



# THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

*Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing*

April 2015

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:30-9:00 PM**

**The Maple Tree Restaurant  
in McFarland.**

**Flies and Lures  
Guided Trips  
Rods and Reels  
Tasty Treats  
And much more!**

**Come earlier for  
dinner too**



# Join us at WSA's 10th annual fundraiser

by [Mike Simon](#), Fundraising Chairman

We'd like to invite everyone to our tenth annual fundraiser that will take place on April 21st 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, and Black Earth Angling Co. These trips are the highlight of the evening, and many of our fishing seasons.

New this year will be the auctioning of two Onyx A/M/24 Inflatable Life Vests 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.

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, and Bogagrip. 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.

We have changed a few of the auction procedures this year to get everyone out by as close to 9:00 as possible. First, 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 take time prior to the 7:00 start time to view the items.

Also this year, 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 at 608 848-3770.

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 \$25,000 to various programs. The past year's contributions have been to the Kids On Ice and Kids

**100% of proceeds donated to:  
Youth fishing, outdoor  
educations programs,  
restocking, and  
conservation projects.**

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 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 21, 2015 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.

*See a list of auction items beginning on page 4*

## Fishing Trips

2014 river fishing was very problematic with the unusual and often dangerous stream flows and fluctuations. We hope that this year we can have at least two successful outings. These have usually been 3 days / 2 nights duration. Some of the possibilities are the Embarrass, Little Wolf, and Red Rivers between Clintonville and Shawano; Wisconsin River below Sauk City/Arena; Wisconsin River around Stevens Point/Merrill; the Jump, Chippewa Rivers in the Eau Claire area; the Flambeau west of Park Falls; and Iowa Rivers are all some of the options.

Other day trips could be to Rock Lake, which has both largemouth and smallmouth, the quiet water lakes in the chain south of Waupaca, or wherever the group would like to go. All these trips, and others, are definitely open to input for anyone interested. Some of our members have larger boats for the lakes and bigger waters, and others would have canoes, kayaks, kick boats, etc. for the rivers or smaller lakes.

All trips first start with a "coffee discussion" for those interested. Now is the time to plan because of everyone's busy schedules come later spring.

Please contact Jerry Pasdo with your interest and ideas and we will all plan from there. Contact Jerry at (608) 345-2198 or [japasdo@gmail.com](mailto:japasdo@gmail.com).

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## Conservation Congress Meetings

The spring hearings of the [Wisconsin Conservation Congress](#) for Dane County will be held on Monday, April 13, at Sun Prairie High School. The high school is located just south of the City on Hwy N. There are many issues such as more conservative pan fish limits, various season adjustments on the trout, various size and slot limits on smallmouth and largemouth bass on select lakes, and also increases of size limits for muskies on certain waters. Most of the smallmouth questions have to do with increasing the quality of our fish. For example, the DNR wants to utilize slot sizes of C&R 14" – 18" fish and only one over 18" on many, select fisheries.

There are also advisory questions on frac sand mining, crane hunting, and trolling live bait, among others. Hunting questions abound, too.

Of equal importance is the election of delegates, of which there are five in each of the counties, and they are selected for staggered two and three year terms. In talking with other fishing organization members, groups such as WSA must always be alert to the delegate elections because of the delegate's active involvement throughout the year.

Unfortunately, the elections are based on a 50% plus 1 majority only for those that are in attendance. The actual election of delegates takes place during the meeting and antic fishing and hunting groups can have nominations presented the night of the meeting. Apparently, two of the delegates whose terms are expiring, Paul Reith and Melissa Smith, have not negatively affected our sporting activities. When attending, one will need to take ballots and be aware of the interests of those running.

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## Smallie Night Out

Bill Schultz, smallmouth enthusiast, seminar speaker, and outdoor writer, who catches over a thousand smallies annually, is presenting his 5<sup>th</sup> SM seminar. The program is April 16, 2015, from 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm at the Thunder Bay Grille in Waukesha. It is located one block north of the intersection of I-94 and Hwy 164, at the Hwy 164. Come early for dinner.

Schultz will talk "Smallies: a Potpourri for Success". And Chris Terry, a top southeast Wisconsin guide, will speak on Waukesha County hotspots. Those techniques are also adaptable to all similar lakes in southern Wisconsin.

Complimentary gifts of Kalin's Grubs, Gopher Tackle Jigs, and Booyah Buzz Baits will be available for all. Plus there are free drawings for over 100 items valued close to \$4,000: rods, reels, lodging certificates, and miscellaneous fishing gear. Contact Bill at [smalliecentral@gmail.com](mailto:smalliecentral@gmail.com) for details and registration information.

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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](mailto:johnson7@tds.net), editor.

