



THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

June 2009

Club float trip planned for July

*Outing to be led by
experienced riverman,
Steve Winters*

On Saturday, July 18th, the club will hold a float trip on the Wisconsin River for a day's smallmouth fishing. This promises to be a good time for beginners as well as experienced anglers.

This is a float of about six miles of quiet water, with ample parking at both ends, lots of fish, and plenty of sandbars for relaxing. Everyone should bring their own lunch and beverages. A couple of liters of water per person is highly recommended.

The trip will begin at the landing near where Highway 130 crosses the Wisconsin River at Lone Rock and we will take out at the landing near Gotham. This section of river is seldom crowded, even on weekends.

Drift boats, canoes, kayaks, and jon boats are all great ways to get around on this part of the river. Any members who don't have a suitable watercraft, or any watercraft for that matter, are encouraged to call Steve Winters at (608) 524-6348 and we will line you up with someone who has extra room.

Anyone planning to go is asked to contact [Steve](#) so we know what to expect. He can also give you more details and information, including equipment and lure recommendations. Start time, shuttle details, and directions will also be provided in the July newsletter.

Free Fishing Weekend June 6th - 7th

Resident and nonresident anglers of all ages can fish Wisconsin waters without a fishing license on these days. More than 20 special [fishing clinics](#) and other events are planned statewide to help introduce kids and other newcomers to this popular form of recreation. People of all ages are welcome to borrow a the rod, reel and other gear from the Department of Natural Resources' 52 [tackle loaner sites](#), located at several parks and DNR offices.

"Fishing in Wisconsin is always great fun at a great price, but it's really a bargain on Free Fishing Weekend," DNR Secretary Matt Frank said. "Our

hope is that people will have fun, enjoy the outdoors and head out again sometime soon."

Trout stamps are not needed during the two days; however, all other fishing regulations such as length and bag limits apply. For fishing regulations, places to fish and tips to help you get started, visit [Fishing Wisconsin](#).

"Fishing is a part of Wisconsin's heritage that supports healthy families, healthy local economies and a healthy environment," Secretary Frank said. "With our many lakes and rivers you can find great fishing in your backyard."



Club president,

Jack Browning hosted five of the people who attended our recent auction, for smallmouth fishing at Table Rock Lake on the last week of April.

Lots of smallmouth were caught, but the big fish of the trip was Jack's largemouth.

The weather was great and Jack reports a successful outing.

Baraboo River clean-up announced

Hunter Dorn, of Retriever Run Outfitters, is organizing a clean-up day on the Baraboo River. It will be held on Saturday, June 6th.

Volunteers will meet at 10:00 A.M. at Hastings Park in Baraboo, and then float the river and clean up along the way. After everyone is off the water they will return to the park for pulled pork sandwiches, beer and salad.

Any help in the way of donations, man power, or woman power is greatly appreciated.

Contact [Hunter Dorn](#) for more information and details.

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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.

Our Next Meeting:

**Tuesday,
September 15th**

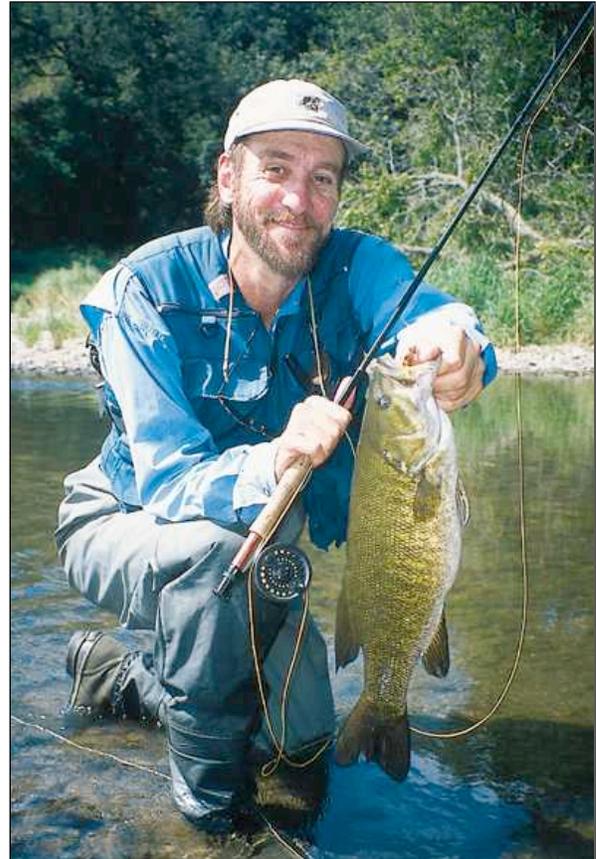
Tim Holschlag on Smallmouth Techniques

Tim Holschlag has fished more smallmouth rivers than any known angler, nearly 300 different rivers across North America. He is the author of the popular books, *Stream Smallmouth Fishing*, and *Smallmouth Fly Fishing*, and over 600 magazine articles. Additionally, he is the producer of the new video, *Stream Smallmouth Fishing: the Movie*.

Tim is nationally recognized for his encyclopedic knowledge of smallmouth bass. His programs have educated and impressed audiences from Indianapolis to Los Angeles.

In his September program, he will explain his primary smallmouth techniques, for both fly and spin tackle. These include the "Crayfish Hop" and the "Minnow Swing." As a bonus, Tim will give away some of his favorite Midwest locations.

This promises to be one of our best programs ever!



Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 6th 10:00 A.M
Baraboo

Saturday, July 18th Time T.B.A.
Lower Wisconsin River

Tuesday, September 15th 7:00 P.M
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

Monday, September 28th 7:00 P.M
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

Baraboo River clean-up
See details in this issue.

WSA Summer Smallmouth Outing
See details in this issue.

WSA Monthly Meeting
Tim Holschlag on smallmouth techniques.

BFF Monthly Meeting
Tom Smith on his saltwater grand slam.