



THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

May 2010

Thank you for your support !



What an incredible evening we had at last month's Trash & Treasure Auction. A record number of attendees and bidders set our all-time record of \$5,412.72 raised for the club. The spirited bidding, Bob's commentary and colorful description of items, along with our wonderful trips and donated items, really set the tone for the evening.

A lot of favorable comments were received on our awesome fly selections, hand-crafted items, and the quality of the spin and fly equipment. We will definitely have a comparable selection of flies for next year—they were a hit. I think we'll have Mike, Bill, and Keith take turns bidding on them next year so they don't beat each other up so bad (if you were there, you know what I mean). If you haven't been to one of these events and you like to have fun, along with a lot of laughs, this is the place.

As early as the next morning, several ideas for next year's auction were already being discussed. You will see a set time to end the bidding (either 9:00 or 9:15) a smoother check-out procedure, assistants to

help Bob and me identify bidders and hand-out the merchandise, and also brighter lighting to keep old guys like me awake. Next year's date will be April 19th at the smoke-free Maple Tree.

As auction chair and on behalf of the club, I would like to thank: Bob Harrison, our auctioneer extraordinaire; board members for their assistance in a variety of ways; Steve Winters, who did a great job of rounding-up a large variety of flies; Kathy for putting all of the ideas in print for me in the form of newsletter articles, web page, auction accounting, and more; to all of the generous donors for the variety of quality items; and to the attendees and bidders, who without their generosity, none of this would have been possible. You all make my job easy!

Please take time to book a trip with our generous guides and patronize the businesses who give us so much support.

Thank you, Mike Simon



Above: Kathy Simon's baked goods were as popular as ever at our Trash & Treasure Auction. **On first page,** clockwise from lower left: Bob Harrison's pike flies. Gerry Zingg's poppers. Auctioneer Bob Harrison and Mike Simon work the crowd.

Check out these websites

Two of the ideals for good journalism are to inform and to entertain. And Juan Vereute's blog does both very well. You'll find it at <http://www.centralpafishing.com/>

Juan's passion is fishing for river smallmouth from a kayak and all of his techniques will be useful in Wisconsin waters as well.

You can find more of Juan's articles plus other good stuff at <http://www.smallmouths.com/>

If you have not discovered either of these two sites yet, you've been missing out on some valuable small-mouth information.

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Articles, photos, information, and calendar events for the newsletter are encouraged and should be submitted by the 1st day of the month to: Dan Johnson, 426 Glenway St. Madison, WI 53711. Word files sent to: johnson7@tds.net are most appreciated.

Our Next Meeting:

Regular monthly meetings
will resume in September.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, May 24th 7:00 P.M
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

BFF Monthly Meeting
“Fly Fishing the Driftless Area Spring Creeks”