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## Monthly Program



A retired chiropractor and avid fly-fisher, Dr. Mark Rockwell is currently the President of Gold Country Flyfishers, has been the VP of Conservation for NCCFFF for the last five years, and joined the Endangered Species Coalition (ESC) in December 2005. The ESC hired him as the California State organizer against a bill in 2005, which the House of Representatives passed, that would have significantly weakened the Endangered Species Act. Dr. Rockwell worked with over 40 statewide groups and organizations to message to our state and federal legislators that the Endangered Species Act works well, and that citizens of California are very supportive of the law and protections of endangered species, and the special places they need to survive. It is important to note that this message resonated nationally, and, by the end of the 109th Congress, the legislation stalled in

the Senate. It remains our Nation's most favored environmental law, supported by over 80% of the population.

Dr. Rockwell continues to work on California Fishery issues with the NCCFFF, and on local and national endangered species protections. In regard to NCCFFF, Dr. Rockwell also works with all the major fishery groups in Central and Northern California. He is deeply engaged in work on the Klamath River restoration, and the Bay-Delta and California water issues. We are in a most challenging time relative to water and fish.

As our speaker this month, Dr. Rockwell will update us on current events happening in Northern California's fisheries, and water conservation issues.

## President's Message

*by Mike Howes*

The end of our Fiscal year is fast approaching. The Board has done an excellent job in cutting cost. We will have a balanced budget in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Thanks to all the members and sponsors contributions for making our year

successful. Looking forward to a fun and learning 2009-2010.

Don't forget our annual picnic. It is an event designed to thank you for being a member. The event is free, other than bringing a side dish for the barbeque. The picnic is scheduled for June 4-7th.

Saturday, the 6th, is the day of the "One Fly" contest, and fun family/fly fishing related games. We will have a barbeque on Saturday also. So, if you are a camper, come early to fish Fuller Lake Thursday and Friday. If you are not a camper, come up to the camp grounds at Fuller Lake on Saturday, and join in the games and barbeque. Fuller Lake is only 1 1/2 hours from Sacramento. The "One



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1.	2. Conservation Committee Meeting	3.	4.	5.	6.
				Annual Picnic		
7. Annual Picnic	8.	9.	10.	11. 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting	12.	13.
14.	15.	16. Fly Tying Jam	17.	18. 7:00 PM Board Meeting	19.	20.
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26. Virginia Lakes Fishout	27.
28. Virginia Lakes Fishout	29.	30.				

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Fly" contest doesn't start until 9:00 AM, but try to get there by 8:00 AM to get all the "Hi's out of the way before the launch of the One-Fly contest. Mark your calendar(s) for the June 4-7th annual picnic.

Our election for the Board of Officers and Directors of the club will be at the June general meeting. There are four positions that will be vacated, and every position is opened for nomination. The positions vacating this year are Two Directors, Secretary, and Director at large. Being on the Board is a great way to see how the club is operated, and also have a say in it. The Board meets the third Thursday of each month at the club house. If you are interested in joining the Board, contact Frank Stolten at [Fstolten@comcast.net](mailto:Fstolten@comcast.net).

**Volunteer.** I have heard various excuses why some members will not volunteer, e.g. I don't know enough about fly fishing; I don't have the time, and I don't know anybody. Well, the way I look at it is this—one way to learn is to volunteer—one way to meet new fly fishing friends is to volunteer—and as far as enough time, you will find that the satisfaction of helping out, out-weighs the 2-3 hours you will put in. I have learned a lot, I have met and have made many friends, and now I actually dedicate several hours to the club. The club is made up of a bunch of grumpy old and brilliant young fly fisher persons. We all have the same desire to better our skills and to have fun at it. Don't hesitate to volunteer. There will always be someone there to help you, if you need it.

. . . Life is reel.  
Mike Howes

### Fly Tying Contest Winners for May

**Beginners:** Rich Leonetti

**Advanced:** Ray Ito

**Advanced:** \$25 Certificate to American Fly Fishing: Jim Holmes

### Annual Elections Announcement

The annual election of officers and directors takes place at the June general meeting. Below is a list of the positions to be voted on, and the members who have been nominated.

President	Mike Howes
Vice President, Membership	Jerry Devlin
Vice President, Conservation	Robin Egan
Secretary	Mel Odemar
Treasurer	John Hogg
Directors 3 year term	Dennis Baker & Tom Pettey
Director-at-Large, 1 year term	Taylor Yates

### Bridgeport Fishout Report

13 folks from Granite Bay braved the uncertainty of a campground, the weather and the long drive up to Bridgeport. For those of you who have not been to the Twin Lakes area, you do not know what you are missing. The area is just spectacular, with high mountains, meandering rivers and creeks.

