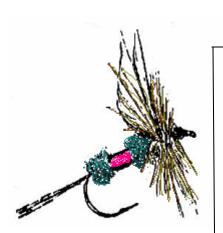
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It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and its members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing method and provide education, instruction and the opportunities for relaxation to the membership.

NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS founded in 1984

The President's Line

If our February meeting is a sign of things to come we have a good year going. The Wildlife Refuge, from all accounts, is an excellent place for us to hold our meetings, and Tom's Soft Hackled Fly presentation was well received. We are lucky to have a club member who is willing to take the time and effort to prepare and present a program of that quality. Thank you Tom.

The monthly workshop is going to be a little different now. Please read the article on page 3 to see the changes. We can use this new format to introduce new fly fishers to the sport and reach people that we haven't before. Anyone interested in teaching a class on tying, fishing in general, or a specific technique contact the EC and we will set you up.

Also note that we will vote on the motion to change council affiliation to the Gulf Coast Council at the next meeting March 12th. Thank you, see you at the meeting,

Bud Bethea

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 12th at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 555 Sunflower Rd. Bossier City, LA. Starts at 7 PM, if you like come at 6 PM to socialize with your friends.

Speaker: Mike Emerson with Reel Recovery, a national non-profit organization that conducts fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all types of cancer.

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Guys, Its time to go bass fishing. No excuses, get out there. Take your camera and post your catches and you will see your smiling faces in our newsletter. Of course the rest of us might not do as well as the four shown above, but I'll bet we can catch enough fish to promote a few grins anyway. Send me a picture of your favorite bass fly and the recipe and we will put in here also. See you on the water.



Take your grandson fishing, even if he can't see out from under his cap.

Fly Fishing Workshops

Thanks to all the hard work from Frank Harmon, we now have a new format and a new approach for our workshops. We will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at Bass Pro Shops from 6 PM until 7:30 PM. The program for each workshop will be publicized in the newsletter and on Facebook, Bass Pro Shops will promote the event as well. Starting in April, the next three months looks like this:

April 18th: Erik will teach basic fly tying skills with tying the Wooly Bugger.

May 15th: Beginning Fly Fishing. Setting up rods with reel, backing, line, leader and

tippet. Also will cover leader and tippet selection. Instructor—Bud Bethea.

June 20th: Frank Harmon will teach the Patassas Fly. You can see it on our Facebook Page.

We will plan these events at least three months in advance so every one will know what's coming up. Anybody that has a special (or favorite) fly or technique or just wants to help out, let us know and we will schedule you to instruct a workshop. As many good fishermen and tiers as we have in the club we should never run out of instructors.

Back on LPB3: "The New Fly Fisher" television series on Louisiana Public Broadcasting, originally brought to Louisiana by combined efforts of Red Stick and New Orleans fly clubs. Back after being off air for about a year. Focused on teaching the viewer what they need to know about equipment, flies, leaders, fish, and food organisms. All this is presented in landscape of many great cold water, warm water, and saltwater fisheries. Don't miss it. "The New Fly Fisher" 830 Sunday mornings, LPB3 or check your local listings.

Want to go down down in fly fishing history? Larry Offner and Bruce Sublett are working on a book of warmwater fly patterns to be published sometime later this year. And they're still taking submissions, but not much longer. Tiers can submit up to 6 different flies. For each fly, you fill out a "Fly Pattern Form", which will be emailed upon request. For rules and details, contact Larry Offner at Green Trout Fly Shop.

Fly Fish Texas is Saturday, Mar 9, 2013, 900 am to 400pm at Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC), Athens, TX. The annual Fly Fish Texas event The annual Fly Fish Texas event is designed to teach everything from tying a fly to catching a fish in one day. All Fly Fish Texas activities are free with regular paid admission to the center. For a seminar and activities schedule, video and speaker biographies, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/tffc and click on the "Fly Fish Texas" link.

