



# THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

*Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing*

May 2009

## One amazing evening!

Bob Harrison and Mike Simon solicit bids on the "Male enhancement kit," just one of the items sold at our April fundraiser.



The day after our April Trash & Treasure auction, Steve Winters summed up the event in his own inimitable style, "I got the feeling last night that Bob Harrison and Mike Simon could have sold snowballs to the Eskimos in January for \$20 apiece (\$25 apiece if they wanted six or more ) and had Eskimos lined up from Nunavut to Tahiti just to get the chance to bid on them."

"I have not seen wallets that loose or bidders that generous in the twenty-plus years I have been attending functions of this type. A lot of value in the items to be sure, but those two guys got what appeared to be a very generous crowd (and the word 'crowd' is not insignificant here) to open their check books and wallets in a fashion that would have had former auction-

eers Larry Meicher and Stancel Gaither looking down from the great beyond and cheering like madmen. Nice job guys and gals."

We netted **\$4,904.21**. Thank you to all donors, attendees, and bidders! Take time to book a trip, patronize participating businesses, and thank all the members who contributed. For information on guides and businesses, visit our web site.

Auction chairman, Mike Simon, gives special thanks to the members who helped put it all together, and all who brought guests. Says Mike, "It sure makes my job easier."

With the funds raised, we are posed to again make worthwhile contributions in our area. Thanks again!

# Badger Fly Fishers extend invitation to Smallmouth Alliance members to their Bluegill/bass outing and picnic

The Badgers will host a bluegill/bass outing and picnic on Saturday, May 16th at Blackhawk Lake in Iowa County. They would like to invite their friends in the Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance to join them as well.

They have reserved the Beach Shelter for the picnic which will begin at noon. Soft drinks and food will be provided by the Badgers.

The park is owned by the DNR and managed by the county. There is a \$6.00 daily entrance fee. The 220 acre lake is "Slow, no wake," and can be fished by boat, canoe, float tube, wading or from the shore. It contains good size and numbers of bass, panfish and pike. Anglers can arrive early and fish as late as they'd like.

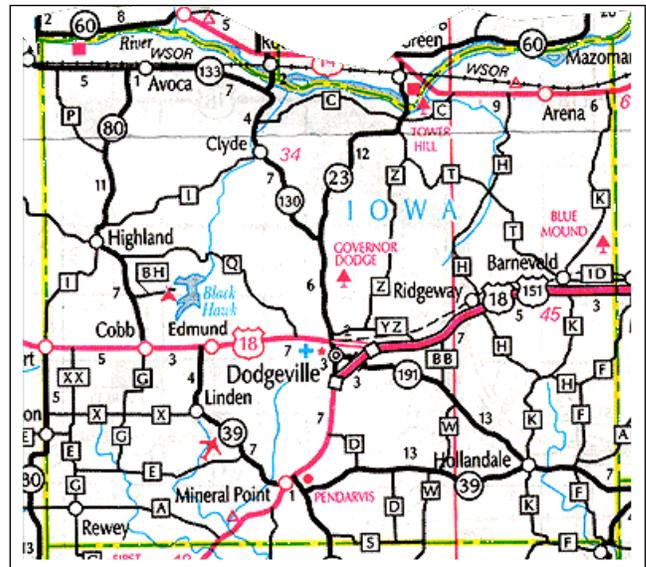
After lunch, the Badgers will hold a fly casting clinic for anyone who wants to give it a try. The club will provide rods, reels, and flies for this.

Camping is also available; visit the Blackhawk Lake website for more information.

<http://www.blackhawklake.com/>

We ask that you call or email, [Dan Johnson](#) (608) 233-6518 if you plan on attending so that we can get a good idea of how much food to prepare.

This should be prime time for bluegills and is guaranteed to be a fun event for all members, friends, kids, and family. Please join us!



To get to Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area, take Highway 18 west of Dodgeville to Cobb, then go north on Highway 80 and turn east on County Road BH to the lake and park.

See you there!

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Articles, photos, information, and calendar events for the newsletter are encouraged and should be submitted by the 1st day of the month to: Dan Johnson, 426 Glenway St. Madison, WI 53711. Word files sent to: [johnson7@tds.net](mailto:johnson7@tds.net) are most appreciated.

## **Our Next Meeting:**

**No meetings through the summer. Go fishing and send us some pictures for the newsletter. See you in September.**

## **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> All day**  
Blackhawk Lake, Iowa County

**BFF Bluegill/Bass outing and picnic.**  
WSA members are invited.

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M.**  
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

**BFF Monthly Meeting**  
Hunter Dorn on Baraboo River fishery.