

The Fly Line

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March Meeting Topic

The fly tying contest at last month's "Chili & Flies" meeting (see story on page 2) had the contestants using foam, not exactly a normal tying material. Well, Don Lawler is going to show us how to use some "materials of opportunity" to tie flies.

and, knowing Don, very entertaining to say the least. I envision a "flip-flop fly" or "crepe paper popper" or some such creation. Seriously though, think of all the materials that you could find there. Fur, feathers, thread, wire, and as Don will probably show us, some unconven-



Don's program called "Dollar Store Fly Tying - Materials of Opportunity" will

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tional materials also.

So come prepared to take notes and have



show you how to scavenge materials from unlikely sources such as dollar stores to tie some truly unique, but very fishable, flies.

some fun. You may just learn something that you could use at next year's mystery fly tying contest.

This is sure to be very informative

The way time flies, "Chili & Flies" 2017 will be here before you know it!



Also, membership dues are due! Remember, we accept cash, check and credit cards. Thank you!

Please make a note of our new address:

North Louisiana Fly Fishers

PO Box 29531

Shreveport, LA 71149

January Meeting Recap

Our “Chili & Flies” meeting is one of the NLFF’s most attended meetings every year. The 2016 edition was no different. About 35 attendees were ready to sample the various chili recipes and judge the

flies tied by the adventurous souls who participated in the mystery fly tying contest.

Each crock pot held a scrumptious chili. There was not a bad one in the bunch and a \$25 cash

prize was on the line. In fact, second place lost by one vote and last place lost by only three! I would call everyone a winner but I don’t claim to be, and will never be, politically correct. So there is only one winner and one prize given out. This year’s champion is Scott Irwin, a repeat winner! Congratulations, Scott, on



Scott Irwin (left), Chili Cook-off Winner

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being this year’s chili cook-off winner. Don’t spend all of your \$25 prize money in one place!

Next up was the “Mystery Material Fly Tying” contest. There were two categories- large fly and small fly. Each tyer could enter in either or both categories with a \$25 cash prize for the winner in each category. In this contest, the participants were free to use any materials that they had or the materials that were provided but must use a piece of foam. Each tyer could enter a fly in one. After looking over the materials, most tyers went to work immediately. Some of us (me)

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that were involved in other club business had to play catch up. Naturally, because of the foam, most tyers thought of some sort of

popper or top-water fly. At least one got a little creative. Remember, the only

requirement was to use a piece of foam. It didn't have

to be "real-world correct". For example, a crawfish pattern was made from the foam and would definitely not be able to strip across the bottom like a real crawfish. However, I, for one, thought the crawfish fly was a darn good

likeness of a real one! Along with the crawfish, there were four other entries in the large fly category.

Five flies also populated the small fly portion of the contest. Top-water was definitely the order of the day in this category but no poppers though. Other than legs, there was one entry tied with nothing but foam!

You may be wondering why I didn't announce the large fly category winner before moving on to the small flies. That is because both categories winners are one in the same! Congratulations, Scott Irwin! If you are keeping track, that is a clean sweep at the "Chili and Flies" meeting for Scott. I believe this is the first clean sweep since we have been hosting this meeting format. Now the pressure is on. Can he repeat the clean sweep? The odds say no but... Now with three \$25 prizes, Scott doesn't have to spend it all in one place! 🐟



Some Contest Materials Available



Small Fly Entries



Large Fly Entries



< Seeing Double, Deja Vue or Get Out the 3-D Glasses >

NLFF President Steve Oliver (right) presents Scott Irwin (left) with a \$25 cash prize in both fly categories at the NLFF "Chili and Flies" meeting.

Special Event - July 23, 2016



**The North Louisiana Fly Fishers
4th Annual Masters Series
presents:**

A Day with Bob Clouser



Saturday July 23, 2016
Doors Open at 8:30am
Program 9:00am - 4:00pm

Red River National Wildlife Refuge
150 Eagle Bend Point
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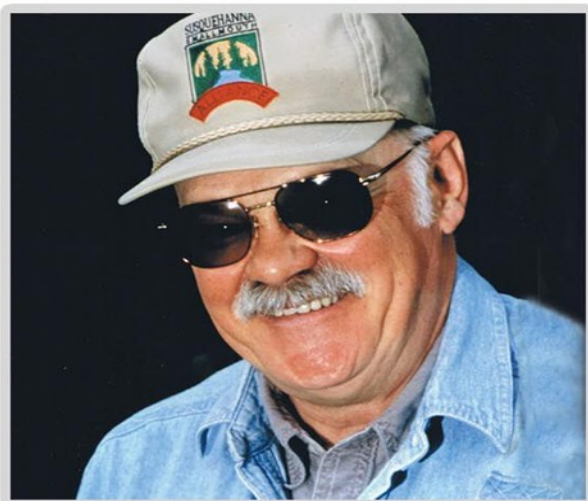
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Bob Clouser presents

