

The Tailingloop Newsletter

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Presidents Message

By Larry Goodell

The year end is near, we need to start thinking about next year. **We will need new officers (Our current officers are not running for reelection).** This means we will need a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasure. I will move to the Past President. If no one steps up and takes these positions the Club will have no leadership and we will have to disband. Our present officers have been there since the start. We also need to set up a Fishout schedule for next year, we need your input, where would you like to fish, let us know.

Our past fishouts, July's was at Fuller and Rucker Lakes. I was the only one to campout Friday night at Rucker and fished that lake in the afternoon (I ended up with 20 + largemouth bass and a couple of sunfish). But Saturday we had a great group that fished Fuller Lake and had a wonderful BBQ lunch. Although not many fish were caught Saturday, it seemed all had a very good time. Our August fishout was to the Feather River, we only had three show up, (Don Steffa, Jim Lloyd and Larry Goodell), Don Steffa had two hookups but could not land the Salmon.

We will be hearing from Grant Fraser on local waters and from a few exotic places he has been at the Sept. meeting.

Then in Oct. we will have an intro to casting. Even the old-timers can relearn something's they may have forgotten over the years, or have forgotten do to a senior moment, (I will fall into the latter). Then in Nov. a must be there, we have a returning speaker, Ken Hanley who will be instructing us on the use of Damsels and Dragons. And in Dec. we are looking at a Holiday Potluck and Club night and elections.

With our new website we are going to put the newsletter online. Our newsletter will change slightly since some of the info will be placed in other sections of the website, so be looking for the announcement of the new site up and running. Since the fishout to Eagle Lake will be before the Sept. meeting those interested please contact a board member, phone numbers below.

Board Members

President: Larry Goodell 530/268-8160

Vice President: Don Seffa 530/272-3518

Treasure: Bob Dillman 530/885-9856

Secretary: Bryan Woodhouse 916/425-9219

Past President: Dave Flood

Auburn Flycasters Meeting:

- **Monthly Meeting:** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm Bowman CDF Training Center.
- **Officers Meeting:** 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at Denny's off Hwy 80 at Foresthill.

- **Fly Tying:** TBA
- **Rod Building:** Starting at the general meeting with info, First Class Sept. 20th. Information at our Sept. general meeting.

Fishouts

Sept. 9-10: Eagle Lake - Trout

Oct. 7-8: Heenan Lake - Cutthroat

Nov. 4-5: Upper Sac. - Trout

Dec. 2-3: Pyramid Lake –Cutthroat

Help with next years Fishouts, we need suggestions on where you would like to fish. We need fishmisters for our fishouts.

Club News

New Officers: We need to have some new blood in our leadership. The club will be needing new Officers at the end of the year. Step up and join the leadership of our club.

Our Website

www.auburnflycasters.org

We are in the process of relocating our website with a new web host. We are hoping this will be within a short period of time. Hoping by the time you read this our new site will be up and running.

Rod Building 107D: Guides-Spaces & Size

This is the last of four articles covering guides sizing and spacing on a blank. It covers the importance of considering types of fly line when choosing guide sizes.

Fly Lines: Modern fly lines will vary in taper design and weight depending on the individual manufacturer and the company's marketing philosophy. One company's five weight line may vary greatly from another company's five weight line. Standards have been established by the American Sportsfishing Association (ASA), and formerly the American Fly Tackle Manufacturers Association or (AFTMA) that relate a fly line weight for a given 30 feet in length. There will be an article later going into detail discussing different lines and how they affect your rod.

In general, the larger the weight of the line the larger the cross - sectional area of the line used and the farther it can be cast. In addition, floating lines are much larger in diameter than sinking segments. Recently, some manufactures have begun producing larger diameter floating fly lines so that the line floats higher in the water. This type of line may have a diameter up to 1/64" larger than typical floating fly line. Beware of purchasing a new floating fly line because you may notice that you can cast the line neither as far nor as easily as when using the older style of floating fly line. If you upgrade the diameter of the line without a change in guide sizing, the line has less room through which to slide creating less freedom of movement for the fly line. If this occurs, you will need to clean your line more often and dress your fly line with a slick substance to reduce the friction between the line and the guides. When looking to achieve a longer cast with a larger diameter line, you may want to use larger guides when building your rod to accommodate the line.

Here are some basics to consider when choosing your guide sizes with respect to line sizes:

- Consider manufacturer recommendations, and maybe even enlarge the guides a size or two to compensate for larger diameter floating lines.
- Consider selecting a fly line size that matches your rod using the ASA standards.
- Consider trying titanium carbide

eyes. They are very hard and provide minimal line sliding resistance. Consider using the Fuji “New Concept” method (<http://www.fujitackle.com.au/concept.htm>). Fuji has put a lot of time and effort in developing it. I have used this method on several rods and it has worked very well. This link discusses spinning and bait casting rods, but fly rods can also benefit from this concept.

The following manufacturers also have some good recommendations:

- Sage (http://www.sageflyfish.com/for_the_fantic/guideSpacingChart.shtml), and
- St. Croix (<http://www.stcroixroc.com/content.asp?id=68§ion=builder>).

I have spent a large amount of time researching many sources of what to look for in terms of guide sizing and spacing to use for new rods (internet, books, various knowledgeable people). It can be very confusing because there are so many different opinions. There are many guide sizes that can be use for the same weight, and same action of rod. However, in the end, if you follow the basics that have been outlined in this and previous three articles, you will be off to a good head start in choosing the right guides and spacing for your new rod.

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