

The Fly Line

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June Meeting Topic

Eddie and Roberta Brister, owners of Beavers Bend Fly Shop near Broken Bow, Oklahoma, are our featured speakers for the June 9th meeting. They will share with us some of their "honey holes" and give us a state of the river after it sustained some damage during a major flooding event.

While our home waters of the Little Missouri River kind of play out during the summer months (except right below the dam) due to the warmer water

temperatures, the 12 miles long designated trout stream in Beavers Bend State Park is a year-round fishery. It

holds thousands of Rainbow and Brown trout and is stocked every other Thursday by the Oklahoma Fish and Game Department.

The Lower Mountain Fork could be our "home waters II" as it is only 30 - 45 minutes further away from Shreveport than the Little Missouri River. So

come listen to a couple that lives, eats, sleeps and breathes the Lower Mountain Fork. There is no better opportunity to learn where to go and pick up a few tips and tricks

along the way than Eddie and Roberta sharing their knowledge and passion for fishing at beautiful Beavers Bend.



"75% of the Earth's surface is water, and 25% is land. It is clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn." ~ Chuck Clark



May Meeting Recap

Although Don Kirk of Southern Trout has fished all over the South



from Arkansas to the Carolinas, he talked to us about fishing the Great Smoky Mountains. While many of us are familiar with fishing northern Arkansas

and southern Missouri, Don assured us that the Ozark and Appalachia fishing cultures are vastly different. According to Don, "I think moonshine is the only thing they have in common!"

From the "High Stick Nymphing" technique to how to fill a fly box, there was lots of valuable and comical information. Don says, "If you have a good eye, you can fill a fly box" from the flies that you will find attached to the surrounding brush. Some of the area is rugged, but gorgeous, and the trout

are wild and challenging. These are not hatchery fish to be sure. Don says that they can be spooky. "If the water is clear, you will have to earn your biscuits."

Don Kirk's presentation was top-notch and provided much information on workable fishing techniques due to the lack of open casting areas. This area is beautifully rugged and you could fish all day and not see another angler. His information is invaluable to someone planning

a fishing trip to the Great Smoky Mountains. While this is a brief overview of Don's



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visit, nothing can replace being at the meeting. So mark your calendars to partake in the knowledge that your club is making available to you. See you June 9th!



Louisiana's Loss is Oklahoma's Gain

As many of you know, our past NLFF president, Erik Dilts, is moving to Oklahoma City with his job with Centerpoint. Erik has been a fixture with our club for many years, and while we will certainly miss his expertise and guidance, I am looking forward to making a few trips up to Oklahoma to check out the smallmouth bass fishing after Erik has all of the honey holes scoped out.

I first joined the NLFF back in the 90's, and after a few years, I dropped out, since it was the same 5 or 6 guys, meeting in the dimly lit Camp Forbing building, and not having much to talk about. Fast forward 5 more years, and while I was fishing with Rob Woodruff on Lake Fork, he asked me if I was a member of the NLFF. I told him "No", and he said that there had



been a lot of new people in the club, and I should check it out. The next month, I attended an NLFF meeting, and met Erik for the first



time. Erik served as President of our club for many years, overseeing an unprecedented growth in membership, a complete rewrite of the by-laws, and establishing the ground work for the continued success of the club. In addition, Erik has been one of the most gifted tiers in the club, with his most famous contribution to fly tying being the "Shrimp Buster Fly" which is a great fly for the Louisiana Marsh. Erik is also a wonderful caster, who has routinely shared his talents with all of the club members who desire to become better casters.

As the NLFF moves forward, we all owe a huge thanks to Erik Dilts

for his service, not only to our club, but to our community, our sport, and most of all for being our friend. While we will certainly miss seeing Erik on a monthly basis, I am sure that we will have many opportunities to see him again over the next 20 years as our paths cross at conclaves, outings, and destination trips. Good luck and tight lines, Erik. Let us know when the smallmouth season opens in Oklahoma. I hope you can put up with a bunch of Louisiana rednecks showing up at your doorstep occasionally.

-Frank Harmon



Editor's Note : I would like to thank Frank Harmon for this contribution. While I thought that he was the appropriate member to pen this tribute, there are many of us that feel this way about Eric. Good luck and tight lines!

To Tie or Not To Tie

Most fly fisherman can be put into one of two categories- a fly tyer or a fly buyer. Many, myself included, frequently cross between the two categories. Let's explore why we tie and some reasons why we don't.