## 2015 Auction items

### Trips:

- Upper Mississippi/St. Croix River** – 2 people, 1 day *Kip Vieth, Wildwood Float Trips*
- Wisconsin River or Madison Lakes**– (2) half day trips (can be upgraded to full day for \$125)  
*Ron Barefield*
- Wisconsin River**– 1 day guided fly fishing – *Abe Downs & Dan Boggs, Blackwater Fly Fishing*
- Lower Wisconsin River** – 1 day guided fly fishing for 1 person (add second angler for \$200) – *Kyle Zempel, Black Earth Angling Co.*
- Float trip for 2 to Iowa's Driftless region for smallmouth** using Hobie Float Boats (provided)  
*Mike Jacobs, Hawkeye Fly Tyer.* Trip can be fly or spin
- Chequamegon Bay** – 2 people, half day guided – *Roger LaPenter, Angler's All*

### Other Items:

- Smallmouth Bass metal art by Baddfish Design** – *Mike Phillips*
- "River Smallmouth Fishing" book and CD** – *Tim Holschlag*
- Umpqua Boat Boxes** (med/large) – *Pat Ehlers, The Fly Fisher Shop*
- Guidelines Sunglasses** – *Fisherman Eyeware*
- Fishpond Westwater Backpack** – *Fishpond & WSA*
- Slippery Rock Wading Staff** – *Fishpond & WSA*
- Simms Fall Run Primaloft Jackets** (L / XL) – *Simms/Dry Fly Sales/ WSA*
- "Walleyes on the Rocks/Fishing the Falls" double framed print by Terry Doughty** – *Badger Fly Fishers*
- Dane County Family Acupuncture** assessment & treatment
- Assorted books** – *Phil Emmling*
- Maple Syrup** – *John Simon*
- Homegrown/homemade preserves** (6 pack) – *Marjorie Mattson*
- Baked goods** – *Kathy Simon*
- Fiskars Garden Basket: a selection of tools for the gardener** – *Fiskars USA*
- Streamboat Sling Pack** – *Umpqua Feathercraft Merchant/Tom Andersen*
- Tailgaiter organizer** – *Umpqua/BFF*
- Stowmaster Folding Nets, Kevin Van Dam bass model** – *Norsemen Outdoors/WSA*
- Stylized "Butternut" Northern Pike Woodcarving by Ted Lauf**
- Boga Grip model 130s** – *Eastaboga Tackle/WSA*
- Bubba Blade 7" taper flex knife** – *Fish Tales/WSA*
- Muskie Print #278 of 1,000: 'Good Ol' Days' by Scott Zoellick** – *Reggie Gauger*
- Guides' Memorial Life Vests: (2) A/M 24 auto inflatable life vests** – *with many thanks to Absolute Outdoors Inc. – In memory of Dennis Todd & Adam Laporte*
- Stihl BF56C Blower Raffle** – *Middleton Power Center* – 25 tickets of \$10 each will be sold. If all 25 are not sold, then the proceeds in the pot will be split so that half goes to the winner and half goes to WSA.
- Savage Creek Chest Pack** – *Fishpond/WSA*
- San Juan Vertical Chest Pack** – *Fishpond/WSA*
- Dexter Russell International 4 pc. Knife set** – *Bass Pro/WSA*
- Plano 3650 Guide Series Tackle Bag** – *Bass Pro/WSA*
- Plano 3500 Guide Series Tackle Bag** – *Bass Pro/WSA*
- Duluth Trading Co.** – *Fisherman's Package*
- "Field Guide to Wisconsin Streams"** – *Michael Miller*
- Wisconsin hardwoods cutting board** – *Andy Davidson*
- Basic Anglers Crate Kit** – *Yak Gear/WSA*

### Rods and reels:

- St. Croix Premier Rods: 7'6" MF 2 pc. Spinning; 7'6" MLF 2 pc. Spinning; 6'6" MF 2 pc. Casting**  
*St. Croix/WSA*
- Echo Solo Kit w/9' rod, reel & line; choice of 6 or 8 wt** – *Rajeff Sports/WSA*
- Echo Ion Reel; choice of 4/5 or 6/7** – *Rajeff Sports/WSA*
- Shimano Sahara FE Series spinning rod** – *Bass Pro/WSA*
- Quantum Smoke PT spinning reel** – *Bass Pro/WSA*
- Shimano Curado 1 Baitcasting reel** – *Dorn Sports/WSA*

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**Flies and lures:**

**Wisconsin River assortment for bass/pike/muskie** – *Ron Barefield*

**Menomonie Assortment, 1 doz. flies** – *Bob Harrison*

**Upper Mississippi Assortment, 1 doz. flies** – *Bob Harrison*

**1 doz. bluegill flies** – *Bob Harrison*

**2 items, 1 doz. bass flies each** – *Gerry Zingg*

**3 items, 1 doz. panfish flies each** – *Gerry Zingg*

**2 items, 1/2 doz. pike flies each** – *Gerry Zingg*

**Trout flies** – *Scot Stewart*

*Henry Haugely*

*Tom Mulford*

**Trout flies** – *Jim Romberg*

**Trout and Bluegill flies** – *Andy Davidson*

**Extended body Mayflies** – *John Gribb*

**An assortment** – *Steve Winters*

**Handcrafted fishing lures** (2 boxes of 6 each) – *Andy Davidson*

**Gift Certificates:**

**Original Pancake House, University Ave. or Monona** – (5) \$20 certificates

**Tight Lines Fly Shop** – \$100 certificate for in store or phone orders, excludes guided trips.

**Maple Tree Restaurant** – \$20 certificate



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

**Our Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday  
April 21<sup>st</sup>**



# 2015 Fundraiser Auction

(but you knew that, didn't you?)

## Upcoming Meetings:

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

WSA – 10th Annual  
Fundraising Auction

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

BFF – Monthly meeting

**Note: This is the third Monday!**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

BFF – Monthly meeting  
Todd Hanson

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!**