

VERBAL AUCTION

Well, here we are, this is really what we all came for isn't it? Did you see we had refills on wine and beer if you bought a Trout Unlimited glass? Ok, go get a refill, chat up your table about what you're going to bid on and tighten your belt, 'cause I remember this auctioneer, Kyle George, from last year.

1. **Bob Hook Dry Flies** – Can you tie this well? Can you tie this much? I don't think so. We take cash, credit cards and checks.
2. **Sage Wool Pro Sweater** – Nice sweater, dude. Where'd you get that? Thank you 3 Creeks Outdoors. This is a sample unless you want this exact one. Otherwise, pick a size and we'll send it to you.
3. **Rainbow Trout Sculpture** – Donated by Michael Riley. I once caught a fish exactly like this . . . Mike's moving to Kansas. If you're coming from Missouri, they check you at the border to see if you're carrying matches.
4. **Sage Accel 586 Generation 5 Technology Fly Rod** -- "Handcrafted on Bainbridge Island, USA." Whoa, hey, don't bid on this. I don't think it's worth it. I mean, maybe / will but that doesn't mean *you* should. Come'on, gimme a break. 3 Creeks helped us with this.
5. ★ **Sonos Speakers** – Mike Gibler has a wonderful little business down in Jefferson City called Goldfish Electronic Integration for home theatre and security. Thank you, Mike!
6. **Arkansas Guided Fishing Trip for Two People** – Phil Landry offered to host a day on the Little Red and we said, "We love you, Phil." Plus, the wonderful folks at Lobo Landing Resort will put you up for a couple of nights. Check out the photos. Let's go fishing.
7. ★ **SonicDry Wader** – Ordered to your size. These things are so comfortable occasionally I'll wear mine to the office on Casual Friday. 3 Creeks. Go shake Darin's hand and say "Thanks.
8. **Skagit Wading Boots** – Ordered to your size. If you bought the waders . . . those 3Creeks guys again. We owe them a big thank you and a bunch of beer. Speaking of beer, have another one and bid some more. (You think this is easy writing something new every year? I'm not Spence Turner, you know.)
9. **Paul Heine original print** – Mike Riley (you know he's moving to Kansas?) donated this. We *used* to have good cover art for the program because Paul gave us something every year. I don't know who the new guy is . . .



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10. **Wisconsin Fly Fishing Trip** -- Hosted by Henry Koltz, Wisconsin Trout Unlimited and the Driftless Angler. The Driftless Area was formed during the last ice age . . . yaddy, yaddy, yaddy. They have some really good trout fishing up there! Henry shows up in TU's magazine doing gear reviews, he does Embrace A Stream and The Driftless Angler is a full service fly shop located on the historic main street in Viroqua Wisconsin. Two people get lodging, three days guided fishing and, likely, a big 'ol dinner in there hosted by the local TU folks (Bill, is that right?). May 1-3, 2017.
11. **Night on the Town** – Where do I start? Scott Atkins has come through again with some wonderful dinner plans for you, combined with a couple of nights at Stoney Creek. Don't drink all the wine at once. *Savor it.* What can I say? Call the sitter and make your reservations.
12. **Bamboo Fly Rod 7' 4 wt on a special convex taper by Bill Lamberson, Rod maker** – You can't get nodeless, convex, hand built and finished anywhere else. Bill's work has been collected internationally and across the good ol' USA. But he's *our* rod builder, darn it! Check the card limit and start bidding.
13. ★ **Hardy Princess Fly Reel** – If you own fly reels you need a Hardy. If you don't have a Hardy here's your chance. If you already have a Hardy you need one more. You get the idea. Bill donated this so you can buy it and put it on the bamboo rod you just bought for ~~\$5,000~~ ~~\$7,000~~ \$10,000.
14. **Missouri Trout Stamp print** – Donated by Michael Riley. They don't print these anymore. I know, somebody in your house said, "Don't come home with anymore fish pictures!" But, really, they don't print these anymore.
15. **Patagonia Stormfront Rolltop Boat Bag AND Catch & Release Net** – They call this stuff Patagucci 'cause it's really nice. This was donated to us by Hargroves Fly Shop, St. Louis, MO because Tom wants us to look good when we go fishing. We love Tom and wonder what he looks like under that beard?
16. ★ **Les Bourgeois Wine tasting and tour for 10 people** -- Ten! You, all your friends, some of the neighbors, the bluffs above the historic and beautiful Missouri River, it's a party! I like the red wine best. Uber is a good idea.
17. **Margie Meyer's homemade pies and Town Branch Small Batch Bourbon picked out for us by John** – Ok, the pies are great. Dr. Meyer always ALWAYS picks out an incredible whiskey for us. But, make no mistake, this is the last item and this is about Pride. Are you up for this?

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