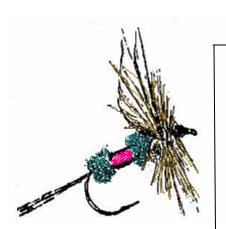
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It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and its members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing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

NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS founded in 1984

This Past Month

Our Annual Chili and Flies event really attracted a great turnout this year. I faithfully sampled every one of the entries in the chili cook off and can honestly say that there wasn't a one to vote against. I believe that all of them should have won. I voted for all of them at any rate.

Weather permitting this coming weekend is our marsh outing. I'm anticipating a great trip and lots of big redfish. I doubt that I will be the one who catches them, but I'll bet that somebody will.

Do not forget the Caddo Conclave the 11th and 12th. This one is looking to be very good and some of our very own (Tom, Frank and Erik) are presenters this year. As usual there will be plenty of good food and a chance to visit with fellow fly fishers. See you there.

Next Meeting:

April 8th at 7:PM, Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Guest speaker will be Christy Graham of the Arkansas Wildlife and Fisheries. Come early and bring your rod for casting practice.

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You are invited to

Caddo Conclave 2014

Hosted by East Texas Fly Fishers and North Louisiana Fly fishers

April 11 and 12, 2014

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

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

Schedule:

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

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

Saturday: Breakfast provided by North Louisiana Fly Fishers
There will be 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 at 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
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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

2nd Annual

Natchitoches Fishing Expo

Fly Fishing and Light Tackle Fishing Show

Saturday, May 3, 2014 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

NSU Prather Coliseum and Chaplin Lake, Natchitoches, LA

Hosted by the Cane Country Fly Casters

Raffles * Silent Auctions * Vendors * 35+ Professional Fly Tiers Rod Makers * Restored Vintage Outboard Motors * Kayaking Canoeing * Casting Instruction & Demos * Programs by the Pros Great Food * Free Sun Spot Skin Screening



North Louisiana Fly Fishers

2nd Annual Masters Series Event

A Day with Dave Whitlock

Fly Fishing for Bass

Learn about fly fishing for bass from the man who wrote the book (literally)...the L.L. Bean Fly Fishing for Bass Handbook.

Date

Saturday, July 26, 2014 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Location

Red River National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters Unit 150 Eagle Bend Point Bossier City, LA 71112



<u>Agenda</u>

- Fly fishing techniques and tackle for largemouth and smallmouth bass
- Tying, casting, and fishing bass flies
- When and where to catch bass on the fly
- The life, art, and wisdom of Dave Whitlock

About Dave

Forty years ago Dave pooled his talents in painting, illustrating, writing, photography, fly fishing and lecturing, resigned his position as a research chemist, and embarked on a new career as a full-time professional in the arts of fly fishing. Dave's art and writing



appear regularly in many fly fishing and sporting publications. He has written, co-authored, and/or illustrated over 30 books, and demonstrated his fly fishing, fly tying and teaching skills in numerous videos. Dave is also known internationally for his innovative fly tying designs, including the popular Dave's Hopper. Dave has taught fly fishing around the world, and he and his wife Emily have shared the magic of fly fishing at their Whitlock Fly Fishing School for over 15 years. Dave's experience and creative outlook on the whole spectrum of fly fishing have earned him the reputation of being one of the top professional fly fishers in the sport. Learn more at www.davewhitlock.com.

Cost: \$35 per person

(includes lunch, coffee, drinks, etc.)

Space is limited to 75 participants; pre-registration required (see reverse).

Visit the NLFF website or Facebook page for additional information.

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Registration Form

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Cost is \$35.00 per person (includes lunch, coffee, drinks, etc.). Note: As space is limited to 75 participants, this fee is non-refundable.

Send payment (check or cash) to: NLFF, P. O. Box 8542, Shreveport, LA 71148-8542

Name	
Phone:	E-mail Address:
	rve a position for me in this program. I understand that my \$35.00 must be 0, 2014 or my position will be forfeited to others on the waiting list.
Please plac	e my name on the waiting list if all of the 75 slots have been taken.

North Louisiana Fly Fishers

5th ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

BASS ON THE FLY FISHING TOURNAMENT

LAKE FORK, TEXAS, USA at Lake Fork Marina

SATURDAY MAY 31, 2014 6:00AM- 2:00PM

RODS, REELS AND FLIES MUST BE EXCLUSIVELY FOR FLY FISHING.

