



# THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

*Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing*



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## Positively amazing!

by Mike Simon, Treasurer and Fundraising chairman

I can't think of a better way to describe the results of our recent fundraiser. It took a while to tabulate the results, but here are the totals: Auction - \$6,116.95; Stihl blower raffle - \$180.05 for a grand total of \$6,297, surpassing our previous high of \$5,425.

So many people deserve thanks. First of all, to all the attendees and bidders. This group of people show up each year, often with guests, and simply bid the heck out of stuff. To the entire committee who makes this all work. A special thanks to Kathy and auctioneer Bob Harrison. To those who tie the flies, provide trips, donate or solicit items, and provide the goodies - thank you!

In the off season, please take time to patronize those who have donated. A list of those people and businesses will remain on our website for some time. And a thank you to the Maple Tree Restaurant for providing us with a place to meet and hold our event.

We hope the changes we made this year worked for everyone. We will work to improve and streamline things even more for next year. Personally, I sure like getting done by 8:50. Let us know if you have any ideas for next year.

Because of your generosity, a lot of kids programs and conservation efforts will benefit this year and beyond.



## Please remain seated

As you saw in the auction report, we raised an incredible \$6,297. We're not done yet. In March, Pat Ehlers of The Fly Fishers Fly Shop in Milwaukee, invited us to participate in the IFT4 show at the Sprecher Brewery. A group of our members helped with set-up and takedown and food service, along with donating items for fundraising.

We had a great time helping out, along with meeting many people from Southeast Wisconsin Trout Unlimited club, whom we split the proceeds with. Food, fun, films, friends, and great Sprecher beer made for an enjoyable evening.

Our club owes a huge shout out to Pat and Jared of The Fly Fishers Fly Shop for their support. Each club received \$3,030. After expenses, our club net is \$2,831. We've already discussed ideas for next year. Give some thought to attending and helping out. Thank you to Pat and [The Fly Fishers](#). Checkout Pat's shop, catalogue, and web site.

If you've been adding things up, that's \$9,128 raised this year. Not bad for a little club of Smallmouth fanatics from southern Wisconsin. A lot of kids and projects will benefit.

See more photos on page three

# Wisconsin Fisheries Advisory Council

by Jerry Pasdo

On Saturday, April 30th, I attended the WIFAC meeting at Mead Wildlife Center near Stevens Point as your representative for our SM. WIFAC is made up of at least 20 individuals representing varied fishery interests in our State: trout musky, walleye, women anglers, communications, and more.

The purpose is to have a citizen based group reviewing and providing recommendations on statewide issues to the DNR Fisheries Board and to the Conservation Congress in all matters fishing: habitat, rules, recruitment and retention.

With the major cuts to the DNR budget over the years this input and participation is crucial. For example, the scientists that provide input for various actions have been cut from 24 down to just four in the last 25 years. Other staff has been cut, too. That's one reason the partnership we had with UW-SP on the Menominee was important. Other fishery groups are doing similar projects for their respective species.

The plan is that this serves as a permanent advisory group. The group will meet semi annually, at least, and will bring back topics to discuss with members of their respective organizations. Numerous DNR staff, administrators, scientists, and also participate.

More info will be available later this summer after our August meeting.

## Club looking for new editor to take over newsletter

by Dan Johnson

It has been my pleasure to serve the WSA as newsletter editor for the past eight years. I always tried to produce a newsletter that was highly readable, informative, entertaining and with good looking photos and graphics. I hope you have enjoyed it.

I wish to thank everyone who contributed to its content over this period. I am also grateful to those non club members from around the country who gave me permission to use their articles and artwork.

We are still looking for someone to take over. And I will give that person all the help needed to get started.

The exact format is yet to be decided. But whatever form it takes, club members' submissions of photos, stories and articles, whether to the newsletter or our website, will always be appreciated.

## Fishing trips

Various fishing trips have been suggested by members. These would be 1-day or 2-4 day trips depending on venue. Areas discussed have been sections of the Wisconsin River below Sauk City or below the Dells/Riverside Resort, the River below Stevens Point, and above and below Merrill. Other options would be the N. Fork of the Flambeau and some SW Wisconsin streams/rivers or rivers near Eau Claire or north of Waupaca.