We have a booth to promote the Caddo Conclave and I will be there doing my best. If you want to be involved let me or one of the other board members know. This is a great place to promote fly fishing in our area. Come and help us out.

May 11 is the annual Bass on the Fly tournament at the Lake Fork Marina, Lake Fork, TX.

Rex and Erik have participated in this tournament before and have done well. Frank and Jon Harmon, and Danny Martin and Bud Bethea are planning to participate. Three teams qualify us to compete for the club trophy and maybe we can bring it home with us. It would be great to have several teams.

The cost is \$55.00 per person and there is prize money. Think about it and make plans to participate. Let me know so we can start making our plans.

Time for club dues:

Don't forget your club dues. Need to be in by the March 12th meeting date. Forms at this month's meeting or downloadable from website.

Natchitoches Fishing Expo

Hosted by

Cane Country Fly Casters Warm Water, Cold Water, and Salt Water

May 4, 2013

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Prather Coliseum and Chaplin Lake, Natchitoches, LA

Rod Makers
Raffles Silent Auctions

35+ Professional Fly Tyers
Food Concession Castina I

Kayaking/Canoeing

Casting Instruction/Demonstration

OVER 35 VENDORS INCLUDING BASS PRO SHOP

Programs

Norm Crisp, owner and head guide for Stream Side Adventures. He is a scientist, author, teacher, lecturer and an internationally known fly fisherman, http://normcrisp.blogspot.com/. We are excited to have Norm share his knowledge and experience with worldwide fisheries. YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!

Surf Fishing for Specks with Pete Cooper, is a professional fisherman and full-time freelance outdoor writer from Buras, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Elected to the Louisiana Sportsman's Hall of Fame in 2003, Cooper has taught statewide seminars on fly fishing and has published numerous articles in state, regional and national magazines. He is considered a pioneer of saltwater fly fishing in Louisiana

Crappie, Sac-a-lait, White Perch (you pick) Fishing with Denis North, who has fished competitively since 1972. He has fished national, regional and local tournament circuits including B.A.S.S., BFL, Fishers of Men, ABA and Bass Champs. Dennis has been fishing and guiding on Caddo Lake for more than 30 years. Dennis also manufactures CrawClicker rattles.

Hook'n up & Track'n Down, Steve Graf, radio and tv show, well-known in bass tournament fishing circles. Steve's accomplishments in the field of bass fishing have earned him sponsorship with Ranger Boats, Santone, V&M/Cyclone, and Pelican Lures.

****Fishing the Little Mo by *Jeff Guerin*. The Little Missouri River is the southernmost trout fishery. http://www.littlemissouriflyfishing.com/ Jeff is a professional guide and casting instructor on the Little Missouri River, Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

****Fly Fishing from Kayak and Canoe by Catch Cormier, journalist for Louisiana Sportsman and avid Yak Fly Caster. It's been said that if "he sees a puddle of water, he'll fling a fly in it". Held at Chaplin Lake, next to Prather Coliseum

*****Casting Games by Walter Mclendon and his team, held on the practice field

****Fish Senses by Bill Heugel, an informative program about what fish see, hear, taste, feel and smell. You can't help but catch a fish when you learn all their sense secrets.

Exclusively For Natchitoches Expo Ladies

Cooking Class by *Executive Chef Chris Levy*, featuring a Creole Brunch Held at the beautiful Sweet Cane Inn, just minutes from the expo. Chef Levy mentioned how he loves pampering his guests and greeting them with Mimosas (or something like that) http://www.sweetcaneinn.com/ Space is limited, registration must be received for this class by April 12th. Reservations are first come first serve. 10:00 = 12:00 am \$TBA Registration may be faxed to 318-238-0009 or Email Sunnylarc@gmail.com