“Bass Fishing, Top to Bottom”

- Casting with Bob at the boat dock on Lake Catherine by the Refuge
- Bass fishing presentation at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge
- Fly tying demonstration with Bob

Optional: At the conclusion of the presentation, those that are interested can meet at Ralph & Kacoo’s Cajun Restaurant for dinner with Bob Clouser. (Dinner is not part of the event and is not included in the ticket price.)



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Bob specializes in fly fishing for smallmouth bass on the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania. Bob’s guests are urged to conserve the species by practicing “catch and release.” This policy has earned him many conservation awards from fishing organizations such as, Trout Unlimited, the Susquehanna Smallmouth Alliance and the Dr. James Henshall Award from the Federation of Fly Fishers.

“The Mono Rig and Why Fly Line Sucks”

I would like to thank Domenick Swentosky for permission to reprint his article from **Troutbitten** (see www.troutbitten.com). I wanted to share his response, “Are you sure that you want to publish something called ‘Fly Line Sucks’ in a newsletter titled ‘The Fly Line’?” Any information that has the potential to make us a better fly fishers is worthy of these pages. Read on with an open mind...

The Mono Rig and Why Fly Line Sucks by Domenick Swentosky



For presenting nymphs and streamers to river trout, fly line sucks. There, I said it. Now I have to defend it.

Most underwater deliveries require weight, and using a very long, monofilament leader to cast that weight is more efficient than using fly line; it keeps you in better contact with the flies, and you'll catch more fish. I'm talking about leaders with butt sections of 20 feet or more. For all but the very

longest casts, the fly line never comes off the reel, and the thick monofilament butt section essentially takes the place of fly line while casting, drifting and retrieving — it just weighs a lot less.

In a previous article, I detailed the Tight Line Nymph Rig and why it works, and I strongly recommend reading through the tight line post before this one. So if you're going as far as a tight line nymph rig, why not go further?

I'm qualifying my proposition here by saying the long mono rig is better for almost all underwater presentation — just to leave the door open a bit, and because taking away fly line is shocking to some and appalling to others. The same principles that make the mono rig so effective for tight line

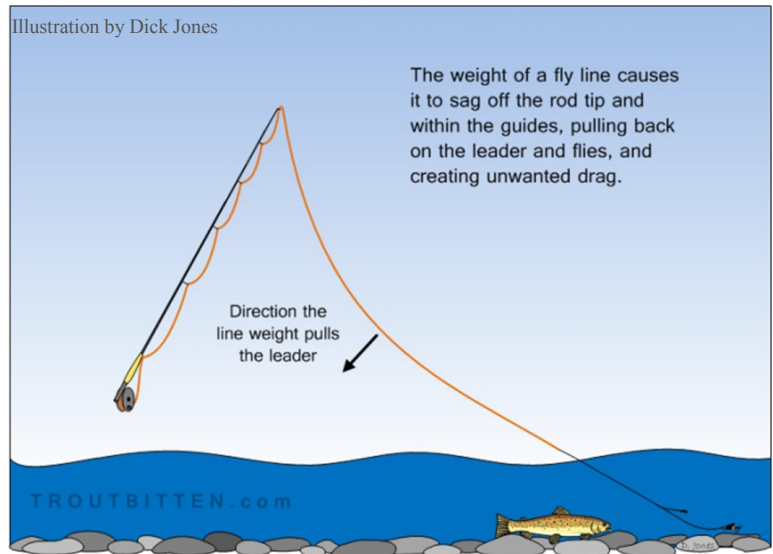
nymphing make it just as deadly for all other presentations of nymphs and streamers (for trout in rivers and streams), including nymphing under an indicator, and

fishing large streamers at distance.

Some fly fishers will take a few steps back from this rig, drop their heads and shudder disapprovingly. That's OK. Others will see this rig as too much bother — reluctant to change and adapt. If you're the kind of guy who tries not to get too technical when you're out there, and you just want to enjoy what happens, this isn't for you. And that's OK too.

