

# Badger Fly Fishers

*An Active Member Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers*



Newsletter

March 2014

## Another Spring Opener in the books

*And the ink is black!*

Davy Wotton, above right, was our featured speaker. And our usual, great fly tiers and vendors made for another successful event.

Mostly though, it's the attendees that come, have fun and spend a little money in the auction and raffles, that really make our day.

Thanks to each of you, the donors, and the amazing volunteers from our club for what you have done.

Beginning on page three, you can see more photos from our big day.



### Fellow club to hold annual fundraiser

Mark April 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, as that's the date of the Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance's ninth annual fundraiser, at the Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland.

The fun begins at 7 PM, but come early for dinner, register, and look at the selection of items up for bid.

This year they'll be featuring trips to some of the best destinations in the Midwest for smallmouth bass. From the Mississippi to the Menomonee, Lake Mendota to Lake Superior. Please take time to go to the [website](#) to look at those trips.

They will also have rods, reels, bags, packs, flies, lures, and assorted gear for both the spin and fly angler. With names like St. Croix, Simms, Sage, Redington,

Fishpond, Boga, Orvis, Shimano, and Bass Pro.

To appeal to an even wider range of attendees, there will be art work in several mediums, gardening supplies by Fiskars, the very popular Stihl chainsaw raffle, gift certificates, and goodies to satisfy your sweet tooth.

As always, remember that all of this is made possible by the very generous donors in support of WSA and its cause. These include generous guides who donate trips, business partners who donate fantastic merchandise, and numerous members who contribute a variety of items. Please show your appreciation by patronizing them.

Final details will be in the April newsletter and on their [website](#)

# Dane County requests funds

*Vote to be held at  
March meeting*

The BFF has received a funding request for \$2500 from Dane County to help support an LTE position to inspect County owned land and easements on Dane County trout streams, to determine maintenance needs.

The board has approved the request and there will be discussion and a vote at our March meeting.

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## Upper Sugar River Watershed Association 2014 Annual Meeting & Open House



Featuring a screening of the film "Mysteries of the Driftless" and Q&A session with George Howe (film producer) and Eric Carson of the Wisconsin Geological & Natural History Survey! FREE & open to the public.

### Event Schedule

1:00-1:15pm - Registration  
and membership renewals

1:15-2:00pm - Executive Director  
presentation, Board of Directors  
election, Candle on the Water Award

2:00-3:00pm - Film screening and Q&A

3:00-3:15pm - Board of Directors  
election results and door prize

Where: Epic Systems, Verona  
Delphi Room, Andromeda Building

When: Sunday, March 16

1:00-3:30pm

Who: Everyone welcome!



The Badger Fly Fishers Newsletter is published monthly. Articles, photos, information, and calendar events for the newsletter are encouraged and should be submitted by the 1st day of the month of issue to: Dan Johnson, 426 Glenway St., Madison WI 53711. If possible, Word files sent to: [johnson7@tds.net](mailto:johnson7@tds.net) are most appreciated.



*On Thursday night before the Opener, Davy was a guest at the TU fly tying class.*



*Clockwise from upper left: Paul Maurer's flies attracts kids and adults.*

*Mike Simon runs the kids' raffle with all items donated by the Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance.*

*Three of the happy winners.*





*Above, John Beth receives the Joan and Lee Wulf award from Bob Harrison.*



*Left, Rod Wanger, our video librarian gets the club service award from Bob.*

*Below, featured speaker, Davy Wotton.*





Left, Mark Rhinerson seems happy winning the apron made by Lynn Langenfield.

Below, Bob Harrison and Walt Stevenson lend a hand at the auction



There was no shortage of amazing raffle and auction items.





*Just a few of the flies by our creative tiers.*

## For Sale – 1996 Old Town Square Stern Canoe & trailer



Canoe is 17 ft. long, and is set up with two sets of oar locks so you can row from the center or back seat. Canoe comes with a custom made cover, a set of oars & oar locks, molded, removable seats, a very nice anchor system, and a 1998 shorelander trailer with bearing buddies installed, spare tire and rim & a custom made removeable steel rack that allows easy transport of two additional canoes. Asking \$1500.00. Contact Steve Winters at 608-524-6348 or e-mail [swinters@rucls.net](mailto:swinters@rucls.net)

**River Boat For Sale** The custom built boat is 17 ft. 3 " long. It is 3 ft. wide on the floor and 50 inches wide at the center oar locks, raked at both ends & will handle up to a 6 hp. motor. It has two sets of oar locks so it can be rowed either from the middle or from the rear seat. It has a four ft. front deck with removeable carpet, as well as cherry seats with seat holders built in. The gunnels of the boat are also cherry, while the main body of the boat is 3/8" plywood with a 1/2" plywood bottom covered with fiberglass. It has holders for anchor hangers in both the front and rear of the boat. The boat weighs 300 pounds and comes with a shorelander trailer equipped with bearing buddies and a mounted spare tire & rim and led lights. The boat and trailer are both 2005 models and have been kept under a roof for their duration when not in use and have been well maintained. The boat was built by Jim Hauer of Green Bay, and the trailer is a Shorelander. The owner just bought a new drift boat and is simply out of room. Asking \$1500.00. For more information, call Steve Winters at 608-524-6348 (afternoons or evenings please) or [swinters@rucls.net](mailto:swinters@rucls.net)



# Next Meeting:

**Monday  
March 24<sup>th</sup>**

## **New Zealand Mudsnails: New Invader to Wisconsin**

David Rowe, Wisconsin DNR.

*David, a Middleton native, has been with the Wisconsin DNR since 1998. He is currently a Fisheries Team Supervisor, providing fisheries management services for 9 counties in Southwest Wisconsin.*

*His talk will be about the confirmation of New Zealand mudsnails in Black Earth Creek, what they are and why they're an issue. He will tell us what the DNR is doing, and what anglers can do.*

*He will also answer questions about general DNR Fisheries management.*



# Events Calendar

March 18<sup>th</sup> **WSA Monthly Meeting**

**Mike Jacobs** Flyfishing for Golden Trout in the Beartooth Range

March 24<sup>th</sup> **BFF Monthly Meeting**

April 15<sup>th</sup> **WSA Annual Fundraiser Auction**

April 28<sup>th</sup> **BFF Monthly Meeting**

Jim Bartelt on Trout Fishing in SW Wisconsin

May 19<sup>th</sup> **BFF Monthly Meeting**

Steve Born, Fishing the Hex Hatch

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**The Badger Fly Fishers'** meetings are normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **Wisconsin Small-mouth Alliance** meets on the third Tuesday. 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.