THIS IS A CATCH-PHOTO-RELEASE TOURNAMENT.

CATEGORIES: BOATERS: 1-2 PERSON TEAM, 5-FISH PHOTOS, TOTAL LENGTH; BIG BASS. NON-BOATERS*: IN-DIVIDUAL, 5-FISH PHOTOS, TOTAL LENGTH; BIG BASS. (*kayak, float tube, pontoon, or bank fishermen.) CLUB TROPHY: 3 BIG FISH, total length for CLUB/ORGANIZATION.

COST: \$60/PERSON, includes \$5 big bass pot. Optional \$5 big sunfish pot.

PAYOUT: 1-\$1200, 2nd-\$800, 3-\$500, 4-\$300, 5-\$200, 6-10 \$100. Big Bass - \$300, \$200. (Based on 100 entries.)

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

FRIDAY - 10am-4pm FREE CASTING CLINICS HOURLY, PRODUCT BOOTHS, KAYAK DEMOS, CAST ING CONTESTS FOR PRIZES;

SATURDAY - 9am-NOON FREE CASTING CLINICS HOURLY, KAYAK DEMOS, DRAWING FOR PRIZES AFTER WEIGH-IN.

REGISTRATION: By MAIL To: Bass on the Fly, P.O.Box 173, Yantis, TX 75497. If received by MAY 16 get FREE BASS FLY AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR DRAWING FOR SAGE LARGEMOUTH ROD. ON SITE registration Noon-9:00PM Friday or 5-6:00AM Saturday, cash only.

CHECK-IN:ALL CONTESTANTS MUST CHECK-IN AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE 6:00am SATURDAY.

FRIDAY or BEFORE

Check the website, www.bassonthefly.org, for more info. or Contact tewarren@peoplescom.net. ENDORSED BY THE FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS - TEXAS COUNCIL.

SPONSORS: Temple Fork Fly Rods, Skeeter Boats, Sage Fly Rods, Buffs Headware, Brothers Flies USA, Ranger Boats, Cabela's, Simms, Redington, Rio Lines, Tailwaters Fly Fishing Co, Lake Fork Marina, Bass Pro Shops, Oakley, Gypsy Jack Lures.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BASS ON THE FLY FISHING TOURNAMENT 2014 OFFICIAL RULES

- 1. RULE ENFORCEMENT: Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director and his decision will be FINAL IN ALL MATTERS. All federal, state and local laws must be obeyed. All bass caught by contestants fishing together in one boat will be disqualified if any of the said contestants are found to be in violation of any tournament rules or laws.
- 2. PARTICIPANTS: This tournament may be fished as a boater individual or 2-man team or as a non-boater individual. Payout will be determined by the number of entries in each category. A club/organization must have three two-man teams or three individuals to be eligible to receive the club trophy based on the total length of the three biggest bass (one/team, one /individual). No one who has been a guide for pay on Lake Fork within 1 year may participate.
- **3. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS**: At no time during tournament hours are any alcoholic beverages or drugs, other than prescription, allowed in the boat or to be consumed while on the water. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees.
- **4. SPORTSMANSHIP**: All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or any state or local laws will be disqualified.
- 5. BOATS & MOTORS: No engine may exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations, and have an emergency kill switch.
- **6. SAFETY**: BOATING SAFETY MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES. A USCG approved life preserver must be on and fastened any time the combustible engine is operative, and the kill switch must be attached to the driver. Contestants fishing out of a kayak, float tube or pontoon must wear a life preserver at all times.
- 7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner. Trolling with combustion engine is prohibited. ONLY RODS AND REELS, LINE AND FLIES DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR FLY FISHING MAY BE USED. No soft plastic baits, or any other type of bait, customarily used for fishing with other types of rod and reels may be used. No live or prepared bait is permitted. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time.
- 8. PROTESTS: All protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director within 15 minutes of the final weigh-in.
- 9. POLYGRAPH: All contestants are subject to a polygraph test. Failure to submit to one will result in disqualification.
- 10. SCORING: If entered as a boater one or two-man team, your score is the total length of your biggest 5 fish for the team. If entered as a non-boater individual your score is the total length of your biggest 5 fish. Only largemouth bass should be photographed. Fish should be quickly released and not brought to the weigh-in. A team's/individual's longest bass will be determined for the big bass pot. Contestants may bring their fish photos in at any time, but no later than 2:00 pm. All ties will result in the awards being combined and divided equally between the respective teams
- 11. MEASURING OF FISH: Bass should be photo'd on a metal measuring board, mouth closed and touching the left end of the scale, tail compressed to achieve greatest length and your ID tag must be showing. Contestant must make every effort to release their fish alive after measuring. See additional catch-photo-release rules on the web site and registration site.
- 12. PERMITTED FISHING WATERS: No fishing is allowed inside the host marina area. Fishing is restricted to the navigable waters of Lake Fork only. Boats may be trailered to and from the weigh-in. No fishing is allowed within 25 yards of another contestant. Switching or sharing fish with other contestants or individuals will result in immediate disqualification.
- 13. REGISTRATION: Registration may be by check by mail to "Bass on the Fly" P.O.Box 173, Yantis, TX 75497 if received no later than May 26, 2014. Registration may be made at the tournament site Noon-9:00PM Friday or 5:00-6:00AM Saturday, cash only. All contestants MUST check-in with their camera at the tournament head-quarters during official registration hours.
- 14. FISHING HOURS: 6:00AM-2:00PM Saturday. Contestants may launch at the site of their choice no earlier than 5:00AM. Contestants must be in the weigh-in line no later than 2:00PM.
- 15. OFF LIMITS: 7:00PM Friday-5:00AM Saturday.
- **16. ENTRY FEE**: The entry fee is \$60 per individual whether fishing as a two-man team or an individual. The tournament will be held regardless of weather conditions and there will be no refunds of entry fees. The organizer and tournament director reserve the right to accept or reject any entry.
- 17. ASSISTANCE: During hours of competition, contestants may not receive fishing information from other competitors or non-competitors or participate in the practice of "hole sitting." 1/8/2014.