After a confusing start for the Bridgeport Fishout, the fishout turned out GREAT! We found a nice campsite at Matterhorn campgrounds, and with the help of Mike Howes and the website, we got the word out to everyone! The weather was absolutely wonderful, Highs in the mid 80's and lows in the high 40's. This year we had several people fish the East Walker River, a couple fished Robinson Creek, and one who fished the Sceirine Ranch (which has 2 1/2 miles of the East Walker River running through it, and is located in Nevada about 11 miles north of Bridgeport). In addition, he fished the Hunewill Ranch (Hunewill Pond, is a 4 acre pond located about 4 miles southwest of Bridgeport on the way to Twin Lakes.)

As usual most of us fished Upper Twin Lake where the fishing was slow. Not the usual 10 to 15 fish, but 2 to 3 fish. The lakes were high with the huge run off from the Sawtooth Ridge area. The East Walker fished the best. Bev and I fished the Walker on Thursday, and landed 3 browns each in 3 hours. On the weekend several members fished the Walker and did well, 6 to 10 fish in spite of the crowds that were on the river. The flows on the Walker were in the 150 cfs range, which is just a little above ideal. Robinson Creek did not fish well due to the higher than normal flow of 40 to 50 cfs. The Twin Lakes were very full due to the high temperatures for the last week. Everyone who fished Upper Twin Lake caught fish, but not in the size and quantity of previous years. I am not sure what the problem was, but there was a lack of insects at the campsite, and not much of a hatch on the lake.



Twin Lakes

Save the weekend after Mother's Day 2010 for the next Bridgeport Fishout.

. . .Bill and Bev Hagopian

### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

To place a classified ad, you must be a member in good standing of the Granite Bay Flycasters. Classified ads will run for only one issue of *The Leader*, unless the seller requests it to run longer. Submit your listing to: [fstolten@comcast.net](mailto:fstolten@comcast.net) with subject line: 'GBF: Classified'. Or mail your info to: Frank Stolten, 8290 Country Lake Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662. All ads must arrive by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

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### Fishmaster's Report

The weather has gotten warmer, and the fishing outings are slowing down. We are looking for people to lead fish outs in July, August and September.

Late summer several fishouts are planned for the Northern part of the state at Burney Falls and the Upper Sac.

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

See you on the water.

. . . Bill Hagopian  
Fishmaster

Date	Location	Fishout Leader	# people
June 6	One Fly Contest (Fuller Lake)	Michael Powers	Unlimited
June 26 - 29	Virginia Lakes	Mike Kaul	Unlimited
August 27	Burney Falls	Jack Ramos	Unlimited
Oct 8 - 11	Upper Sac	Eric Palmer	Unlimited
November 7 - 11	Deschutes River	Robert Miller	?

### Downstream Fly Fishing Day



Nine GBF members: John Peterson, Joe and Joey Tax, Dick Davis, John Carroz, John Pellegrin, Joe Bania, Dan Wallgora, and myself participated in the Downstream fly fishing day. This is a day set aside for kids and adults with down syndrome to experience the joy of fly fishing. Ryan Miller organized the event at a ranch northeast of Marysville. He had four stations set up



for the kids to visit: Fly tying, casting, fishing, fish art. The excitement on the kids' faces was priceless. Everyone had fun, kids and instructors. The day was very rewarding for me. I look forward to doing it again next year.

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## GBF Annual Picnic and One-Fly Tournament

### June 4th - 7th - Fuller Lake

This year our annual picnic will be better than ever. Every year we learn and improve. If you have ideas for fly fishing picnic games share them with us by contacting Dave Thompson, [digitii@yahoo.com](mailto:digitii@yahoo.com), 916-363-4452, or Dan Lovesee, [Dan.lovesee@honeywell.com](mailto:Dan.lovesee@honeywell.com), 916-663-1127.

**Thursday, June 4th** - Arrive any time after 2 pm, set-up camp, open a soda, and kick back. Or go fish!

**Friday, June 5th** - Go Fish!

**Saturday, June 6th** -

9:00 AM - Start the One-Fly Tournament on Fuller Lake.

12:00 noon the tournament ends.

This is a chance to put your skills in a friendly competition for bragging rights and some great prizes. In categories of most fish, largest fish, smallest fish, first to loose their fly, etc.

After the tournament ends, the barbeques will be fired up. While chef Tony Hamamoto and the assistant chefs are busy cooking we'll hold the 5th annual "Frank Massey Memorial Not-So-Special Olympics." This is open to all. It's like picnic games combined with fly fishing skills. Thank you Dave and Dan for your willingness to plan fun games for everyone!