Weight

The mono rig works, and why it works really isn't complicated: it's all about weight.



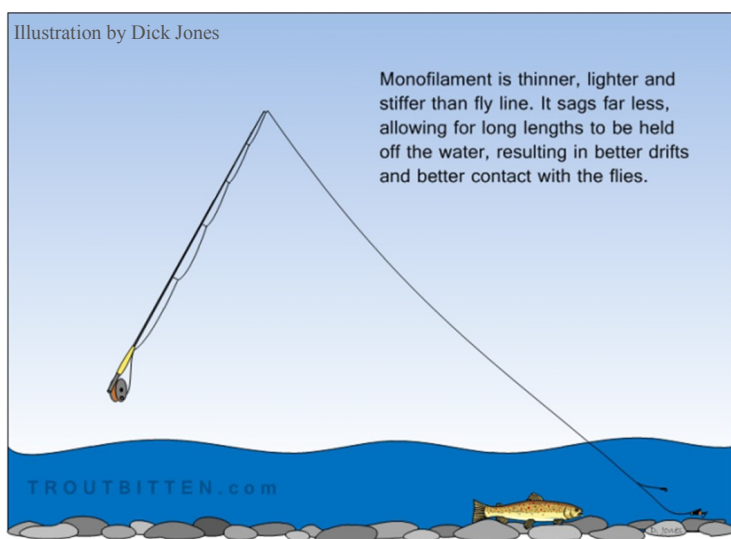
Fly line is heavy, so it sags off the rod tip, and it sags in the guides, causing drag by pulling

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back on the leader and the flies, resulting in a bad, unnatural drift. If you are fishing fly line at distance, it lays in the water. Then you have to mend it, and then you are



no longer in touch, resulting in bad strike detection and lousy hook sets. By contrast, with a mono rig, long lengths of leader can be held off the water at some pretty remarkable distances; there is no need for mending, and you can stay in touch with the flies — that’s a fantastic thing in fly fishing.

All fishing casts happen because of weight. Spin fishing relies on the weight of a lure to pull line from a spool and carry it to a target. The original purpose of fly line was to push wet flies to the destination because the flies were too light to get there on their own. Dry flies

are also a natural match for fly line (they need pushed toward the target), and lightly weighted nymphs and streamers can be presented exceptionally well with a fly line (especially if they are swung across and downstream). But I would argue that the

upstream, dead drift presentations of modern nymphing with weighted flies or split shot (and sometimes an indicator) is not the job for a fly line. The weight needed for the cast is already there — it’s in the weighted nymph, split shot, or the indicator itself — and using fly line for the cast just adds more weight. In essence, it creates a system that is fighting itself: the push of a fly line and the pull of the weighted nymphs are what create the clumsy, clunky cast that nymph fishermen eventually try to get used to. So why the hell are we fishing fly line?

A long mono rig solves the problem, and with a little time and practice, casting weighted rigs becomes much more elegant, accurate and efficient.

How To Do This

The more years you’ve spent casting fly line, the more awkward casting a mono rig will seem — but only for a short time. You can easily make the transition in a few outings by learning and implementing one key principle: take the wrist out of the cast. Loren Williams gave me that piece of the puzzle one wintry day on the banks of a good trout stream. He taught me to hold the rod with the index finger on top instead of the thumb on top (the finger points to the rod tip). Then, plant the butt end of the rod into the underside of the forearm, and cast the rod by bending the elbow, not the wrist. In fact, holding the rod like this completely disables the wrist; with very little effort, even lightly weighted flies will sail easily to the target.

In time, I’ve worked a little bit of the wrist back into my cast for certain situations, but the basic principle is still there; it’s far more important than any fancy rod will ever be (mono rigs are effectively cast on a wide variety of rod actions, weights and price tags). Just take the wrist out of the cast.

A common misconception about tight line nymphing rigs is that

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there's no real casting involved — that it's nothing more than lobbing and drifting, then lobbing and drifting again. That's simply not true. The finesse of casting is still there; I still make back casts, I can still tuck a cast tight under a tree limb, and with the mono rig I have the controlled precision to either drive my flies hard into the water (with a tuck cast), or land them with a subtle plop.

