a cork and trout won't leave it alone. My favorite body color is a creamy yellow, but I also carry them in olive, tan, and black.

#### MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Any standard dry fly hook, sizes 12-18. I like the Tiemco 900BL
Tail:	Short, fine deer hair
Thread:	Creamy yellow 8/0 (or other color to match abdomen)
Abdomen:	Fine creamy yellow dubbing
Hackle:	High quality tan or dun dry fly neck hackle
Wing:	Tan deer hair

### Tying Instructions



*Steps 1 & 2*



*Step 5*

1. Crimp the hook barb and cover the hook shank with a layer of thread.
2. Tie in a sparse tail of fine deer hair; wrap the butts of the hair down tightly. I don't stack the hair. The tail should be approximately 2/3 of the shank in length.
3. At the same tie-in point, tie in a small tan or dun rooster neck hackle; the barbules should be no longer than the gape of the hook.
4. Dub a thin body with fine creamy yellow dubbing. The dubbing should cover the rear 2/3 of the hook.
5. Wrap the hackle forward, using 5 or 6 turns; tie it off at the front end of the dubbing.
6. Cut a bunch of deer hair from the hide and clean out the underfur. The bunch should be approximately half the diameter of a pencil. Measure it so that it will reach the back of the hook bend. Clip the butts evenly and tie the hair in firmly just ahead of the abdomen. Leave a small tuft of the butts (just like the Elk Hair Caddis). Whip finish in front of the butts. Turn the fly over and place a small drop of super glue on the underside, where the hair wing was tied in.



*Steps 3 & 4*



*Step 6 and finished fly*

### Tips:

1. As mentioned above, I don't stack the hair for the tail or the wing. I prefer the slightly irregular profile of the hair wing, as it seems to look more natural.
2. Select short, fine hair for the tail, and longer, slightly coarser hair for the wing. The wing should flare to some extent, but not too much.

Now go tie one and then go fish it, and...

See ya on the creek.

## Conservation Corner

Our June meeting had only 3 attendees, but it was very informative with Kevin Mather and Dan Brosier of Sac-Sierra TU in attendance. Kevin gave a great presentation on the Caples Creek-Meiss Meadows Wilderness Campaign. Information on this will be posted on our web page soon.

I have changed the venue of our meetings to the Round Table Pizza in FAIR OAKS. All future meetings, beginning in July, will be at 4400 San Juan Avenue (San Juan at Winding Way). Time remains the same, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Sac-Sierra TU has 3 projects this year that we will be invited to help with. Two are Fuels Monitoring Projects baseline stream data gathering. The Chapter will provide trained volunteers to conduct in-stream water quality testing on USFS projects in the El Dorado National Forest. The 2 dates for these will be advised after their people have been to the training later in June/July. Expect these in July/August. I hope to have sign-up sheets at the meetings.

The 3rd is to 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 probably 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.

### **BEAR RIVER RESTORATION UPDATE:**

While at the annual picnic, Art Savery was kind enough to drive me over to our Bear River Restoration Project to check out how our repair job held up this past winter. No 4x4, so we could only drive about 1/3 of the way across the meadow. Everything looks great, and I will post updated photos on our web page as soon as they become available! Thanks again to everyone who helped with this project last August!

### **STATUS REPORT on current legislation**

**AB1253 was heard in Senate Appropriations committee May 28, 2009. Passed as amended.** More details at: [http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill\\_number=ab\\_1253&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen](http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_1253&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen)

**AB1365, introduced 2/27/09, amended in assembly 4/13/09: Located in Water, Parks & Wildlife Assembly, further hearing still to be set (as of 6/11/09).** More details at: [http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill\\_number=ab\\_1365&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen](http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_1365&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen)

**SB12, introduced 12/01/08. amended in senate 6/02/09: Passed as amended.** More details at: [http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill\\_number=sb\\_12&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen](http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_12&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen)

**AB49, introduced 12/01/08 by Assemblymembers Feuer and Huffman: to be heard June 23rd.**

1. This bill would require the state to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use in California by December 31, 2020.

More details at: <http://www.calsport.org/ab49factsheet.pdf>

The next conservation committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7th at 7:00 PM at the Round Table Pizza in **FAIR OAKS** (San Juan & Winding Way). **Bill Templin will be in attendance, to share with us some projects that UARF has going that we may be able to participate in this year.** As always, all are welcome to attend.

