

MORGAN UPDATE

THINGS ARE HAPPENING at the Morgan house in Manhattan, Montana. In the past three years Tom and Jerry Morgan have produced over 300 Tom Morgan Rod Smith graphite rods. This year Morgan invented a revolutionary handmill for shaping strips in the making of bamboo rods. The handmill is in production and in about 18 months the Morgans will begin producing their own bamboo rods made from Tonkin cane imported from China.

Morgan says his new handmill can mill 4-, 5-, or 6-piece bamboo strips by simply changing the cutter head. And, more importantly, amateurs can mill professional strips on their first try. The Morgan's are selling the handmills for \$2,000 each. Their Tom Morgan Rod Smith rods sell for \$960 each, with many of the rods going to



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Rodmakers Tom and Jerry Morgan have created a new handmill for shaping bamboo strips.

Japanese buyers.

Morgan is the former owner/operator of the Winston Rod Company in Twin Bridges, Montana. His wife Jerry does the rodmaking since Tom has multiple sclerosis. The couple can be reached at 21505 Norris Road, Manhattan, MT 59741. 🐾