



# THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

*Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing*



April 2016

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Auction

**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:45 to 9:00 p.m.**

**The Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland  
Doors open, registration, cocktails,  
and dinner at 5:30**

- **Guided Trips**
- **Flies and Lures**
- **Rods and Reels**
- **Tasty Treats**
- **And Much More**



# Join us at WSA Ltd.'s eleventh annual fundraiser

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We'd like to invite everyone to our eleventh annual fundraiser at the Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland. This year the doors open at 5:30 to allow more time for registration, socializing, and dinner. This will give everyone more time to view the items up for bid, including the bidding on the silent auction items. Winning bidders of the silent auction will be announced at 6:45, followed immediately by the live auction. As always, this event is open to the public with no admission fee.

Our club owes a big thank you to devoted guides like Roger Lapenter and Kip Vieth, who since our first event have been our biggest supporters. We will also feature trips by Ron Barefield, Blackwater Fly Fishing, Wisconsin Fly Fishing Co., Pool Nine Guide Service, and Mike Jacobs in the Iowa driftless area. These trips are the highlight of the evening and the fishing season for the lucky winners.

As in the past, we will be auctioning an Onyx A/M/24 Inflatable Life Vest in memory of guides Adam LaPorte and Dennis Todd, who drowned in recent years. A special thank you to Absolute Outdoors for making this possible again!

We will also feature a Stihl blower 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, Stowmaster, Fishpond, Simms, Bass Pro, Umpqua, Echo, Airflo, Bogagrip, etc. We will feature flies for multiple species of fish, tied by some of the most talented tiers around. The selection and quality of these flies is outstanding.

The trip and fly portion of the auction will be presented in a slide format on a screen to avoid confusion as to the content, quantity, and donor. Also, all items will be numbered and their corresponding number will be on the auction list for easy reference. Please view the items before the auction starts.

*100% of proceeds donated to youth fishing, outdoor education programs, restocking, and conservation projects.*

Kathy and Linda will be seated in front of the group to make bidder and item identification easier. There will be a check-out/teller area **at the back** of the room. Provisions will be made for those who need to check-out early. Because the fundraiser will still be in progress, we request your patience.

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.

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.

Due to our previous success, we have contributed over \$26,000 to various programs. The past year's contributions have been to the Kids On Ice and Kids Summer Fishing Day here in Dane Co., Sauk County Youth Conservation Days, Youth in the Outdoors in northwest Wisconsin, and the Grant Co.

Outdoor Alliance, which serves southwest Wisconsin. These programs give over 2,000 kids the opportunity to experience the many opportunities the outdoors has to offer.

We've continued our contributions to The River Alliance, Friends of the Lower WI River Way, and have partnered with the DNR and UW Stevens Point to provide transmitters for research on the lower Menomonee River. We've also continued our funding of a brochure about the construction of half-log structures that the DNR distributes to the public.

WSA thanks all attendees and bidders for their on-going 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 19<sup>th</sup> at the Maple Tree Restaurant, McFarland. Sign-in begins at 5:30. Winners of the Silent Auction items are announced at 6:45. A reminder: **only cash or checks** are accepted as payment for auction items. An ATM machine is available on site.

See next page for a list of items.

## 2016 Auction-Items:



More items are being added daily; visit our [website!](#)

### Trips:

- **Upper Mississippi/St. Croix River** – 2 people, 1 day w/ *Kip Vieth, Wildwood Float Trips* (min. \$250)
- **Wisconsin River or Madison Lakes** – (2) half day trips (can be upgraded to full day for an additional \$125) – *Ron Barefield* (min. \$175)
- **Wisconsin River** – 1 day guided fly fishing – *Abe Downs & Dan Boggs, Blackwater Fly Fishing* (min. \$250)
- **Pool 9 Mississippi River** – 2 people, 1 day guided fishing w/ *Ted Peck's Pool 9 Guide Service*. (min. \$250)
- **Float trip for 2 to Iowa's Driftless region** for smallmouth using Hobie Float Boats (provided) – by *Mike Jacobs, owner of the Hawkeye Fly Tyer*. Trip can be fly or spin (\$17.50 non-resident license will be needed)
- **Chequamegon Bay** – 2 people, 1 day guided with *Roger Lapenter of Angler's All* (min. \$250)
- **Wisconsin River or Madison Lakes** – 2 people, 1 day guided with *Ron Barefield* (min. \$250)
- **Black, Chippewa, or Upper Wisconsin Rivers** – 2 people, 1 day guided with *Hunter Dorn* (min. \$250)

