



THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

APRIL 2011

TRASH & TREASURE AUCTION

**Tuesday, April 19th
6:30 p.m. at the
Maple Tree,
McFarland**

Join the fun!

- ❖ Flies and lures
- ❖ Guided trips
- ❖ Tasty treats
- ❖ Rods
- ❖ And much more



Trash & Treasure 2011

You won't want to miss our sixth annual Trash and Treasure Auction on April 19th 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.

Bob Harrison will again be our auctioneer. If you've attended in the past, you can attest to how Bob's sense of humor keeps the auction lively and the bidding spirited.

Members and non-members have been most generous in donating an array of hard-to-resist items. Trips donated by Roger Lapenter, Kip Vieth, Ron Barefield, Tom and Kathy Bowers, and Todd Opsal and Nick Volk are always the highlight of the evening. Hand-crafted items like Andy Davidson's Leopold bench and Stan Nichols' hand painted bird houses are ever popular.

There will be an assortment of gift certificates from area restaurants and businesses, as well as baked goods and maple syrup.

Spin and fly fishers should check out our auction list for names like St. Croix, Shimano, Diawa, Orvis, Blue Sky, Sage, and Redington. We will feature again this year, dozens of flies for multiple species of fish, tied by many talented individuals. Tight Lines will again be donating selections for

smallmouth bass. Check out the auction list for names of the tiers. 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. Our website will be updated regularly with new items as they come in, up to auction time.

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.

The past year's contributions have been to the Kids On Ice program, Sauk County Youth Conservation Days, Fishing Has No Boundaries, The River Alliance, and money for the stocking of smallmouth bass in the Apple River in NW Wisconsin.

WSA thanks all attendees and bidders for their generosity and support of this event. Without you, it would not be possible. Here's to continued growth!

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

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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 are most appreciated.

Spring conservation hearings this month

On Monday April 11th, at 7:00 p.m., the Wisconsin DNR and the Conservation Congress will hold the annual spring hearings.

For more information and the location in your county go to:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/congress/spring%5Fhearings/>

Below are some of the proposed changes that may interest anglers:

Question 1 – Require anglers to use quick-strike rigs when using minnows larger than 10 inches in length

Question 2 – Muskellunge 40-inch minimum size limit on most waters statewide

Question 15 – Minocqua Chain largemouth and smallmouth bass and walleye regulations

Question 27 – Change date of general fishing opener

Question 77- Manage Largemouth and Smallmouth as Separate Species

Question 82- Northern Wisconsin Gamefish Season Extension

Question 83- Musky Survey Using the Automated License Issuance System (ALIS)

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

2011 Wisconsin Fishing Report now available online

MADISON – Fishing forecasts from around the state are now available online in the [2011 Wisconsin Fishing Report](#).

The report will be available soon at DNR service centers and regional offices, and will be inserted in the April edition of the [Wisconsin Natural Resources](#) magazine.

“We've got fishing forecasts for more areas than ever, which is what readers told us last year they

wanted,” says Karl Scheidegger, a Department of Natural Resources fish biologist who leads DNR’s fisheries’ outreach efforts and was the report’s primary editor and graphic designer. “We hope this information can lead you to the kind of fishing experience you're after, whether it's a shore lunch, a lunker, or great panfish action for the kids.”

The report features 14 pages of forecasts submitted by local fish biologists and technicians, most of whom report the results of recent fish population surveys, habitat improvement projects, and what both will mean for fishing prospects in the coming season.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl Scheidegger (608) 267-9426

Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance Annual Fundraiser Trash & Treasure Auction 2011

April 19, 2011 at the Maple Tree Restaurant, McFarland
Auction sign-in at 6:30; auction begins at 7:00 pm

All proceeds are donated back for Conservation related efforts,
Smallmouth projects and Youth education programs.

Please patronize our generous contributors listed below!

Questions? Contact Mike Simon 608-848-3770

Guided Trips & Lodging:

Chequamegon Bay, 2 people one day - **Roger Lapenter** Min. bid \$200

Upper Mississippi River, with lodging, 2 people one day – **Kip Vieth** Min. bid \$200

Wis. River or Madison lakes, 2 people one day – **Ron Barefield** Min. bid \$200

St. Croix River, 1 day guided fly fishing – **45 Degrees North Fly Fishing Co., Tom & Kathy Bowers** Min. Bid \$200

Full day guided Smallmouth float trip on the Wisconsin River—**On The Creek Fly Shop, Cross Plains: owners Todd Opsal & Nick Volk** Min. bid \$200

For more information about these generous guides, please visit the “Links” and “Guides” pages of our web site!

