

WISCONSIN BASS FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

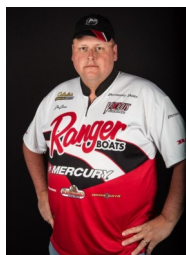
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President's Message

By Jim Jones



With Spring fast approaching and our Wisconsin waters opening up, it is the time of year where we start to plan and prepare for the year ahead. I too start planning which tournaments I want to compete in, which sports shows I hope to visit, what baits I need to stock up on... I hope every single one of you can take a moment from your own planning to find someone else who may be new to tournaments to help bring them the enthusiasm of a new year. This is the time to talk that coworker into joining your club, tell your buddy about tournaments, or start thinking about getting some of your kid's friends together to form a youth club. If everyone one of us recruits just one new member to the Federation now, the strength and power of the Federation will grow to benefit us all.

My top priorities as your President this year are growing the Federation, improving communication and helping to generate new ideas and innovative ways to bring the organization into position for the future. Our organization gains strength in seeking sponsorship, affecting legislation, and promoting a positive image as we grow in numbers. As tournaments are picking up again, it is important we have a product that is flexible to meet the needs of a variety of fisherman. I look forward to hearing your ideas on how to make the Federation stronger!

For those who don't know me, I will take a minute to introduce myself. I have been fishing in the Federation since I was 16, and I am the President of the Belle City Bass Anglers club. I am also a lifetime member of B.A.S.S. and a member of Amelia's Anglers Club. I am married with three kids, and am a county 4-H leader of the fishing project associated with our youth bass club. My occupation is owner of a couple restaurants in Waukesha county. My favorite places to fish in Wisconsin are the Mississippi, Winneconne and Sturgeon Bay. I have fished a lot of opens, BFL's, Rayovac's and I have been lucky to make it to TBF Nationals 3 times. This year I am fishing the FLW tour as a co-angler. I hope to see you all on the water!

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2015 State Convention Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells



2015 State Team



2014 Youth Champion Noah Carver



Wisconsin President Jim Jones &
Guest Speaker National TBF
President Robert Carlidge



Guest Speaker
Wisconsin DNR
Bass Management
Jon Hansen



Big Raffle Winners!



2014 Mr. Bass
Nick Smyers

2014 4-Man Classic
Madison Bass Club



2015 National Qualifiers
Nick Smyers & Vue Thao



2015 SPRING REPS MEETING, MARCH 21, 2015, WISCONSIN DELLS, WISCONSIN

1. Jim Jones, President, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Clubs missing was the Castlerock Bassmasters, Green Bay Bassmasters, Skoolin' Bass Anglers and State Wide Bass. The minutes were accepted.

2. Brad Lemke, Treasurer, read the treasurer's report and it was accepted.

3. Steve Hjort, Conservation Director

Steve said that there is a change to the head of the fisheries.

Justine Haas, who is from the Wisconsin Rapids area, will be the replacement. Steve thinks that she is going to be a very good person for the Federation.

Steve missed the meeting, due to illness, but did get a copy of the 20 page – 10-year report. This report will be available on line on our web site.

The spring hearings are coming. We need to voice our opinions on some possible rule changes. Please attend, if possible.

4. Adam Barnard, Youth Director

Adam said that the Madison Kids Casting Tournament went very well this year.

The clubs that helped were recognized and thanked.

About 200 kids participated.

Saturday's event ran all day long – from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Next year there will be an expo – Wisconsin Expo – put on by Outdoor Magazine. All of the kids' activities will run out of the same area.

There are 5 youth clubs in the state. The central areas are covered. We need more clubs from the north and south.

State Tournament will be held on July 18 on Big Green. Competitors will be kids ranging from 11-14. The 15-18 year old age group will now be competing with the High School fishing group, which is run by TBF.

The High School Tournament will be held on June 9 on Lake Wisconsin. Their web site is set up like ours so you can find all of the info on there.

We should all try to get some more kids involved. They ARE our future.

5. Kris Hanes, Tournament Director

Tournaments:

Mr Bass May 17 Big Green May 1 is the deadline for entry forms.

Zones 4 and 5 – June 6 and 7 – Madison Chain – Lake Farm Park

Zone 3 – June 13 and 14 – Pool 10

Zone 2 – June 20 and 21 – Boom Lake

The deadline for the forms and entry fees is June 1.

