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The July Meeting - On the Water



Here is the group of members that attended the July "On The Water" meeting at Olin Park. Ken Worden and Bonnie Miller served brats, steaks, potatoe salad and a variety of bars. Those of you that couldn't make it – you missed a wonderful evening. Good food, the liquid of your choice, information and a little BS made for a great time. The August "On The Water" meeting will be at Warner Park on Lake Mendota on August 14 @ 6:00pm. If you have any questions, contact Paul Marunich (219-4449 MADJULIO@aol.com) or Jim Zegers (848-6299 zegersj@charter.net). There may be an outing in conjunction with this meeting, so keep your eyes open. If you haven't attended one of these summer meetings, this is a great chance to see how they operate, get some great food and maybe learn something about fishing.

The August Fish Fry

The fish fry will be at Fireman's Park in Monona on August 23d. Show up at 5:00 PM, eat at 6:00. Please bring fish and a dish to pass. Plan to help either frying or clean up. Please come and participate!

Dave Dahl 244-7346

The August Meeting - also On the water

August Club Outing
This summer's third "On the Water" Meeting and Outing will be held on Tuesday, August 14th, just west of the Warner Launch along Woodward Drive. There is a basic picnic area right of the launch as you are facing the lake. You are welcome to fish this area of Lake Mendota before and after the 6:00 pm meeting/serving of brats. Bring a lawn chair if you can as we are unsure about the number of park tables available. Directions: Northport west, to left angle on Troy, to left on Forster, to left on Woodward. Any questions please contact Paul Marunich (219.4449) or Jim Zegers (848.6299), or else we will just see you there for our monthly gathering!

Thanks, Jim and Paul



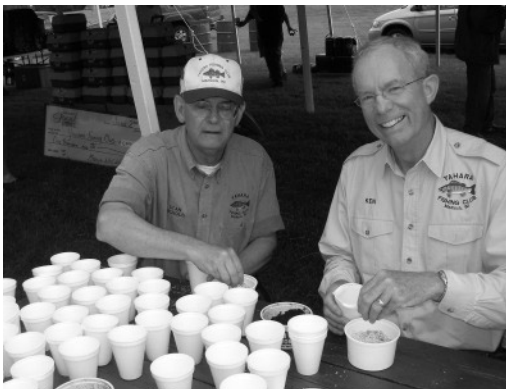
Kids Fishing Day - The YFC

As Duffy's remarks for the June newsletter detail, the June 2nd Kids Fishing Day was a huge success. Here are some follow-up pictures supplied by Eric Uram.



Clockwise from top left:

- Paul Marunich and Eric Olson
- Paul Marunich
- Paul Marunich
- Not sure
- Not sure
- Stan Nichols and Ken Worden



Below -
Fishing Has No Boundaries, 2007





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Kids Fishing Day - The kids



July was a great month. The "On The Water" meeting at Olin Park (Lake Monona) was a great experience. Good food, great weather and a lot of BS. Everyone should thank Board members Ken Worden and Bonnie Miller for doing a great job.

I did fish Monona that day, but it became very windy in the afternoon. Combine that with three weed cutters working the lake and you have potentially a tough day. I used the same bait all day – a brown/red metal flake Power Bait tube jig stuffed with Gulp maggots and a small bullet weight. I caught five largemouth under the first John Nolen Drive "bridge". I then went down the river toward Waubesa and picked up ten bass under the two sets of bridge pilings. I motored back to Olin to have a sandwich and met up with Travis Richardson who came to Monona to do some filming. We exchanged a little information and I set out to hunt muskie. Actually, what I ended up doing was experimenting and practicing with some new baits. Don't ask.

Fishing Has No Boundaries was next on the agenda. My hat is off to Marv Kontney and the crew who volunteer to put this on. I am amazed at the number of companies that donate money, product or services, plus the number of volunteers that take part or all of their weekend to help put this on. Personally, this is one of the high points of my summer. It is very humbling when you have two people in your boat who only get to fish (or do anything in the outdoors)

once a year. David and Donna were real troopers (remember how windy it was on Saturday) both days. We had a blast, caught a lot of fish and learned how to drive the boat. I do have to thank Heckels Marina for putting me in such a great boat, which gives me the opportunity to pass on some of my knowledge (limited) and experience. Thanks also to Rick Seeger and Jim Kloth for reminding me how stupid I can be at times. There were a lot of YFC members helping in a variety of ways and the fish fry (Sat.) was very good. Ask Kloth how many pieces of fish I consumed. The support our club gives to this organization is a very positive part of why we exist. Way to go!