More programs for ladies to be announced

Accommodations: Hotels, B&B's, Campgrounds

http://www.ichotels.com/

http://www.natchitoches.net/accommodations/

What's going on in Natchitoches Expo Weekend

****Green Market, Down Town Natchitoches on Cane River****

****Shopping on Main Street****

Gifts Shops, Clothing Shops, Kitchen Shops (tastings every Saturday), Restaurants, the historic Kaffie Frederick Hardware Store, Historical Landmarks, Carriage Tours of Historical District

http://www.natchitochesla.gov/calendar-node-field-date/month

http://www.explorenatchitoches.com/

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You are invited to

Caddo Conclave 2013

Hosted by East Texas Fly Fishers and North Louisiana Fly Fishers May 17 & 18, 2013

Located on beautiful Caddo Lake near Karnack Texas at Caddo Lake State Park

Registration: \$10 per person, \$20 maximum per family

(Optional deer hair fly tying workshop Friday night: \$10 tying fee. Limited to first 8 people to register)

Schedule:

Friday: Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Pot luck supper (bring enough food for you and one additional family)

Deer hair workshop Friday night

Saturday: Breakfast provided by North Louisiana Fly Fishers

There will be 4 speakers scheduled throughout the day
Bring your fly tying equipment. Plenty of tables for fly tying
Jackson's Kayak Team will provide you the chance to paddle new kayaks
TFO will be present for you to cast their classic and new fly rods

Lunch: Provided by East Texas Fly Fishers

Plenty of fishing available at bayou located in State Park

If you plan to camp, make reservations early, camp sites fill up quickly.

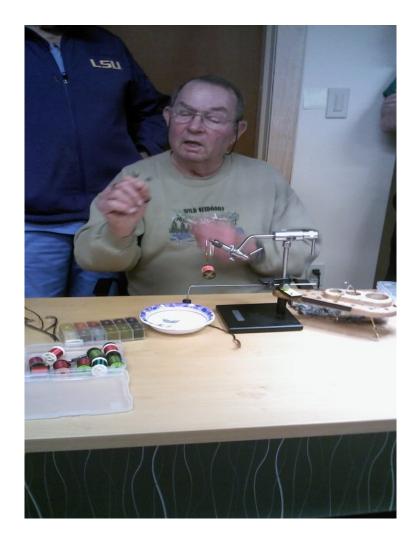
There are beautiful cabins available for rent. Again, make reservations early, cabins fill up quickly.

Caddo Lake State Park 903-679-3351

For more information contact

Mike Hawkins of East Texas Fly Fishers at 903-736-1887 or Scott Irwin of North Louisiana Fly Fishers at 318-742-2190

Life with a retiree certainly challenges a spouse still foolish enough to work. Time after time, the dogs and I mournfully watch Bud taking off for a day or a day or two of fly fishing fun, while we stay home to work and keep the home fires burning. In all fairness, Bud does try to restrain his joy until he pulls out of sight. The trips I do get to take with him certainly make me understand his enthusiasm for getting out, being with friends, and fly fishing. Being a fly fishing retiree must be a perfect life......one I certainly look forward to enjoying before too long! I am looking forward to putting on a Dutch Oven demonstration at the Caddo Conclave May 18th. Be sure to book the class, come hungry, and get a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a Dutch Oven. You may get hooked and you're sure to enjoy the demonstration and lunch. Bud says he goes camping and I go cooking. Linda Bethea



Tom Bullock is teaching the finer points of tying a softhackled fly, incorporating copper wire in the abdomen to make it more durable. He has caught over two hundred trout on just one of these. On our trip to Broken Bow concluding this class, I hope I can brag that I caught a few trout and put a little damage on mine. I plan to polish my technique and practice casting so my flies won't feel like losers when they hit the water.

Soft Hackled Fly Program

We have completed parts 1 and 2 of the program, which was Tom's Soft Hackled Fly Presentation and how to tie the soft hackled fly. Now we are ready for the next two parts. On Saturday March 16th. We will meet at C. Bickham Dixon park in southeast Shreveport to learn how to cast and fish the rig. After that we will retire to a local restaurant for lunch (Dutch Treat) where I, for one, will demonstrate much more expertise at eating than for casting.