Official Entry Form

I have read and understand the Official Rules of this tournament. I also understand that tournament officials may reject my application for any reason, and in that event will refund my entry fee. I understand and acknowledge that competitive fishing is a dangerous sport, the risks of which include, though not exclusively, drowning, collisions in the water, and injuries from hooks and other fishing equipment. I voluntarily assume responsibility for these risks, identified and not identified, and all risk of injury or death or damage to myself, or my property, or to others, including spectators and their property, arising from my participation in the tournament. I have sufficient health, accident and liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage incurred by myself or others as a result of my participation in this event. If I have no such insurance, I represent that I am capable of paying for any and all such expenses or liability.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the tournament organizer, employees, and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of action which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this tournament, including specifically but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of organizer, agents and employees, the host, sponsors and tournament officials, and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, for any and all injury, death, illness or disease, and other damage or loss to property suffered by myself or others. In signing this document, I acknowledge and agree that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged while I am engaged in this event, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against the organizer, or employees, the host, sponsors, officials and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, even if they or any of them negligently caused the bodily injury or property damage. Any suit brought against any of the parties listed above as a result of this Agreement or my participation in this tournament will be brought in state or county court in Wood County, Texas. Should it become necessary for any of the parties listed above, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this Agreement, or any portion thereof, I agree to pay the reasonable costs and attorney's fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred. I give the organizer permission to use my name and likeness for promotional purposes. I agree to submit to and accept the results of the polygraph tests given at this event.

Name				Boater/Non-boater? circle one
Address				
Phone	Email			
Signature		Date	Partner's name	

Good times roll at Chili and Flies Fest

Before the doors opened to the Refuge Conference Center, participants were lining up at the doors with crock pots of chili. "Irwin was shooting me some Chili Competition smack talk during the day. I choose to let my chili do the talking" says Frank Harmon a past champion of the annual competition. The Harmon chili was pretty incredible good....so was the other 10 bubbling pots of savory chili recipes. Thanks to everyone who participated. The chili is just a small part of this event. This meeting is a great laid back meeting where new members can relax and talk to some of the more long term members of the club. Speaking of members, more and more people are signing up. Tom Bullock says we are not exceeding 100 voting members. In the end Scott Irwin won the chili cookoff. "I don't know how I won, there were so many great dishes. My wife didn't even vote for my chili. She loved Virginia Olivers chili. My son's girl friend forgot to vote. Miracles never cease!"..

