

Tips from Mark on *Installing and Using* the



## Gaines Heavy Duty Bass Wheel



I've included these instructions to give you the opportunity to get the best results from your new Gaines Bass Wheel. With just a little maintenance and care, the wheel should last for a very long time! *Mark*

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**Installing:** To assemble the wheel, fully insert the shaft into the receptacle on the wheel's yoke. Tighten one of the setscrews so that it holds the shaft in place. Then simply\* remove the endpin shaft and slide the wheel's shaft in. Gaines wheels have a flat side on the shaft that you can adjust to the right angle, that way you can use the endpin block's setscrew position to keep the wheel heading in the right direction. Once you have the wheel aligned the way you want it, tighten both setscrews on the wheel.

*\* Some endpins have a crossbar or other mechanism on the inside that prevents it from falling out. In that case, you just shove the endpin into the bass, retrieve it from an f-hole, and remove or grind off whatever is preventing its removal.)*

**Using:** I like aligning my wheel so my bass rolls sideways-- I lean the bass shoulder into my right shoulder, reach over to grab the case handle or upper bout, and roll forward. You'll get the hang of steering in no time!

**Maintenance:** The tire has a "Schraeder" type fitting for a standard hand-operated tire pump. DO NOT use a high-pressure air source to inflate your tire! Adjust the tire pressure for optimum "bounce." The inner tube can be replaced in the same manner as a bicycle tire. Set screws and nuts can work loose; check and tighten as necessary (and "thread-lock" is a handy way to keep 'em tight!) Clean off salt, sand, and grime regularly. An occasional drop of oil on the wheel bearings will keep it working smoothly.

**Repairs and replacement parts (other than shafts):**

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