I had the opportunity at the end of July to help run the eighth annual Take An Adult Fishing Tournament at Wilderness Fish and Game in Sauk City. We had almost 300 kids entered and gave away a ton of gear to these kids. The staff at Wilderness; Larry Wipperfurth, Wally Banfi and Wayne Whitemarsh did a super job putting this together (quite a few companies donated items). Gary Engberg also did a fine job as the emcee as he whipped the crowd into a frenzy during the weigh in. Thanks also to fellow club member Jim Kloth for helping with the weigh in. Everyone says that the future of fishing is in the young people, but Wilderness Fish and Game along with Engberg and all of the sponsors "put there money where there mouth is". What a great event.

Fishing has slowed down a bit. The only willing takers have been the smallmouth and large-

mouth on Mendota. I don't know about you, but I think there are more largemouth in Mendota this year that I can ever remember.

It is Saturday and the first day with a prolonged rain that I can think of this summer. Despite the lack of moisture, it has been a wonderful time. The Cubs are on TV and I am wasting time waiting to take off for Wyoming early tomorrow morning. I have never touched a mountain, but at 58 years old, it is about time I do it. If anyone needs to get hold of me, I will be somewhere in the Grand Teton mountain range. I'm glad cell phones don't work there. I don't think I will get a lot of time to do it, but catching a trout in a mountain stream will be my challenge. I will be doing many other activities while I am out there, but the thought of catching one of those trout remains my primary challenge.

The August 14th "On the Water" meeting is at Warner Park on Lake Mendota. I plan to fish the lake all day starting fairly early. Anyone needing a ride in a boat to fish is welcome to come along. All you have to do is let me know ahead of time (849-7245 or ljkopf@tds.net). Jim Zegers (848-6299) and Paul Marunich (219-4449) are coordinating the meeting and will have details in this newsletter. I hope to see a good crowd and catching a bunch of fish that day will be a focus for me.

One important thing to bring with you to the meeting on the 14th – names of people to put in for nomination for our Board of Directors. I may be mistaken, but



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I believe there will be four (?) positions open. We have been operating short-handed for quite a while now. We need to have the names (many I hope) of people who are willing to do a little work to help the Yahara Fishing Club set new goals and work toward meeting those goals. Please put some thought into this. We have to vote on whom our new Board Members will be at our meeting in September when we will be back at the Lakeside VFW. These people will help us set the tone for the following years. Nominations can also be sent to me via email or by phone. Someone recently asked me: "what if no one nominates anybody?" My response to that was that if that occurs, then we have a membership that doesn't really care about how the Yahara Fishing Club is functioning. We need participation by a variety of people. Think about it and act on it!

The YFC August Fish Fry will be at Fireman's Park in Monona on the 23rd. Dave Dahl is in charge and I am confident it will be a good time. Details are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

This is my last reminder asking for feedback on our website. If you see anything that needs to be changed, or you want to offer an evaluation on the website, please let me know in person, by email or by phone.

Two reminders: If you look at the YFC website and see any omissions or would like to see something added, please let me or one of the Board members know. This is important to update the sight. Also, please pay attention to the deadlines for admissions for the newsletter. Tom Raschke is doing a great job with the newsletter and I have requested that the newsletters be in the members hands on the Thursday before that monthly meet-

ing. Tom's contact information is on the cover of the newsletter.

I'll see you at the meeting on the 14th, and if I have cowboy boots on, you know where they came from. If anyone has any questions, I won't be back until the 13th. I'll close by saying that if there is something that bothers you about how the club is running or if you think we need to do something differently, or you have a good idea, please let me know and it will be considered.

Fishing Season Never Closes,

Duffy Kopf - Prez



Duffy tests out one of the '07 table boats.

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The following article is being written to allow the YFC membership to keep up on new fishing products available to them. I have just received all of the new product information and decided to write up a summary. If you have any questions on any of these products, please feel free to contact me (849-7245) or ljkopf@tds.com.