The Mystery fly tying completion followed dinner. Buddy dumped a bunch of trash on a table and invited creative fly tyers to have at it. It is amazing what some people created out of discarded rubbish. Tim Vanderboon won the Mystery Fly Competition. "I saw that black dog hair and it spoke to me...." says Tim 19 years old and a relatively new fly tyer. "The hair came from Ladybird....Jeff Irwins dog. I spend a lot of time with that dog. Sometimes when I see Ladybird, I don't see a dog....I see dozens and dozens of fresh and saltwater flies."

If you missed this meeting, don't despair, the April meeting of the NLFF is just around the corner with Christy Graham of the Arkansas Game and Fish driving down from Mountain Home Arkansas to give us a "State of the Little Missouri River" presentation. She will discuss what kind of fish they will stock, the size, when they will go in the water and where they will go. She will also ask for your feedback on these nearby trout waters we call our home waters.

By Scott Irwin





Cook-off recipes

Scott Irwin's chili won first place at the cook-off, but he couldn't give me a recipe, just giving credit to the deer sausage. There were lots of requests for Virginia Oliver's recipe, so I am including it. Brenda Bullock's Mexican cornbread was a big hit, so I am including it too. If any of you ladies are angling for a man, I believe these recipes are foolproof bait.

Virginia Oliver's Chili

2 pounds ground beef

2 cloves garlic, chopped

One 8-ounce can tomato sauce

2 tablespoons chili powder

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon ground oregano

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/4 cup masa harina (corn flour, found in the Mexican food section of many supermarkets)

One 15-ounce can kidney beans, drained and rinsed

One 15-ounce can pinto beans, drained and rinsed

Shredded Cheddar, for serving

Chopped Onions, for serving

Tortilla chips, for serving

Lime wedges, for serving

Directions:

Place the ground beef in a large pot and throw in the garlic. Cook over medium heat until browned. Drain off the excess fat, and then pour in the tomato sauce, chili powder, cumin, oregano, salt and cayenne. Stir together well, cover, and then reduce the heat to low. Simmer for 1 hour, stirring occasionally, if the mixture becomes overly dry, add 1/2 cup water at a time as needed.

After an hour, place the masa harina in a small bowl. Add 1/2 cup water and stir together with a fork. Dump the masa mixture into the chili. Stir together well, and then taste and adjust the seasonings. Add more masa paste and/ or water to get the chili to your preferred consistency, or to add more corn flavor. Add the beans and simmer for 10 minutes. Serve the shredded Cheddar, chopped onions, tortilla chips and lime wedges,

Brenda Bullocku uses recipe on Martha White mix copied here and adds jalapeno to taste. She said if she doesn't have mix, she just adds corn, chiles, cheese, peppers, and ground red pepper to her regular cornbread recipe. It was delicious, a definite crowd-pleaser with the chili.

Easy Corn and Green Chile Spoonbread

Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray

4 large eggs, beaten

1/3 cup butter, melted

1 (8.5 oz.) can cream-style corn

1 (4.5 oz.) can chopped green chiles, undrained

1 (6 oz.) package Martha White® Mexican Style Cornbread & Muffin Mix

2 cups (8 oz.) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper

2 tablespoons chopped jalapeno peppers

1/4 to 1/2 teaspoons ground red pepper

Preparation Directions

1.HEAT oven to 400°F. Spray an 8-inch square (2-quart) glass baking dish with no-stick cooking spray.

2.COMBINE all ingredients in large bowl; mix well. Pour into prepared baking dish.

3.BAKE 35 to 40 minutes or until set and golden brown.

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Upcoming Events

April 11th—12th: Caddo Conclave. See page 2 of this newsletter for details.

May 3rd: Natchitoches Fishing Expo. See page 3 for details. For more information , www.canecountry.blogspot.com.

May 31st: 5th Annual Bass On The Fly Tournament. See pages 5&6 for details and rules.

June 12th-14th: 1st Ever IFFF Texas Council Expo. New Braunfels civic Center, New Braunfels, TX. Go to www.texascouncilifff.org for more information.

June 27th-29th: Grand Isle Weekend. Hosted By Red Stick Fly Fishers of Baton Rouge. Blue Dauphin Inn, Grand Isle, LA. See www.rsff.org for details.

July 26th: 2nd Annual Master Series Event—A Day With Dave Whitlock. See Details and registration form on pages 4&5 of this newsletter. Space is limited so be sure to register as soon as possible.



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