Adult State – August 16 and 17 – Pools 4 and 5

4 Man Classic– September 26 and 27– Pools 5& 5A Fountain City

Any questions – email Kris or contact him on web message board

6. Jim Jones

a) Most of our last year sponsors will be staying with us this year.

1. We have a new shirt sponsor who is great to work with

2. Uncle Josh will be getting a code so that we can order at a discount online.

3. Power Pro remains the same.

Every club needs to get their club information updated online.

Next year's convention – if we move the date to January, we can get the rooms for \$99 a night at the Chula Vista. January 29 and January 30 are the proposed dates.

Jim wants to bring the newsletter back

We need to get the information out.

The newsletter would be online with no printing or mailing involved.

A new issue would go out every 2 months

There will be a link on the web site and we will remain on Facebook.

e) We are currently working on the web site updates. Open tournaments have been sent in. If you find something outdated, let Jim know so it can be corrected.

7. Old Business

It was brought up in the last meeting about bringing in old plastics for recycling. Turn in to Steve when you bring them.

The plastics can be recycled to help the environment.

8. New Business

The DNR meetings will be held April 13 at 7 PM in 72 counties. Please try to attend.

Zone qualifying

Zone maybe on a conflicting date so it was suggested that a member maybe able to fish in any zone that they want.

Suggestions from reps – You can't pick and choose where you go. You can only fish one zone.

It should be tabled for now and decide for next year. You may only go to one other zone.

There was a motion to allow your choice of zone.

This was withdrawn.

There was a motion to fish one zone. Any member can fish the zone of your choice. You would need a none boater also. This motion was withdrawn.

We need to discuss this with more details.

We need to have a committee formed for our money trail. We could maybe get a sponsor for it.

9. Special Guest - Jon Hansen – DNR Black Bass Management

Black Bass Management

Harvest regulation

Monitoring

Habitat

There is a regulations "tool box" concerning what anglers target an catch

Mostly pan fish

Black bass

About bass

Bass are statewide in 6,000 lakes.

There are 69% largemouth and 13% smallmouth.

Fish caught per hour over the years is going up.

DNR is concerned about the growth of bass.

Catch and release is improving the population of bass.



Address issues.

Focus more on habitat and bass

10. Jim Jones - Summary

We will table the money trail. A proposal needs to be made up.

We maybe need to make changes on the zones because zone 3 has 15 club members and the rest each have 5 clubs in them. Jim would like to even it out. We need to organize them.

October 11 is the next meeting.

Positions up for nominations are President, Treasurer and Zones 2 and 4

It was presented to us that 11 Indian tribes would like us to run a \$5000 prize money tournament.

They would pay out the prize money and give the Federation \$5000 for running it.

We could try to work it into our next year's schedule and maybe run an open for this year.

It would have to be near a casino

Rooms would be \$45 a night.

The reps branched off to attend their zone meetings.

Meeting was adjourned.

Pat Loendorf – Secretary WBF

2015 Wisconsin Federation Goals:

1. Increase membership by 10%
2. Revise tournament structure to meet membership needs
3. Plan State tournaments over a year in advance
4. Increase State tournament community advertising- donations- fundraising
5. Increase collaboration with BFL's
6. Increase participation at Convention
7. Increase youth tournament participation by 20%
8. Increased Communication- new message board, website, facebook, newsletter, email blasts?
9. More Conservation projects

More Updates:

Be sure to check out the Calendar on our Website! You can even sync it to your smartphone calendar so you always have the dates at your fingertips. Please send an email to jimjones@wi.rr.com if you know of any open tournaments, sports shows or other related events to add to the calendar.

We updated to a new message board on the website. Since we could not identify who the old administrator was, we had to start over.

We tried a few new things at the convention this year. Last year's State Team and Nationals competitors presented a slide show and told everyone about their trip. We received great feedback on adding this, so expect it to continue in the future!