**Dinner** will begin at 6:00 PM. After dinner the Awards ceremony for the One-Fly tournament and the Massey games will be held. At dark we will start the bon-fire and roast marshmallows.

**Sunday June 7th:** pack up and Go Fish!

**WHERE:** Bear Valley PG&E Group Campground

**DIRECTIONS:** From Roseville take I-80 east to the Highway 20 "Grass Valley exit". Go about 5 miles north to Bowman lake Road. This is the road to Fuller Lake. Go approximately 1/3rd of a mile on Bowman Lake Road to the campground. The Campground is on the left before you cross Bear River.

### THE DETAILS:

1. Bring your family
2. Have a great time
3. GBF will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas thanks to Grillmeister Tony and all the volunteers on Saturday eve. **In the spirit of a potluck event we are requesting members to bring a dish to share per the chart below:**

A-H	Salad
I-R	Appetizer
S-Z	Dessert

Campsites are first-come/first-served. We have limited space at the main campground for RVs, but plenty of space within walking distance just outside the campground. We will have signup sheets at the April and May meetings or you can email me with your name & headcount. All are welcome; but we need to know how much food to buy and who is participating in the 1-Fly Tournament.

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## Classes and Clinics

*by Bill Carnazzo*  
*Member Education Chairperson*

### **Clinics and classes held in May**

**May 19th**—Al Smatsky held a clinic on shad fishing. The American River at upper Goethe Park was the site chosen for the clinic. Al has presented these clinics for GBF in the past with highly complimentary feedback from the members. Everyone had a good time. We will likely do this one again next year.

### **Upcoming classes and clinics**

**June 13-14th**—Entomology clinic at Sagehen research station. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about aquatic insects and other species that are important to trout fly fishers. Robin Egan is heading this clinic up.

**June 20th**—North Yuba nymphing clinic. This annual event is held on the North Yuba River above Downieville. With a limit of 20 members, it will be necessary to hold a lottery because the class is very popular. Bill Carnazzo will teach participants how to catch trout using the technique known as “short line nymphing.”

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 Furled 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-furled-flies-books.pdf>

Members should always feel free to suggest classes and clinics that would be of benefit to the membership.

## Conservation Corner

May’s committee was canceled due to a scheduling conflict that came up. I apologize again for those who did not receive my e-mail message regarding this cancellation. Committee members, please remember to check your e-mail for updates regarding our conservation meetings and activities. This is my preferred method of communication. If you do not have access to e-mail, please let me know, so I know to call you for any urgent issues.

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

**AB1253 was heard in committee April 28, 2009.** This bill passed and now asks for an independent scientific panel to review studies on the “effects of predation on species listed as threatened or endangered under the state or federal endangered species acts, and to determine whether predator species are adversely affecting, at a population level, native salmonids or other indigenous pelagic species in the Delta.” The bill states the panel shall also include “a review of existing studies on fish salvage methods and other mitigation protocols at state and federal pumping facilities and recommendations for changes in methodologies to improve survival.” (*from CSPA article: <http://www.calsport.org/5-7-09.htm>*).

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 to be set.**

1. This bill would make an unspecified appropriation from an unspecified source to the department for the purposes of acquiring land or other property interests in certain properties in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and to initiate and implement improvements on those properties for the purposes of flood control, habitat enhancement, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, recreation, and other visions for a sustainable Delta.
2. The bill would require the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Fish and Game, in consultation with the State Air Resources Control Board, to prepare and submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report on the proposed implementation of the bill.
3. The bill would prohibit the moneys appropriated in the bill from being expended until the report is submitted.

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)

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## Fly Tyers Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

### Hickey's Automatic Emerger

This fly was featured in a recent issue of the *Orvis News*, an excellent publication put out by the Orvis Company. I normally don't feature, in this column, flies found in magazines or other news publications. I will make an exception where a fly makes sense, has unique features, and is practical—i.e., it looks fishy and is easy to tie. I don't know the fly's creator, Jim Hickey—but I have fished his fly, and found it to be a worthwhile addition to fly boxes. According to Hickey, it imitates a BWO as well as a PMD, with the only variant being the dubbing colors. Let's go with the BWO configuration.

#### MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Tiemco 2457 (scud hook) #14-22
Tail:	Pheasant tail fibers
Bead:	Gold bead, sized to match hook
Thread:	Olive 8/0
Abdomen:	Olive crystal flash
Thorax:	Olive antron dubbing
Wing pad:	Olive crystal flash
Emerging wing:	Dark dun CDC puff

#### Tying Instructions



Steps 1 & 2

1. Crimp the hook barb and place the bead on the hook.
2. Cover the hook shank with a layer of thread, working from the back of the bead to the hook bend. The thread should just short of halfway down the bend.



Step 3



Steps 4 & 5

3. Tie in a tail of approximately 6 pheasant tail fibers at the point where the thread ends.
4. At the same tie-in point, tie in two strands of olive crystal flash and move the thread forward to the back of the bead.
5. Twist the olive crystal flash strands together, and wrap them up the shank to the 1/3 spot on the shank behind the bead. Tie the crystal flash off at that point but don't cut it off.



Step 5a



Step 6

5. a. Instead, double it over and then tie it back over the abdomen, leaving the thread at the 1/3 point.
6. Dub the thorax; it should be fuzzy but not overly large.
7. Take a small dark dun CDC puff and tie it in by its stem, with the tip of the feather pointing rearward, just behind the eye. [See sidebar picture of CDC Puff]



Step 7

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Step 7 (sidebar CDC Puff)

8. Bring the crystal flash forward and tie it off at the same point. The "wings" should now be sticking out to the sides of the fly. Whip finish.

**Tips:**

1. If the CDC sticks out too far from the hook once it's tied off, use your scissors to trim it to shape.
2. When making the crystal flash body, apply the winds evenly and smoothly.



Step 8 finished fly

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

See ya on the creek.

**Virginia Lakes Fishout  
June 26th - 29th**

Once again GBF is headed over the Sierras to beautiful Virginia Lakes. Located off Highway 395 and not too far from the town of Bridgeport, these small natural lakes are true Sierra Gems. Several high granite peaks tower over these pristine lakes. Both Virginia Lakes and Trumbull Lake are accessible by vehicle (elevation 9700'), but if you want a treat, take a short hike up the trail to a walk-in lake that contains Golden Trout.

Michael Kaul, a long time Granite Bay member, is leading this trip. The fishing is usually excellent all day long (mostly on subsurface flies) with 20-fish mornings common. A short hike up the trail brings you to a couple of lakes filled with Brookies that readily take dry flies. Mike has fished the Eastern Sierras for years, and if you have an interest in learning about the area's fishing opportunities, Mike is the man to talk with. This fish out is perfect for beginning anglers (there will be lots of folks there willing to help you and extra equipment can be arranged for), and experienced flyfishers alike who love beautiful scenery and fantastic fishing. A short drive from the campground will bring you to many fly-fishing venues like the East Walker, Green Creek, Twin Lakes, Robinson Creek, Mammoth Lakes, Bodie, and Bridgeport Reservoir, to name a few.

The area boasts a nice campground at Trumbull Lake. Space can be limited, and larger RV's may need to camp in an area just down the road. If you do plan on going, please call Mike at (530) 677-8022 so he can get an idea of how many campsites he needs to secure. More information will be available at the June meeting.

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6:00 to 8:00 PM**

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**SB12, introduced 12/01/08. amended in senate 5/05/09: Located in the Senate Appropriations Committee, to be heard 5/18/09.**

1. The bill would authorize the council to **impose a per-acre-foot fee on water diversions within the Delta watershed and a fee on any water conveyed through or around the Delta.**

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)

The next conservation committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00 PM at the Round Table Pizza in Granite Bay (Douglas Blvd at Auburn Folsom Rd). **Kevin Mather and Dan Brosier, president and VP of Sac-Sierra TU respectively, will be in attendance to share with us some hands-on projects we may be able to participate in with them.** As always, all are welcome to attend.

...Robin, (916) 396-0030  
Tggr514@yahoo.com

### Casting for Recovery, Clearwater Lodge August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>



**Granite Bay Flycasters** will be participating in CFR retreats again this year as River Helpers. There will be two retreats this year: Both are at the Clearwater Lodge. Both are in the heart of Northern California's premier fly fishing country.

**We need River Helpers for these two retreats.** The earlier you sign up, the easier it is for the staff to move on to other issues for holding this retreat. You pretty much have to come up the night before to be ready to start at 8:00AM each Sunday morning to help the ladies with their fly-fishing. Accommodations are available at the two Lodge or in nearby towns. This is quite a day and very rewarding for the ladies as well as for each individual that helps out.

I some years we have had several folks volunteer and then at the last minute not make it. Our only requirement is that if you sign up, please keep your promise. These ladies are depending on us to be there to help them. We are in a very remote area and can't get any replacements at the last minute. We try to make it one-on-one if possible. We may also fish at a nearby lake if the river conditions warrant.