I would consider myself one of the crossovers. When fishing uncharted waters, I buy what locals say are working and then tie for future trips.

The reason that I hear most for tying your own flies is for the pure satisfaction of catching a fish on a fly that you created. Everyone remembers their first fish on a fly rod. You will remember the first fly you tied yourself that caught a fish. But do you remember that first fish

you caught on a hand tied fly *that someone gave you?* Probably not! Other reasons are the exact same



ones that buyers cite as why they buy instead of tie. Let's explore some of these.

So ask someone who fly fishes why they don't tie their own flies and you will get a myriad of answers. "I don't have the time.", "It's easier to buy them.", or "The materials are too expensive." are

common. Whatever the excuse given, generally, the reason is that they are, unjustifiably,

intimidated by misperceived ideas of difficulty or discouraged by unsatisfactory initial attempts. Wow! Let's read that again... "intimidated by mis-

perceived ideas of difficulty or discouraged by unsatisfactory initial attempts." With these dilemmas in mind, let's break some of the barriers that prevent some fly fishermen from beginning or continuing a rewarding and gratifying hobby of fly tying. If you are already an accomplished tyer, perhaps the following information could be useful to someone you know.

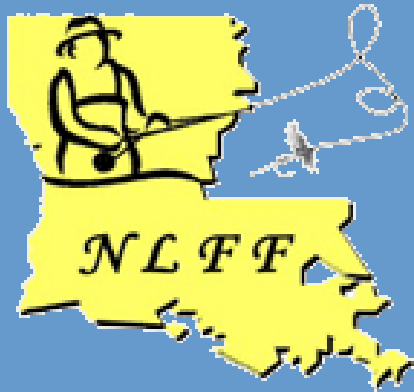
By addressing various responses to "Why don't you tie your own flies?" we can provide information that can help someone make the transition from "buyer" to "tyer".



Let's start with "I don't have the time". This is more of an excuse than a valid reason and generally a cover-up for the real reason. Allocating time is something everyone has to deal with and necessary in whatever activity that they decide

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**North Louisiana
Fly Fishers**

**Proudly
Presents:**



A Day with Davy Wotton - "Mastering the Nymph"

North Louisiana Fly Fishers' 3rd Annual Masters Clinic

What: "Mastering the Nymph"
Who: Davy Wotton
Cost: **\$35.00, includes lunch,
coffee, and drinks**
When: July 25th
Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Where: Red River
Wildlife Refuge
150 Eagle Bend Point
Bossier City, LA

Registration forms
available online at
www.northlaflyfishers.org and
at any club meeting or outing.
Attendance limited to first
75 registered individuals.

Davy Wotton has fly fishing experience in 40 countries and is a world recognized author, instructor, and fly tier. Listen to one of the best in the fly fishing world! Learn the history of nymph fishing, understand how stream flow and depth relate to various nymph presentation techniques: free-line, Euro-style, or indicator and its value (or not), and the anchor effect. Learn how to rig nymph systems to suit prevailing conditions. There will also be a casting clinic at the presentation. Here's your chance to learn from one of the best in the world!



June Fly of the Month Sponsored by Bass Pro Shops®

Last Month, Jamie Franklin showed us how to tie a zebra midge. We had a rather large turn

forearm in a cast. He was determined to complete the fly and did so, twice, to complete a portion of his fly fishing merit badge! One of the scout laws is a scout is brave. It took a lot of courage for Ethan to even attempt to tie with us! In case you missed it, here is some information on the zebra midge and the recipe for tying it.

Chironomids are one of the most important food sources in still waters. They can represent 25-50% of the food source for trout, depending upon season. There are three stages to consider, the larvae, pupa, and emergers. Colors range from Black, Brown, Red, Tan, Green, and Cream. Many of the larvae will have a reddish appearance as they retain hemoglobin within the oxygen-poor depths. These larvae are often called bloodworms. The larvae are also

quite larger than the pupa or emergers, sometimes up to two hook sizes. Generally, the largest chironomids will be during Spring and will decrease in size through the Summer and Fall.

The Zebra Midge pattern is acclaimed to have originated



around the Lees Ferry area of Northern Arizona, along the Colorado River, by Ted Welling, a guide with Lees Ferry Anglers. It is very common throughout the Eastern Sierras and up to British Columbia as a Chironomid pupa pattern for still water lakes. Larvae patterns can be created by omitting the beadhead or by using a black microbead.