Calendar of Events

April 23-25: TBF National Championships- Grand Lake, OK

May 17: Mr. Bass- Big Green Lake

June 20-21: Zone 2- Boom Lake

June 13-14: Zone 3- Mississippi Pool 10

June 6-7: Zone 4- Madison Chain

June 6-7: Zone 5- Madison Chain

July 18: Jr. State- Big Green Lake

August 15-16: State Championships– Mississippi Pool 4

Aug 20-23: FLW Cup - Lake Ouachita, Hot Springs, AR

Aug 20-23: TBF Jr. Championship- Lake Hamilton, AR

Sept 7-11: Northern Divisionals - Lake Carlisle, IL

Sept 26-27: 4 Man Classic - Mississippi Pool 5

Oct 11 : Board & Reps Meeting

Jan 29-30, 2016: Convention

April, 2016: Board & Reps Meeting





Our Trip to the TBF National Championship Grand Lake, OK April 10-12, 2014

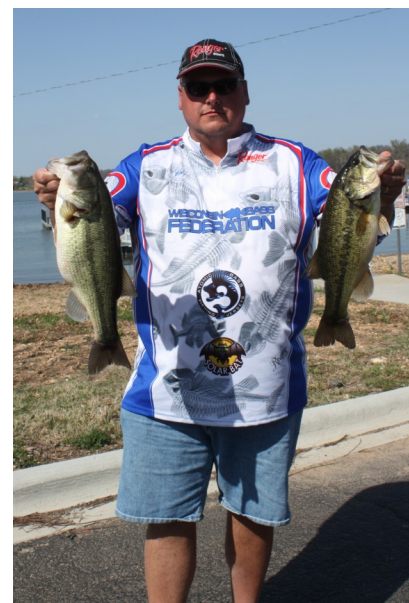
By Jim Jones



We start out our week with a few days of pre-fishing together out of our own boat. We struggled on pre-fishing, just a couple good ones but low numbers. Everyone attends a meeting on Tuesday, gets photos taken and gets nice gifts from the sponsors. Then Wednesday we pre-fish with our first day partner.



On tournament day, we all fish out of state of the art boats provided by FLW! All the boats are lined up, clean, gassed up, inspected and ready to go for us. They even come packed with our lunches for the day! When we come in each day, the crew takes them and gets them ready for the next day for us.



Day one of the tournament was extremely windy. It was a good day for co-anglers while the boaters struggled with the wind. The Alabama rig and jerk bait proved to be successful lures. Even though we didn't make it to fish the final day, my family joined me to watch the final weigh in held with the FLW tour event at Beaver Lake. There was a great sports show with many sponsors and free gifts for the whole family. It was great to get the chance to talk with many of the pros there for the Family Fun Zone.

Jim Jones, Boater

Day 1: 0

Day 2: 16-7#

24th place overall

4th place Northern Division

Just 1-3# out of the All American

Day 2 was the third biggest bag of the tournament.



Jason Loewe, Co-Angler

Day 1: 7-2 #

Day 2: 6-9 #

17th place overall

4th place Northern Division





WISCONSIN BASS FEDERATION

Mr. Bass Tournament May 16–17, 2015

Tournament Director: Kris Hanes—715-216-2473

Host: Green Lake, WI

Hotels:

Dartford Inn
N6264 N Larson Dr, Green Lake
920.294.6546

BayView Motel
439 Lake St, Green Lake
920.294.6504

Comfort Suites
2 Westgate Dr, Ripon
920.748.5500

Entry Deadline Date: May 1, 2015 (postmarked)

Mail entries to: Kris Hanes, 1903 Crabtree Lane, Wausau, WI 54401

Body of Water: Big Green Lake

Launch location: Dodge Memorial Park (SW corner of the lake)

Official Practice day: May 16th is the Official practice day, the water will go off-limits at 5pm Saturday, May 16, 2015, until the start of the tournament.

Registration : 5:30-6:00pm Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Dodge Memorial Park

Partner Pairings and Rules Briefing: 6:00pm Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Dodge Memorial Park — everyone must attend or make arrangements a week in advance.

