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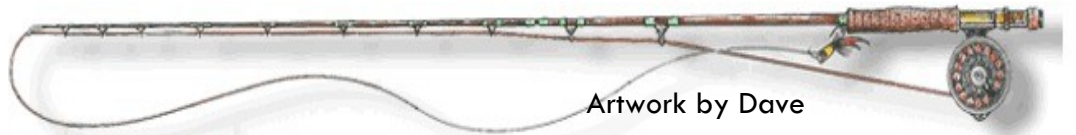
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It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and our members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing 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!

NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE!
SEND ITEMS TO EDITOR:
STORIES, PHOTOS, ITEMS OF
INTEREST ARE ALL
WELCOME!



The Fly Line Newsletter

The way the weather has been the past couple of months, most of us should be able to practice casting in water by standing in our yards.

Rivers and soon ponds and lakes will be anticipating our return to the water. Get your gear ready, lines prepared and fly boxes filled.

Ample opportunities in the fly fishing community are taking place. It is always good to see our club well represented at these events.

Thank you all who take the time to be tyers, casting instructors, lecturers, board members and most importantly fly fishers.



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2020 Frozen Chosen

On January 31st - February 2nd, several gathered for our annual Frozen Chosen event at the Little Mo. The weather was quite pleasant, even though it did get to below 32 degrees on Saturday morning. Generation at the dam kept us moving. When time on the water was available, fish were available for the taking. As always, good fellowship took place. It truly is one of our most treasured events.



February Fly Tying

Lisa Doyle brought the essential flies for crappie. We tied a jig, bee, and a wasp. It was a lot easier than trying to run a hook through a live one.



Fly Tying Saturdays

Almost every Saturday, we do freestyle fly tying at Bass Pro. The purpose is to spend time checking out each others favorite selection and promote fly fishing to shoppers.



February Speaker

Howard Malpass, of Gray Wolf Fly Shop Fame, spoke to a large group, about the San Juan River, New Mexico. The slide presentation, along with Howard's experience on the river, provided us with information, that hopefully we will use on a trip to the area. Several of us have this on our bucket list. I

just have to convince my brother in Albuquerque, the importance of it.

Please pay Gray Wolf a visit.



NEW EVENT

March 13-14th 2020: Gulf Coast Council Fly Fest and Fishing Tournament. 1st annual Gulf Coast Sweetwater Fly Classic at Percy Quin State Park McComb, MS Free admission, and an entry fee for the tournament.

Hosted by the Fly Fishers International (FFI) Gulf Coast Council, the net proceeds from the Classic will go to benefit their educational and conservation projects.

There will be different categories - a fly fishing tournament for bass, bream, and crappie for boaters, kayakers and bank fishermen.

There will also be fly tying demonstrations, fly casting clinics and games, seminars, raffles and more. The festival is FREE and open to the public. The tournament will be a CPR event with team format and low entry fee.

At the park, there are over 29 cabins, RV facilities, tent camping,

and 9 motel rooms on premises. Nearby McComb has numerous motels and restaurants. For complete info, look for the Events menu soon on the website at www.gulfcoastcouncilffi.org.

Little Mo Fly Fest

Hosted by Jeff Guerin, the Little Mo Fly Fest was well attended, by our club. Tom Bullock was one of the speakers at the program. Several folks tied and fished. This is always a great event to learn and fish the river we claim as our "home waters".



NLFF Calendar

March 10th - Monthly Meeting. Tom Bullock will speak on UV Lighting 2.0. 6:00-8:00

March 13-14: Gulf Coast Council Fly Fest and Fishing Tournament. Percy Quin State Park outside of McComb, MS.

March 19th - Fly tying. Tom Bullock. Join us for the March Brown. 6:00 Bass Pro.

April 14th - Monthly Meeting. Dennis North will speak on fly-fishing for bass, bream, and crappie on Caddo Lake.

April 16th - Fly Tying. Bud Bethea on a fly TBD. 6:00 Bass Pro.

April 18: Fly Fishing Texas. Athens, TX

May 12th Monthly Meeting. "Guide to Aquatic Trout Food" book study and discussion. Led by Tom Bullock.

May 21st - Fly Tying. Jamie Franklin. Mayfly. 6:00 Bass Pro

May 29-31: NLFF Flies and Fleas. Purvis State Park, Canton, TX. Coincides with First Monday Trade Days in Canton.

June 9th—Monthly Meeting. "Guide to Aquatic Trout Food" book study and discussion. Led by Tom Bullock.

June 18th - Fly Tying. TBD, maybe a June Bug!! 6:00 Bass Pro

July 14th—Monthly Meeting. "Guide to Aquatic Trout Food" book study and discussion. Led by Tom Bullock.

July 17-18: Leeville Catch and Eat.

JULY 25: NLFF MASTER SERIES. Mike Huffman—Topic is Warm Water Fly Fishing. Tickets on sale in February.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY—

This Spring, the FFI Gulf Coast Council is raffling off a Crescent Kayaks LiteTackle 12 kayak and paddle. Every ticket purchased helps to support GCC conservation and education initiatives. The raffle is open to the general public.

The LiteTackle 12 is one of the hottest new fishing kayaks on the market. Made in the USA, it has received strong reviews for its hull design that offers an optimum blend of speed, stability and excellent tracking. Fly anglers will appreciate the open cockpit, strong enough for stand-up fishing. The transom is built to accept electric motors from Bixpy, Torqeedo, BassYaks and others.

Donations are 1 ticket for \$10, or 3 tickets for \$20. A limited number of tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place on April 15th,

2020.

They will be selling tickets at several events across the Gulf South during the next few months. In addition, they will soon have an online ticket sales available.

Individuals

Individuals can purchase tickets by mail via check, and soon online via credit card. If purchasing blocks of 3 tickets (\$20 each), make the check to the amount of a block. For example, \$40 for 6 tickets.

Make checks payable to "FFI Gulf Coast Council". Mail it to their treasurer (see below).

Club Promotion Program

Clubs have an opportunity to support the Gulf Coast Council, as well as their own clubs, by purchasing blocks of tickets through the Club Promotion Program.

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Here's how it works: a club can buy blocks of 10 tickets – minimum purchase is 30 tickets – at the discounted donation of \$5 each. The club can then sell those tickets to members at the listed donation price (\$10 each or 3 for \$20) and generate funds for their own use. This is a "purchase" so there are no refunds on unsold tickets.

Please send a club check. The amount of the check will be \$5 times the number of tickets to be purchased (again, blocks of 10 tickets only, minimum 30 tickets). For example, 60 tickets will be \$300.

Checks

Make checks out to "FFI Gulf Coast Council". Mail it to our treasurer:

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