The zebra midge is one of the easiest flies to tie. To start, you need:

- 210 denier thread (for the color of the midge you are imitating)
- A bead sized for the hook you are tying the fly onto
- Metal wire, color to match the fly you are tying
- A curved hook

First, pinch the barb down on the hook. Hooks with pinched barbs are not only easy to remove from a fishes mouth but also easy to re-

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out for this event. Along with the usual suspects and on-lookers, we had 13 boy scouts from local Troop 15 participate in our fly tying seminar. Those young men tied excellent looking flies that will surely catch fish. We even had a right-handed young man, Ethan Kulp, who had his right hand and

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June Fly of the Month - (Cont.)

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move from clothing and skin. Mount



the hook in your vise and dress the hook with your thread. Tie the thread around the hook and stop 1/2 way down the curve of the hook.

Tie in your wire. Insert the end of the wire into the bead before starting to tie. By doing this you make sure the wire stays when you tie it



down to the shank.

Wrap the thread around the wire securing the wire to the hook shank. Wrap the thread back down to the back of the bead.



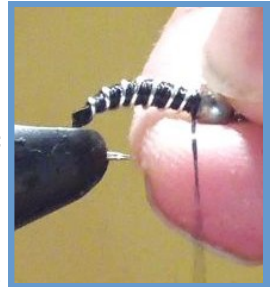
If you want a skinny midge you can skip ahead to the next step and wrap the wire, but if you want a fat tapered midge body, wrap the thread back down the shank stopping just short of where you tied in the wire. Then wrap the thread back up hook behind the bead. Rewrap the hook again and stop just short of where you last



ended the previous wrap and then rewrap back to the bead. Keep doing this until you have a tapered fat midge body.

Wrap the wire five to eight times around the fly to make the fly look like it has a segmented body.

Secure the wire behind the bead with three wraps of thread and clip the wire. Push the loose end of the wire down against the fly body with your fingernail and add three more wraps behind the bead.



Whip finish, cement the thread, and cut the tag off. Viola!



Midges can be tied in many sizes. Just remember that you are trying to imitate a naturally occurring insect that is very small. And very small midges can catch very big trout as evidenced in the picture below!



Red River National Wildlife Refuge

Red River National Wildlife Refuge is made up of four units in the Red River Valley in northwestern Louisiana. Headquarters Unit in Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Bayou Pierre Unit in Desoto and Red River

shall consist of approximately 50,000 acres of Federal lands and waters along that section of the Red River between Colfax, Louisiana and the Arkansas state line, a distance of approximately 120

miles. Therefore, Red River NWR is comprised of a headquarters unit and four additional focus units.

Red River NWR is located in the Red River

dam system in 1994. Completion of the Red River Waterway Project in 1994 led to higher and more consistent water levels in the river which has greatly reduced the turbidity. Water quality has improved and with the seasonal retention of water levels, a rich diversity of aquatic plants has developed.

Increased water levels on the river also improved conditions for some wildlife. Flooded timber and farm fields with wet, depressional areas are now more common and are being used by wading birds, waterfowl, and other animals. USDA programs such as the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are restoring valuable wildlife habitat through the reforestation of marginal farmlands and highly erodible lands in the Red River Valley.

Once the 50,000 acres has been acquired, the refuge will connect with other conservation areas reducing habitat fragmentation and providing wildlife corridors and stop-over areas for migrating waterfowl and songbirds.

Red River NWR is a relatively new refuge, therefore public use areas and opportunities are being added as staff and funding grow.



Parishes, Lower Cane Unit in Natchitoches Parish and Spanish Lake Lowlands in Natchitoches Parish. The first property was acquired on August 22, 2002. The Visitor Center, Headquarters Offices and Education Center opened in January 2012. The refuge is important to waterfowl, wading birds and songbirds especially.

The Red River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) was created legislatively by the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Act - signed into law on October 13, 2000. The first land purchase was made in August 2002 consisting of 1,377 acres. According to legislation, the refuge

Valley which historically was forested with bottomland hardwoods, cypress sloughs and shrub/scrub swamps, providing a variety of habitats for wildlife. In the early 1800's, settlers began clearing land for homesteads and farms after the Louisiana Purchase. The mid-1800's brought more clearing for cotton farming and during the mid-1900's, deforestation accelerated with the increase in soybean prices.

