



THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

September 2012

Welcome
back...



...and learn how you can
catch beauties like
this, at this
month's meeting.
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**WHAT
WE
DID**



on our summer vacations

Some of us spent several
days floating the legendary
"lower Oconto"



*Top: Andy Davidson and Rick Reece. Right:
Dan Johnson and Jeff Christianson.*

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Clockwise from top right: Bob Selk, Andy, and Jeff.



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*Top and left: Dan Zavadski
Below: Dan Johnson.*

*On rivers like this, catching fish
is just a bonus!*



Right: Mike Simon with one of two 20 inchers on the Boundary Waters.

Below left: Mike and Steve Wall with a double.

Below right: Ron Barefield, closer to home, with a Men-dota beauty.



Our Next Meeting:

**Tuesday
September 18th**

Fly Fishing the Wisconsin River

with Craig Amacher

The lower Wisconsin River is a warm water fly fisherman's paradise with world class fishing for smallmouth bass and anything else that eats a fly. Beautiful scenery and frequent bald eagle sightings are a nice bonus and enhance the experience.

Craig will be talking about places on the river and techniques to fly fish for smallmouth and white bass, as well as touching on the bonus species such as walleye, catfish, northern pike, and gar to name a few.

He will provide casting, tackle, and watercraft insight for folks who are crossing over from conventional tackle to try fly fishing and those who want to expand their fly fishing horizons beyond trout.

Craig manages Fontana Sports Specialties Junction Road location and its Fly Fishing Department.



He's been actively fly fishing around the state and world for the past 3 decades.

He's involved in the local Trout Unlimited and Federation of Fly Fishers chapters, is an FFF Certified Fly Casting Instructor, and a Wisconsin Licensed Fishing Guide specializing in southern Wisconsin fisheries. He even knows the cousin of a corrupt exiled Caribbean Prime Minister!

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 18th 7:00 p.m.
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

WSA Monthly Meeting
Craig Amacher

Monday, September 24th 7:00 p.m.
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

BFF Monthly Meeting
Bill Engber -

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

WSA Monthly Meeting
Mike Vogelsang, DNR Supervisor - Fish teams, rules changes, and good smallmouth lakes in the Northern Region

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!**