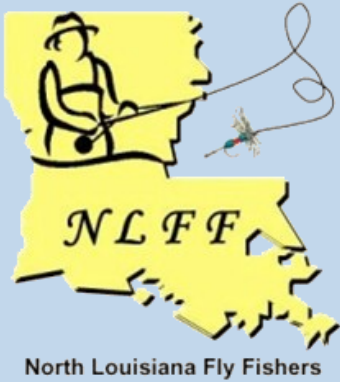


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November Meeting Topic

It is time once again for the NLFF's Annual Banquet! Great food and fun with family and friends for some club fundraising. Oh, and vote for next year's officers and board members (see page 2).

The last few years our banquet was held at Mandina's Grill in Shreveport, LA. If you haven't heard, Mandina's suffered a fire this last spring with significant damage throughout the building. Unfortunately, ownership decided not to re-open the restaurant leaving us to find another place to hold our banquet.


This year, our banquet will be held at Jan's River Restaurant in Greenwood, LA on W. 70th St across from Splash Kingdom Waterpark (formerly Water Town). Unlike last year at Mandina's Grill, The whole menu will be available to us for ordering. Also, for those that so indulge, Jan's has a full bar.

Our banquet is also our main fundraising event every year. We have elimi-

nated the raffles at each monthly meeting in favor of a few larger raffles. Our banquet is one of them and the most important so we need all members to attend and support our club. We are busy planning next year's events based on the outcome of this fundraiser.

Raffle tickets are \$30 for 15, \$50 for 40, and \$100 for 100. These will be used for bucket draw prizes and we will also have card draws for larger items. Card draw prices will be determined for each item.

So come out to Jan's River Restaurant on November 8th for an evening of fun. After all, by that time the election will be over except for the counting and I know you are, even now, election weary. What a great way to forget about it for a little while.

Hope to see you there! 

"The finest gift you can give to any fisherman is to put a good fish back, and who knows if the fish that you caught isn't someone else's gift to you?"

~ Lee Wulff



Board Elections at NLFF Banquet

As you know, our banquet is on November 8th this year, election day. After performing your civic duty, join us for food and fun and perform your club duty... vote!

That's right. It's that time again because our club election comes around every year instead of 4! With the executive committee together, this would be a great time to pass along an idea or two that you may have for our club. The nominees for the NLFF Executive Committee are the current mem-

bers. But to officially publish them, they are:

- President - Steve Oliver
- Treasurer - Tom Bullock
- Member at Large - Bud Bethea
- Member at Large - Scott Irwin
- Member at Large - Brett Rowell
- Member at Large - Chris Pierce
- Member at Large - Rex White

Also, with fly tying a very large part of our club activities, the Ex-

ecutive Committee established a Fly Tying Chair. It was also decided to appoint Jamie Franklin to be the committee chair. With Jamie's knowledge and skill in tying and with the time and effort he dedicates to various fly tying activities, the Executive Committee agreed that Jamie would be a wise choice for this newly created position within our club. Jamie accepted.

Congratulations Jamie! We know you will do fantastic!



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5 Signs You Might Be A Streamer Junkie by Ryan Kaufman

With fly fishing, as with anything in life, people develop habits and preferences.

There's the dry fly enthusiast. This person is the true purist. If you're not enticing a fish to eat on the surface you're not even really fly fishing. Conversations about shuck materials and wing placement can go on for hours. It's "dry or die" and bamboo all the way.

stay up till the wee hours of the morning drinking and attaching more feathers, hair, and flash to a size 4 hook or bigger than you can shake a 10 foot 3 weight at. The visual experience of watching a big fish chase down and crush a big fly is what keeps the blood pumping through their veins.

These are the streamer junkies. Are you a streamer junkie? If any

It's no secret big fish prey on big food, so why go out and catch a bunch of dinkers feeding on bugs when you could entice a larger, more carnivorous specimen to eat a big meaty fly?

Streamer junkies consider picking off fish with nymphs a waste of time; they're targeting the fish at the top of the food chain.



There's the Euro-nymph. This person is out to put a hole in the lip of every fish in the stream. They regard the FIPS-Mouche competition rules as the bible and tungsten beads as their savior. They don't use kneepads and use nets with huge hoops.

And then there are those who

of the following 5 signs apply to you, you might be a streamer junkie.

1. If you sacrifice numbers for size...

... you might be a streamer junkie.

This is perhaps the most notable characteristic of a streamer junkie.

2. If you fish big flies even in small streams...

...you might be a streamer junkie.

This symptom coincides with the first sign that you may be a streamer junkie. Here's the sce-

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5 Signs You Might Be A Streamer Junkie - Cont.

nario:

You're fishing a small creek with a buddy. He's picking off one fish after another with a dry/dropper. You're fishing a fly that is approximately the same size as the fish he is catching.