### Other Items:

- **Umpqua Boat Box** – *Pat Ehlers, The Fly Fisher Shop*
- **Steamboat sling pack** – *Umpqua/WSA* (min. \$70)
- **6'6" MF 2 pc. Casting Rod** – *St. Croix/WSA* (min. \$100)
- **6'6" MF 4 pc. Triumph Travel Spinning Rod** – *St. Croix/WSA* (min. \$100)
- **6'6" MHF 4 pc. Triumph Travel Casting Rod** – *St. Croix/WSA* (min. \$100)
- **Echo Solo Kit w/ 9' rod, reel, & line, 6 wt** – *Rajeff Sports/WSA* (MIN. \$120)
- **Echo Ion Reel, 4/5** – *Rajeff Sports/WSA* (min. \$65)
- **Savage Creek Chest Pack** – *Fishpond/WSA* (min. \$60)
- **Dexter Russell International 4 pc. Knife set** – *Bass Pro/WSA* (min. \$48)
- **Shimano Sahara FE Series spinning reel** – *Bass Pro/WSA* (min. \$70)
- **Chevrolet Jacket & Merchandise Pkg**, including a free oil change (up to \$50): \$250 value from *Symdon Motors, Mt. Horeb*
- **Basic Anglers Crate Kit** – *Yak Gear/WSA* (min. \$50)
- **Fishpond Delta Sling Pack** (min. \$90)
- **Simms Dry Creek Boat Bag** – *Badger Fly Fishers*
- **Umpqua Ledges 650 Waist Pack** – *WSA* (min. \$70)
- **Umpqua Ledges 500 Waist Pack** – *WSA* (min. \$50)
- **Umpqua Toketee Vest** – *WSA* (min. \$80)
- **Maple Syrup** – *John Simon*
- **(2) 6 packs of homegrown/homemade preserves** by *Marjorie Mattson*
- **Baked goods** – *Kathy Simon*
- **Vortex Optics Ranger 1000 Range Finder** – *Vortex Optics*
- **Boga Grip**, model 130 – *Eastaboga Tackle / WSA* (min. \$95)
- **Fiskars Garden Basket** – a selection of tools for the gardener – *Fiskars USA*
- **Shimano Sedona 1000 FD** – *D&S Bait and Tackle*
- **Net with built-in tape measure** – *Dick Marx*
- **Two Bucky Books** – *Jerry Pasdo*
- **Stowmaster Folding Nets**, Kevin Van Dam bass model – *Norsemen Outdoors/WSA* (min. \$75)
- **Guides Memorial Life Vest**: 1-A/M/24 Auto Inflatable Life Vest – *Absolute Outdoor, Inc.* (min. \$65)
- **Shimano Curado 1 Bait Casting Reel** – *Dorn Sports/ WSA* (min. \$115)

### Gift Certificates:

- **Original House of Pancakes** (University Ave. location): (5) \$20 ea.
- **Food Fight**: \$50 certificate – *Peder Moren*
- **Tight Lines Fly Fishing Co.**: \$100 certificate (for in store or phone orders only; not redeemable for guided trips or Internet sales)
- **Deerfield Pistol and Archery Center**: (5) \$20 ea. Redeemable for range use
- **Fontana**: \$25 certificate

### Flies:

- **24 Midges** – *Andy Davidson*
- **Soft Hackles** – *Bob Selk*
- **Sparkle Duns** – *Tom Mulford*
- **Menomonee Asst.**, 1 doz. – *Bob Harrison*
- **St. Croix Asst.**, 1 doz. – *Bob Harrison*
- **Mississippi Asst.**, 1 doz. – *Bob Harrison*

### Lures:

- **Hand crafted fishing lures** – *Andy Davidson*



**One** of the popular events at the Badger Fly Fishers Spring Opener is the kids' bucket raffle. The Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance sponsors and runs the raffle as well as providing all the prizes. And everybody wins something.

## FISH CATCHING TRIPS

Various fishing trips have been discussed by some WSA members. These would be 1-day or 2-4 day trips depending on venue. Areas discussed have been sections of the Wisconsin River below Sauk City or below the Dells/Riverside Resort, the River below Stevens Point, and above and below Merrill. Other options would be the N. Fork of the Flambeau and some SW Wisconsin streams/rivers or rivers near Eau Claire or north of Waupaca.

Most of the members either have a drift boat, canoe, kayak, or kick boat because these waters are difficult for a regular fishing boat. If someone has a boat, there's always the possibility that they could fish a different body of water nearby. The idea is fishing with friends and sharing "fish tales". Smaller, shallower waters would be better in June and deeper waters even into late September. If there's an area you'd like to try, let's discuss.

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**Our Next Meeting:**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

# Annual Fundraising Auction



**Support  
Enjoy  
Bid!**

## Upcoming Events:

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** WSA monthly meeting  
Annual Fundraising Auction

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** BFF monthly meeting  
Curt Diehl Dane County Conservation Specialist  
on stream and easement projects

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** BFF monthly meeting  
Bill Engber, Steve Born & Kirk Hogan  
"Iceland Adventure"

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!**