History

Eight years ago, when I first saw this rig, I remember being absolutely amazed by the simple, obvious principles that make it work, and I've enjoyed sharing this revelation with friends ever since. Together, we've explored the possibilities and adapted it to other presentations.

We started to see fly line as a handicap. Burke often says that fly line is the biggest detriment to fly fishers, and it was Burke who took our tight line system and started fishing indicator rigs and larger streamers with it. He'll tell you that it was out of pure laziness (that he just didn't want to change leaders), but I give him the credit for discovering how effective it is. For years,

I had fished indicators and dry-droppers fairly close on a tight line rig, and I routinely fished smaller streamers on the end of my line instead of nymphs, but Burke is the first person I saw using the long mono rig (on purpose) at longer distances with indicators and with larger streamers. It's killer.

The long mono rig, however, is certainly not a Troutbitten creation. You can find it detailed in Joe Humphreys' Trout Tactics, and I would assume that many others were using similar rigs through the years. (That's fishing.) Humphreys used Cortland Cobra flat monofilament in place of fly line, eliminating drag and getting nymphs and streamers deep while maintaining contact and control. Eventually, he had Cortland manufacture what they marketed as the Deep Nymph Floating Line; a very thin running line of about .022" in diameter. I've used the line, but I prefer mono.



This (above) is a Scientific Anglers Air Cell fly line. The first ten feet of this four weight, double ta-

per fly line weighs 2.9 grams. That's great for pushing dry flies, but it will cause a lot of line sag while nymphing.



By contrast, ten feet of #20 Maxima Chameleon (above) weighs just .64 grams. It's much thinner, lighter and stiffer than fly line. It would do a lousy job of pushing bushy dry flies through the air, but it is an ideal choice for fishing weighted nymphs or streamers.

The specific material used for the butt section really doesn't matter so much. If it's significantly thinner than a regular fly line, then line sag and fly drag will be greatly reduced. I often experiment with different materials, but I keep coming back to Maxima Chameleon in #20 because it's thin (.017"), yet it's thick enough that it still handles well. With an easy pull, Maxima stretches out and the coils relax nicely, even in winter weather. With most thicker material, I've had more coiling problems than I want to deal with.

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Many of my Troutbitten friends prefer Hends leaders or other brands of long, extruded leaders. The Hends leaders are nice; they feel a bit more like fly line, but the butt diameters are a little too heavy for what I like. I've tried Stren, Berkley, Suffix, Amnesia (a flat monofilament), braided mono running line, Rio Slick Shooter, and a one-weight fly line. I keep coming back to Maxima.

If you are hung up on the idea of using mono, then try one of the competition fly lines now available. They are much thinner and lighter than an average fly line and can come close to the performance of mono (some would say better). Finding your own favorite is part of the fun.

Rig

You can find tight line leader recipes from a variety of dependable sources (Dynamic Nymphing by George Daniel is one of the best). Some like to start with a standard 9', manufactured, extruded leader and build from that, while others like to tie their own leaders from scratch. Whatever you choose, though, the long mono rigs I'm writing about here need to

be long enough so the fly line rarely leaves the spool of your reel. I use a 20', one-piece butt section in my leader so that the connection from leader to fly line rarely finds its way into my guides where it could hang up or slow down any shooting line during the cast. The 20' butt section also assures that no fly line sag will occur in my rod guides while nymphing either. Remember, fly line sucks.

The rig I use for nymphing is listed below. If I add a suspender/indicator, I do so on the first few feet of the tippet section. If I want to fish larger streamers, I swap out everything from the sighter down (using Loon's Rigging Foam) for another smaller but stronger sighter and a tippet section of 2X.

The specific material you choose for the sighter portion of the leader is also unimportant. There are many good options. Just be sure to choose materials that you can see well.

20' — 20lb Maxima Chameleon
2' — 12lb Maxima Chameleon
8" — 12lb Red Amnesia
8" — 10lb Gold Stren
8" — 8lb Green Amnesia
4-6' — 4X fluorocarbon tippet

Defense

I suspect I'll take some flak about this long mono rig. "It's not fly fishing!" is a pretty common response, and that's fair. It's certainly nontraditional, and even considering the current popularity of tight lining, euro-nymphing, and competition fishing styles, a long mono rig still raises eyebrows.