In 1870, Captain Shreve began clearing log jams to make the Red River more navigable and attempts to improve navigation continued with the completion of the lock and

Red River NWR - Get Involved

From its start in 1903, the National Wildlife Refuge System has owed its very existence to concerned citizens eager to protect America's natural resources.

Volunteers are needed to assist with environmental education, trail maintenance, mowing and to attend the front desk and nature store in the Visitor Center at the Headquarters' Unit in Bossier City.

Occasionally, volunteers are needed to help at the other units.

To volunteer at Red River National Wildlife Refuge, please contact the refuge ranger by email or by phone at 318-742-1219. Complete the Volunteer Application Form, and return it in person or by emailing it to volunteer coordinator Terri Jacobson at terri_jacobson@fws.gov.

More than 42,000 people volunteer their time each year to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Whether they work on the land, in a visitor center or with youth, they contribute to the conservation mission that reaches back more than a century. Become a volunteer or a Refuge Friend to contribute your strengths on behalf of America's natural resources.

NLFF, The Envy of Other Clubs and Guests That Visit

Our club is the envy of everyone that visits one of our meetings. Why? The main thing they envy is our meeting venue, the Red River Wildlife Refuge. Before meeting at the refuge, we struggled to find an acceptable meeting location. Mostly, we met at restaurants, which is not ideal for holding meetings with all the distractions and interruptions.

There is a reason we are able to meet at the Refuge. In exchange for use of the facility, the Refuge only asks for our help twice a year - at the Red River Celebration held in October and the Refuge Youth Summer Camp. The Summer Camp is right around the corner. It will be held Tuesday, June 16th from 9:15 until 12:15. We need all the help we can get as we are responsible for con-

ducting fly tying workshops at the camp. Even if you do not tie flies, please volunteer for the camp. We will need help supervising the youths and it's only about 3 hours. Of course if you do tie flies, we



could use your help in stepping a child through the tying process. Bud Bethea will lead the lesson but we need assistants. If you cannot make it, volunteer someone! A family member or friend can help

as long as they are 13 years or older.

Our fly club's success is a testament to our membership and now it's time to pay the rent - so to speak - for the refuge. Come make a difference in the life of a child, help the Wildlife Refuge, and help the NLFF by volunteering at the Refuge Youth Summer Camp on June 16th from 9:15 to 12:15. Be sure and arrive at least 30 minutes early at 8:45am. This camp gives today's youth something to do other than to stay indoors and attached to their machines (texting, playing video games, etc.) Thank you in advance for helping with this critical project. If helping today's youth isn't reward enough, the Refuge thanks its volunteers with a dinner in their honor later in the year.

Word Search

Official Louisiana

Here's your chance to have some fun and see how much you really know about "official Louisiana". How many of the state icons did you know? The words, along with descriptions of how they are "official" are listed below. However, the words in **bold** are what you are looking for in the puzzle on the next page. Words can be formed up, down, and diagonal as well as forwards and backwards. If you are very computer savvy, you can complete this on screen. But to make it easier, I would suggest printing pages 10 & 11. Good luck!

State Gemstone - **Agate**

State Reptile - **Alligator**

State Tree - **Bald Cypress**

State Capitol - **Baton Rouge** (Tallest state capitol building in the U.S.)

State Mammal - Louisiana **Black Bear**

State Bird - Eastern **Brown Pelican**

State Dog - **Catahoula** Leopard Dog (AKA: Catahoula Hound)

State Crustacean - **Crawfish**

State Symbol - **Fleur-de-lis**

State Amphibian - **Green Tree Frog**

State Cuisine - **Gumbo** (of any kind, not just seafood)

State Insect - **Honeybee**

State Wildflower - **Louisiana Iris**

State Flower - **Magnolia** Blossom

State Drink - **Milk** (No, Hurricane is the unofficial State Drink)

State Nickname - The **Pelican State** (Some think it was changed to "Sportsman's Paradise".

While this was put on Louisiana vehicle license plates, it is not the "official" state nickname.

Other unofficial well-known nicknames include "The Bayou State", "The Cajun State", and "The Creole State".)

State Boat - **Pirogue**

State Freshwater Fish - **Sac-au-lait** (AKA: White Perch or White Crappie)

State Saltwater Fish - Spotted Sea Trout (AKA: **Speckled Trout** or just Specks)

State Fruit - **Strawberry**

State Vegetable - **Sweet Potato**

Word Search - (Cont.)

