



THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

December 2010

Join us Tuesday, December 14th for our holiday banquet

Bring your spouse or partner too. We clean up pretty good for this one.



Once again we will be sharing this event with our friends in the the Badger Fly Fishers.

Cocktails begin at 6:00 with dinner being served at 6:30. Location is the Mapletree Restaurant in McFarland. The menu includes chicken, fish, pork loin, vegetable, potatoes, dessert and beverage, all for only \$15 per person.

Please bring cash or a check for the club so that we can make a single payment to the Mapletree. Tip is not included.

If you are planning to attend, please contact Steve Winters (swinters@jvl.net) so that we can tell the restaurant how many to expect. If you don't know or forget to R.S.V.P., you may still attend without a reservation, but letting us know ahead of time is most helpful.

Eric Carson from the Wisconsin Geological Survey will present a short program on the geology of the driftless area.

It promises to be a great time with good cheer and good friends. It will be better, though, with you there too.

River Smallmouth Fishing

by Tim Holschlag

reviewed by Steve Winters

About mid-October I got a very pleasant surprise in the mail. Nancy handed me a package from Minneapolis, and it turned out to be a free copy of Tim's third book on smallmouth fishing. Tim and I are old friends and had done a little fishing together last fall when he came down to McFarland to give WSA it's initial program of our 2009 meeting season.

His first book, *Stream Smallmouth Fishing*, came out in 1990 and was fairly popular considering that Tim's books are primarily sold just out of his office, and that smallmouth fishing did not enjoy nearly the popularity that it does today.

His second book, *Smallmouth Fly Fishing*, is a must read for anyone really interested in becoming a more effective fly fisher for smallmouth bass. It was published in 2005.

The third book, the one this review is about is a must read too if you wish to become a better river fisherman for smallmouth, regardless of the fishing method you prefer.

River Smallmouth Fishing is 331 very informative pages and retails for \$25.00 plus shipping. It is a very well-written book with simply wonderful illustrations (one of my favorite aspects of the book) that show everything from which spots in a river are nor-

mally the most productive, to detailed illustrations of some very productive techniques.

The book is loaded with pictures of everything from scenes of the 100 some rivers described in the book, along with best stretches, to some gorgeous color photos of a variety of stunning places where smallmouth are found.

That extensive list of what are possibly the best 100 rivers on the planet, is the thing that really sets Tim's last two books apart from all of the rest of the smallmouth books I own.

For the multi-tackle angler, or spin fisher, *River Smallmouth Fishing* is simply the best smallmouth book I have ever read.

To order this book, or *Smallmouth Fly Fishing*, or any of a variety of smallmouth related products, you can call 612-781-3912 or e-mail info@smallmouthangler.com

WSA board meeting held

The WSA board met on the 16th of last month and a number of items were discussed.

Mike and Kathy Simon volunteered to continue as Treasurer, Steve Winters offered one more year as President, John Pritchard offered another year as Vice President, Gerry Zingg offered another year as Secretary. Jerry Pasdo would continue as a board member.

Election of officers is conducted at the January meeting. Notice of election and nomination information is on the following page. Anyone interested in running should contact one of our current officers.

The board voted to donate \$400 to the Front 40, a grassroots organization of citizens who are funding a campaign to increase public awareness of the adverse effects of a proposed sulphide mine along the Menominee River in Michigan.

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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, 2011, through December 31, 2011.

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 the January meeting date OR completed at the January meeting to be counted for the election.

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2011 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

Mail to: Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance, Ltd.
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Decals of our club logo (shown at left) are now available. They can be purchased at the meetings. The cost is \$5.

Our Next Meeting:

**Tuesday,
December 14th**

Holiday banquet

See first page for details

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 14th
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

WSA/BFF Holiday Banquet
Eric Carson of the Wisconsin Geological Survey
“Geology of the Driftless Area”

Tuesday, January 18th
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

WSA Monthly Meeting
Andy Davidson - Making wooden bass plugs