

Rod Building

The club is going to begin a series of classes on *Activity Night* that will teach you how to build your own fly rod. The start date has not been established so check back for updates.

The class is being taught by **Jim Weakland**, who has been building fly rods for many years.

We will be purchasing a kit* that contains the rod blank, cork grip, reel seat, seat insert, guides, tip top, hookkeeper, winding check, flex coat, rod builders epoxy, brushes, thread and tip top cement. The only additional supplies needed will be some masking tape and a few materials you will have around your home.

Due to time constraints and the difficulty of transporting partly completed rods, we will not be building the rods at the club meetings. However, you will learn the basics and see the steps demonstrated in the class so that you will be able to perform the task in your home at your leisure. When you first learn how to apply the thread to the guides, you may make mistakes and want to repeat the process until they meet your expectations of quality and appearance before applying the flex coat. This step is a little daunting when you try it for the first time. You will be surprised how fast you will master this skill. In this class you will also learn how to make some simple tools from house hold materials that make the task easy for almost anyone.

* **The Kit we will be purchasing consist of a high quality Graphite Rod Blank (very highly rated). This is not a Low end rod. The cost will be between \$150 and \$200. A comparable rod purchased in a store would be considerable more expensive.**

