

# Valley Angler

## Saco Valley Anglers Annual Auction

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With only about ten days left until salmon season opens the big question is where there will be any open water to fish. This is the cumbrance, when it comes to spring fishing in New Hampshire. April 1<sup>st</sup> may be opening day, but Mother Nature may have an entirely different outlook on the subject.

There is usually some open water where streams or brooks empty into the lakes and this is where the first anglers gather to cast their lines. One of the more well know places is the Smith River enters Lake Winnepesaukee in Wolfeboro Bay where fishermen have been gathering on the town dock for decades to fish for spring salmon. It can be a little congested at times, but no one seems to mind. In fact it is somewhat like a reunion of sorts. Everyone gets along just fine and all are quite happy to be fishing again after a long winter no matter how little open water there is.

I must admit that I am looking forward to that first day when I can be on the water again. Right about now I could use some quality time.

One sure sign of spring is the annual Saco Valley Anglers Trout Unlimited Auction. The date for this year's auction is April 11<sup>th</sup>. This year the event will be held at the King Pine Ski Area in the Fire Place Room. The doors will open at 6:30 PM for the auction preview and cocktail hour. A selection of hors d' Oeuvres will be served. The live auction will begin at 8:00. Tickets for the evening are just twenty dollars. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Saco Valley Anglers, members or at the North Country Angler. For more information and tickets call 356-6000.

We have been collecting for the auction and have already assembled some impressive items. The sailing trip will be available again this year along with several guided trips including a drift boat trip on the Androscoggin River. Fly tiers will be pleased to know that there will be a large selection of tying materials to be featured in the silent auction again this year. Needless to say there will be a good selection of rods, reels, lines and lots of other goodies up for auction.

There is always a need for more stuff for the auction so please take a look in the tackle closet and see if there is something you could spare. If you can't stop at the shop to drop it off give us a call and we will pick it up. Remember we are a registered nonprofit and your donation is tax deductible. Your donation does not need to be fishing related we will take just about anything that can be sold. Your donation goes a long way in keeping the many programs that the Saco Valley Anglers sponsor ongoing.

Mark your calendars now and be sure to reserve the date. It is sure to be an enjoyable evening.

See you on the river.