In my mind, fly fishing is defined in two parts: using flies, and retrieving by hand. What "flies" actually are is pretty blurry these days; beads, coneheads, molded heads and rubber fins on streamers are ubiquitous. Who cares? I say. Just fish what works. However, the line-retrieval aspect of fly fishing is more concrete. If you are cranking a reel handle after every cast to bring your offering back for the next cast, then you probably aren't fly fishing.

Another common reaction to this rig is, "Why not just use a spinning rod?" That's fair too. I've tried it, but it's actually much less effective and a lot less fun. Retrieving by hand and using a long rod allows for more versatility and efficiency of presentation.

When I first saw the mono rig used for tight line nymphing, I was intrigued. When I first used it, I

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thought it was fun — and that’s where I’ve been ever since. I simply enjoy fishing the long mono rig because it presents me with more options for greater control over where my flies go and what they look like to the fish. And then I catch more trout.

Problems and More

Like anything else in fishing, there are untold numbers of intricacies, adaptation, and points to be made about this rig, and I’ll address many of them in future posts. There are specific challenges to be overcome: line coils must be handled, retrieves must be adapted, etc. I’ll also dedi-

cate some space to the specifics of fishing indicator rigs with mono and to fishing streamers with mono. It might look something like this:

Mono Rig With Suspenders/Indicators

- close range and at distance
- using the double haul
- when to mend, how to mend
- suspender types
- balance between weight of suspender and weight of flies
- angles of drift, angles to nymphs
- staying tight to the suspender

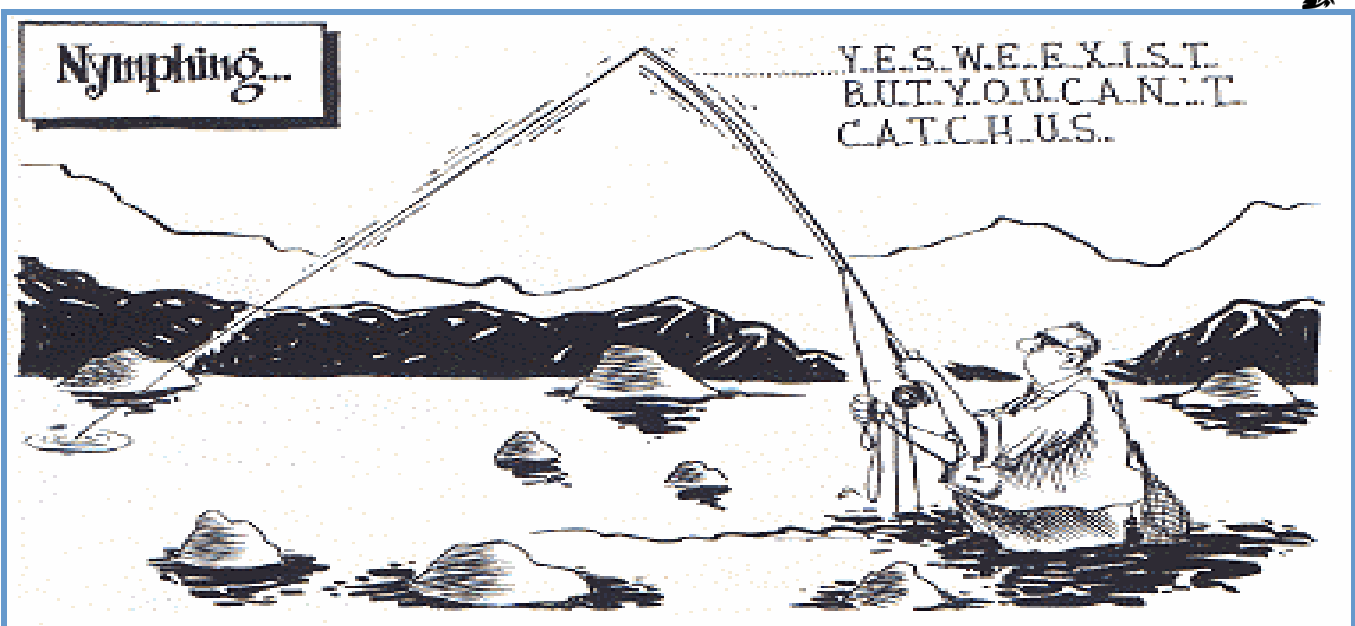
Mono Rig With Streamers

- water haul and double haul
- advantages over sinking line
- advantages over a floating line
- creating and using drag with the mono leader
- Cannonballs
- shooting heads

If you’ve read to the end of this thesis, let me commend your persistence. You are my kind of fisherman, with a heart for exploration and a head full of questions.

