

The Fly Line

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June Meeting Topic

Jerry Driskill is our featured speaker this month. Jerry has addressed our club in the past on fishing the Current river in Arkansas. This month, he will give a presentation on the San Juan river.


The San Juan River in New Mexico is one of the finest tail-water fisheries anywhere! It is noted for its quantity as well as quality of trout. The 4.25 mile stretch of the San Juan river below Navajo Dam holds over 80,000 trout. An average San

Juan river trout is 17", but fish over 20" are abundant.

To fool these selective San Juan trout requires tiny flies, fine tippets, proper



presentation and attention to detail. Jerry will arm us with the knowledge needed on where and when to go as well as some tips for a successful trip.

So join us for what is sure to be a great presentation on one of the finest trout fisheries in the nation. Hope to see you there! 

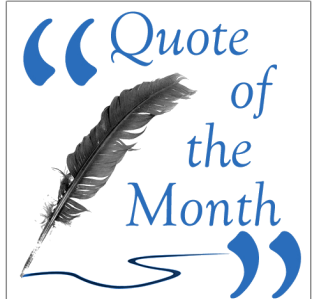
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NLFF club members please add the club email address to your address book. Otherwise, you might not receive some club emails. The address is:

nlffclub@gmail.com

"Game fish are too valuable to only be caught once."

~Lee Wulff



May Meeting Recap

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Biologist Tony Brady was the guest speaker of the May meeting of the NLFF. Tony is one of the leading biologist studying Mussels in the state of Louisiana.

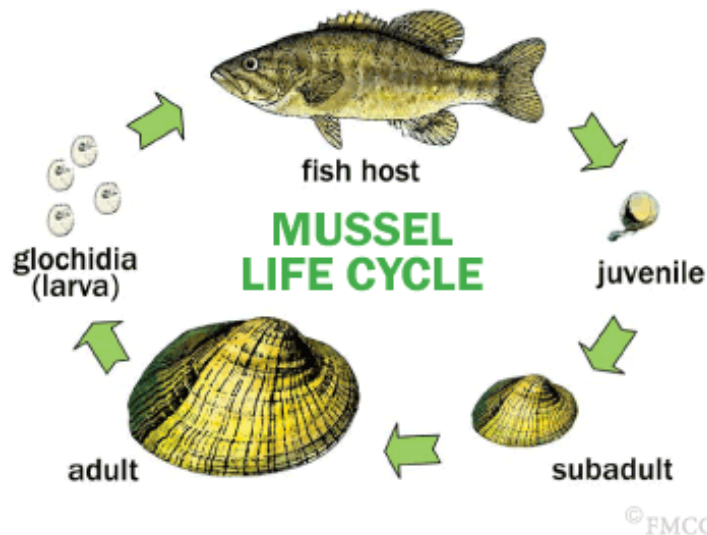
It is amazing that his cutting edge research has been taking place just 60 miles to the south of us in Natchitoches. Tony gave a detailed presentation on the life cycle of mussels, how they propagate, and where they are found. It

was pretty amazing how the mussel can imitate bait to attract larger

fish in order to attach its larva.

This was one of Tony's last presentations in the state of Louisiana. He has accepted a prestigious position in Florida and will be moving there in a few weeks. Tony was quick to answer the multitude of question he received following his presentation.

We wish he and his wife the best as they move to the Sunshine State.



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How to Hide Your Weight

by Brita Fordice

As a woman, when you gain a little weight you have 3 options: 1) You can lose it. 2) You can just deal with it and not do a thing. 3) You can buy one of those horrific sucker-inner-things that make you look 10,000 times thinner but make you cry trying to imagine how to pee out of it.

And your poor fly has to worry about the same thing. Well, not the peeing part. You have 3 choices when tying your fly: 1) It can lose the weight and sacrifice action. 2) It can stay big and bulky and sacrifice appearance. 3) You as a fly tyer can conceal the weight.

Here are my favorite techniques to conceal weight in a fly without sacrificing appearance, or running up a Nordstrom card on some fly spanx.

