

# Suncoast Rodcrafters Newsletter

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A newsletter for the benefit of the members to promote the craft of rod building.

## Jimmy's Treatise

Sometimes I just sit back and watch our weekly meetings evolve. It is really interesting to watch. Usually we get an update on Curt's trials and tribulations with his crew. Lately we've been getting the count down to his retirement. By the time you receive this newsletter, Curt will have retired from Verizon. No telling what he's going to do so long as he does not drive Bonnie crazy. I digress. Leon keeps us updated on the status of his new home construction. Other conversations have nothing to do with rod building. Then someone will ask one question about a technique or advice on what to do on their next build.

Subsequently the meeting transforms from a BS session about nothing into a full fledged lecture or teaching on any and all aspects of rod building, from layout, to material and parts specifications, to repairs and reconditioning. Next thing you know time has gotten away from us and we're still talking strong to after nine o'clock.

We have a few new members and they are totally engaged in the conversations. This is what our weekly meetings are all about. Good friends, a few laughs, and expanding our knowledge of rod building. Shoot, even an ancient builder such as myself learns something at these meetings.



## Nomenclature

### Burl Cork ("Rod Building Terminology," Christian Brink)

Cork that has been chipped and dyed and then pressed and glued back together. Burl cork is heavier than normal cork and is often used as decorative trim rings.

### Bushings (Suncoast Rodcrafters)

Spacers between reel seat and rod that compensate for differences in outside diameter of the blank and the inside diameter of the reel seat. Typical bushings include graphite, fiberglass, cork, hardwood, and masking tape. Other bushings could include drywall tape packed with rod bond and then machined to proper diameter.

### Butt (Suncoast Rodcrafters)

End of the rod blank below the reel seat

### Butt Cap (Suncoast Rodcrafters)

Fitting installed below the butt grip or handle used for a wear piece or seal for the open end of the rod blank.

### Butt Guide (Suncoast Rodcrafters)

First line guide above the fore grip. It is also referred to as the *Stripper Guide*.

### Butt Wrap ("Rod Building Terminology," Christian Brink)

A decoration made from thread just ahead of the foregrip. Decorative thread wrap placed immediately above the grip.

### Centers (Custom Rod Thread Art, Dale Clemens)

The location along the blank where the initial layout crosses of thread are formed. Each cross "X" of thread is a center.

## Monthly Club Meeting Discussion Topic

The discussion topic for January is rod repair, pardon the pun, "on the fly." In other words what can you do to repair the rod while hauling in the big one and something breaks?

## January Meeting Schedule

- Mondays and Wednesday at Curt's
- The monthly meeting will be held at Betts on January 23, 2014
- The International Custom Rod Building Expo is February 22-23, start making your plans.
- The Apopka Rodcrafters meeting is January 16, 2014.

## Decorative Tape

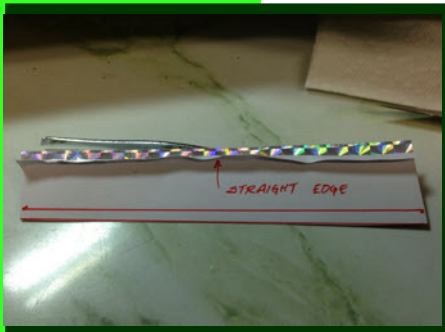
Recently a member of our club, Tom Fielding, discovered the company that manufactures the foil tape used on lures. A number of members ordered rolls of tape in various colors and patterns. Each roll is 100 feet. Between all the members that ordered tape we have access to over 20 colors and patterns.

I recently used the black medium scale pattern. It turned out beautiful.



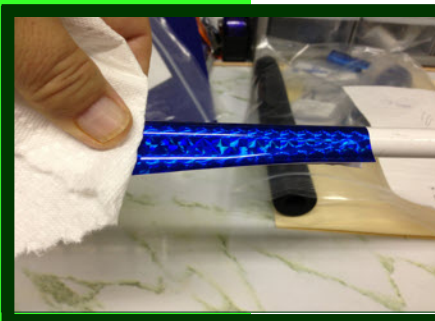
First measure the length of the area to apply the tape. Cut the tape to that length. I used a standard paper cutter, although a good set of scissors will do just as good.

Then measure the diameter of the rod at each end of the of the measured tape foil. On the backside of the foil peel off paper mark the diameters from the straight edge at each end. Include a slight overlap of at least 1/16 inch.



Prepare the surface of the rod by cleaning with either isopropyl or denatured alcohol. Start on the bottom of the rod (180°). Slightly peel back just enough paper to expose the edge of the foil.

Use the light line to align the straight edge of the tape. Wrap the tape in the same direction of the thread wrap.



Use a piece of paper towel to rub the tape back and forth as you push it off the protective paper. This will help eliminate any bubbles in the wrap. Consider wrapping a thread at each end of the foil edge to make a smooth transition for the tie down wraps.

## Getting Started

New members or rod builders just getting started. The Suncoast Rodcrafters club has access to any number of tools or equipment needed to build your rod. Dick Poole has designed and built several hand wrappers. I have used one of them and they are awesome. Dick will loan the wrappers to you to help get you started. Some people prefer hand wrappers over power wrappers. The club will help you get by until you decide which way to go; hand wrapper or power wrapper.

But best of all, the club will help you through every step of your build.

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar
Amberjack			
Red Grouper			
Spiny Lobster			
Gag Grouper			
Spotted Sea Trout			
Red Snapper			
Scallops			

Open Season Closed Season

## Tides (Egmont) January 2014

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5 H: 01:40 L: 07:48 H: 15:28 L: 19:50	6 H: 02:44 L: 08:27 H: 16:06 L: 21:14	7 H: 04:03 L: 09:06 H: 16:48 L: 22:43	8 H: 05:48 L: 09:46 H: 17:35	9 L: 00:07 H: 07:48 L: 10:31 H: 18:25	10 L: 01:17 H: 09:29 L: 11:24 H: 19:15	11 L: 02:13 H: 10:40 L: 12:22 H: 20:04
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At our fall picnic you will remember that a number of members from the Apopka Rodcrafters club joined us. They have graciously extended an open invitation to our club for their meetings. They meet once a month on the third Saturday. The try to start around 9:00 to 9:15 and go to lunch time. Although they try to have a meeting subject but sometimes it is just ad lib. The members demonstrate what they are doing and discuss the details and methods they are using to accomplish their builds or some custom aspect they are working on. It is always good to get different perspectives from other builders.