

The Fly Line

Monthly Newsletter of the North Louisiana Fly

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North Louisiana Fly Fishers

Established in 1984

We're on the Web!

www.northlaflyfishers.org

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First FFI Affiliated Club in Louisiana



September Monthly Meeting, Tuesday Sept 12th at 6 PM

Double Feature!

Practical Instruction:

Spooling line on a reel

It seems like putting fly line on a reel would be simple. It can actually be pretty tricky...and messy.

Come watch Mike Hawkins demonstrate how to spool up a fly reel with ease and efficiency.

One lucky attendee will get a chance to spool up a second fly reel.



Refuge update:

The Refuge is our club home. Come hear ranger Jacobson update the club on refuge plans and activities.

Hear updates on C B Dixon lake and lake Caroline.



Cover Photo: Patrick Leahy ties his first fly at Monthly Fly Tying gathering



Fly Fishing Banquet

Is right around the corner

The largest exchange of Fly Fishing equipment in the Ark-La-Text will take place October 10th at 6 pm at Shane's on 9176 Mansfield Road , Shreveport LA

This is the clubs annual banquet. The funds raised allow the club to book interesting speakers, partially pay for expenses for club outings, pays dues , insurance, and administrative fees to FFI.

How the Banquet works: Club members are asked to bring an item (or multiple items) to Shane's at approximately 5 pm on Tuesday October 10th. We will begin setting up the bucket draws. Perhaps you have upgraded to a new rod and no longer need your old rod. Bring the old rod to the banquet. Any fly fishing items are welcome for donation. You are welcome to bring a gift card to a restaurant or tackle shop if you do not have a fly fishing item to donate to the banquet. Bring your spouse, family, and friends. All are welcome.

There will be a grand prize drawing for a high level rod package worth over \$300.

There will be many bucket draws. You purchase tickets to drop in a bucket placed in front of an item.

Dinner Cost: Dinner is Dutch Treat. Just order what you would like off the menu and you pay your bill

Tickets Cost:

Value Package: \$100 Includes 100 bucket draw tickets and a Grand Prize ticket. You must buy this package to have an entry in the Grand Prize. Additional Grand Prize tickets are \$20 each and can only be purchased if you buy the value package.

Small pack: \$40 for 20 tickets

Fly Tying at Bass Pro Sept 30th



Come on out to Bass Pro (in the Fly Shop) on Sept 30th at 10 am for a enjoyable morning of fly tying. If you are new to the art, come on out. We will provide you everything you need to tie your first fly. The club has vises, tools and materials for you to use. We also will provide you a one on one instructor.

If you are an experienced tyer, we would love to see your demonstrate your tying skills.

Recurrent Events:

Monthly Meetings

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Red River Refuge in the Conservation Conference Center at 6 PM. Bring your fly tying equipment to meetings and tie come flies.

Red River Refuge

150 Eagle Bend Point

Bossier City LA 71112

Monthly Fly Tying

Come Join us for a enjoyable morning of fly tying at Bass Pro in the White River Fly Shop. If you are new to fly tying this is a great place to start. We can provide you with a vise, tools and materials to tie your first few flies. We offer you one on one instruction. If you are an experienced fly tyer, come and demonstrate your skill. We always enjoy sharing new and different techniques and ways to tie new flies as well a proven fish catchers. If you are new and would like to tie, call Scott Irwin 318-469-0854.. He will make sure we bring the club vises and tools for you to use. We look forward to seeing you at Bass Pro at 10 AM the 3rd Saturday of each Month for fly tying adventures.

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 6 pm, tie flies and practice casting when the weather permits. See you there!

