



Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance Ltd.

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

August 2017

Monthly Meetings

Wisc. Smallmouth Alliance

Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Maple Tree Restaurant, McFarland. Gone fishing until September.

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INFORMATIVE MEETINGS

Jerry Pasdo

The membership survey conducted last fall resulted in categories being rated for meeting topics. In order of preference, they were: presentations from members, presentations from guides, chat sessions, presentations from resource managers/professionals, and tips on locations.

If you have topics you would like to see covered, and better yet, know someone, please let Mike Simon or me know soon.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Sept. 19--River Alliance discussing Aquatic Invasives
Oct. 17--Mike D'Onofrio, WDNR, NE Wis SM bass rivers
Jan.22 (Mon)--with BFF--Luke Kavajecz, Angler All

MOMENTS ON THE MISSISSIPPI

By Jerry Pasdo

After one cancellation, and almost a second a week later, I finally got on the river with guide Captain Ted Peck. Rich Connor and I were initially scheduled but the Northeast Iowa and Southwest Wisconsin floods changed our plans. With high current and 6-inch visibility in the chocolate water, Ted suggested we schedule a week later. Unfortunately, Rich couldn't make that date.



The plan was to stay overnight in New Albin Iowa, Ted's home town, and fish for 4 hours in the evening and then again four hours early the next morning. Ted called the following week, July 27, at 5:30 a.m. and said the river was starting to drop but it was still milky. I took the chance that it would improve in the next 9 hours and headed to New Albin.

The water level at the landings dropped two feet but the visibility was still only one foot. Ted said that he knew a spot that was created by a recently felled huge cottonwood in the swift river current. We also did some steep rock bank fishing in the swift water. To sum it up, 39 fish in 7 hours amounts to a risk worth taking. The catch would have most likely been higher with larger fish if there were some reasonable clarity in the water. The picture is of a fish 19 1/2 inches. A number of fish were between 14 and 17 inches but most were the scrappy 10 to 12 inch variety.

The Mississippi is very challenging with many areas that "look good." However, having the very entertaining Ted Peck take you to the spots he's fished for over 20 years is a real asset. If you want to fish for other species he can take you to them too.



Mike Simon with 27.5" walleye and blue walleye - Boundary Waters Canoe Area



Mark Cantwell, Sylvania Wilderness, Michigan UP

Mike Simon and Abe Downs on Wisconsin River in the rain, July 2017



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