



# Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance

Protect and Enhance Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing

April 2019

## Monthly Meetings

### Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance

Meets third Tuesday. Apr. 16,  
5:30 pm dinner, Auction: 6:45  
Maple Tree, Hwy 51,  
McFarland

### Other Local Fishing Clubs

(Check club websites for meeting  
schedules and programs)

### Southern Wisc. TU

Meets 2nd Thursday of month  
(Except Jul /Aug) 7 p.m. at the  
Coliseum Bar, Olin Ave,  
Madison

### Badger Flyfishers

Meets 4th Monday of month  
Maple Tree, McFarland

### Yahara Fishing Club

Meets 2nd Wednesday of  
month 7 pm, VFW Hall 301  
Cottage Grove Rd, Madison

### Capital City Muskies

Meets 2nd Monday of month, 7  
pm. Coliseum Bar, 232 E.  
Olin, Madison until further  
notice.

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## 14th Annual Fundraiser Auction

### Join the Fun!

*Helping to protect and preserve  
quality smallmouth bass fishing*

Tuesday April 16th, 2019, The Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and registration.

Auction events start at 6:45 p.m. **Credit card sales accepted.**

- Flies and lures
- Guided Trips
- Spinning, Fly, Casting rods and reels
- And much more

**100% of proceeds donated to:**  
Youth fishing, outdoor education  
programs, restocking, and  
conservation projects partnering  
with WDNR and WI universities.

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Log on to [www.wisconsin-smallmouth.com](http://www.wisconsin-smallmouth.com)

for an updated list of auction items. **Open to the public no admission.**

See the following pages for Fundraiser  
Highlights and the complete list of  
auction items.

**JOIN US AT OUR 14th  
ANNUAL  
FUNDRAISER!  
April 16th**

We'd like to invite everyone to our 14th annual fundraiser at the Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland. We've come up with a variety of great items to interest fishermen and non-fishermen alike. We have tickets to the Mallard's Duck Blind and the Stoughton Opera House. We also have a pheasant hunt, sporting clays, shooting range certificates & accessories, paddle sport supplies, musky fishing gear, and more.

And how about 5 days at Jerry Pasdo's cabin in the Hayward area—the heart of smallmouth and musky country! Not to mention guided trips to the best smallmouth hot spots in the Midwest. Kip Vieth, Dan Boggs, Hunter Dorn, Abe Downs, Kyle Zempel, Luke Kavajecz, and Danny Logue have donated trips this year. From the Mississippi to the Chequamegon Bay, to the Wisconsin, St. Croix, and Flambeau Rivers, and the central Florida gulf coast—we have it covered! We owe a big thank you to these guides. Book one of their trips and it will be the highlight of your season.

We will again have the Stihl raffle with help from the Power Centers of Madison, and the guide's memorial life vest by Absolute Outdoors. As in years past, we haven't forgotten about the sweet treats or the gift certificates from area restaurants and businesses. We will also feature gear for the spin and fly fisherman. Check out the auction list for names like St. Croix, Shimano, Orvis, Vortex, Redington, Scientific Anglers, Waterworks-Lamson, Stowmaster, Fishpond, Bass Pro, Echo, Airflo, Plano, etc.

The doors open at 5:30 to allow time for registration, socializing, and dinner. This will give everyone time to view the items up for bid. **COME EARLY TO VIEW THE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. WINNING BIDDERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 6:45.** The live auction will start immediately thereafter. As always, this event is open to the public with no admission fee.

Auctionaire Extraordinaire, Bob Harrison, will again add his colorful commentary to the event. 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 take time prior to the start time to view the items. Every effort will be made to end the auction at 8:30 PM.



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.

Please consider bringing a guest or two to ensure the continued success of this event. 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.

Because of the generosity of WSA members and friends, we have raised \$62,000 to date. The past year's contributions have been to: Kids on Ice and Kids Summer Fishing Day in Dane Co.; Youth Conservation Days in Sauk Co.; Youth in the Outdoors in NW Wisconsin; Dane Co. Parks, Jenni & Kyle Fishing Day Event; FLOW- Kids Don't Float @ Lower WI River landings. These programs give nearly 3,000 kids the opportunity to experience the many activities the outdoors has to offer.

Nesting cover brochures continue to be distributed around the state, as well as placement of our "Free the Fighter" sign. And we continue to support the defenders of our waterways: The River Alliance of Wisconsin, Friends of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway, and the Upper Sugar River Watershed Assoc. and Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition.

