

I recently received a new rod from the guys at Laguna Custom Rods. It's a Solo, 6'6" model. I'd say the action of it is somewhere between a Texas Wader 2 and a Latis Stik. It does have "faster" action, meaning most of the flex is in the section of the rod close to the tip. For people looking for a versatile, all-around rod, this one is a winner, especially if one likes to use subtle twitch techniques which allow the flex in the tip to do most of the work. As with all Laguna Rods, this one is beautifully finished and well-built.

I also got a cool tool from Texas Tackle company not long ago. The split ring pliers (which they call Ssplit-Ring Pryers) are made of high quality, surgical stainless steel. The new design includes a hardened, polished wedge for effective and smooth operation, making it really easy to remove and add split rings to plugs. Since I use split rings on the nose of all my topwaters, this tool is a big help to me. Lures like MirrOlures and Rapala Xraps have big, strong split rings on them, which are basically impossible to change out with your fingers. I should know, I've struggled trying to do just that way too many times! The company is in Richardson, Texas, and their products can be viewed at www.TexasTackle.com.

And last, I'd like everyone to know I still have some killer dates available in all the upcoming primo trophy trout months! Best way to book is by phone at 361 688 3714.