

# The Fly Line

Monthly Newsletter of the North Louisiana Fly

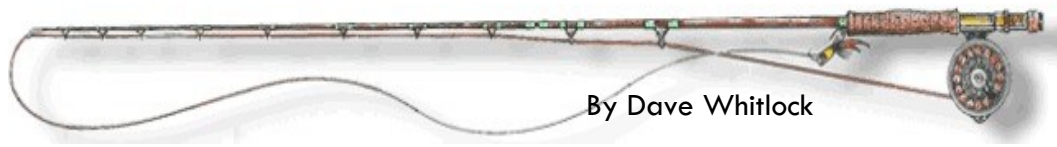
First FFI Affiliated Club in Louisiana

January 2024



North Louisiana Fly Fishers

Established in 1984



By Dave Whitlock



***Sleeping with da' fishes.....***



# **The North Louisiana Fly Fishers is a comprehensive flyfishing club:**

Established in 1984, The NLFF is affiliated with Fly Fishers International and is composed of a core group of very experienced fly fishers. In addition to this group of experienced fly fishers is a large population of intermediate fishermen. Most importantly, the NLFF club has a healthy contingent of people just learning how to fly fish who are members of the club. No matter what your skill level, you are welcome to join. The goal is to help each other in the sport. The goal is also to enjoy the magnificent fly fishing journey. The sport can refresh the soul, mind and spirit. Come join us on the journey.

## **6 Main components of the NLFF:**

- 1) **Education:** We teach all aspects of skills and techniques associated with fly fishing. Casting, rod assembly, knots, fly ID courses, line management, gear reviews, and safe wading are just a few of the topics addressed.
- 2) **Destination Programs:** We provide programs and lectures on ideal locations to fly fish. Secret locations, easy wading river bottoms, rivers, ponds, lakes and streams are all presented. Some close, some more distant. We also share current fishing reports.
- 3) **Fishing Trips:** We organize trips to rivers, streams, ponds and lakes. We fish cold water and warm. We even offer salt water trips.
- 4) **Fly Tying:** We offer complete fly tying instruction. We provide you all the tools you need to tie you own fly, plus a one on one instructor.
- 5) **Social Activity and Community involvement:** The NLFF has given back to the community with involvement in Veterans Projects, Reel Recovery, Refuge summer camps, and more.
- 6) **Travel:** We support, participate, and travel to regional fly fishing conventions, and gatherings.

**Cover Photo: Randy Rogers taking a break from epic fishing on the Little Mo**

January NLFF Club Meeting (Jan 9th ,6 PM at the Refuge)

# ***Fishing the White River***



The White River is one of the top fisheries in the United States. It is a short drive from Shreveport/Bossier.

Matt Kendall takes us along on his recent journey to this well managed stream. Come and learn where and how to fish this 5 star river.

## **Education Segment of meeting:**

What do you take with you on the water when you fish. Are you a walking fly shop, or a minimalist? We will discuss the pros and cons of each and what is the core essentials to have with you on the water. ***Bring your on the water "set up" and show others.***

## **Little Mo Roundtable discussion**

We will also have a Little Missouri discussion on the strange things going on at our home waters. The mystery of the "valve", water clarity, fishing hot spots, and flys in favor will all be discussed.

It all starts at 6 pm on January 9th at the Refuge (150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, 71112)



**February 13th Club Meeting**

# ***Chili Cookoff***

***Plus***

## ***Mystery Fly Tying Contest***

### **Calling all chefs!**

Get your recipe ready for the 2024 Chili Cookoff. Nothing tastes better than a hot bowl of chili on a cold winters day. Plan now to attend and/or participate.



### **Bring your tying gear**

Try your best to create a fly from a bag of mystery materials. The timer will be ticking, the feathers will be flying. Mark your calendar now to attend this festive meeting as either a participant or judge.

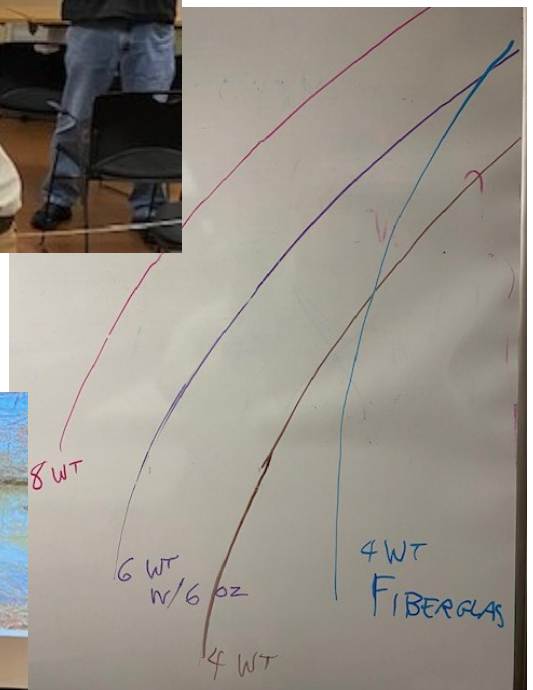
# December Meeting Recap:

## Education Segment:

During the education portion of the meeting we analyzed flex points of different weight rods and different action rods. To some, the difference in rods weights can be a bit confusing. This experiment displayed one aspect differentiating rods.

## Program Segment:

Gordon Shaw discussed fishing at Wallace Lake. We learned the best flies to use, the access points, and best times to fish this lake located right in our back yard.



## **Just for laughs:**

Q) If a trout lived on land which country would he live in?

A) Finland

Q) Where do trout keep their money?

A) In a river bank

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# **Fly Tying at Bass Pro**

## **January 13th at 10 am**



Join us for a enjoyable morning of fly tying at Bass Pro on Saturday January 13th at 10 AM.

Experienced Tyers will be on hand to demonstrate more advanced techniques.

Beginners: Beginners are welcome to attend. We will provide all the equipment needed to tie your first fly. We will even provide a one on one instructor.

Don't be shy, come and join us.

Questions: Call Scott Irwin at 318-469-0854



## **Recurring 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 come tie 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 as proven fish catchers. If you are new and would like to tie, call Scott Irwin 318-469-0854.. We will make sure we bring the club vises and tools for you to use. Check the newsletter for the date of the tying event. Due to scheduling events at Bass Pro and holidays, the date may vary from month to month.

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!

*Club travel and fishing outings....*

# Cenla Fly Fishing and Light Tackle Festival

Sponsored by the Kisatchie Fly Fishers



Every even numbered year the Kisatchie Fly Fishers in Alexandria hosts a delightful fly fishing festival.

Come and enjoy the day with some of the most advanced fly fishers in Louisiana. There are speakers and presentations throughout the day. There are usually plenty of items to be raffled as part of the clubs fundraiser.

When: January 20th beginning at 9 AM

Where: Kees Park, 2450 Highway 28 E

Pineville, LA 71360



# Frozen Chosen

A fishing trip Sponsored by the North Louisiana Fly Fishers (Cold Water) Jan 27



The North Louisiana Fly Fishers is all about helping people learn how to fly fish. Sometimes you just have to go fishing. That is what the Frozen Chosen is all about. Come join your friends on January 27 for a day of fishing on the Little Missouri river in Murfreesboro Arkansas. At noon, join the gang at the pavilion at Riverside park at 12 noon. Bring a side dish. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Many folks spend 2 nights at this event. Usually Friday night, Jan. 26 and Saturday night Jan 27. Cabins can be rented from Swaha lodge. (phone 870-285-2272). There is a campground near Swaha. Reservations must be made online. Search Lake Greeson "Dam Area" for the campground. Contact Scott Irwin for more information 318-469-0854. Bring your spouse even if they do not fish. There is plenty to do in the area.

# Purtis Creek

A warm water fishing trip sponsored by the  
North Louisiana Fly Fishers April 28-May 1



Purtis Creek State Park is located just south of Canton Texas. This is a extremely well managed lake. Club members have caught some of their largest bream ever on this body of water. Almost every trip a fish is so large it snaps a fisherman's rod.

You do not need a Texas fishing license to fish Purtis Creek,. Your admission to the park is your fishing license. Most people will arrive on Sunday April 28th and depart Wednesday May 1.

You can make camping reservations through the Texas State Parks website. Other accommodations can be found in the City of Canton and Gun Barrel TX.



***New Outing.....***

# ***Beavers Bend State Park***

A cold water trip sponsored by the North Louisiana Fly Fishers May 31st to June 2nd



***Attention!***

**Please make reservations now.  
This park has a tendency to fill  
up.**

Join your fellow club members on a delightful cold water stream at Beaver Bend State park. At just over 2 hours from Shreveport, this is a beautiful and convenient fishing outing. The park offers cabins, lodge rooms, and camp spots. Make reservations through the Oklahoma State Park system, or call them at 580-494-6300



*Together.....*

*We fish.....*




Club members getting together to fish is a fun aspect of the NLFF

## 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
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
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**  
P.O. Box 29531 · Shreveport, LA 71149  
[www.northlaflyfishers.org](http://www.northlaflyfishers.org)  
**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.