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to become involved. More time at the vise will make you a more accomplished tyer. Before you know it, your vise creations will be responsible for many successful days on the water. By the way, in the amount of time it takes to go to the fly shop, talk to "the guys", purchase flies and drive back home, I could have easily tied a dozen or more flies and washed a load of clothes. Time should not be an issue.

"It's just easier to buy them." There is some validity to this statement and as mentioned earlier, there are appropriate times to buy some flies. However, I find great satisfaction in catching fish on flies that I have tied. But one of the highest levels of angling satisfaction for me is when a fellow fly fisherman catches his quarry on one of my vise visions.

Customization is another reason to tie. While you can usually buy flies in various colors, you are generally limited to one specific shade of each color. Ever found yourself on the river, surrounded by a bunch of spooky fish, and don't have the correct shade for the current hatch? If you tie, this is a problem that can be remedied for the next trip or, quite possibly, back at camp or even stream-side. You need an Elk

Hair Caddis with a brown elk wing and an orange body with a bright green egg sac? Coming right up!



You might be able to find something close in a bin at a fly shop, but it's a better bet if you tie your own flies.

We'll discuss the cost of equip-

tying your own? Absolutely - but there is a catch - you probably won't break even until you have tied several dozen flies. The other issue is one that I face every time I walk into my local shop. There is so much cool tying stuff that I end up buying way more than I need!

Let's put this into perspective though... Suppose you have reached the "break even point" by tying enough flies to make up for the cost of your vise and tools. 50 hooks will cost roughly \$7, Chenille costs \$1.50, hackle will cost you \$60 for the initial purchase (enough for 1500+ flies), marabou costs \$3.00, thread is \$2.00. So for enough stuff to tie 50 flies, plus enough hackle for 5 years worth of tying, the cost is \$73. Subtract the hackle for the next round of bugs,



ment and materials next, but let's not forget the cost of flies. Is it really possible to save money by

and your cost is \$13. To buy 50 Woolly Buggers at a shop at \$2.25

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each, you are looking at \$112.50. This doesn't even take into consideration the number of flies lost during a single day on the water. See where I'm going here? So with a little discretion when you are at the fly shop, tying flies doesn't need to be expensive. Just don't forward that last sentence to my wife!

"The materials are too expensive." Ridiculous! A basic fly tying vise and a basic set of tools can be had for \$50 or less. I previously showed you how to save twice that amount. Tools don't need to be

duplicates in your quest for better quality tools. No need to deplete your bank account though. Some of the world's best tyers don't use any tools at all!

Remember the statement that we re-read: that a beginning fly tyer is "intimidated by misperceived ideas of difficulty or discouraged by unsatisfactory initial attempts." These, I believe are the real

reasons for someone not taking up tying. When a new tyer enters their local fly shop and is confronted by a huge display of natural and synthetic materials, in various sizes, colors, and textures that are available today, they can be overwhelmed enough to do an about face and head right back out the door! With assistance from a book, friend, fly shop, or local club, the purchase of materials can be relatively painless. You should first focus on buying materials for a simple pattern or

equipment and materials are provided. Proof positive, before you have any capital outlay, that even you can tie your own flies!



Perhaps the best advice that I can give to the beginning tyer is for them to understand that every tyer, even the ones that tie for a living, was also a beginner at one time. Don't be intimidated or embarrassed by your first fly's appearance. Take it to the water and let the fish be the judge of its quality. After all, whether it catches fish or not is truly what matters, not what your fellow anglers may think of its appearance.

So become a tyer. With a very small initial investment, you can tie your own flies and enjoy the greatest rewards that angling with a fly has to offer. Don't be afraid to put a hook in your vise and a bobbin in your hand. If your attempt is aesthetically unpleasing, you can always tell the guys on the river that your spouse tied it! Trust me, the fish won't care.



made of titanium and you don't need the gold-plated scissors. What you do need are tools that function and fit into your budget. Purchase the best tools that you can afford now so you won't be purchasing

two, thus eliminating much of the confusion that many new tyers experience. And even without spending dime one, you could attend our own Bass Pro Shops sponsored monthly fly tying seminar, where all

NLFF Calendar



June 9th: **NLFF monthly meeting.** Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social hour at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm. Eddie & Roberta Brister, owner's of Beavers Bend Fly Shop, will share some of their 'honey' holes on the Lower Mountain Fork River and gives us a 'State of the River'. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from someone who makes a living on the Lower Mountain Fork River.

