



THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

April 2014

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 6:30-9 PM

9TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION

**FLIES AND LURES
GUIDED TRIPS
RODS AND REELS
TASTY TREATS
AND MUCH MORE**



**THE MAPLE TREE RESTAURANT IN
McFARLAND. COME EARLIER FOR DINNER!**

Join us at the Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance Ltd. 9th annual fundraiser auction

by Mike Simon, Fundraising Chairman

We'd like to invite everyone to our ninth annual fundraiser that will take place on April 15th at the Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland. Registration will begin at 6:30 and the auction will start at 7:00. You're welcome to come earlier and enjoy dinner before the auction.

Our club owes a big thanks to devoted guides like Roger Lapenter and Kip Vieth, who since our first event have been our biggest supporters. We also will feature two trips by Ron Barefield, and day trips with Black Water Fly Fishing, 45 Degrees North Fly Fishing Co., Black Earth Angling Co., and Reel Good Guide Services. These trips are the highlight of the evening and many of our fishing seasons.

New this year will be the auctioning of the Simms Contender Inflatable Life Vest in memory of guides Adam LaPorte and Dennis Todd, who drowned in recent years. Help us make this an annual event.

We will also feature a Stihl chainsaw raffle, and a wide array of gift certificates from area restaurants and businesses. Spin and fly fishers should check out our auction list for names like St. Croix, Shimano,

Guideline, Orvis, Sage, Redington, Stowmaster, Fishpond, Simms, Bass Pro, Bushnell, Rio, etc. We will feature flies for multiple species of fish, tied by some of the most talented tyers around. The selection and quality of these flies is outstanding.

The items up for auction can be found both in this newsletter and on our website. The site will be updated with new items as they come in, up to auction time. If you can't attend the auction but still want to bid, we can arrange this for you. Just contact me; my info is in this newsletter.

As always, this event is open to the public. Obviously donations are important, but even more important is that we have bidders and buyers in the audience. Please consider bringing a guest or two to assure the continued success of this event, our only fundraiser. If you've attended in the past, you've witnessed the fun that is had by members and guests each year. You can help the club by just showing up.

To date we have contributed over \$22,000 to various programs. The past year's contributions have been to the Kids On Ice and Kids Summer Fishing Day here in Dane Co., and Sauk County Youth Conservation Days, benefiting over 1,700 kids. We also contributed to The River Alliance and have partnered with the DNR to provide transmitters for research on the lower Menomonee River. We also worked with the

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Once again, Bob Harrison will be the auctioneer. Bob's descriptions and comments on items are always a highlight and keeps the event lively and the bidding spirited.



The hearings will be held Monday, April 14th in each county of the state. The meeting agenda will start with elections of local congress delegates, followed by DNR advisory questions, citizen resolutions, congress advisory questions and a town hall meeting to discuss conservation issues, including a special focus on suggestions for rule simplifications.

Significant questions include:

- Allow statewide trolling.
- Create more catch and release seasons.
- Length exemptions for bass tournaments.
- Increase trophy bass length from 18" to 20"

- Max limits vs slot limits.
- Allow "1 over" regulations.

The meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. The nearest locations are:

- Dane - Middleton High School Performing Arts Center, 2100 Bristol Street, Middleton,
- Iowa - Dodgeville High School, Gymnasium, 912 Chapel Street, Dodgeville
- Columbia - Poynette Village Hall, 106 S Main Street, Poynette,
- Sauk - UW Baraboo Campus, Lecture Hall A-4, 1006 Connie Road, Baraboo

More information including the complete questions and a list of locations can be found at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/springhearing.html>

Trips planned

The WSA Board has decided on our club trips for 2014.

Our first trip, on June 20th-22nd will be to Shawano and Waupaca Counties to fish the Little Wolf, the Embarrass River, and the Red River. Since these streams are not as large as was the Flambeau River last year, we will decide what waters we will fish depending on the amount of club members attending

Our second trip will be on August 30th - September 1st (Labor Day Weekend) to the Wisconsin River. Depending on water levels, we will either be on the stretch from Merrill to Brokaw, or the river just west of Eagle River. In addition to the river, there are numerous smallmouth lakes in the area. Some of these lakes have been relatively inaccessible to larger boats in recent years due to low water, and these can have excellent smallmouth fishing. Both sections of the Wisconsin River have numerous smallmouth, walleye, and musky.

The river miles on these floates are as follows:

Wisconsin River: Merrill to Pine River Landing - 3.92 miles, Pine River to Brokaw - 9.7 miles.

Wisconsin River West of Eagle River: Cleveland Drive to canoe landing - 3.7 miles

Little Wolf: Big Falls to Little Falls - 1.5 miles, Little Falls to Ketchum Road - 2.85 miles, Ketchum Road to Hwy 110 - 3.97 miles, Hwy 110 to Symco - 7.48 miles, Symco to Waupaca County Park - 4.89 miles, Manawa to Royalton - 8.8 miles.