Soft tungsten strips. I love these



Brita Fordice

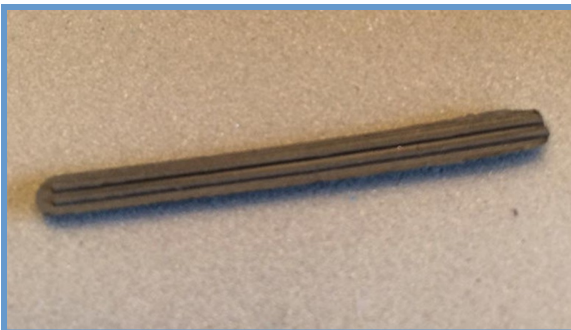
things. They can be cut in all shapes and strip sizes, and they provide a customizable amount of weight. They can be tied in easier than lead wire, as they "smoosh" down better and don't result in a dramatic ridge where they begin. They provide a great amount of weight in a small piece, and counterbalance flies quite easily. As shown in the fly below, you can easily add Spirit River Soft-Tungsten Strands to the body with-

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have to do is add a touch of this powder to the UV curing liquid, mix it up, apply it to the fly, light it up

with the UV lamp, and you're done! Granted, it looks like a bird pooped on your fly temporarily...



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2016 “Spring Thaw”

The North Louisiana Fly Fishers will be holding our “Spring Thaw” on June 11th. This annual event features good times, good fishing, and good food. This year it will be held at Judy and Johnny Thomas’s property in Plain Dealing north of Bossier City. Gathering will start at around 10:00 am with the fishers arriving around daybreak.

On the agenda this year is a BBQ picnic. This is a very similar

format to the “Frozen Chosen”. The club will provide the main course and drinks. We ask each attendee to bring a side dish. Lunch will be served around 1:00 pm.

For those that wish to fish, there is a 3-acre pond on site that has bream, bass, crappie, and catfish. So bring your gear and fish before lunch, eat and then BS with everyone!

The location is 28 miles north of I-

220 and Benton Rd.

From the intersection of I-220 and LA-3/Benton Rd, head North for 16.5 miles.

Turn Right onto LA-160 East for 6.9 miles.

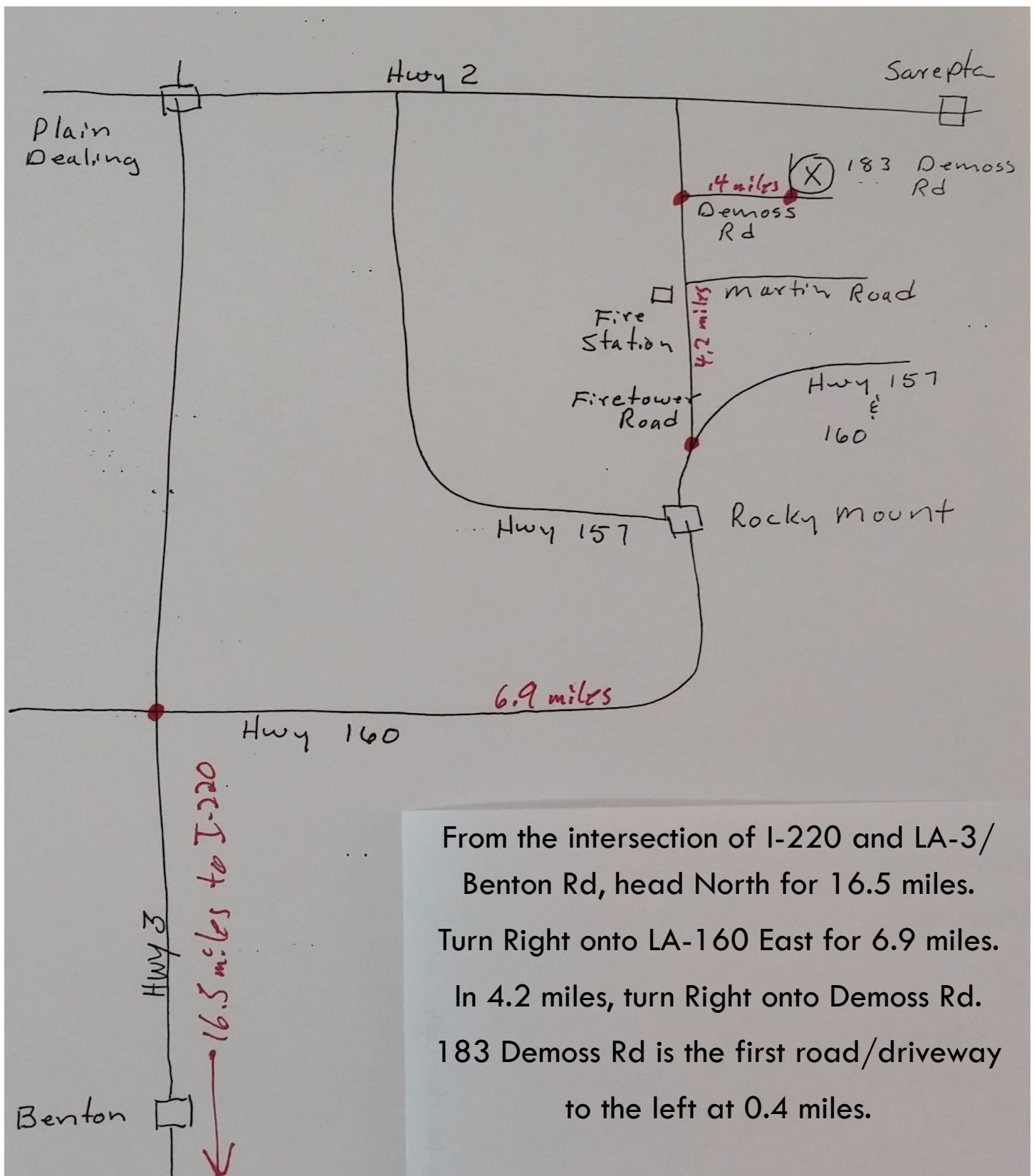
In 4.2 miles, turn Right onto Demoss Rd.