NLFF Roster

Name	Membership expiration	Phone
Jamie Franklin	12/31/2023	318-707-5959
Scott Irwin	12/31/2024	318-469-0854
Don Lawler	12/31/2023	318-510-2261
Joe Linder	12/31/2023	318-245-9385
Steve Oliver	12/31/2023	318-349-6411
Brett Rowell	12/31/2023	318-207-6097
Rex White	12/31/2026	318-294-7027
Rush Clay	12/31/2025	318-294-9272
Mike Hawking	12/31/2023	903-353-3357
Al Higgins	12/31/2023	318-507-8233
Jack Lamb	12/31/2025	
Ken Maher	12/31/2023	318-426-3750
Ardis Peace	12/31/2023	
Jim Roat	12/31/2023	318-344-2178
Randy Rogers	12/31/2023	318-422-5549
Dick Seal	12/31/2023	318-393-9893
Chuck Tiller	12/31/2023	318-465-1227
Chris Horsley	12/31/2023	
Dickie Turner	12/31/2023	318-469-9600
Lisa Doyle	12/31/2023	
Mark Chrisman	12/31/2024	318-393-4702
CL Bourn	12/31/2023	318-840-5064
Russ Rogers	12/31/2027	318-426-0834
Tom Hopkins	12/31/2023	318-347-6120
John Reisz	12/31/2024	318-560-5831
Alan Carter	12/31/2023	318-347-6076
Rick Fotenot	12/31/2025	318-455-9893
Tom Mee	12/31/2025	318-230-8697
Georgia Stephens	12/31/2023	318-401-0012
Jo Ann Woodard	12/31/2025	318-617-2912
John Scarborough	12/31/2025	318-464-8569
Matt Kendall	12/31/2023	318-603-2300
Bill Meaney	12/31/2023	318-426-7667
Tad Britt	12/31/2023	318-521-5641

Don't see your name on our membership roster? Join today. We would love you as a member of the NLFF. The club is diverse. It revolves around fly fishing but also includes travel, regional fly fishing conventions, interaction with other fly fishing clubs, and plenty of "eating meetings" You can find a membership form on our website "Northlaflyfishers.org" or use the form below.



North Louisiana Fly Fishers
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Club Membership Form

Member Information*

Primary Member's Name: _____

DOB: _____

Other Active Member or Spouse: _____

DOB: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

FFI Member?: Yes or No (Circle One) Home Phone: _____

Fly Tyer? Yes or No (Circle One) Cell Phone: _____

Kayaker? Yes or No (Circle One) Other Cell Phone: _____

Primary Email: _____

Wireless Carrier (Need to send texts): _____

*NOTE: All information is confidential and for the private use of the NLFF.

Membership Type (Check One)

☐ Family (\$35)
☐ 3-Yr Family (\$90)
☐ Individual (\$30)
☐ 3-Yr Individual (\$75)
☐ Student (\$20)
☐ Active Military (\$20)

A parent or parents along with their children under 18 years of age. Limited to a two vote maximum.

All individual members are allowed one vote.

Any student under the age of 18, but not included in a Family Membership. Student members are considered to be full members and have one vote.

Any active member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Active military members are considered to be full members and have one vote.

Payment Method: ☐ Cash
☐ Credit Card ☐ Check

NOTE: Dues are payable by the end of January of each calendar year. Make checks payable to North Louisiana Fly Fishers (NLFF). Dues for **new** members joining on or after September 1st shall be valid through the end of the following year (excludes Military and Student). For example, if you join on Sept. 1 2016, your membership would be valid through the end of 2017.

Toledo Bend Rendezvous:

A fly tying extraordinaire!



The North Toledo Bend Rendezvous is one of the most unique and highly anticipated fly fishing events in fly fishing circles all across America. It takes place less than an hour from Shreveport.

This event may be a bit old fashion, but many believe we need a little more old fashion back in our lives. This spectacle takes place in a spacious event cabin. Fly tyers from all across the country come to demonstrate their skills. All are welcome to this event, especially people new to the sport.

Tyers set up booths where they tie. You simply rotate around the room and watch the tyer apply materials to the hook. You will learn. You will come away with some flies. You will eat great food. You will relax and enjoy nature. You are welcome to tie flies yourself. You will meet some great people. You can fish the bay beside the cabin.

This event is a food fest also. Bring your favorite dish along with \$10 for admission.

When: November 3 and 4th (starts at 5 pm on the 3rd. All day and into the night on the 5th)

Where: North Toledo bend state park (stay at group cabin, get a private cabin, or camp)

Cost: \$10 for a 1 day admission. (\$40 to stay at the group camp Friday and Sat night)

More info: Contact Scott Irwin 318-469-0854 (fb at "North Toledo Bend Rendezvous")

Toledo Bend Rendezvous:

A heck of a food festival



One thing is for sure, when you attend the Rendezvous, you won't go away hungry. You never know what culinary delight you may experience. BBQ, boudin, smoked ham, green chili stew, south Louisiana gumbo. It's a mix of food from across Louisiana, Texas, and from other locals.

It's like a giant potluck supper. Just bring your favorite dish. You don't have to feed everyone, just enough for yourself and a family or two.