At the end of the day he may have out fished you 30 to 1 but that one fish you caught is the only one either of you remember!

3. If you really, really like smallmouth...

...you might be a streamer junkie.

The allure of fishing streamers is really about watching that fish crush a big fly. Most streamer junkies will expand their addiction beyond the realm of trout fishing. Smallmouth bass provide an easy fix for someone in need of watching a fish absolutely crush a fly with impunity.

Timing is also a factor here. In the hot summer months when the water is low and clear, it may be difficult to entice a trout to chase a big streamer.

4. If you get excited about it raining all day on your next day off...

water is high and getting out in the rain is just a small price to pay.



...you might be a streamer junkie.

It takes someone with a serious affliction to get excited about the prospect of spending hours outside in the rain.

If you notice that the forecast is calling for heavy rain on your next day off and you can't wait to get out on the river in it, you may have a problem.

5. If you have some impressive calluses on your line control fingers...

...you might be a streamer junkie.

Fishing streamers all day can really take a toll on the body. One physical symptom of a hardened streamer junkie is a hardening of the skin on the fingers that cradle the line as it's being stripped.

These calluses don't form without some bleeding taking place. A non-junkie might regard this painful sensation as a sign that it's time to hang it up for the day. Maybe even take a few days off to let those cuts heal. The junkie will ignore the painful sensation and con-

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5 Signs You Might Be A Streamer Junkie - Cont.

tinue to search for that explosive eat that will ease their mind. Eventually those cuts will turn into calluses and the problem is solved.

Are you a streamer junkie?

If any of these symptoms ring true, there's a high likelihood you're a developing or full-blown streamer junkie.

Fear not — you have a growing number of cohorts to share your affliction with. People get ad-



dicted to this stuff for good reason.

Tying and fishing big streamers for big fish is awesome! 

About Ryan Kaufman:

Ryan is head fly fishing guide at Headwaters Outfitters in Western North Carolina. From stalking wild brookies to chasing smallmouth and musky, Ryan enjoys a variety of opportune ties presented by living and fishing in the Southeast. He's currently making preparations to instruct his most important future "client," his six-month-old son, Sawyer.



Flies of the Month - Streamers

This month at Bass Pro, Chris Pierce will be tying a streamer pattern. Every month, this article tries to match the fly that will be tied at Bass Pro unless we have recently done it. However, with a streamer pattern, it is very difficult to match because there are so many different varieties.

So this month, I will show you the top five streamer patterns as compiled by *Field & Stream* magazine. Any list of top this or that is almost always met with criticism, but don't shoot the messenger. Remember, this is not my list.

But first, some interesting information about streamers. Of *Field & Stream* magazine's top 25 flies, streamers account for 6 spots, being bested only by dry flies with 8. However, streamers account for the top 4 positions and are tied with dry flies with 5 of the top ten positions each. Let's take a look at each streamer in the top 25 list.

1. Clouser Deep Minnow

This lead-eyed bucktail is the world's best pattern because it looks and acts like a small jig when stripped through the water. Its prime color combination is chartreuse over white, and it works on everything from trout and bass to stripers and redfish, in sizes 2/0 down to 10. The

best retrieve is fast. The clouser streamer is the most

prolific fly - EVER! It has been documented to have caught over 80 different species of fish in all types of water.

2. Woolly Bugger



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Flies of the Month - Streamers, Cont.

Although best known as a streamer fly for trout, Buggers work well for bass and myriad other species in fresh- and saltwater. The basic Bugger is all black, in sizes 2/0 to as small as 12 for panfish. Historians see this pattern as nothing more than an ancient Woolly Worm wet fly with a wiggly marabou tail. Often it is tied with strands of flashy tinsel or with a heavy metal cone head for a jiglike action, but the original unweighted version is the most versatile.

3. Black Ghost

Something about the black, yellow, and white color combination in this venerable streamer pattern seems to make trout—especially big browns—want to kill it. Created by Herb Welch, the Black Ghost is one of the last remnants of the streamer tradition developed by

Maine fly-tiers in the years before and shortly after World War II. It is often fished in sizes ranging from a big 2/0 giant-killer on down to a size 6. Want to land that Brown of a lifetime? Give this fly a try.

4. Zonker



This sounds like something from the menu of a Cockney restaurant, a side dish, maybe, with your bangers and mash. Such is the inelegant state of modern fly names. A formed lead-foil underbody acts as both weight and keel, keeping the fly running deep and upright. A strip of rabbit fur for a wing is what drives fish crazy. Use black, chartreuse, or white in sizes 3/0 down to 10 in fresh- and saltwater. It may be known as a

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Flies of the Month - Streamers, Cont.

trout fly, but an all-black Zonker in a larger size can be great for northern pike.

