

# Badger Fly Fishers



Newsletter

April 2015

## Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance to hold fundraiser this month

by [Mike Simon](#), Fundraising Chairman

We'd like to invite everyone to our tenth annual fundraiser that will take place on April 21st at the Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland. Registration will begin at 6:30 and the auction will start at 7:00. You're welcome to come earlier and enjoy dinner before the auction.

Our club owes a big thanks to devoted guides, like Roger Lapenter and Kip Vieth, who, since our first event have been our biggest supporters. We also will feature two trips by Ron Barefield, and day trips with Black Water Fly Fishing, and Black Earth Angling Co. These trips are the highlight of the evening, and many of our fishing seasons.

The items up for auction can be found on our [website](#). The site will be updated with new items as they come in, up to auction time. If you can't attend the auction but still want to bid, we can arrange this for you. Just contact me at 608 848-3770.

As always, this event is open to the public. Obviously donations are important, but even

more important is that we have bidders and buyers in the audience. Please consider bringing a guest or two to assure the continued success of this event, **our only fundraiser**.

**100% of proceeds donated to:**  
*Youth fishing, outdoor educations programs, restocking, and conservation projects.*

If you've attended in the past, you've witnessed the fun that is had by members and guests each year. You can help the club by just showing up.

To date we have contributed over \$25,000 to various conservation programs and youth education.

We will also feature a Stihl blower raffle, and a wide array of gift certificates from area restaurants and businesses.

Spin and fly fishers should check out our auction list for names like St. Croix, Shimano, Guideline, Orvis, Stowmaster, Fishpond, Simms, Bass Pro, Umpqua, Echo, Airflo, and Bogaprig. We will feature flies for mul-

ti-ple species of fish, tied by some of the most talented tiers around. The selection and quality of these flies is outstanding.

WSA thanks all attendees and bidders for their generosity and support of this event. Without you, it would not be possible. We ask that you patronize the great guides and businesses that do so much to support our causes.

Please join us on April 21, 2015 at the Maple Tree Restaurant, McFarland. Sign-in at 6:30, auction begins at 7:00 PM. A reminder: **only cash or checks** are accepted as payment for auction items.

An ATM machine is available on site.



*These flies by Ron Barefield will be one of the auction items*

# Badgers fund two stream improvement projects

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At our March meeting the club's members voted to provide \$3000 each to the Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Aldo Leopold Chapter.

The Nohr project is stream bank improvement on Pompey Pillar Creek in Iowa County. This is the

latest in a series of projects that the club undertakes every year.

The Aldo Leopold Chapter is working on stream bank improvement on Bear Creek in Sauk County. Bear Creek restoration has been an ongoing project for the club over the last several years.



## Spring Hearings



This year's hearings are scheduled for Monday, April 13. The Dane County location is Sun Prairie High School.

There is a significant package of major changes proposed for both trout and panfish regulations. The DNR has included a video and slide show that explains these proposals on its website.

More information including the complete questions and a list of locations can be found at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/springhearing.html>

## Huge brown trout caught in Arkansas



The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission reports that Calvin Johnston of Olathe, Kansas, set the mark pretty high for his first Arkansas trout-fishing trip. On Friday, February 27, Johnston landed a brown trout weighing 38 lbs. 7 oz. on the White River near Cotter, Arkansas.

This is the third largest brown trout caught in Arkansas, and the largest ever recorded from the White River. AGFC Trout Management Program Coordinator said, "This is just further evidence that anglers still have the opportunity to catch trophy fish on Arkansas's world-class trout waters."

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.

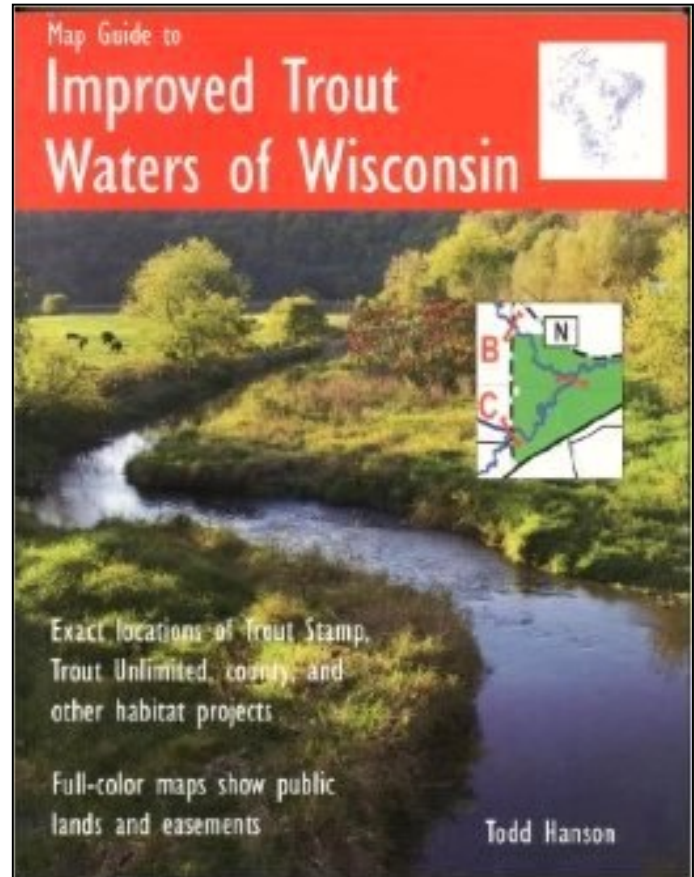
# Next Meeting:

**Monday  
April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Todd Hanson, author of  
*Improved Trout Waters of  
Wisconsin***

Todd will talk about his book, especially its new edition which is due out very soon.

The new work is about 20 per cent larger due mostly to additional streams that have received improvements since 2008.



## Events Calendar

April 21<sup>st</sup> **WSA Fundraising Auction**

May 18<sup>th</sup> **BFF Monthly Meeting**  
*Note: This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday!*

April 27<sup>th</sup> **BFF Monthly Meeting**  
Todd Hanson

**The Badger Fly Fishers'** meetings are normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **The Wisconsin Smallmouth 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.