

Badger Fly Fishers

An Active Member Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers

Newsletter

December 2013

Join us Tuesday, December 17th for our holiday banquet

It will be an evening of holiday fun and fellowship at the Mapletree Restaurant in McFarland. Bring your spouse or a friend too.

Arrive by 6:00 p.m. for cocktails, dinner will be served at 6:30. Cost is \$17 per person, includes chicken, fish, Swiss steak, dessert, coffee and tip.

Please bring cash (exact amount is appreciated) or a check to the **Badger Fly Fishers**, so that we can make a single payment to the Mapletree. Tip is included. Please RSVP by **December 13th** to [Walt Stevenson](#) if you plan to attend.

Kent was the recipient of *Fly Rod & Reel's* Traver Award for distinguished fiction in 2010. He is an avid outdoorsman and widely traveled writer whose stories have appeared in such publications as *Gray's Sporting Journal*, *Field & Stream*, *The High Plains Literary Review*, *Trout*, and *The Atlantic Salmon Journal*. He has authored three other books, including *Back in Time: Echoes of a Vanished America in the Heart of France*. He lives beside a stream with a healthy population of native brook trout, in the bluff country along the Upper Mississippi River in southeastern Minnesota.

Ranging from the riotously comic to the nostalgic, edgy, and suspenseful, these sixteen stories offer richly developed and engaging portraits of characters across the spectrum of life, all absorbed by the thrill of fly fishing.

"These stories are sometimes quiet, sometimes raucous, and sometimes quirky, but they all look at fishing and fishermen with the kind of sidelong glance you might not expect."

—John Gierach, editor at large of *Fly Rod & Reel Magazine*



Kent Cowgill



Presidents elect and emeritus, Bob Harrison and Walt Stevenson, with TU's new equipment trailer which was purchased with funds donated by the Badger Fly Fishers. Badger members are encouraged to join them on this winter's stream brushing projects.

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Officers elected

The Badger Fly Fishers officers and board members for the coming year are:

President - Bob Harrison
Vice President - Gene Knutson
Secretary - Lynn Langenfeld
Treasurer - Mike Philips

Board Representatives:

Bill Engber
Tom Smith
Dan Johnson
Walt Stevenson
Mike Rock



Bill Engber with a sea run brown from a recent trip to Iceland. Atlantic salmon were also caught, all fish on Tube-Flies.

Christmas Party Time at the Fly Fishers

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 14th from 9AM to 4PM. If you are in the neighborhood stop in for our annual Christmas Party. Dave Rasmussen, fly tying guru from Golden, Colorado, will be tying flies all day. We will have shop Christmas specials, reps on hand, beverages and other fun stuff going on.

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.

2014 Badger Fly Fishers Membership

Badger Fly Fisher's dues are \$15.00 annually, assessed on a calendar year basis beginning January 1. Your membership will expire December 31st of each year.

Members of BFF have use of our DVD library and receive our monthly e-mail newsletter. The funds received from membership are used to help defray costs of publishing the newsletter, monthly club meeting expenses and updating and expanding the DVD library.

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Badger Fly Fishers Membership Form

Name: _____

Street / P. O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (work optional): _____

e-mail: _____

(be sure to send us an update if your e-mail changes)

Please check one: New Member _____ Renewal: _____

Make checks for **\$15.00** payable to **Badger Fly Fishers**

Mail this form and check to:

Badger Fly Fishers
Attn: Bill Engber
1234 Sweetbriar Rd.
Madison, WI 53705

BFF Holiday Party
Tuesday, December 17th

Spring 2014

FLY FISHING OPENER



Special Thanks Dave Whitlock, Illustration

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014



SPONSORED BY THE BADGER FLY FISHERS,
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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

Radison Hotel

517 Grand Canyon Drive
Madison, WI

Come join us for a day of fly fishing, fly tying demonstrations, education and conservation.

FEATURED SPEAKER

Davy Wotton fisherman, guide and tyer in the White River area of the Ozarks

- *Fishing traditional style wet flies*
- *The White River system in Arkansas*
- *The history of UK flyfishing today compared to the USA*

Next Meeting:

**Monday
January 27th**

"Fly Fishing Alaska from a Lodge Pilot's Perspective"

By Troy "T-bird" Abplanalp

Troy is a member of TU and the BFF. He earned a B.S in Aerospace Science in 1992 from Metropolitan State College of Denver, majoring in Professional Pilot with Flight Engineer emphasis and has been flying for 25 years. The last 11 years have been in Alaska, where, he has also been a guide for the past 8 years.

Over his career, Troy has flown as a flight Instructor, banner-towing pilot, charter pilot, cargo Pilot, airline pilot, and finally, an Alaskan bush pilot - mostly in floatplanes for top fishing lodges.

Since 2006, he has flown and guided in the Wood Tikchik State Park and the Katmai National Park, which is in the Bristol Bay and Lake Iliamna area for several fish-



ing lodges, including Tikchik Narrows Lodge, King Salmon Lodge, Rainbow River Lodge, Mission Lodge, and Rapids Camp Lodge, which is where he is flying and guiding presently.

Events Calendar

December 17th **BFF/WSA Holiday Party**
Kent Cowgill, will read from his new book,
Sunlit Riffles and Shadowed Runs

January 21st **WSA Monthly Meeting**
Andy Davidson, Rick Reece, and Dan Johnson -
Lures and locations through the season.

January 27th **BFF Monthly Meeting**
Troy Abplanalp – Fishing Alaska From A Bush Pilot's Perspective

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.