



THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

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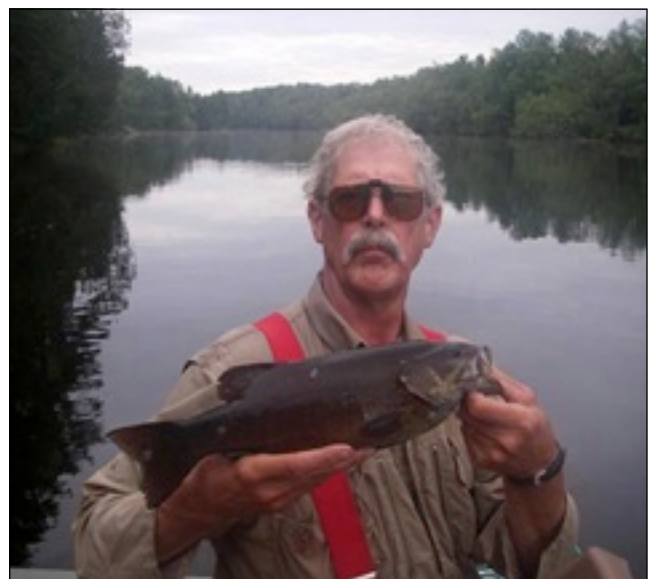
Menominee River still a top destination for club anglers

Various groups of Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance members have been making the trip to The Menominee River in Marinette County this summer.

The river began abnormally low during the May pre-spawn but has been higher than average for the last two months. With the exception of a few very high flow days, the water has remained clear and has not required any change in tactics.

All outings have reported good fishing with a number of big fish taken.

And don't miss our September speaker, Nate Sipple, who guides the river each season for Tight Lines. See the announcement on the last page.



Club President, Steve Winters with a nice fish from his July trip. Above: Dan Johnson and Ray Mirande.

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Seven members and friends spent the first week of August on the river. The fishing was as good as the fellowship, and all agreed it was one of their most memorable trips ever.

A number of 20 inch fish were taken including Dan Zavadsky's first, and one for Ray Mirande on a day when he also caught two 19's and two 18's.

Andy Davidson had one of his best days ever with a total of 39 smallmouth caught and released.

Clockwise from top: Dan Zavadsky with a big one; High water at the takeout; Lunch on the river. Bob Selk, Jeff Christenson, Dan Johnson, Rick Reece, Andy Davidson; Rick rigging up.



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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.



Clockwise from top: Ray Mirande, Bob Selk, Rick Reece, Andy Davidson at the Sturgeon Dam, Dan Johnson





The Menominee is not the only place you can enjoy Wisconsin's great smallmouth fishing, as Mike Simon demonstrates with this St. Croix fish.

And Nancy Winters with one from "Up North."



Our Next Meeting:

**Tuesday,
September 21st**

Nate Sipple

"Top to Bottom: Trophy Smallmouth in Diverse Conditions"

Our September Speaker will be Nate Sipple, full-time guide with Tight Lines Fly Fishing Company in De Pere, Wisconsin.

Everyone has an ideal situation in their head for fishing conditions, but we all know that, more often than not, that's not the case. Nate will be discussing how to catch more smallmouth in adverse conditions.

Spring to late-fall, high water, low water, cold water, foul weather and more. This program will cover a



Nate, guiding Joan and Mike Pierce

variety of topics on how to trick fish into eating when the odds seem stacked against us: rigging, casting, reading changing water levels, relocating fish and the importance of fly color/profile.

Come and check out this great program and pick up some tricks that can extend your season, broaden your horizons, and ultimately catch you more smallmouth in more conditions.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 21st 7:00 P.M
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

Tuesday, October 19th 7:00 P.M
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

Tuesday, November 16th 7:00 P.M
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

WSA Monthly Meeting
See details in this issue.

WSA Monthly Meeting
Mike Jacobs - "Smallmouth Fishing in Fayette County, Iowa"

WSA Monthly Meeting
Mike Pierce