



THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

October 2012



Apple River restocking project completed

This September, the last of a three year restocking project to re-establish smallmouth bass in a section of the Apple River and Bone Lake was completed. These fish were supplied by the Gollon Hatchery and were purchased by our club.

Big thanks go to Steve Winters for coordinating this effort for us while working with three different fisheries managers over the period.



Wolf River Trip

Jerry Pasdo, successful bidder for the guided trip from Wolf River Outfitters at our Trash & Treasure Auction, fished Wednesday Sept. 26th with guide Randy and caught nine different species of fish in the seven hours on the River.

The target date to catch the smallie run out of the Embarrass River into the Wolf was missed by 3 days, a common story on many fishing trips. The action was still constant for crappies, smallmouth, largemouth, and white bass (over 50 in total.)

The Wolf is quite a diverse and excellent fishery, especially during the season when the pleasure boats are not running the river.

On Sunday, September 30th, Randy called at noon and said he caught 18 smallies in the three hours previous, many of them 15-18 inches size. They just started to move into the Wolf to go to their wintering holes. The Wolf has many fishable spots, excellent boat landings, and is only two hours from Madison.

The area fished was near New London and Fremont. A return trip is planned for next year.

Club funds helping kids

The Sauk County Land Conservation Department will again sponsor the Sauk County Youth Conservation Days this year, on Wednesday, October 3rd.

Over 700 sixth and seventh graders from Baraboo, Reedsburg, River Valley, and Sauk Prairie schools will participate in hands-on sessions that will help them understand water quality, forestry, urban sprawl, soil science, food chains and much more in the great outdoors.

The Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance is also a sponsor and partner in this effort. For more information, visit their [Sauk County](#) website.

Briefly noted:

Board Member, Steve Winters, sent a message to Mike Staggs of the Wisconsin DNR when it became clear that there were a couple of sudden and steep drops in the the flow of the Wisconsin River below the Kilbourn Dam at Wisconsin Dells.

Mike replied, "Our South Central Region staff are checking with Alliant Energy about our current low flow agreement, which requires 'run of the river' at Kilbourn when flows at Castle Rock go below 1300 cfs.

Yesterday (September 20th) they were 760 based on the Wisconsin Public Service website. We will let you know what we find out."

From Craig Amacher of Fontana Sports:

Fontana Sports is hosting its first Trout Wake to mourn/celebrate the end of the Wisconsin trout fishing season, and to showcase the fall fisheries. This will take place on Thursday, October 4th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Junction Road location.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Articles, photos, 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. Send to: johnson7@tds.net, editor.

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Our Next Meeting:

**Tuesday
October 16th**

A trio of smallmouth topics

with Mike Vogelsang, DNR Supervisor

Based in Woodruff, Mike is well-positioned to have a finger on the pulse of the smallmouth fisheries in Florence, Forest, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas Counties.

He will discuss proposed rule changes with us and tell us about the organization of the fisheries teams and how they work.

Mike will also give us information on specific smallmouth lakes and rivers that you may want to make a point to visit next time you're fishing Up North.



Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 16th 7:00 p.m.
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

WSA Monthly Meeting
Mike Vogelsang, DNR Supervisor

Tuesday, November 20th 7:00 p.m.

WSA Monthly Meeting, Tim Landwehr, Peacock bass in Brazil

Tuesday, December 11th

WSA Monthly Meeting, Holiday Party, Crane migration

Tuesday, January 15th 7:00 p.m.

WSA Monthly Meeting, Greg Fitch, Locators, down and side imaging, plus mapping using your PC

February

WSA Monthly Meeting, t.b.a.

Tuesday, March 12th 7:00 p.m.

WSA Monthly Meeting, Ron Barefield, Fishing the Madison chain

Tuesday, April 16th

WSA Monthly Meeting, Trash & Treasure Auction

Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month. The Badger Fly Fishers meet on the fourth Monday.

Both groups meet at the Mapletree Restaurant on Highway 51, in McFarland, Wisconsin. Programs begin at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. **Visitors and guests are always welcome!**