Official Tournament Day : May 17

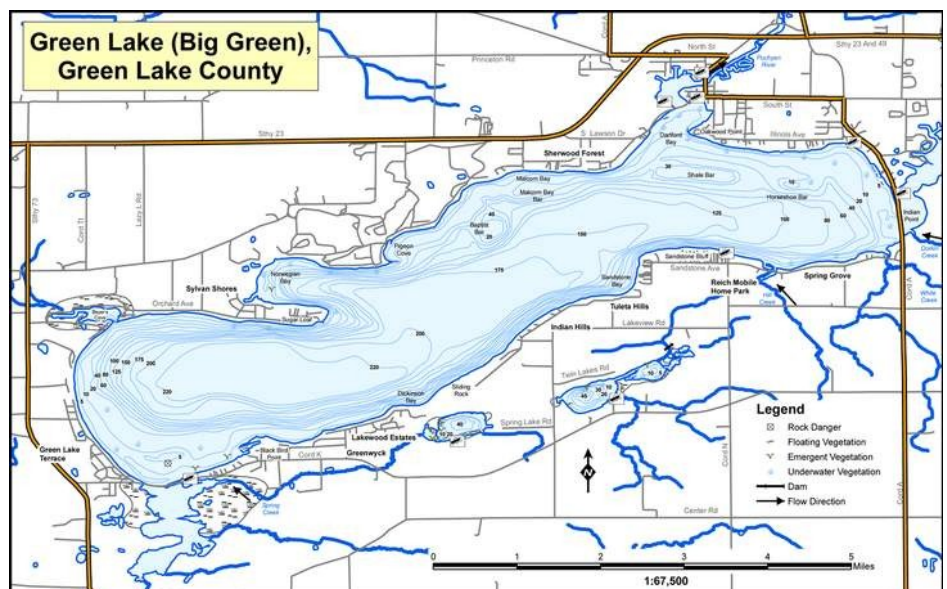
Take off Daily at 6:00am

Weigh-in begins daily at 2:00pm

License/permit fees: All anglers must have a valid Wisconsin Fishing License in their possession covering the dates of the event.

What is the Mr. Bass Tournament?

This tournament is not related to the series of competitions leading to the National Events, rather it is a statewide invitational in which each first place finalist from each of our official chapters is invited to compete against each other to determine the “best of the best”. They fish for cash, prizes and the title of Wisconsin’s Mr. Bass.





2015 State Team- First Place Brooks Gullixon

Madison Bass Club
Hometown: Middleton, WI
Married/ Children: No
First time on the State Team
Boat: Champion 181, Mercury XR6 150
Years of fishing: 20 Years in Federation: 2
Favorite Place to Fish: Lake Mendota
Favorite Technique: Flipping Weedlines
Biggest Bass: 6.2# Largemouth, Lake Mendota



2015 State Team- Second Place Adam Barnard

Bass Assassins
Hometown: Burlington, WI
Married/ Children: No
First time on the State Team
Boat: Stratos 201 Pro XL, Evinrude E-tec 225
Years of fishing: 24 Years in Federation: 11
Favorite Place to Fish: Mississippi River
Favorite Technique: Casting 1/2 oz Football Jig
Biggest Bass: 5lb 12oz Largemouth, Little Muskego



2015 State Team- Third Place Kevin Fassbind

Bayview Bassmasters
Hometown: Cottage Grove, WI
Married: Yes Children: No
Eighth time on the State Team
Boat: Ranger R20, Mercury Pro XS 225
Years of fishing: 46 Years in Federation: 20
Favorite Place to Fish: Green Bay
Favorite Technique: Swim Jigs
Biggest Bass: 6.5# Smallmouth, Green Bay



2015 State Team- Fourth Place Joe Jender

Heartland Bass
Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
Married: Yes Children: 2
First time on the State Team
Boat:
Years of fishing: Years in Federation:
Favorite Place to Fish:
Favorite Technique: Swim Jigs
Biggest Bass: 6# Largemouth, Big Muskego





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Dear Stop Aquatic Hitchhiker Partners:

As a valued partner, we would like to make you aware of a recent development that will affect the implementation of the Stop Aquatic Hitchhiker! (SAH!) campaign on bill boards. It has recently come to our attention that both Federal and State laws prohibit the use of traffic-control devices within advertising along the State and Federal highway system. Since the SAH! brand includes a stop sign within its logo, we are advising our campaign partners of this issue and recommending actions for campaign advertisements on roadside bill boards.

We have confirmed with the Department of Transportation that Federal law (Code of Federal Regulations - Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter H, Part 750.108) and corresponding laws in several other States regulate the use of traffic control devices in advertisements. To remedy this issue, the Fish and Wildlife Service is in the process of developing new guidelines for using the SAH! brand on large advertising billboards; however, until that guidance is final, we are offering the following recommendations:

- Although the stop sign logo, when displayed prominently within the overall rectangular billboard, does raise questions regarding compliance with federal regulations, we have been advised that these questions do not rise to the level where they would be confused with actual traffic signs. Thus, we advise that existing billboards do not have to be immediately taken down. When existing billboard contracts expire, however, and if those contracts are going to be renewed, we advise changing the logo so that the stop sign feature is no longer part of the billboard advertisement.
- Any new or updated billboard signage using the SAH! brand should be revised so that the stop sign image representing the "o" in the word stop is changed to an actual "o" instead. In addition, since some States may have prohibitions against using the word "Stop" in their outdoor advertising, please make sure to comply with your State's outdoor advertising regulations as well.