183 Demoss Rd is the first driveway to the left at 0.4 miles.



Brings new meaning to the term “bird’s nest”

2016 Spring Thaw Directions



Special Event - July 23, 2016



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

A Day with Bob Clouser



Only A Few Seats Left!

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

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

Tickets are \$40.00 each
Early Bird Special - \$35.00 if purchased before June 1st
Seating is limited so get your tickets now!

**The North Louisiana Fly Fishers
would like to thank these supporters for sponsoring
the NLFF's 4th Annual Masters Series.**



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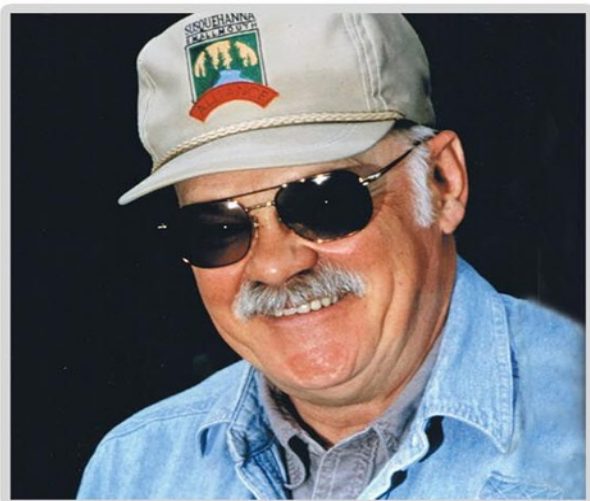
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Bob Clouser presents

“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.)



INDUCTED LEGENDARY ANGLER

BOB CLOUSER

2000 - Pennsylvania

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.

Fly of the Month - Streamers Part 2

Streamer flies, a must for every fly box. There are hundreds - maybe even thousands of different variations of the streamer fly. From the first fly most of us learned to tie, a wooly bugger or Clouser minnow, to the more exotic looking one's that are suitable for framing, streamers have been a deadly weapon in every fly fishers arsenal.

Bud Bethea will continue our streamers workshop, building on last month's class, by tying an articulated version. While small flies such as various nymphs and midges will catch big fish as well as small, if you are after that once in a lifetime trophy, tie on a LARGE fly.

And you can't get much larger than an articulated version of the streamer.

Join us at Bass Pro on Thursday, Jun 16th at 6:00pm for tying a great summer pattern for large fish. This is sure to be a big class, so come early to get a good seat.

Bring your vise!



How to Hide Your Weight - Cont.

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... but once it's set you can easily add your normal Fish-Mask and Living Eyes on top, or finish the fly off by wrapping over it.



Boring old cone. I know, I know, flies have worked for years with boring ol' cones – why change that? I like cones, but it doesn't mean I can't update the technique in which we tie them onto the fly. And like all other great inventions (cell phones, push up bras, and

breathable waders to name a few), a little updating can be a very positive thing. In the fly on the right, I've purposely hidden the cone one-third of the way down the shank. All you can see is a tiny bit of shine behind the Living Eyes, which works as an attractor too.