Berkley Trilene

- *100% Fluorocarbon
- *XT Tough Red
- *Super Strong Sensation

Berkley Gulp

- *4" Goby
- *10" Turtle Back Worm
- *5" Jumbo Leech
- *2 1/2" Minnow
- *Waxies
- *2" Fish Fry
- *Catfish Dough
- *Trout Dough

Berkley Gulp Alive – (Gulp baits in Glup "juice")

- 2&3" Minnow Grub
- 3&4" Minnow
- 3&5" Jumbo Leech
- Gulp Spray Fish Attractant

Berkley PowerBait

- *Atomic Teaser Pre-rigged
- *Atomic Tubes Pre-rigged
- *Atomic Tubes
- *4" Chigger Craw
- *4" Mud Critter
- *6" Flip'tail Worm
- *5" Wacky Crawler
- *5" Fat Dover Crawler
- *4&6" Floating Steelhead Worm
- *4" Sabertail Burly Bug
- *5" Sabertail Tube

Berkley PowerBait Power Packs

- *Al's Crappie
- *Kavajecz & Parsons Jig/Minnow
- *Al's Spin Crawler
- *Larry's Shaky Worm
- *Ike's Jig
- *Jay's Texas Rig
- *Hank's Carolina
- *Skeets Finesse

Berkley PowerBait Lures

- *Jointed Blade Dancer
- *Beetle Spin Mullet
- *Sinner BladeDancer Tandem and Colorado
- *Manic Shad in 3, 4, 5, and 7"

Berkley Accessories – too many to mention

Berkley Rods

- *Tactix (trout rods)

Abu Garcia Reels

- *Revo Premier – low profile
- *Max Pro – low profile
- *Max Silver – low profile
- *Max Black – low profile
- *Ambassadeur EXT – round
- *Synchro – line counters
- *Cardinal 800 – spinning
- *Cardinal 700LX – spinning
- *Cardinal 600ALB

Fenwick Rods

- *Elite Tech (specific technique rods)

Combos

- *SilverMax
- *BlackMax
- *Stealth
- *UltraCast
- *Stamina
- *Cardinal Bruizer
- *Big Game Spin/Cast
- *Phazer
- *Advanta
- *Avocet II
- *Copperhead
- *BigGame Spinning
- *Outback SE

Spiderwire

- *UltraCast Invisi-Braid

Stren

- *100% Fluorocarbon
- *Microfuse
- *Blood Red

There are other saltwater products that I did not cover.

Duffy Kopf

Pure Fishing Ambassador



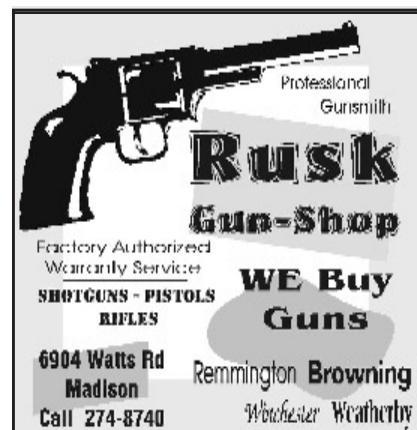
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White Sturgeon Caught by Bonnie Miller in the Columbia River, out from Astoria Oregon in May. At 43 inches it was 2 inches to short to keep, but a great fighter. It was a cold and windy Day.

Notes From The Editor

If we are to receive the newsletter the Thursday before the meeting, I need to send the newsletter to the publisher eight days before the meeting. I try to get most of the newsletter ready well before that, so if you want something in the next newsletter it is best to get it to me by the 3d week of the month.

It is easiest if you send me things by email, but there is no problem mailing it or dropping it off at my home (6002 Driftwood Ave, Madison WI. 53705.)

I'll also be glad to write articles for you. Just give me a call with the info at 233-6765.

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The next meeting is on **Tuesday, August 14th, ON THE WATER**

August Events

Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 14th, 2007 Monthly meeting: Just west of the Warner Launch along Woodward Drive.
August 23d, Fish Fry at Fireman's Park in Monona. Show up at 5:00 PM, eat at 6:00.
See Articles Page 1.

September Events

September 11th , Monthly Meeting, VFW Hall
Speaker Travis Richardson, talking on fall Northern and Muskie.

The Yahara Fishing Club's doors are open **EVERYONE**, so invite a friend to the meeting!

President - Larry Kopf.....849-7245
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