



# THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

*Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing*

March 2011

## 6<sup>th</sup> annual Trash & Treasure Auction

by Mike Simon, Auction chairman

It's time to get everyone thinking about our annual fundraising auction! We'll be following the successful formula of years past.

Back by popular demand will be auctioneer Bob Harrison, and a cast of thousands. Bob's ability to keep things moving has proved to be invaluable.

Help is needed in soliciting items, as well as donating or hand-crafting items your self. It is important that we don't over extend our welcome by repeating solicitations to the same donors. We have volunteers to contact St. Croix Rod, Dorn Hardware, Orvis, D&S Bait, and Fontana. Don't hesitate to call me to see if the place you have in mind has already been contacted. Please notify me of donations so we can update the auction list both on our web site, and for the newsletter, of donated or solicited items.

Many of us use the auction to buy flies for the coming year. The club will furnish as many boxes as we can to the excellent tiers who are members or supporters of our club. Please call if you can tie a dozen or two flies for the auction and need a box.

We have some wonderful trips donated by long time WSA supporters like Roger Lapenter of Angler's All, Kip Vieth of Wildwood Float Trips, and Ron Barefield of Ron Barefield's Fishing Adventures. New this year is Tom and Kathy Bowers of 45 Degrees North Fly Fishing Company out of Grantsburg, Wisconsin. These guides will be offering a days guided fishing to some of the Midwest's premier Smallmouth destinations.

As you know, many of our members live outside of the area and can't attend the auction. Again this year will be an opportunity for our distant members to bid. If you are one of those members and see a trip or item of interest on the website, contact me or another board member (contact info is on the back of the newsletter) to put in your bid and assign someone to bid for you, up to a given amount. This is one way we can appeal to more bidders.

Most important to having a successful auction is **attendance**. Everyone can help by attending and bringing a guest, or two. This year we have many great items for bid, but the auction is only as good as the number of bidders present. If you've been at past auctions, you have seen how much fun a room full of people can have bidding on these treasures! **This is the one time of the year** that every member can pitch in and help the club, and have a lot of fun doing it.

To help speed-up the auction this year, the following procedures will be in place: Bids under \$100 will be in \$2 increments, and bids over \$100 will be in \$5 increments. We feel this will help expedite the auction as we're hoping to finish as close to 9 PM as possible. We will also have two cashiers checking people out.

A reminder: only cash or checks are accepted as payment for items.

### WHERE'S THE MONEY GOING?

With our sixth fundraiser coming up in April, it's only appropriate to inform our members and donors how we're spending the money. Other the past five years, we have contributed nearly \$12,000 to various causes. Last year we contributed the following:

The Kid's Ice Fishing Organization and Youth Conservation Days in Sauk County. This addresses

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one of our missions of keeping kids interested in fishing and conservation. This donation affects over **one thousand kids!**

Fishing Has No Boundaries is a program for individuals with handicaps. This is also an opportunity for members to volunteer their services.

The River Alliance of Wisconsin keeps a watchful eye on the rivers around our state and the home of some great Smallmouth bass fishing.

Our biggest undertaking to date is the Apple River Restoration project in northwestern Wisconsin. We have committed \$3,000 per year over three years to

assist in restocking the upper 20+ miles of this pristine river. See the October 2010 newsletter for more information.

It is important to remember that none of this would be possible without donors contributing many wonderful items for auction, including guides who donate trips and business partners who donate merchandise. Our members also donate a variety of items. Our website will list individuals and businesses, along with the items they donate. Check it out, as we will update it regularly.

## Citizens asked to help protect Wisconsin River from aquatic invasive species

Asian carp, VHS, and zebra mussels are some of the aquatic invasive species that pose a significant threat to the fisheries of the Lower Wisconsin basin.

Matt Krueger, who heads the River alliance of Wisconsin's River restoration program has announced two meetings to organize user groups and individuals to help in the fight against AIS in this popular fishery.

These community meetings will be held on Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kratochwill Building in Muscoda, and Monday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Spring Green Public Library.

Don Golembiewski will be attending the Spring Green meeting on behalf of our club.

Matt will also be the speaker at the Badger Fly Fishers' February meeting.

For more information, contact

[mkrueger@wisconsinrivers.org](mailto:mkrueger@wisconsinrivers.org)

## Dubuque Fly Fishers to host smallmouth programs

On Saturday, March 12, Tim Landwehr, owner of Tight Lines Fly Fishing in DePere will be giving two programs for the Dubuque Fly Fishers. Tim will present "Fly Fishing for Trophy Smallmouth Bass" and "Wonders of Wisconsin Fly Fishing."

He will also show a short film made by Beattie Outdoor Productions on our fisheries. Tim will have his fly boxes along to further discuss his techniques.