Quick review:

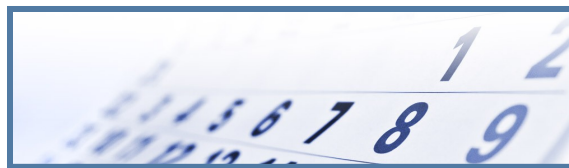
A muffin top is just as unattractive on a fly as on a person. So next time you want to add a little weight to your fly, try one of these techniques and give your fly a new look. 🐟



Growing up on the Stillaguamish River in Washington state, Brita learned to fly fish at the age of 8, and taught herself to tie flies at 10. After living in both Alaska and Idaho for a few years, she moved back to Seattle in 2004 and has been an employee and guide with Avid Angler Fly Fishing Outfitters since. Her passion lies in guiding Puget Sound beaches and hunting cutthroat and salmon off the sand with baitfish patterns she's created. Follow her on Instagram: @seafly907. If you're interested in booking a guided trip, email her at: britaf@avidangler.com.



NLFF Calendar



Jun 11th: NLFF Spring Thaw. This year will be at Judy and Johnny Thomas' place. Start gathering around 10am or earlier if you would like to fish in their 3 acre stocked pond. Lunch will be around noon. Admission is free. Just bring a side dish. See pages 4 & 5 of this issue for more information and directions.

Jun 14th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social hour at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm.

Jun 16th: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. Streamers Part 2. Building on last month's streamer fly, Bud Bethea will be tying an articulated streamer.

Jun 21st: NLFF Executive Board meeting. 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

Jul 12th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social hour at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm. Ben Woodard, a new fly fishing guide in south Arkansas will speak on Smallmouth Bass fishing in a variety of south Arkansas waters.

Jul 21st: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. Steve Oliver is tying a foam popper. This is a great summertime pattern in the early mornings and late evening.

Jul 23rd: NLFF Masters Series - A Day with Bob Clouser. Bob will be presenting "Bass Fishing, Top to Bottom". As well as his program, there will be a casting and tying demonstration by Bob. Although not included in the program, there will be an optional dinner with Bob at Ralph & Kacoo's Cajun Restaurant after the program's conclusion. Come visit with a fly fishing legend!

Jul 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.

Aug 9th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social hour at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm.

Aug 18th: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. Fly and tyer to be determined.

Aug 23rd: NLFF Executive Board meeting. 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

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STORIES, PHOTOS, ITEMS OF
INTEREST ARE ALL
WELCOME!

Upcoming Events

Jun 10th - 12th: "Southern Sportsmans Festival and Expo" features seminars, kayak demos, exhibits, indoor archery and more! Alario Center, 2000 Segnette Blvd, Westwego, LA. 2-8pm Fri, 10-8pm Sat, 10-6pm Sun. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 under 16, under 7 is free, 3-day pass is \$15.

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Jun 24th - 26th: "Grand Isle Weekend" hosted by the Red Stick Fly Fishers. Blue Dolphin Inn, Grand Isle, LA. A weekend of surf, marsh, and inshore fishing the 'Cajun Bahamas' with fly fishers from all over Louisiana and Mississippi. For more info, go to www.rsff.org.

Jul 23rd: "NLFF Masters Series Presents: A Day with Bob Clouser". Come spend a day with the legendary fly tyer. See advertisement on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

Aug 20th: "12th Contraband Fly Fishing Expo". Moss Bluff United Methodist Church. 8:30am - 4:00pm. FREE Admission. Fly Tying, Casting Demos, Lure Exhibits, Auctions / Raffles, Food and Refreshments, Equipment Displays and more! Public invited. For more details, go to www.contrabandflycasters.net or contact Warren Landry (337) 853-7755.

Aug 26th - 27th: "Ride the Bull 7" World's Largest Kayak Fishing Tournament. Hosted by Calmwater Charters and CCA. Bridgeside Marina, Grand Isle, LA. Friday - Captain's Dinner and Calmwater Film Festival starts at 7pm. Saturday - Tournament and Awards Ceremony. For more information and complete rules see www.calmwatercharter.net/ridethebull/index.html.



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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!