One more thing: I don’t think I would start a new fly fisher off this way. There’s something very special about casting dries on a fly line that should not be missed.

~Domenick Swentosky



Beware! Trout have learned Morse code!!

Special Event - April 8th & 9th

Caddo Conclave 2016

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

April 8 & 9

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

***Friday: Doors open at 5:00 p.m.. Pot Luck Supper!
Bring enough for you and one other family.***

***Saturday: Breakfast provided by North Louisiana Fly
Fishers at 8:00 a.m.***

Speakers throughout the day

Bring your fly tying equipment!

Lunch provided by East Texas Fly Fishers

***Plenty of fishing available on bayou at Caddo Lake State Park
Feel free to camp, rent a cabin, or commute to the event***

Caddo Lake State Park 903-679-3351

For more info contact ETFF Mike Hawkins 903-736-1887

Or NLFF Scott Irwin 318-742-2190

Fly of the Month - "Bean's Crappie Jig"

This "Fly of the Month" comes from Ward Bean, the purveyor of the Warm Water Fly Tyer website (www.warmwaterflytyer.com). Check out his site for many other killer patterns for bass, bream and crappie- after you finish reading *The Fly Line* of course!



Bean's Crappie Jig

You can tie this jig in a variety of colors and fish it for a variety of fish. A jig can be one of the most deadly lures in you fly box.

Materials List

Hook: Jig Head, Size 8 or 10

Thread: 6/0 or 140 Denier, Black

Tail: Marabou Feathers, Yellow

Abdomen: Uni Stretch Nylon, Red

Thorax: 4 or 5 Peacock Herls

Tying Notes

The jig can be tied in any color or combinations of colors that you choose. The one constant is the Peacock Herl Thorax. I prefer to use Uni-Stretch Nylon for the abdomen but you could also use heavy thread or yarn. Danville also makes a stretch nylon in several colors. Stretch Nylon comes on a spool and it can be started on the hook's shank, with a jam knot, just like tying thread.

I prefer Ball Style Jig Heads with a Nickel head but you could use a plain head and paint it if you choose. I tie jigs, in both sizes, in a variety of colors. In addition to yellow, a jig with a white tail is great for crappies.

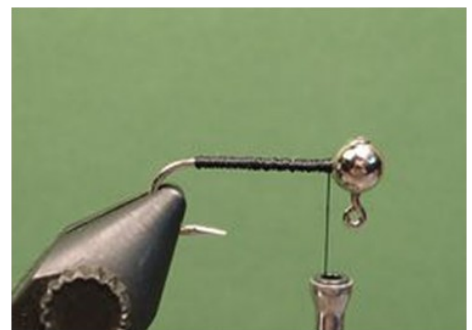
Angling Tips

I often fish jigs under a large strike indicator. I simply attach the jig at a length of two feet or so under the indicator. Fishing a jig under a strike indicator may be repugnant to you because it's a type of bobber fishing. But, it's an extremely effective way to catch fish. That's the only way a couple of my fly fishing friends fish a jig. And, they both catch lots of fish including: Crappies, Bluegills, Bass, Carp, Yellow and White Bass and Wipers.

The tactic that sets this fishing method apart from the type of bobber fishing that non-fly fishers employ is that the jig is constantly

moved with short strips and pauses or manipulation with the rod tip. Since you can see the strike indicator, you can determine how you are swimming the jig by the way that you are moving the indicator.

Tying Steps



Clamp the jig head in the vice and crimp the barb. Start the thread at the head and lay down a base of thread from the head to the hook's bend and back to the head.

Select a marabou feather for the tail and tie it in from the hook's head back to the hook's bend.

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Tie off the tying thread at the jig head. You will re-attach the tying thread later.



Re-attach the tying thread and lay down a thread base for the Peacock Herl Thorax.



Put a spool of red Uni-Stretch Nylon on a materials bobbin and attach the Uni-Stretch with a jam knot at the two-thirds point on the hook's shank.



Build an abdomen as shown and tie off the Stretch-Nylon at the head with a half-hitch.



Select several peacock herls (4 or 5) and trim the butts and tips of the herl. Tie in the herl by the tips as shown.



