



THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

December 2009



**Join us on the
15th for our
holiday banquet**

Bring your spouse or partner too - we all clean up pretty good for this meeting. Cocktails begin at 6:00 with dinner being served at 6:30. The menu includes swiss steak, chicken and fish, plus vegetable, dessert and beverage. All for just \$15 per person.

Our after dinner program is detailed on page four. And once again we will be sharing this event with the Badger Fly Fishers. Reservations not required.

Now, what could be more better?

Report from Quebec

by Tim Patula



Just got back last night. We were outside Montreal on the St. Lawrence Seaway. Big ocean going ships going back and forth. This is a big water river system with lots of current. We fish the back water eddies in small bays casting usually with tubes. Even the dinks (11-15") fight like crazy from living in the super strong current all their lives.

I have fished this area the end of Nov for 12 yrs. Mostly Musky fishing, but got into Smallies when the weather wasn't right for Muskys. The area is very french, with minimal english. Sort of like a mini-trip to Paris.

This is not fishing for the faint-hearted. Frequently have to break skim ice to get to the main river channel. Water temps sometime at 33-34 degrees; wind chills well below zero are pretty common.

Frozen reels, rod guides and line really test your patience, besides frozen hands, feet, face etc. Survival suits are highly recommended, as quick death can occur if you fall in. The wind controls mostly everything you do, but it pays off frequently with 6+ pounders!

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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 are most appreciated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the articles of incorporation for the Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance, LTD, a ballot is contained below for election of officers. If you elect to write-in a candidate other than yourself please make sure they are willing to serve.

The terms of the positions are from January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010.

You may either print and mail your ballot to the address below or bring it to the January meeting to be held at the Maple Tree in McFarland. All ballots MUST be either received by Steve Wall by the January meeting date OR completed at the January meeting to be counted for the election.

Steven Wall
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2010 WSA Ltd. ELECTION OF OFFICERS BALLOT

1) PRESIDENT:

___ **President: Nominated – Steve Winters**

___ **President:** _____
Write-in your choice

2) VICE-PRESIDENT:

___ **Vice-President: Nominated - John Pritchard**

___ **Vice-President :** _____
Write-in your choice

3) TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP:

___ **Treasurer/Membership: Incumbent – Mike Simon**

___ **Treasurer/Membership:** _____
Write-in your choice

4) SECRETARY:

___ **Secretary: Nominated – Gerry Zingg**

___ **Secretary:** _____
Write-in your choice

It's Time To Renew Your Membership!

Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. We rely on membership dues and our bucket raffles to fund our speakers and our newsletter. Now is the time to renew for the coming year! Please support the Smallmouth Alliance. You can renew at the next meeting, or use the form enclosed in this newsletter. Be sure to include your email address. Thank you for your continued support!

YES, I WANT TO RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP!

Individual \$20

Family \$25

Name _____

Phone _____

Street _____

email _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Make checks payable to: WSA

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2701 Gust Road
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Our Next Meeting:

**Tuesday,
December 15th**

Holiday Banquet

Gray Wolf Recovery in Wisconsin: Success or Failure ?



Image by Doug Smith, NPS Photo

Randy Jurewicz, a Wildlife Ecologist, with the Bureau of Endangered Resources, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, has been working on wolf management in Wisconsin since 1979. At the annual banquet on December 15, he will share with us background information about the basic biology of gray wolves and the painful experiences during the early years of wolf recovery in the mid-1980's.

He will show us how the WI wolf population has learned to live near people and discuss the hugely successful biological recovery of this large carnivore in our state. He has also promised to be brutally honest about the actual financial, social and political cost of having a robust wolf population in Wisconsin.



Image by Tracy Brooks, USFWS

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, December 15th

6:00 P.M cocktails 6:30 P.M dinner

Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

\$15 - includes chicken, fish, Swiss Steak,
beverage and dessert

WSA and BFF Holiday Banquet

Randy Jurewicz, DNR Wildlife Ecologist,
speaking about our endangered species.

“Gray Wolf Recovery in Wisconsin: Success
or Failure ?”