

THE

Walton Powell

ROD . . . a fly rod with a soul



Hand scraping an "ULTIMATE" rod blank

Photo taken January 25, 1990 in Quincy, California

... for if ever a man put his heart and soul into the making of an inanimate article, surely did I in the designing and building of my **"ULTIMATE"** model bamboo fly rod.

I have been making bamboo fly rods for 68 years, longer perhaps than any other rod maker. Many of those years with my father, E.C. Powell, who made rods for 52 years, many alone, and many with my sons and grandsons. We have developed tapers so that we can make any type of action in any length rod for any line size. No other rod maker has ever done this. I am now 74 and last April I decided to do one more big project . . . my **"ULTIMATE"** rod.

I selected 100 perfect culms of Tonkin cane that I had purchased in 1947, from which I am making 100 rods as perfect as I know how. All of the segments in each rod will come from a single cane, which will assure a true smooth unity of action. Hand split, straight with the fibers and tapered to give a perfect continuity of action, which means that the rods will cast perfectly in at least four line sizes in the hands of a competent caster.

These rods will be my 8'-4" — 7'-4" Golden Signature Companion Rods with 2 butts and 3 tips. They will be of our patented semi-hollow construction with uplocking hidden hood reel seat

with exotic wood spacers; grips made of the finest available cork, hard chrome snake guides and tip top; ceramic strip guide, hard drawn 18% nickel silver Swiss type ferrules; pure silk windings; oxidized tung oil hand rubbed finish, with a custom made cloth sack and a beautiful hand stitched latigo leather case. These rods will not only be a pleasure to cast and fish with, but shall also be an object of beauty — a joy to admire — and a collector's item the day they are finished.

They will be numbered #1 through #100 and will come with a certificate of certification attached to the above photograph autographed by me. I will only make 100 of this model which I have worked on for over a year and, "God willing," will have all of them finished by October 1, 1990. I then "Go-a-Fishing."

For further information, write to me at P.O. Box 3259, Quincy, California 95971 or call me at (916) 283-1886.

Sincerely,

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