



THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

May 2013



Thanks to everyone who made our fundraising auction a big success

by Mike Simon, Auction chairman

Our eighth annual fundraiser proved to be both successful and profitable. The club netted \$5,245 to be used towards this year's projects. Since 2006, we have raised \$35,442. We have been able to fund many worthwhile projects and have gotten thousands of young people exposed to fishing and the great outdoors.

Many thank-you's are due. First of all, thank you to those who attended and for their generosity. We had some real quality items up for bid and attendees went home with some great stuff to add to their arsenals.

Kudos to those talented individuals who hand-crafted items from food items to lures and flies—your handicrafts always are a big part of the event.

A special thank you to all the guides who donated trips this year, and especially to Roger Lapenter and Kip Vieth who have donated a trip every year since 2006. Check out our website for contact information, and take time to book a trip with these guides. It'll be the highlight of your summer!

We also need to recognize the businesses and companies who generously donated items again this year. Our patronage will certainly help this tradition to continue.

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And finally thanks to the board members for their help in organizing the event and solicitation of items, to Bob for being our auctioneer, and to Kathy and Linda for help at the desk and accounting.

We are already looking forward to next year for new ideas. In our post auction meeting, we talked about another chainsaw raffle and some silent auction items. One of our main goals will be to shorten the auction for next year (sorry we went over by 10 min. this year). We will hopefully be done by 8:30 or 8:45.

If anyone has suggestions that might make our event unique or more enjoyable, please contact any board member. Mark April 15, 2014 on your calendar. We hope you'll come and join the fun and support our club!

Kudos to Mike too

by Jerry Pasdo

In addition to all the members of WSA who donate considerable time tying flies, making baits, creating wood crafts, providing edible treats, one member stands out in coordinating these efforts.

Without Mike Simon's diligent pursuit of trips, donations, and other services, WSA would not have had such a successful event.

So many of the afore mentioned groups benefit from our club's efforts, that Mike's work should not go unnoticed.

Between telling your favorite fishing stories when seeing Mike, just say, "Thanks, Mike, for all your hard work!"



The Bronze Goddess

When Iowa angler Mike Jacobs spoke to our club in February, he told about a fly pattern that had become one of his go-to favorites, the Bronze Goddess.

Mike's friend Ward Bean now has step-by-step instructions on how to tie this fly on his website, *The Warmwater Fly Tyer*.

<http://www.warmwaterflytyer.com/patterns3.asp?page=33>

There is also a link to Mike's own article on this pattern in *Fly Tyer Magazine*. There you will find Mike's instruction on how to fish it as well.

In Ward's website you will also find a large number of other essential flies that all smallmouth fly fishers should have. Many of these make use of popular new material such as craft fur and palmer chenille.

In fact, there isn't a single page of this site that doesn't present something useful or interesting to the warmwater fly angler.



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Our Next Meeting:

See you in September!

Upcoming Events:

Monday, May 20th 7:00 p.m.
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

BFF Monthly Meeting - 3rd Monday!
Tim Landwehr - "Peacock Bass in the Amazon"

Saturday, July 13th
Sauk City

Wisconsin River Float Trip

Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month. The Badger Fly Fishers meet on the fourth Monday.

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!**