Most of these would suit a canoe, kayak, or kick boat. The idea is fishing with friends and sharing stories. If there's an area you'd like to try, let's discuss.

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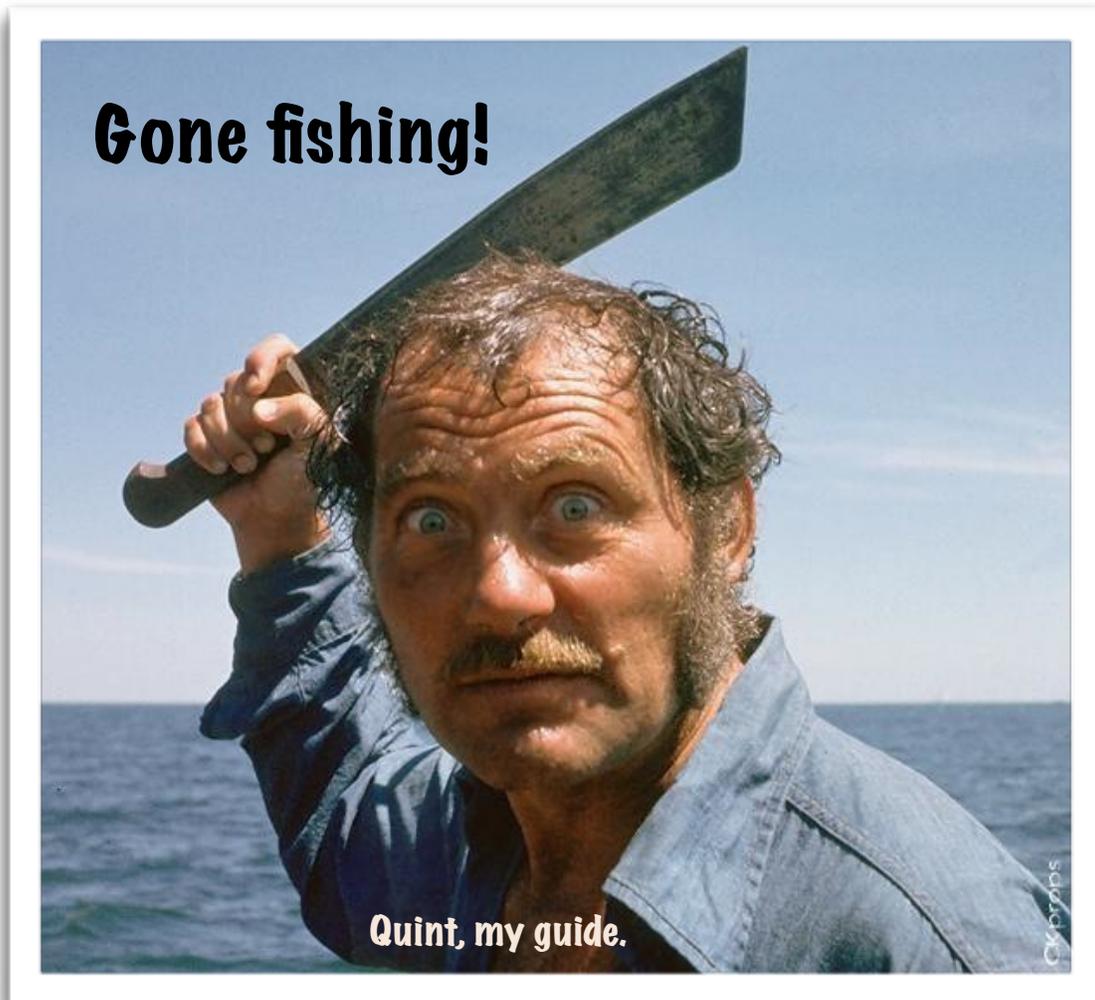
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## Our Next Meeting: September 20th



## Upcoming Events:

May 23rd BFF monthly meeting  
Bill Engber, Steve Born & Kirk Hogan  
"Iceland Adventure"

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!**