June 16th: **Red River NWR Youth Summer Camp.** Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Come make a difference in the life of a child, help the Wildlife Refuge, and help the NLFF by volunteering to help youths to flies or just help with supervision. 9:15am-12:15pm. Please arrive by 8:45am.

June 18th: **Fly Tying Workshop.** White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. Come learn the technique of "palmering" soft hackle.

June 30th: **NLFF Executive Board meeting.** 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator. Any club member is welcome to attend.

July 14th: **NLFF monthly meeting.** Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social hour at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm. Chris Summerville from Ouachita Outdoor Outfitters speaks on smallmouth bass fishing the Caddo River in Arkansas.

July 16th: **Fly Tying Workshop.** White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm.

July 28rd: **NLFF Executive Board meeting.** 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator. Any club member is welcome to attend.

July 25th: **NLFF's 3rd Annual Master's Clinic.** Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Program: Davy Wotton will present "Mastering the Nymph - Means, Methods and Techniques". 9:00am-5:00pm. Admission Fee - \$35.00 limited to 75 pre-registered attendees. Lunch will be provided.

Aug 11th: **NLFF monthly meeting.** Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social hour at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm. Jerry Driskill speaks on fishing the Current River in Missouri.

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Color Coding Key

Red: Monthly Event/Outing
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NLFF Weekly Fly Tying Gathering

"Tying Flies and Telling Lies"

While we will still have our usual Bass Pro Shops sponsored fly tying event every 3rd Thursday of the month, we will temporarily suspend the fly tying on the other Thursdays. Please note that this is just a temporary hiatus due to other commitments that our members have

during the summer months.

Our Bass Pro Shops sponsored event is undergoing some changes requested by Bass Pro Shops and agreed to by the club board. Club member Jamie Franklin will be teaching tying classes geared around proper tool usage and tying techniques that will help begin-

ner level tyers become more comfortable with tying their own flies. We will also have club members available to answer any and all questions from on-lookers about our club and fly fishing in general.

Look for our casual tying classes to return soon and we promise that they will be better than ever!

Upcoming Events

Jun 26-28th: "Grand Isle Fly Fishing Weekend". Grand Isle, LA. A great tradition since 1990... the Red Stick Fly Fishers joined by members of other clubs in Louisiana and Mississippi. Weekend surf, marsh, and inshore fishing the Cajun Bahamas for a wide variety of species. Check www.rsff.org for details.

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Aug 11-15th: "50th Annual IFFF National Fly Fishing Fair". 9am-5pm daily. Bend, OR. Free Entry on Saturday! Join us for: - fly fishing, tying, casting workshops - fly tying demos, casting demos, programs - exhibitors and vendors, book authors - special activities for youth and women - awards banquet, barbecue, and other social events.

Aug 14-15th: "Ride the Bull 6 - Extreme Kayak Fishing". Bridgeside Marina, Grand Isle, LA. Friday- Captains Dinner and Film Festival, starts 7pm. Saturday- Tournament and Awards Ceremony. The format is simple - land a Bull Red from your Kayak or other authorized paddle craft in Caminada Pass. Awards will be given for largest Bull Red landed and weighed (and released). For rules and info, go to www.calmwatercharters.net/ridethebull/index.html.

Aug 22nd: "11th Annual Contraband Fly Fishing Expo". 8:30am-4:00pm. PPG - Porter Hall, 2250 Prater Road, Westlake, LA. Fly Tying, Casting Demos, Lure Exhibits, Auctions/Raffles, Food and Refreshments, Equipment Displays and more! Free admission open to the public! For details, go to www.contrabandflycasters.net or contact Warren Landry (337) 853-7755.



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It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and our 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.

The North Louisiana Fly Fishers (NLFF) Club serves the Ark-La-Tex area surrounding Shreveport. As the closest cold water fishery, we consider the Little Missouri (Little' Mo) River near Murfreesboro, AR our home waters. We also fish the local rivers and lakes. We even have a growing group of kayak fishermen that, as well as the local rivers and lakes, will fish the gulf coast marshes for some saltwater action!

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Red River Wildlife Refuge (150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA). Meeting starts at 7pm but come about 6pm to visit, tie flies and practice casting when the weather permits. See you there!