We are currently working on a project to have billboards in Western and Central Wisconsin, to raise angler awareness of smallmouth bass and the importance of catch and release. We're also working with a group of smallmouth enthusiasts across central WI who are interested in forming a club.

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. Cash, Checks, or Credit Cards are accepted as payment for auction items. An ATM machine is available on site.

Mike Simon, Fundraising Chairman

## **2019 Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance Silent & Lively Auction List**

### GUIDED TRIPS

Upper Mississippi/St. Croix River- 2 people, 1 day w/ Kip Vieth, Wildwood Float Trips (min. \$250)

Wisconsin River- 1 day guided fly fishing - Abe Downs, Great Northern Fly Fishing (min. \$250)

Black, Chippewa, or Upper Wisconsin Rivers--2 people, 1 day guided w/ Hunter Dorn, Wisconsin Fly Fishing Co. (min. \$250)

Lower Wis. River or Wis. Driftless Area- 1 day guided fly fishing for 2 people--Kyle Zempel, Black Earth Angling Co., min. \$250

Various Rivers – 1 day guided w/ Dan Boggs, Flying Musky Guide Service (min. \$250)

Chequamegon Bay – 1 day guided w/ Captain Luke Kavajecz, Fresh Coast Angling – min. \$250

Central Florida Gulf Coast- 2 days/ 5 hrs. each- 2 people with Danny Logue Connection Charters (609-412-9683) min. \$250

5 Nights at Jerry Pasdo's cabin in the Hayward area (Placid Lake/Tigercat Flowage; Sun. – Thurs.) – min. \$250 (additional info at [GoldenRuleResort.com](http://GoldenRuleResort.com) ; Cabin #5)

### RODS, REELS, AND FLY LINES

6'6" MHF 4 pc. Triumph Travel Casting Rod – St. Croix/WSA (min. \$100)

#3.5 Liquid Reel – Waterworks Lamson / WSA, min. \$75

#1.5 Liquid Reel w/ 2 spools & case – Waterworks Lamson / WSA, min. \$100

St. Croix Premier Musky Outfit Abu Garcia 6500 (gently used) – Reggie Gauger

Shimano Sahara 2500 Spinning Reel – D&S SPORTS / WSA - Min. \$45

Redington Hydrogen 8' -4 pc. – 4 wt. Rod, min. \$175

Airflow 9WT Super Dri – Bass/Musky

Echo Ion 6/7 WT Fly Reel - min. \$65

Echo Ion 4/5 WT Fly Reel - min. \$65

#3.5 Liquid Reel w/ 2 spools & case – Waterworks Lamson / WSA, min. \$110

Echo Base Kit w/9', 4pc rod, reel, & line, 8WT – Rajeff Sports/WSA, min \$105

Airflo Xceed 6 WT Fly Line

Airflo Xceed 7 WT Fly Line

Cabelas Tackle Bag (gently used) – Dick Marx

St. Croix Triumph 70 MLF2 spin rod – St. Croix / WSA, min. \$95

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Scientific Anglers Mastery WF-7wt Bass Bug Fly Line

Scientific Anglers Mastery WF-8wt Bass Bug Fly Line

Airflo 8 wt Super Dri Bass/ Musky

Airflo 7 wt Super Dri Bass/Musky

Airflo 5 wt Super Dri River & Stream

Airflo 6 wt Super Dri River & Stream

Echo Ion XL Fly Rod 9'0" 7wt. – Rajeff Sports/WSA- min. \$120

Plano Z Series 3600 Tackle Bag, min. \$55

Plano Guide Series 3650 Tackle Bag, min. \$70

Bass Pro Shops Tackle Station, min. \$55

Lew's Tournament Speed Spool SLP Bait Cast Reel 7.5:1, min. \$135

Lew's BB1 Speed Spool Bait Cast Reel 6.4:1, min. \$130

### MISCELLANEOUS

Vortex 8x42 Diamondback Binoculars—Vortex Optics

Handcrafted Trout Net w/ Ash & Walnut, made by Abe Downs

Rolling Rod Rack for 16 rods – Bass Pro/WSA, min. \$60

Steamboat Sling Pack – Umpqua/WSA, min. \$70

Stowmaster Tournament Series Bass Net —Norsemen Outdoors/WSA (min. \$75)

