

HANDMADE PERFECTION

- AND A WONDERFUL GIFT TO THE CLUB!

Our Swiss member Lukas Kramer recently spent a few days on the water with his good friend Kurt Zumbrunn, who was using one of his own 7ft cane rods. Now it so happens that Kurt is not only a good fly fisherman but also a well known and very skilled cane rod maker in the Bernese Oberland, so **it actually was** one of his own rods that he was using! Kurt was amazed by the great condition of the river and the quality of the club's fishing, so much so that he has very generously given the Club one of his valuable high quality hand made rods, exclusively for the use of our members. Kurt thought it would be good for members to have a go with a hand built bamboo rod if they so wish - ideal for the Hunt Stream I suspect! Specially designed for dry fly fishing, it is a diamond taper hollow built Evolution rod which he constructs from



202E, and Kurt tells me that this is a special hollow built prototype design titled 'The Wylle Special! With the exception of the fittings and rings, every one of its parts has been hand made by Kurt. He uses only high quality Tonkin cane with a beautiful polished birch bark handle, fittings of nickel silver and a reel seat made from Karelian birch. Just take a look at the pictures! It's a 'must' for a day or two next season If you would like to see or use the rod, it is held by

Dave Griffiths and can be booked out and collected by arrangement with him.

Our sincere thanks go to Kurt in appreciation of his very generous gift.

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AND ALSO...

Lukas has kindly offered to donate a suitable reel and line to match Kurt's rod. We'll tell you more when it becomes available - our sincere thanks to Lukas as well!

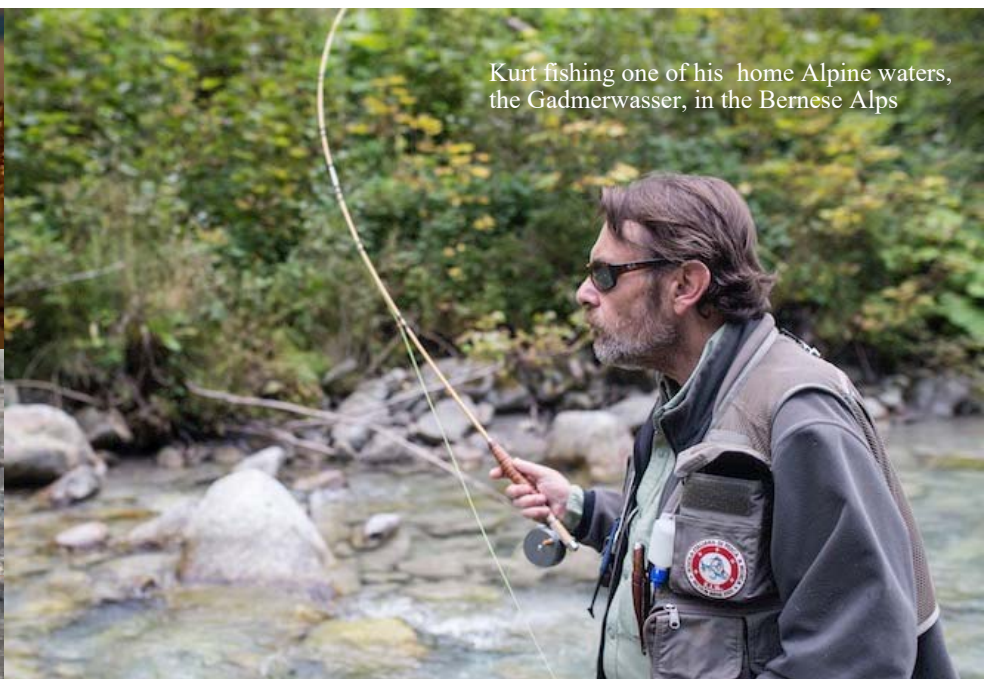


One of Kurt's 13 piece blanks

constructs from 6 separate cane strips. It is beautiful thing, and for those of you who love detail, the taper is inspired by Everett Garrison's



Rod handles ready for lathe turning



Kurt fishing one of his home Alpine waters, the Gadmerwasser, in the Bernese Alps