Tightline guide Nate Sipple will also participate.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. and will be held at the Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Road, Peosta, Iowa. For a map and more information visit [dubuqueflyfishers.org](http://dubuqueflyfishers.org)

If you plan to attend, Don Cox requests an R.S.V.P. at [nodcox@yousq.net](mailto:nodcox@yousq.net)



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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](mailto:johnson7@tds.net) are most appreciated.

## Directory of WSA members being assembled

The club is planning to publish a directory of our membership in an up-coming newsletter. This is in order to make it possible for us to connect with each other. This is strictly voluntary, and if you do not wish to be included, you need do nothing. If you do not reply, you will not be listed.

If you do want be in the directory, we will include only the information you wish to share. In your reply, please indicate whether you would like to include your address, phone number, and/or email address.

If you would like to share your contact information with others in the club, you must let us know. Please respond to Dan Johnson at [johnson7@tds.net](mailto:johnson7@tds.net)

## Fly Fishing Film Tour to make stop in Wisconsin

Tight Lines Fly Fishing Company and its owner, Tim Landwehr, a great friend and donor to our club, will be hosting the Fly Fishing Film Tour.

Tight Lines, which is celebrating their 10th anniversary, is one of only 80 stops on the tour, and is featured in one of the films.

Now in its fourth year, The Tour has become the fishing entertainment event of the year. It showcases some of the best independent outdoor film makers.

The goal of the Fly Fishing Film Tour is to energize the industry and inspire film makers to create new cutting edge films to both entertain and educate outdoor enthusiasts. Seating is limited to 250, so get your tickets right away!

Come and meet Film Maker RA Beattie at the De Pere show! The film tour will be flying RA in for this special showing. RA's new DVD "Off The Grid" will be available at the shop before the show.

Free Give-aways. Rods, glasses and a chance to win a trip to Idaho's South Fork Lodge.

The show will be held April 20th, with the doors opening at 6:30 P.M. Food and adult beverages will be available. The show will be held at the De Pere, Cinema Cafe, 417 George St. De Pere, WI

Check out the video trailers at this link <http://www.flyfishingfilmtour.com/>

Purchase tickets on line at this link for \$14.00 <https://www.flyfishingfilmtour.com/Tickets/> or buy them from the shop for \$12.00

## Our Next Meeting:

**Tuesday,  
March 15<sup>th</sup>**

### Justin Newkirk on Spring Smallmouth

*Location, presentation, and lure selection*

*Justin is an experienced bass angler, as well as a writer, television personality, and speaker.*

*He has also spent over 10 years in the outdoor retail business.*



Photo by Brian Gratwicke

*Our tradition is that of the first man who sneaked away to the creek when the tribe did not really need fish.*

*~Roderick Haig-Brown,  
A River Never Sleeps*



## Bill Schultz to host “Smallie Night Out”

On Wednesday, March 30, club member and smallmouth expert Bill Schultz will present two programs, “Finding and Catching More River Smallies” and “Door County Early Season Smallies.”

The program will be held at the Thunder Bay Grille, at I-94 and Hwy 164 in Waukesha, WI, and goes from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

The cost for this is \$8 per person. Advanced registration is required and is limited to the first 100 persons.

Everyone attending receives a package with a Rebel Teeny Wee Crawfish, Kalin Lunker Grubs, and Gopher Tackle Jigs.

At the end of the evening there will be a drawing for a couple dozen items of interest to anglers

Use the form below or contact Bill at [wschultz@mcw.edu](mailto:wschultz@mcw.edu) or call (414) 955-4781

**Smallie Night Out** Wed. March 30, 2011, 6:30 p.m. Thunder Bay Grille, Waukesha

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No. attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Bill Schlutz

14595 W Fieldpointe Ct.  
New Berlin, WI 53151



# Upcoming Events

**March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.**  
Woodstock, Illinois

**Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**  
VFW Lakeside Street, Madison

**Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.**  
Dubuque, Iowa

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**  
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

**Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**  
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**  
Thunder Bay Grille, Waukesha

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.**  
Grantsburg, Wisconsin

**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**  
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

**Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**  
De Pere Cinema, De Pere, Wisconsin

**Great Outdoor Expo**  
[greatoutdoorsexpo.net](http://greatoutdoorsexpo.net)

**Yahara Fishing Club's annual auction**  
Call Charlie Grimm 249-9694

**Dubuque Fly Fishers Smallmouth program**  
See announcement in this issue

**WSA Monthly Meeting**  
See announcement in this issue

**BFF Monthly Meeting**  
TBA

**Smallie Night Out**  
See announcement in this issue

**Great North Fly Expo**  
[45degreesnorth@grantsburgtelcom.net](mailto:45degreesnorth@grantsburgtelcom.net)

**WSA Monthly Meeting**  
6th Annual Trash and Treasure Auction

**Tight Lines Film Night**  
See announcement in this issue

**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.**