Unfortunately, we can't pay you to do this, so it can cost you gas, time and lodging, but it is really worth it. Remember the fly-fishing in this area can be extraordinary, so come up early and go fishing. It is quite a fishery. GBF had a great turnout of volunteers last year and everyone had a terrific time.

#### **Requirements:**

- **You have to be at least an Intermediate skill level Fly Fisherman.**
- **You have to sign the river helper form from CFR.**
- **You need to bring only yourself and your normal fly-fishing gear.**
- **You have to be ready to go fly-fishing at the Lodge at 8:00 AM Sunday.**
- **If you have an extra wading staff, please bring it along to help out with your lady's wading experience.**
- **You are invited after the fishing to enjoy a nice lunch at the lodge with the ladies.**

***Please know that they will think the world of you after the fishing and want to continue with questions about fly-fishing and about you.***

As soon as you decide to do either or both of these events, please call or email me so I can send you all the information. It is our goal to have 12 river helpers there, so please call me ASAP. Thanks!

Rick Radoff, Past President

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## Membership

*by Bill Carnazzo  
V.P. Membership*

As of this writing, Granite Bay Flycasters has approximately 235 memberships (individual and family, which means we actually have a lot more people in our club than 235). 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 our newest member: Robert Finn.**

**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 201C

### Preparing and Gluing a Reel Seat Together Using Epoxy

by Larry Lee

The purpose of this article is to provide guidance for gluing reel seat components together for assembly on the blank. The reel seat is important because when casting a fly, it holds the line to the rod.

#### Reel Seat Preparation:

Reel seats come in several styles, colors, and shapes. The reel can hold various types of line such as floating, sinking, sink-tip, shooting-heads and others, depending on the fish you are attempting to catch.



Photo 1 shows four different unassembled (also called a skeleton) reel seats that are manufactured by Batson Enterprises. Notice that Seats (A), (B), and (D) all have different types of wood and graphite inserts that must be glued to the reel seat threaded barrel. Reel seat (C) has no detachable insert and the threaded barrel is located below the insert area. Also in the photo (located on the left side of the photo between reel seats (C) and (D)), there is a fighting butt assembly that can be glued into the reel seat, instead of an end cap. Fighting butts are typically used on rods 7 wt. and larger. Also shown in Photo 1, reel seats (A) and (B), there is a single locking ring that provides the pressure against the rear sliding hood of the reel seat. On the larger reel seats ((C) and (D)), there are two locking nuts to hold the rear sliding hood against the rear sliding hood.

Prior to mounting the reel seat to the blank, the rod builder must glue the unassembled reel seats components together. The reel seat pieces must be in the correct position and facing the proper directions before the epoxy glue is applied. The next step is to prepare the epoxy for application. Both Flex Coat and Trondak have great epoxy for gluing reel seats and handles. In addition, Flex Coat and Trondak have 5-minute curing epoxy that works very well for reel seat assembly. This allows the rod builder to glue and cure the reel seat quickly, which consequently allows the rod builder to be able to move onto the next step of rod construction (mounting the reel seat onto the blank) sooner rather than later.

When the glue is properly mixed (see directions for mixing on the epoxy label) and ready for application, apply the glue between the threaded barrel and insert, between the end-cap (or fighting butt insert) and barrel, and finally between the insert and the upper fixed hood. As you glue the parts together, continuously clean any excess epoxy from the threads of the barrel and from the insert and the upper fixed hood. When applying the glue, it is important to avoid getting glue on the threaded barrel, which can prevent the locking nuts from turning freely. Also be careful to prevent the epoxy from filling in the hole for the upper hood, so that reel seat can be inserted properly. Acetone, paper towels, and a toothbrush work really well in keeping the unwanted epoxy away from critical areas. There is no particular order in which the pieces must be glued, so whatever feels the most practical to you.

Another word of caution: all very quick drying super glues do not stand up to impact, so I would recommend not using it. If you have the time, slower curing epoxy glue (which will take about 2 to 8 hours to cure) is the most dependable and will work the best to keep the reel seat assembled. Also, make sure you work with the epoxy in a well ventilated area. Rubber or vinyl gloves and a face-mask that filter fumes originating from the epoxy is highly recommended.

Photo 2 shows what the assembled reel seats will look like when the reel seat components are properly glued together.

The next rod building article will provide guidance for preparing the rod blank for gluing the reel seat onto the blank, then gluing the handle, reel seat, and winding check to the blank. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Larry Lee at [LLLee@L3rods.com](mailto:LLLee@L3rods.com) or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.



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