Since this new development regarding the SAH logo involves only highway signage, we are not planning on making any other changes to other aspects of the SAH! brand. We thank you for your participation in the SAH! national public awareness campaign and look forward to many more years of collaboration. Once new guidelines for the use of the SAH! brand on billboards have been developed, they will be posted on the Protect Your Waters web site (www.protectyourwaters.net) and also e-mailed out to all of the listed partners.

Thank you again for your efforts to implement the SAH! campaign. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this issue further, please contact Craig Martin, Chief, Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species, at (703) 358-1932 or craig_martin@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Assistant Director
for Fish and Aquatic Conservation



2015 Convention Speaker Jon Hansen from WDNR Fisheries Bureau

The WBF Convention and Rep's meeting was held on March 21st at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The guest speaker for both events was Jon Hansen of WDNR Fisheries Bureau. Jon gave a PowerPoint presentation of the current management objectives for black bass in Wisconsin. His presentation included statistical analysis and the current status of bass populations in the state.

In summary, the state of bass in Wisconsin is great, we have improving populations of bass all across the state with a few areas actually having too many bass per acre in northern areas. In 2014, WDNR changed the spring opening day to the current southern opening day of the first Saturday in May statewide for largemouth bass. Smallmouth bass season remains as the second Saturday in June for protecting spawning fish in northern waters.

A lively question and answer period followed Jon's presentation and I think that all in attendance felt that WDNR is aware our collective concerns and interest in keeping our favorite fish populations in good shape for years to come. Subsequent conversations with Jon indicated that he learned some things about how our organization works and how passionate we are about black bass. He said that he was impressed with how well our group was informed and with our conservation and youth programs.

Steve Hjort
WBF Conservation Director

TBF/FLW Dues Reminder

It's that time of year again! The new year is beginning, which means it's time to renew your TBF membership! All TBF memberships expire December 31st. To receive the full benefit of a TBF Membership, you should renew NOW. TBF does not prorate your dues if you decide to wait until April, May, etc. It's just like buying a fishing license, you will have to pay the full amount, regardless of when you decide to renew your membership. Most clubs are already collecting dues and sending them in to the TBF National Office, and we appreciate your hard work, you are doing a great job!

If you have questions or concerns, contact your local club Secretary, or call our office at 580.765.9031.

ADVERTISE WITH US!

Full Page- \$250 per issue
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Quarter Page- \$100 per issue
Eighth page- \$50 per issue

Discounts for multiple issues and product donations. If you may be interested in learning more about becoming a Federation Sponsor or advertising, please contact our State President Jim Jones at jimjones@wi.rr.com

Remember....

The Top 5 winners from each Zone will receive their plaques at the State Convention Awards Banquet January 30, 2016. Please plan to attend!

Attendance is mandatory for all Board members and State Team Members.

In the Next Issue....Classifieds!

If you would like to place a classified ad in the next issue, send an email to bjones@wi.rr.com. Ads will be free to members, limited to space available, first come first serve.

All information for next issue Due By: June 1st



Zone 2 Tournament June 19– 21, 2015

Tournament Director: Roger Modrzejewski—715.573.3339

Host: Rhinelander, WI

Hotels:

AmericInn Lodge, 648 W Kemp St, Rhinelander, 715.369.9600

Quality Inn, 668 W Kemp St, Rhinelander, 715.369.3600

Comfort Inn, 1490 Lincoln St, Rhinelander, 715.369.1100

Entry Deadline Date: June 1, 2015 (postmarked)

Entry forms found at www.wisconsinbass.com

Mail entries to: Roger Modrzejewski, 6008 Birch St. #1, Weston, WI 54476

Body of Water: Boom Lake

Launch location: Hodag Park

Official Practice day: June 19th is the Official practice day, the lake will go off-limits at 5pm Friday, June 19, 2015, until the start of the tournament.

Registration : 5:30-6:00pm Friday, June 19, 2015 at Hodag Park

Partner Pairings and Rules Briefing: 6:00pm Friday, June 19, 2015 at Hodag Park— everyone must attend or make arrangements a week in advance.

Official Tournament Days : June 20-21

Take off Daily at 6:00am

Weigh-in begins daily at 2:00pm

License/permit fees: All anglers must have a valid Wisconsin Fishing License in their possession covering the dates of the event.