Make a peacock herl rope by grasping the butts with hackle pliers and wrap the herl forward to form the thorax. Tie off the herl with your tying thread and remove

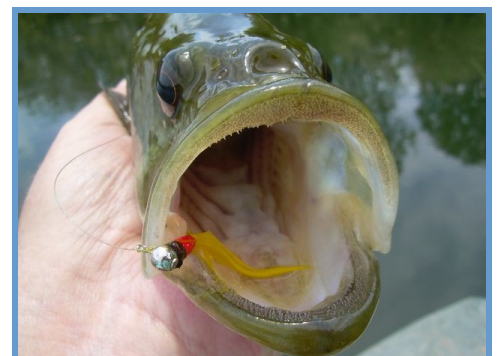
any excess herl.

I use a Zap-A-Gap Knot to tie off the herl. Simply coat an inch or so of the thread nearest the hook with Zap-A-Gap and make a couple of wraps with the wet thread behind the jig head.



Wait a moment or two for the Zap-A-Gap Knot to dry and clip the thread. Your Jig is ready to be fished. 🐟

~Ward Bean



NLFF Calendar



Mar 8th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social hour at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm. Don Lawler will present "Dollar Store Fly Tying - Materials of Opportunity". This should be a 'must see'.

Mar 17th: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. Steve Oliver will be tying "Todd's Wiggle Minnow" if supplies come in. Otherwise, a foam spider will be tied.

Mar 22rd: NLFF Executive Board meeting. 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

Apr 8th - 9th: "7th Annual Caddo Conclave". Hosted by the East Texas Fly Fishers and the North Louisiana Fly Fishers. Caddo Lake State Park, Karnack, TX. Friday potluck dinner 5:00pm. Saturday breakfast 8:00am. Speakers throughout the day. See advertisement on page 4 of this issue.

Apr 12th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social hour at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm. Dirk Burton will give a presentation on bass and bream fishing in the Atchafalaya Basin. He will also be tying some of his favorite flies during social hour.

Apr 21st: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. Scott Irwin will be tying a woven fly called the "Cajun Tickler".

Apr 26th: NLFF Executive Board meeting. 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

Apr 30th: "Spring Thaw 2016". BBQ and Fly Fishing at Johnny and Judy Thomas' place. Bank fishing for bass, bream, crappie and catfish on a 3-acre pond. Club will provide drinks and cook BBQ. Please bring a side dish. Directions and times will be provided at the March club meeting.

May 10th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social hour at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm. John Williams from Pack & Paddle will present fishing the Louisiana marsh for Speckled Trout and Redfish.



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Upcoming Events

Mar 5th: "2016 Natchitoches Fishing Expo" hosted by Cane Country Fly Casters. Natchitoches Expo Center, Natchitoches, LA. 8:30am - 5:00pm. All about fly and light tackle fishing with over 40 vendors. See www.redriverfishingexpo.com for more information.

Mar 12th: "Fly Fish Texas" hosted by Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. Athens, TX. The annual Fly Fish Texas event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 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. Admission: \$10.00 adults

Mar 12th: "25th Annual Red Stick Day" hosted by Red Stick Fly Fishers. A celebration of fly fishing, featuring various programs, exhibits, and demos. LDWF Waddill Outdoors Center, 4141 n. Flannery Rd. Baton Rouge, LA. 8:30am - 3:30pm. Free admission and refreshments with a nominal cost for lunch.

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May 7th: "7th Annual Bass on the Fly Tournament" A catch/photo/release (CPR) tournament exclusively for fly fishing. Proceeds support Reel Recovery and the Texas Council of the IFFF. Categories: Club, Boat, and Non-Boat (Kayak, Canoe, Bank, Float Tube, etc.). Lake Fork Marina, Lake Fork, Texas. 6am to 2pm. For more info, go to www.bassonthefly.org.

May 13th - 14th: "15th Annual Smallmouth Rendezvous & Fly Tying Extravaganza" hosted by the North-eastern Oklahoma Fly Fishing Club and Native Women Fly Fishers. First Baptist Church, 201 Commercial Rd, Tahlequah, OK. 9am - 4pm daily. Free admission. For more info, go to www.neokflyfishers.org or call Walter Davis 918-360-2085 or Larry Stinnett 918-931-0940.

Jul 23rd: "NLFF Masters Series Presents A Day with Bob Clouser". Come spend a day with the legendary fly tyer. See advertisement on pages 4 and 5 of this issue.

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Serving the Ark-La-Tex for over 30 years

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!