Embarrass: Caroline to Pella - 7.44 miles (1.5 on Pella Pond), Pella to Rangeline Road - 6.24 miles, Rangeline Rd. to Hwy 22 - 5.28 miles, Hwy 22 to Embarrass - 4.18 miles.

Red River: Gilmer Falls Park to Maple Rd. - 6 miles (best float), Maple Rd. to Wolf River - 4.5 miles.

There are several lodging possibilities in Shawano.

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Articles, photos, 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. Send to: johnson7@tds.net, editor.

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DNR on funding a brochure about the construction of half-log structures, to be distributed to the public.

WSA thanks all attendees and bidders for their generosity and support of this event. Without you, it would not be possible. We ask that you patronize the great guides and businesses that do so much to support our causes.

Please join us on April 15, 2014 at the Maple Tree Restaurant, McFarland. Sign-in at 6:30; auction begins at 7:00 PM. A reminder: **only cash or checks** are accepted as payment for auction items. An ATM machine is available on site.

For more information contact Mike at 608-848-3770 or madisonmike@tds.net

2014 Auction Items

Please patronize the generous contributors below!

Payment by cash or check only. An ATM is on site.

Trips:

Upper Mississippi/St. Croix River – 2 people, 1 day – *Kip Vieth, Wildwood Float Trips*

Wisconsin River or Madison Lakes – 2 people, 2 half-day trips (can be upgraded to full day for an additional \$125) – *Ron Barefield*

Wisconsin River – 2 people, 1 day guided fly fishing - *Abe Downs & Dan Boggs, Blackwater Fly Fishing*

Wisconsin River – 1 person, 1 day guided fly fishing (add second angler for \$200) – *Kyle Zempel, Black Earth Angling Co.*

St. Croix River – 1 day guided, 2 people, fly fishing – *45 Degrees North Fly Fishing Co., Tom & Kathy Bowers*

Chequamegon Bay – 2 people, 1 day – *Roger Lapenter, Angler's All*

Wisconsin Dells – 1-2 people, 4-5 hour guided spin fishing trip – *Nick Olson, Reel Good Guide Services*

Other Items:

Bushnell Backtrack / Fishtrack – The latest in simplified GPS technology; not available at retailers yet! – *Bushnell & WSA*

Bluegill metal art by Baddfish Design – *Mike Phillips*

“River Smallmouth Fishing” book – autographed and donated by *Tim Holschlag*

St. Croix Rods – Premier Series:

(2) 7'6" M.L. 2PC Spinning Rod – *St. Croix Rods & WSA*

(1) Tidemaster 7' MF 3PC Casting Rod – *St. Croix Rods & WSA*

Fiskars Garden Basket – a selection of tools for the gardener – *Fiskars USA*

Jimmy Buffett 4 CD set – *Mike Simon*

Simms Taco Wader Bag – *The Fly Fishers, Pat Ehlers*

1982 Wisconsin Great Lakes Salmon & Trout Stamp Print (framed), by Martin Murk – (this is the first year of the stamp & print) – *Badger Fly Fishers*

“Lookin’ Things Over” mallards print by Greg Caron from 1981

Stihl MS 170 chainsaw raffle – 25 tickets of \$10 each will be sold. If all 25 are not sold, the pot will be split, i.e. tickets sold = \$200, half goes to winner and half to WSA – *Middleton Power Center*

Orvis sling pack – *Mike Simon*

Large Westwater Roll-top bag – *Fishpond & WSA*

Slippery Rock Wading Staff – *Fishpond & WSA*

Kodiak molded reel case – *Fishpond & WSA*

Boga Grip Model 130 – *Eastaboga Tackle & WSA*

Softside Nylon Cooler – *Orvis*

Simms Contender Inflatable PFD – *Simms Fishing Products, Dry fly Sales & WSA*—in memory of Adam La-Porte & Dennis Todd

Simms Contender Inflatable PFD – *Simms & Dry Fly Sales, Tony & Kim Ferrie*

Simms Headwaters Large Sling Pack – *Simms, Dry Fly Sales, Tony & Kim Ferrie & WSA*

Simms Dry Creek Roll Top Bag – *Simms, Dry Fly Sales, Tony & Kim Ferrie & WSA*

Leopold Bench – *Andy Davidson*

Wild Plum Preserves – *Marie Wilhelm*

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Stowmaster Folding Net, Kevin Van Dam Bass Model – *Norsemen Outdoors & WSA*
Framed Scott Zoellick print, “Fisherman’s Gold” – *Reggie Gauger*
Redington Voyant Complete Outfit – 9 ft, 8 wt – *Redington & WSA*
Sage Approach Rod – 9 ft, 4 wt – *Sage & WSA*
Rio Fly Lines – 6 wt Smallmouth/WF4F Gold – *Rio & WSA*
Maple Syrup – *John Simon*
Baked Goods – *Kathy Simon*
Pflueger President 6900 Spinning Reels – *Bass Pro & WSA*
Bass Pro Extreme Spinning Rods with Wide Spool – *Bass Pro & WSA*
Trout Dry Tip Tech Fly Line, 4 wt – *Scientific Anglers and WSA*
Bass Outfit, 7-8 wt – *Scientific Anglers and WSA*
Buchertail 500 Series Bucktails (2) – *Joe Bucher*
Winchester Tackle Box with 4 3700 boxes – *Gerry Zingg*