Zone 4 Tournament June 5–7, 2015

Tournament Director: Harley Nicks—608-387-2854

Host: Madison, WI

Hotels:

Days Inn & Suites, 4402 E Broadway Service Rd, 608.223.1800

Sleep Inn, 4802 Tradewinds Pkwy, 608.221.8100

AmericInn, 101 W Broadway, 608.222.8601

Entry Deadline Date: May 23, 2015 (postmarked)

Entry forms found at www.wisconsinbass.com

Mail entries to: Harley Nicks, 1714 McLean Ave, Tomah, WI 54660

Body of Water: Madison Chain

Launch location: Lake Farm Park

Official Practice day: June 5th is the Official practice day, the water will go off-limits at 5pm Friday, June 5, 2015, until the start of the tournament.

Registration : 5:30-6:00pm Friday, June 5, 2015 at Lake Farm Park Shelter #2

Partner Pairings and Rules Briefing: 6:00pm Friday, June 5, 2015 at Lake Farm Park Shelter #2 — everyone must attend or make arrangements a week in advance.

Official Tournament Days : June 6-7

Take off Daily at 6:00am

Weigh-in begins daily at 2:00pm

License/permit fees: All anglers must have a valid Wisconsin Fishing License in their possession covering the dates of the event.

Zone 3 Tournament June 12– 14, 2015

Tournament Director: Adam Eisele—608-345-2708

Host: Prairie Du Chien, WI

Hotels:

AmericInn Lodge, 130 S Main St, Prairie Du Chien, 608.326.7878

Super 8, 1930 S. Marquette, Prairie Du Chien, 608.326.8777

Prairie Motel, 1616 S. Marquette, Prairie Du Chien, 608.326.6461

Entry Deadline Date: June 1, 2015 (postmarked)

Entry forms found at www.wisconsinbass.com

Mail entries to: Adam Eisele, w9289 Ripley Rd, Cambridge, WI 53523

Body of Water: Mississippi River, Pools 9, 10, 11

Launch location: Washington Street Park

Official Practice day: June 12th is the Official practice day, the water will go off-limits at 5pm Friday, June 12, 2015, until the start of the tournament.

Registration : 5:30-6:00pm Friday, June 12, 2015 at Washington Street Park

Partner Pairings and Rules Briefing: 6:00pm Friday, June 12, 2015 at Washington Street Park — everyone must attend or make arrangements a week in advance.

Official Tournament Days : June 13-14

Take off Daily at 6:00am

Weigh-in begins daily at 2:00pm

License/permit fees: All anglers must have a valid Wisconsin Fishing License in their possession covering the dates of the event.

Zone 5 Tournament June 5–7, 2015

Tournament Director: Jack Stahulak—815-560-1878

Host: Madison, WI

Hotels:

Days Inn & Suites, 4402 E Broadway Service Rd, 608.223.1800

Sleep Inn, 4802 Tradewinds Pkwy, 608.221.8100

AmericInn, 101 W Broadway, 608.222.8601

Entry Deadline Date: May 23, 2015 (postmarked)

Entry forms found at www.wisconsinbass.com

Mail entries to: Jack Stahulak, PO Box 131, Pell Lake, WI 53157

Body of Water: Madison Chain

Launch location: Lake Farm Park

Official Practice day: June 5th is the Official practice day, the water will go off-limits at 5pm Friday, June 5, 2015, until the start of the tournament.

Registration : 5:30-6:00pm Friday, June 5, 2015 at Lake Farm Park Shelter #2

Partner Pairings and Rules Briefing: 6:00pm Friday, June 5, 2015 at Lake Farm Park Shelter #2 — everyone must attend or make arrangements a week in advance.

Official Tournament Days : June 6-7

Take off Daily at 6:00am

Weigh-in begins daily at 2:00pm

License/permit fees: All anglers must have a valid Wisconsin Fishing License in their possession covering the dates of the event.

Sponsor Spotlight

We are proud to introduce Uncle Josh as a new Federation Sponsor for 2015! The Uncle Josh company has been located in Fort Atkinson Wisconsin since 1922. They have a wide range of baits including pork, plastics, jigs and swim baits. Uncle Josh owns several other popular tackle products including Kalin's and Beaver Dam ice fishing.

Uncle Josh is pleased to offer Wisconsin TBF members a 40% discount on everything including Uncle Josh, Kalin's and Beaver Dam ice fishing.

Discount code: WITBF

Use all caps in discount/promo codes. Order online at www.unclejosh.com

Any questions— contact Adam Eisele
920-563-2491 EXT. 214



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