9. Muddler Minnow

Tied as a scruffy-looking sculpin imitation by Don Gapen in the 1930s, the Muddler in its present, trimmed form was refined by Dan Bailey in Montana and popularized by the likes of Joe Brooks and A.J. McClane. In a wide range of sizes, it's deadly on trout, steelhead, and salmon, and it doubles as an excellent bass fly. There is also a smaller version of this called a Mini-Muddler.

21. Lefty's Deceiver



You would think that this streamer pattern would be higher in the list, but almost all major fly retailers include the Deceiver only in their saltwater fly sections. It works perfectly well for bass, trout, and other freshwater fish, but the ties you'll find are all on saltwater

hooks. And, of course, the pattern excels in saltwater for just about all big fish that eat small fish. The design, by Lefty Kreh, is ingenious. The long, trailing feather wing extends only from the rear of the hook, which means it won't tangle with the hook in casting and you will thereby never waste a cast. This pattern is most often used in white and chartreuse, or all black (for stripers after dark) in sizes 2/0 to 4.



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NLFF Fly Fishing Banquet

Where?

Jan's River Restaurant

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7675 W 70th St Greenwood LA

(Across for Splash Kingdom, formerly Water Town)

When?

November 8th at 6:00 PM

**Food &
Drinks**

Order from Jan's River Restaurant full menu.

Full bar is available for those so inclined.

Admission

Bring a fly fishing item to the banquet to be raffled. If you have no fishing item, feel free to pick up a gift certificate at a fishing store or restaurant.

And

You have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for some fabulous prizes. Cash is preferred but checks and credit cards are accepted as well. Bundles prices are:

Raffle

Raffle Ticket Pricing

Tickets

\$30 for 15 | \$50 for 40 | \$100 for 100

Come share a wonderful evening with friends, buy some raffle tickets, and participate in the live auction and the royal draw. Who knows? It might be you going home with some fantastic prizes, but everyone will take away a good time with family and friends!

Bring the Whole Family!

Support the NLFF's Fundraising Banquet

NLFF Calendar

Nov 8th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. This is our Annual Banquet meeting. This year, our banquet will be held at Jan's River Restaurant in Greenwood, LA. More details to come.



Nov 17th: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. Chris Pierce will be tying a clouser.

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

Dec 13th: NLFF Monthly Meeting. Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Social hour at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm. Charlie King has been featured on *Bayou Outdoor 365* with

Dec 15th: Fly Tying Workshop. White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. Brett Rowell will be tying a "Golf Tee Popper".

Dec 25th: Merry Christmas!

Dec 27th: NLFF Executive Board meeting. 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

Jan 1st: Happy New Year!

Jan 7th: "Spoon Flies". Our own Don Lawler has become regionally known for his spoon flies. Join Don at the Red River NWR from 1pm to 4 pm as he show how to make a spoon fly from beginning to fishable. Free Admission.

Jan 28th: "Frozen Chosen". NLFF's annual outing to the Little Missouri River. Some stay for the weekend, some come just for a day of fishing. Hamburger and hot dog cookout 12:00 noon at Riverside Park just below the dam north of Murfreesboro, AR. Cost of admission is a side dish and your drinks.



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STORIES, PHOTOS, ITEMS OF
INTEREST ARE ALL
WELCOME!

Upcoming Events

Nov 4th - 6th: "Toledo Bend Rendezvous 2016". Friday-Sunday, November 4-6, 2016, North Toledo Bend State Park, Zwolle, LA. No reservations necessary. An annual gathering of members of fly fishing clubs from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi and beyond. No planned activities but plenty of fly tying, food, fly casting, fishing. Go to <http://suddenlink.net/w/Rendez/indexR.html> for all the details.

Nov 11th - 13th: "RSFF Fall Catch-n-Eat". Red Stick Fly Fishers annual fall marsh fishing trip Friday-Saturday, November 11-13, 2016. Friday evening gathering at local restaurant (optional). Saturday evening gathering and fish/shrimp/veggie fry at Golden Meadow. Must be member of RSFF or other fly fishing club to participate. For details, go to www.rsff.org

Jan 21st: "Cenla Fishing Expo". Sponsored by the Kisatchie Fly Fishers, the Cenla Fishing Expo is a light tackle and fly fishing show to be held 8:30am - 4:00pm on Saturday, January 21st at the Baymont - Alexandria Convention Center in Alexandria, LA. Seminars, exhibitors, vendors, fly tying demonstrations, casting demos, raffles, and more. Special rates for guests and vendors at the Baymont Inn next door. For more info, go to www.kisatchiefly.org.

Feb 18th - 19th: "15th Ever Little Mo' Fly Fishing Festival". Fly tying with some great friends and if the weather is right, some fishing! State of the River report from AFGC biologist Christy Graham. River entomology analysis with show sponsor Jeff Guerin.



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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!