The fourth and final part of the program will be March 23rd and 24th. On the Lower Mountain Fork River in the Broken Bow State Park, Oklahoma. The details are in the flyer we handed out and also in the January newsletter. If you need a flyer, let me know and I will e-mail you one.

This has been a fun project and we have had some great participation with it. I am looking forward to the next stages with great anticipation. In fact, we are planning to make programs like this an annual event so give us some feedback on this and help plan our next one.



Council Affiliation Motion

As you know we received a motion to change our club affiliation to the Gulf Coast Council at our last meeting. We had a limited amount of discussion then and we will discuss the matter more at the March 12th meeting. After the discussion, we will then vote on the motion. Please be there to make your voice heard and wishes known. This meeting could play a role in the future development of our club. Come on out and help determine the direction of North Louisiana Fly Fishers.



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Club Membership Form

Contact Information	
Name/s	
Street Address	
City, State Zip	
Phone Number	
E-Mail Address	
Membership Class	
Indicate the annual membershi	p class that you wish to join or renew under:
Family (\$35)	A parent or parents along with their children under 18 years of age. Limited to a two vote maximum.
Individual (\$30)	All individual members are allowed one vote.
Student (\$20)	Any student under the age of 18, but not included in a Family Membership. Student members are considered to be full members and have one vote.
Active Military (\$20)	Any active member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Active military members are considered to be full members and have one vote.
Associate (\$15)	Any non-participating, non-voting member who desires to receive the club newsletter. Associate membership is subject to approval by the Executive Committee.
Corporate/Sponsor	Any company or individual who wishes to join the NLFF at a higher level of financial support, while providing opportunities for membership to employees, friends, and/or family members. Three sublevels of membership are available corresponding to the number of individuals under the parent Corporate/ Sponsor membership considered to be full members and having one vote

- Gold four members (\$200)
- Silver three members (\$100)
- Bronze two members (\$50)

NOTE: Annual dues are payable by the end of January each calendar year. Make checks payable to North Louisiana Fly Fishers. Dues for any new member joining on or after July 1 of any year shall be prorated by month from the time he/she joins the club until the end of the year. Additionally, the Annual Club dues for any current member of the FFF will be reduced by \$5.00.

each:

NLFF is an Affiliate Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. (FFF). Accordingly, NLFF encourages membership in the FFF, and increased NLFF membership in the FFF reduces costs incurred by the NLFF. Information on FFF membership is available at www.fedflyfishers.org/Membership.aspx. Please note whether you are a current member of the FFF. (designate class of membership) member of the FFF. No, I am not a member of FFF. Membership Directory Please note whether you would like for your name/s and contact information to be included in the NLFF Membership Directory. Yes, I would like to be included in the 2011 NLFF Membership Directory. No, I would prefer not to be included in the 2011 NLFF Membership Directory. Comments To assist the Executive Committee in selecting monthly meeting topics, identifying guest speakers, and planning club activities/outings that are responsive to and reflective of the desires of the General Membership, please provide any thoughts, opinions, ideas, etc. that you may have.

Federation of Fly Fishers Membership

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

March 9th: Fly Fish Texas in Athens Texas. See details on page 4 of this newsletter.

May 4th: 1st Ever Natchitoches Fishing Expo. See details on pages 5 & 6.

May 11th: Bass on the Fly Tournament. See article on page 4. www.bassonthefly.org

May 18th: RSFF Spring Catch and Eat. For details go to www.rsff.org.

May 17th & 18th: Caddo Conclave. See the flyer on page 7 of this newsletter.

June 8th & 9th: LA. Free Fishing Weekend. Anyone can fish this weekend without a license.

June 28th—30th: Grand Isle Weekend at the Blue Dolphin Inn on Grand Isle LA. For more

Information www.rsff.org.



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