

Badger Fly Fishers



Newsletter

June 2015

Dam failure causes Paradise Springs pond to drain

EAGLE, Wis. June 26, 2015- A dam that formed the trout pond at Paradise Springs in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest failed earlier this week and the pond has drained.

Department of Natural Resources dam safety staff inspected the dam structure earlier this week and determined there is no way to refill the pond without significant repairs or replacement of the structure.

The dam was built in the early 1900s to drive a turbine to provide electricity for the house and grounds of L.D. Nichols, one of the first electrified homes in the area.

Nichols also began stocking brook trout in the pond and DNR fisheries staff have continued to stock the pond for catch-and-release fishing since the DNR took over the property in the 1980s.

Complete replacement of the dam could be \$300,000 or more. DNR staff will continue to evaluate the options for the dam, including temporary repair, replacement or abandonment of the dam.

DNR announces EIS decision for proposed Bayfield County swine operation

ASHLAND, Wis. - The Department of Natural Resources has decided to use an Environmental Impact Statement process for the proposed Badgerwood swine operation in the town of Eileen, Bayfield County.

The department decided the EIS process would be the best way to comply with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act requirements for environmental analysis in advance of any permit decisions for the project.

The operation would be located within the Fish Creek and White River watersheds which are in the Lake Superior Basin a few miles from the bottom of Chequamegon Bay.

An interesting question that should be answered is, the issue of runoff aside, how much manure can the soils handle? The project forecasts spreading 6.8 million gallons per year (which would contain over 95,000 pounds of nitro-

gen and 40,000 pounds of phosphorus) over 880 acres of land.

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Over the last few months, the department has received correspondence from citizens, interest groups, local governments and

Tribes regarding the environmental review for the project, including a letter from the applicant requesting an EIS process.

The first step in the analysis process will be to provide an opportunity for interested persons to identify important issues to be addressed in the EIS. The department will soon announce more details on the EIS scoping process and methods to provide such input.

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Gene Knutson with a twenty inch smallmouth caught on an orange Boogle Bug on the Menominee River.

Gathering for Steve Winters

Nancy Winters, along with John and Melissa, is hosting a party to celebrate Steve's life. Steve wanted his friends to get together one last time and have some food and drinks on him. This gathering is taking place on August 1st from Noon to 5:00 P.M. at S2606 Coon Bluff Road, Reedsburg, WI 53959.

If you can stop by for a short time (or the entire time), they would love to see you. If you think you might go, please reply to Nancy at ncarolwinters@gmail.com with a quick yes, no, or maybe, so she can plan the food.

She is looking forward to seeing us all.

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 are most appreciated.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016



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8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. plus evening banquet



ATTRACTIONS

- Commercial exhibits of the latest and finest in fly fishing equipment
- Raffles, and lively auction
- Fly tying demonstrations

LOCATION

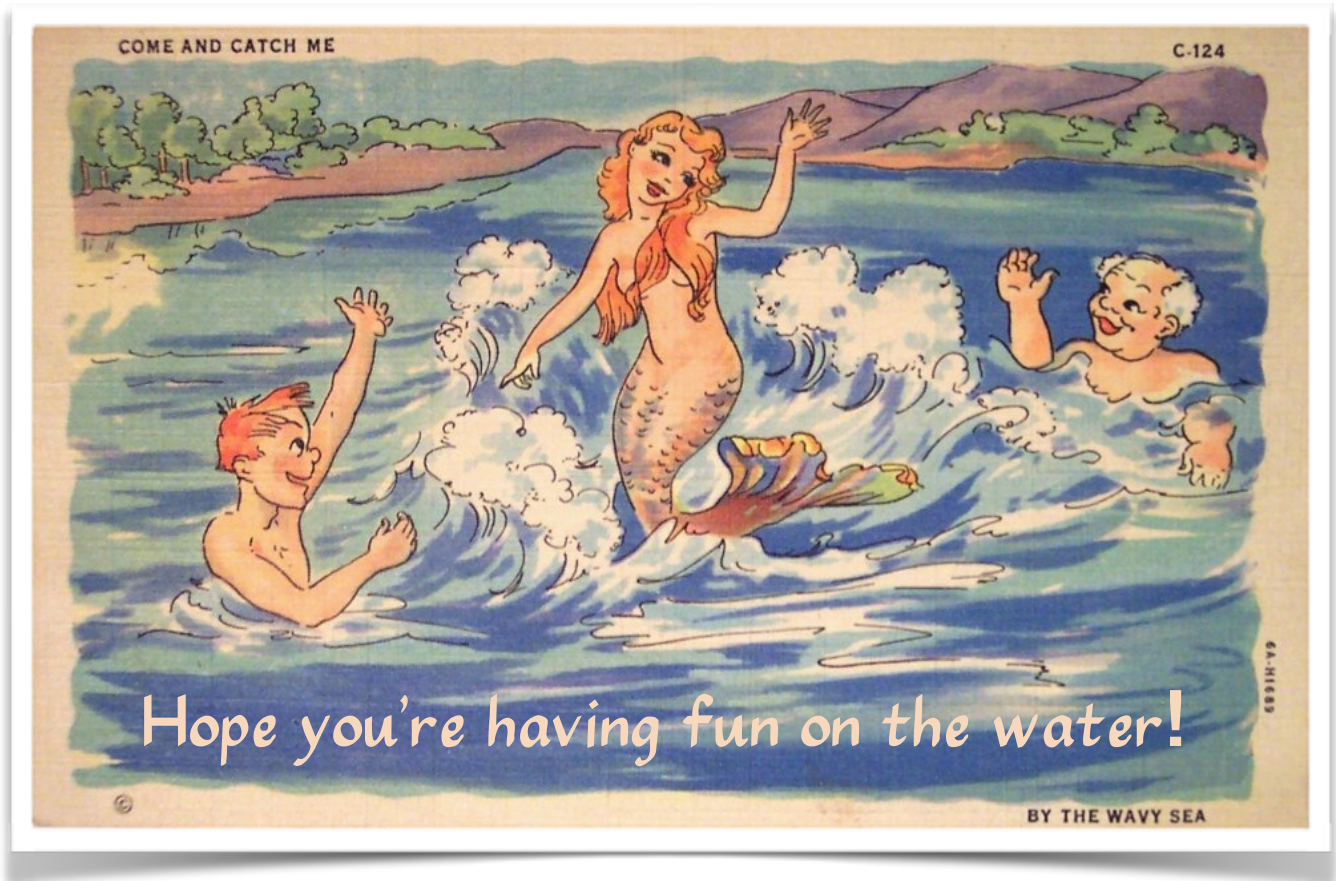
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Training Center Bldg. A
6000 American Parkway
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Use Surface Parking Lots
1 or 2

FEATURED SPEAKER

Gary Borger – Noted fly fishing expert and author

Next Meeting: September



Events Calendar

August 1st **Gathering for Steve Winters**

September 28th **BFF monthly meeting**
Brian Ramsey
Paradise Valley Trout

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.