Gift Certificates:

Premier Coop, Mt. Horeb – \$50 certificate
Egg and I – \$20 certificate
The Shoe Box, Steve Schmitt – \$50 certificate
Original Pancake House (University Ave & Monona) – (6) \$20 certificates
Food Fight Restaurant Group – (2) \$25 certificates – *Jerry Pasdo*
Blains Farm and Fleet, Verona – \$50 certificate
Tightlines Fly Shop – \$100 certificate (for in store or phone in orders only, not redeemable for guided trips or Internet sales)

Flies and Lures:

John Beth – Bass Flies
Andy Davidson – 24 Nymphs, 12 Panfish Flies
Andy Davidson – Handcrafted Wooden Fishing Baits
John Gribb – (2) Boxes of 12 Extended Body Mayflies
Bob Harrison – 1 doz. Bass flies; 1 doz. Pike flies
Henry Haugley – Clousers, poppers, streamers, and girdle bugs
Rich Mc Elligott – 1 doz flies – Worm Flies/Shannon Streamers
Andy Morton – Grasshopper Flies
Tom Mulford – Trout flies
Scot Stewart – Trout flies
Steve Winters
Gerry Zingg – Panfish Flies, Bass Flies, Musky/Northern Flies

But wait, there’s more!

Guideline Sunglasses, Rogue 2.5 readers – *Bass Pro & WSA*
Guideline Sunglasses, Captain & Kingfisher models – *Fisherman Eyewear*
Curado 2001 Baitcasting reel – *Dorn Hardware & WSA*
4 pc. 6 ft. Baitcasting Travel Rod – *DS Sports*
Plano 3500 Softside Tackle Bag w/ boxes – *DS Sports*
Orvis Encounter Outfit, 8’6” 5WT – *Orvis*
Carson Mini Scout 7x18 Binoculars – *Orvis & WSA*
Orvis Sure-Step Wading Staff – *Orvis & WSA*
Orvis Battenkill II Reel, 3-5wt – *Orvis & WSA*
Echo Solo Outfit, 9 ft. 6wt -- *Pat Ehlers, The Fly Fishers Fly Shop*
Umpqua Boat Boxes, med. & large – *Pat Ehlers, The Fly Fishers Fly Shop*
Oak Rod Rack - *West Marine*
Women's Inflatable life vest - *West Marine*

Our Next Meeting:

**Tuesday
April 15th**

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Upcoming Meetings:

April 28th BFF - Jim Bartelt on Trout Fishing in SW Wisconsin

May 19th BFF - Steve Born, Hex Fishing

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!**

SWTU Casting Clinic

Saturday, April 12th 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Salmo Pond [map](#)

No cost! Come learn about fly casting, insects, reading the water, gear and more.

The Fly Fishers in Milwaukee announce Annual Spring Opener Open House

It's time once again for our annual spring Open House. Join us on April 12th from 9AM to 4PM for tons of fun. Once again we will have reps, special one day a year in-house specials, brats and beverages and live blues music with our buddy Keith Scott of New Buffalo, Michigan.

For Sale – 1996 Old Town Square Stern Canoe & trailer



Canoe is 17 ft. long, and is set up with two sets of oar locks so you can row from the center or back seat. Canoe comes with a custom made cover, a set of oars & oar locks, molded, removable seats, a very nice anchor system, and a 1998 shorelander trailer with bearing buddies installed, spare tire and rim & a custom made removeable steel rack that allows easy transport of two additional canoes. Asking \$1500.00. Contact Steve Winters at 608-524-6348 or e-mail swinters@rucls.net

River Boat For Sale The custom built boat is 17 ft. 3 " long. It is 3 ft. wide on the floor and 50 inches wide at the center oar locks, raked at both ends & will handle up to a 6 hp. motor. It has two sets of oar locks so it can be rowed either from the middle or from the rear seat. It has a four ft. front deck with removeable carpet, as well as cherry seats with seat holders built in. The gunnels of the boat are also cherry, while the main body of the boat is 3/8" plywood with a 1/2" plywood bottom covered with fiberglass. It has holders for anchor hangers in both the front and rear of the boat. The boat weighs 300 pounds and comes with a shorelander trailer equipped with bearing buddies and a mounted spare tire & rim and led lights. The boat and trailer are both 2005 models and have been kept under a roof for their duration when not in use and have been well maintained. The boat was built by Jim Hauer of Green Bay, and the trailer is a Shorelander. The owner just bought a new drift boat and is simply out of room. Asking \$1500.00. For more information, call Steve Winters at 608-524-6348 (afternoons or evenings please) or swinters@rucls.net