6 pack of homegrown/homemade preserves by Marjorie Mattson

Miscellaneous baked goods - Kathy Simon

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### MISCELLANEOUS continued

Jagged Basin Duffle – Fishpond/ WSA – min. \$115  
Lost Trail Wading Staff – Fishpond/WSA – min. \$65  
Guide's Memorial Onyx 24 Life Vest – Absolute Outdoors  
Dr. Slick 6 ½" Mitten Clamp Gift Set – Dr. Slick/WSA – min. \$45  
Dr. Slick 7 ½" Squall Pliers – Dr. Slick/WSA – min. \$55  
Simms Rogue Fleece Hoodies (M-L-XL-2XL) – Simms/WSA  
RTIC – 1 gal. jug and 2 water bottles – WSA-min. \$70  
RTIC – ½ gal. jug, coffee cup, water bottle, and a low ball tumbler – WSA-min. \$70

### FLIES & LURES

Assortments by: Tom Mulford, Andy Davidson, Gerry Zingg, Bob Harrison, Scot Stewart, Bob Selk, Scot Stewart, and others

### SHOOTING / HUNTING

4 rounds Trap or Skeet at Sauk Prairie Trap & Skeet Club – Gerry Zingg  
1 yr. Membership & 4 rounds of trap – Deerfield Gun Club  
(2) 50 bird rounds sporting clays – Deer Creek Sportsman Club  
4 Bird Pheasant Hunt at Magnolia Game Farm – Mike Simon  
(5) 1 hour Range Time Certificates – Deerfield Pistol & Archery  
SportLock EVA Double Handgun Case  
(2) 50 bird rounds of sporting clays – Waunakee Gun Club

### GIFT CERTIFICATES

Original Pancake House- Middleton Location (4) \$20 cert.  
The Bruce Co. of Wisconsin – (2) \$50 cert.  
UW Provisions – (2) \$25 cert.  
Tightlines \$100 certificate - in-store and phone orders only; not redeemable for guided trips or internet sales  
\$50 certificate from Miller & Sons Supermarket  
Karben 4 Brewing Gift Package, inc. a growler jug w/ \$15 fill certificate  
Stoughton Opera House gift certificate for 2, any show, any time – valid until 4/16/20 – Stoughton Opera House  
(2) \$25 certificates from Food Fight group  
\$100 Cabelas Certificate from Koscik Construction  
\$200 Chem-Dry certificate  
\$50 Shoe Box certificate – Steve Schmitt



# Spring Hearings, Wisconsin Conservation Congress WSA needs you, Online Responses Work!

Monday, April 8, is the date for the annual hearings regarding rule change questions coordinated by the Wisconsin Conversation Congress. Again, this year, there are issues affecting SMB. Please “Google” the Spring Hearings via the Wisconsin Conservation Congress website and look over items of interest – there are many. Those questions affecting SMB are listed below.

One does not need attend the actual hearing because response can be completed online on the evening of the the hearing. The entire process is listed very simply in the WCC site. The questions of interest statewide are #10 and #11. The other questions show the WDNR concern for the SMB population.

## **WSA urges a "NO" vote on questions #10 and #11 affecting statewide SMB regulations.**

#10. Do you favor an exception that allows participants in permitted fishing tournaments to adhere to the statewide standard 5 fish bag limit and 14 in. minimum size limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass, as long as all bass are released back to the same water body?

#11. Do you favor establishing a statewide, including Michigan Boundary Waters, continuous open season for bass fishing but allows fish to be retained only during the current traditional season?

#33. Do you favor applying an 18 in. minimum length limit and one fish daily bag limit on smallmouth bass in Pipe and North Pipe lakes in Polk County?

#48. Do you favor creation of a temporary fish refuge for the Mink River in Door County which would extend the normal spring closure until June 15th?

WSA has the same negative position of question #11 as it had last year. After reading the question, Mike Simon called the coordinator of WCC to place a correction note that not all surrounding states have all year open season. Minnesota, which is considerably more comparable to Wisconsin than any of the other surrounding states, has a totally closed season for both LMB and SMB. Minnesota has these bass seasons:

C&R LM and SM 5/11/19 -- 5/24/19

C&R SM only 9/9/19 -- 2/23/20 Harvest

LM (6) 9/9/19 -- 2/23/20 Closed

LM & SM 2/24/20 -- 5/11/20

There is an explanation for each proposal rule change. Remember, per above, the explanation in #11 is incorrect.

**It behooves all our membership statewide to participate in this hearing since online responses can bring out many non-fishers/hunters and our voices will need to be heard.**

Jerry Pasdo

