

Badger Fly Fishers

An Active Member Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers



Newsletter

March 2010

Spring Opener

Another Spring Opener is history and your editor, who was also the treasurer for this event, is happy to report that our net profit will be over \$4000. Thanks to all who participated.



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Clockwise from above: Featured speaker Mike Mercer. One of the fly assortments in the bucket raffle. A Don Schroeder bamboo rod. Bob Blumreich and Bill Heckle demonstrating fly tying.



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*Above and right:
Much of this year's success was due to the contribution of featured speaker, Mike Mercer. In appreciation, the club presented him with a plate of three of Brian Van Erem's salmon flies.
Below: The Joan and Lee Wulff Conservation award was presented by Scot Stewart to Becky Olson and Steve Haak of the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association.*



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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.

**2009
Badger
Fly Fishers
financial
report**

Revenue

Membership	\$1,020
Bucket raffles	245
Trash & Treasure	867
Spring Opener net	3,209
Total revenue	\$5,341

Expenses

Club & general	\$1,330
Conservation	630
Speakers and education	908
Newsletter	900
Total expenses	\$3,768
Net revenue	\$1,573

Spring conservation hearings next month

On Monday April 12th, at 7:00 p.m., the Wisconsin DNR and the Conservation Congress will hold the annual spring hearings.

For more information and the location in your county go to:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/congress/spring%5Fhearings/>

Below are some of the proposed changes that may interest anglers:

1. Permit motor trolling in Ashland, Iron, Price and Sawyer Counties.
2. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Bear, Horsehead, and Upper and Lower Turtle lakes (Barron county).
4. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Lake Owen (Bayfield county).
6. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Big McKenzie lake (Burnett/ Washburn Counties).
9. Standardize trout regulations for all of the Wolf river (Langlade county), allowing hook

and line fishing only with artificial lures from the First Saturday in May at 5:00am until September 30 with a bag limit of 3 and a maximum size of 12 inches. There is also a catch and release season from October 1 to November 15 for hook and line fishing with artificial lures.

10. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Half Moon, Pipe, and Ward lakes (Polk county).

12. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Chain, Clear, Island, and McCann lakes (Island chain of lakes, Rusk county).

14. Extend the season on Chippewa flowage (Sawyer county) from the first Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March for all species except muskellunge, walleye, and lake sturgeon.

15. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Whitefish and Sissabagama lakes, and the Chippewa flowage (Sawyer county).

19. Make permanent the 45 inch minimum size restriction for muskellunge in Little St. Germain lake (Vilas county). The current 45-inch minimum regulation is scheduled to expire November 30, 2011.

20. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Middle McKenzie, Nancy and Long lakes (Washburn county).

22. Increase the minimum size restriction for northern pike on Big Muskego lake including Bass bay (Waukesha county) from 26 inches to 40 inches and reduces the daily bag limit from 2 to 1 fish.

25. Decrease the minimum length restriction to 7 inches for all trout in the Waupaca river downstream of River road. Current regulations are 12 inches for brown trout and rainbow trout, and 8 inches for brook trout. It also increases the daily angler bag from 3 trout to 5 trout.

26. Prohibit night fishing from September 15 to the first Saturday in May in the section of the Oconto river from the upstream side of the US 141 Bridge to the Stiles dam (Oconto county).

28. Extend the largemouth and smallmouth bass fishing season on Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters from November 30 to December 31. This will make Wisconsin and Michigan rules consistent.

Next Meeting:

Monday,
March 22nd

Dave Roberts on choosing and using feathers for fly tying

Dave Roberts is the taxidermist for Whiting Farms, which produces about 80% of the world's fly tying feathers.

Dave will present a program on the history of genetic hackle, how it is produced today, what's new, and everything you need to know to make better flies.



Events Calendar

March 16th **WSA Monthly Meeting**
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland 7:00 P.M Ron
Barefield on: (Almost) everything you need to
know about side scan sonar.

March 22nd **BFF Monthly Meeting**
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland 7:00 P.M
Dave Roberts

April 16th **WSA Monthly Meeting**
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland 7:00 P.M
Trash & Treasure Auction
<http://www.wisconsin-smallmouth.com/>

BFF meetings are normally held the fourth
Monday of the month. Wisconsin Smallmouth
Alliance meetings are the third Tuesday.