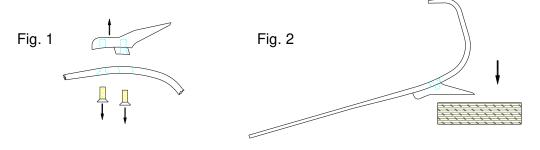
BUCKINGHAM MFG. GAFF REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS (SCREW ATTACHMENT STYLE)

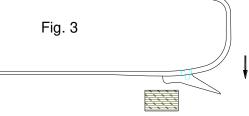
GAFF REMOVAL

- 1. Secure the climber such that the heads of the hex head fasteners are facing you, Buckingham Mfg. recommends using a vise. (Use protective jaw covers or small wooden blocks to prevent the climber from being marred).
- 2. With a ⁵/₃₂" hex head wrench loosen and remove the two hex head screws, remove the gaff from the opposite direction (see fig 1).
- To remove the gaff from the climber strike the ridge of the gaff approximately ½" from the tip on a soft surface such as a block of wood and the gaff will come out of the slot (see fig. 2). Ensure no damage is done to the climber or climber slot.



GAFF INSTALLATION

- 1. The climber slot and gaff lug are both manufactured for a precision fit. Climbers are then given a protective powder coat finish that may impede the insertion of gaff into climber slot. The finish may be removed from the hole and the gaff lug with fine emery cloth.
- Press the gaff lug into the climber leg iron slot. (A light coat of grease will ease insertion. It may be necessary to drive the gaff in by striking the top of the gaff on a soft surface such as a block of wood (see fig. 3).
- 3. Insert and secure the two black grade 8 screws using a 5/32" x 2 ³/₄" length Allen wrench. After securing strike the top of the gaff on a soft surface to ensure the gaff is properly seated in the leg iron. Hand tighten the bottom gaff screw (gaff lug screw) with maximum torque to achieve complete and maximum tightness. Repeat hand tightening on the top gaff screw. This method can yield Buckingham's 136 inch



pound tightening recommendation for these fasteners. Note: use of a longer wrench can yield results exceeding the 136 inch pound recommendation and result in stripping of the screw head. Visually inspect to ensure screw heads are flush with the inside surface of the climber leg iron.

Screw fasteners should be replaced after the first time removed. If re-using, apply a low to medium strength thread sealant (Loctite[®] or equivalent) to prevent the screws from loosening. Screws may not be removable if a permanent type thread sealant is used.)

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