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## Fly Tying Contest Winners for June

Beginners: Mel Odemar  
Advanced: Jim Holmes  
Advanced: \$25 Certificate to American Fly Fishing: Jim Holmes



## Hat Creek Fishout Report

"Hot Creek, 2009 or The Wind Tunnel"

The first weekend in May the following club members joined the trek to Hot Creek: Ron & Jeanne English; Isaac English and his friend, Kristy; Bill & Bev Hagopian; Jack Ramos; Karl Wolff; Dave & Margit Williams; Guy Delaney & daughter Caitlen.

The overall theme this year was wind and more wind, with the week ending in wind gusts that broke Isaac's tent poles. Our Saturday night potluck dinner was a great success. The burgers were from Isaac's homegrown steer. Oh yes, we also did some fishing!

Everyone caught fish in Hot Creek. Back Cast Jack refused to fish in what he calls the "Idiot Hole," and I call the "Warm-up hole."

Some also fished the Owens River at Big Springs where a few fish were caught.

One sidebar of the trip was when Jack invented a new dance step, and in the process spilled wine on Karl's laptop. It doesn't pay to try and work on a fishing trip! Hope you got it running again Karl.

The fishing was good, but you should have been there last year!

. . . Ron & Jeanne English

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## Membership

*by Bill Carnazzo  
V.P. Membership*

**Please note: Effective July 1, 2009, you will have a new Membership V.P.---Jerry Devlin.**

Jerry has been on the board this past year, and is familiar with the duties of the membership chairperson. I will pass the torch to him in the coming weeks.

As of this writing, Granite Bay Flycasters has approximately 240 memberships (individual and family, which means we actually have a lot more people in our club than 240). Anyone wanting a copy of the membership list can obtain it by sending me an email message at [bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net](mailto:bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net), 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 returning members Lonnie Hood and Tom Neher.**

**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](http://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 check-out. 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 201D

### Preparing the Rod Blank for Gluing

by Larry Lee

The purpose of this article is to provide guidance for preparing the rod blank for gluing the reel seat onto the blank prior to gluing the handle, reel seat, and winding check to the blank.

Rod blanks must be prepared to accept the handle, reel seat, and winding check. Part of the preparation of the rod blank is to locate the spine (or spline) on the blank. Locating the spine was previously discussed in an article entitled "Blank Alignment for Reel Seat and Guides." That article compared the process of finding and utilizing the spine to purchasing new tires for your car. When the tires are put on the car, they must be balanced correctly for optimum performance and wear. With fly rods, for optimum rod performance, the reel seat and guides must be fit to the proper side or parallel axis of each blank segment. If the reel seat and the rod guides are placed at random on the blank rather than the spine, the rod will not work as well when casting and playing fish. For more information regarding this subject, you can consult the aforementioned article, join a GBF rod building class, or contact Larry Lee ([LLL@L3rods.com](mailto:LLL@L3rods.com)). Once the spine is located and marked, the rod builder can prepare the rest of the blank for accepting the reel seat and handle.

The first step is to make sure the rod blank is clean of any debris or oil. To accomplish this, clean the blank as necessary with acetone or rubbing alcohol. **A word of caution:** Be careful cleaning some blanks with acetone as the paint may come off! If this happens, alcohol works just as well for cleaning the blank.

Next, mount the reel seat and the handle on the blank. Mark the upper part of the blank at the handle with a white marking pencil (see photo: 'Marking for Roughing'). Now remove the reel seat and handle from the blank and wrap the blank with masking tape approximately 1/4" below the white mark. Take a piece of sand paper or a round file and "rough up" the blank slightly all the way around from the masking tape to the butt of the blank (see photo: 'Roughing Blank'). Be careful not to rough the blank too much because you can damage the blank. The "roughing up" process allows a good epoxy bond between the blank and the cork handle and reel seat.



When this process is complete, remove the tape at the top of the roughed section and place the reel seat back onto the blank. Mark the upper end of the reel seat's location with a white pencil (see photo "Marking Reel Seat"). Then



remove the reel seat and place concentric rings of masking tape on the blank up to the white mark you just made. Gaps of up to 1/4" can be left between the masking tape rings. The photo 'Wrapping Blank for Reel Seat' shows installation of the reel seat over the masking tape rings.

The last step is shown in the photo named 'Assembled Prior to Gluing.' The photo shows the winding check, cork handle and reel seat placed onto the blank for the last check before applying the epoxy.

The next rod building article will discuss the epoxy process of the winding check, cork handle and reel seat to the blank. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Larry Lee at [LLL@L3rods.com](mailto:LLL@L3rods.com) or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.

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