Other Items:

The Fly Fishers, Milwaukee, WI - Pat Ehlers Echo Edge 84 7 wt. 4 piece warm water fly rod (\$249.95 value)

Sage DXL Typhoon waterproof Boat Bag (\$225.00 value)—**The Badger Fly Fishers**

St. Croix Avid Rod AVS70MF spinning rod, 7 ft., one piece med. power-- **St. Croix & WSA** Min. bid \$125

St. Croix Mojo Bass Spinning Rod, 6’8” MXF “wacky style”—**St. Croix & WSA** Min. Bid \$60

Select items donated by **Sage, Redington, and WSA (watch the website for updates)**

(2) Diawa Sweepfire 1500 Spinning Reels – **D&S Bait**

2 Shimano Combos 6’6” M action Voltaeus rods, paired with Sienna 2500FD spinning reels—**Dorn Hardware & WSA** Min. Bid \$40 (these are the rods Ron Barefield recommended)

2 Orvis Double Taper Fly Lines (weight of your choice)—**Rod Regel of Orvis**

6 Blue Sky Furled Leaders, med (6-8 wt.)—**Jim Hauer & John Cantwell**

Sixteen dozen Hand-crafter, assorted jigs—**Jack’s Jigs, John Timian**

Assorted boxes of Smallmouth flies—**Tight Lines, Tim Landwehr**

(5) \$10 gift certificates to Carr Valley Cheese—**Sid Cook, owner**

Autographed copy of “River Smallmouth Fishing”—**Tim Holschlag, author**

2 Orvis Sling Packs—**WSA, Ltd.** Min. Bid \$40 ea.

Hand-painted gourd bird houses—**Stan Nichols, artist**

Aldo Leopold Bench—**Andy Davidson**

Six handmade top water bass plugs—**Dan Johnson**

Shoe Box \$50 gift certificate—**Steve Schmitt**

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Fly selections for bass, trout, bluegill, pike, and musky, tied by the following talented fly tiers:

Note: bid list number corresponds to fly box number!

Bob Harrison

Steve Winters

Gerry Zingg

Andy Davidson

John Gribb

Henry Haugley

Tim Noll

Maple Syrup – *made by John Simon*

Baked goods

Numerous restaurant certificates, including *Avenue Bar, Original House of Pancakes, Food Fight Restaurants, and Marigold Kitchen*

Capital City Chapter of Muskies, Inc. fundraiser coming up this month.

by Lee Bartolini

Thursday, April 21st, is the most important date this year for the Capital City Chapter of Muskies, Inc. It is the annual Fishing Seminar and Fundraiser. This is the major event for raising funds for those activities that make CCMI special, and it is the primary source of funds for conducting the Leech Lake/Wisconsin strain muskie study. The first three years of this five-year study have been completed, and proceeds from the fundraiser will continue the program.

Featured speaker this year is Larry Dahlberg, the host of the TV show, "The Hunt for Big Fish." Larry is known internationally as one of the best all-around

anglers in the world. He was inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in 1966 and was awarded the prestigious "Conservation Award" from the International Game Fish Association in 1999. Larry is known for many fishing innovations and has recently designed a number of lures for muskie fishing, including the Whopper Plopper and the Wide Glide. You will not want to miss Larry's presentation on "Be the Muskie."

In addition to Larry's presentation, there will be many raffles, silent auctions, and door prizes. Win lures, rods, reels, guide trips, and more.

This year's event will once again be at Double-Day's, 4586 Baxter Road in Cottage Grove, WI. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and an Early Bird Raffle will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Larry's presentation is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Food and drinks are available at DoubleDay's.

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, April 19th
Maple Tree
McFarland

Trash & Treasure Auction!

This month's meeting will be the last until regular monthly meetings resume in September.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, April 19th 7:00 p.m.
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

WSA Monthly Meeting
6th Annual Trash and Treasure Auction

Wednesday, April 20th 6:30 p.m.
De Pere Cinema, De Pere, Wisconsin

Tight Lines Film Night
See announcement in this issue

Thursday, April 21st 5:30 p.m.
DoubleDay's, McFarland

Capital City Muskies Inc.
Annual seminar and fundraiser

Tuesday, April 25th 7:00 p.m.
Mapletree Restaurant, McFarland

BFF Monthly Meeting
See badgerflyfishers.org

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.