



## **Lang's Fall 2006 Auction Tops The Spring Sale A New Tackle Auction Record \$1,218,000.00**

Extremely Strong Prices for Top American Tackle in Another Million Dollar Plus  
Lang's Auction held in Boxborough, Mass. on November 2, 3 & 4, 2006

**(November, 2006)** As with the last several auctions, rarity and condition in the most desirable categories realized World Price Records. The trend toward outstanding condition in every price range and every category of tackle was the key to the highest prices throughout. One of the highlights of the 2006 Fall Auction was Jim Hardman's exceptional reels, with the rarest fly reels in pristine condition bringing far above high estimates. Also, the inclusion of a small but important and exceptional condition offering of Oscar Peterson Fish Decoys enjoyed the strongest prices seen in this category in many years. Rare lures in excellent or better condition remain in great demand as determined collectors and new investors pushed many examples to record prices. Flyrod lures continue to entice serious collectors willing to pay a premium for the rarest tiny examples, including their diminutive boxes. As expected "The First American Wooden Minnow" set a live auction price record for a wood lure. Great Rods, Catalogs, Advertising, Spears, Bobbers, Art & Ephemera all added to the final total.

**Reels:** The auction opened with the top casting reel lot - an only known and extraordinary James Deally Clamp Reel, which realizing \$14,000.00. The Jim Hardman Reel Collection soared, especially in the very desirable small fly reel category. Due to the popularity of American fly reels with recent investors and serious collectors alike, several exceptional reels set World Price Records. The top reels from this wonderful collection included: Tiny Marked H.L. Leonard Marbleized Trout Reel (\$29,120.00), Edward Vom Hofe Pre-Peerless Fly Reel (\$26,880.00), Julius Vom Hofe Perforated Fly Reel (\$26,880.00), Gates Raised Pillar Fly Reel (\$19,040.00), 2 1/16" H.L. Leonard Bi-Metal Trout Reel (\$9,240.00), 2 3/8" H.L. Leonard Bi-Metal Trout Reel (\$8,848.00), C1830 Ustonson Brass Fly Reel (\$7,392.00), 2" Conroy Fly Reel (\$4,480.00), EVH 360 Trout Reel (\$7,728.00), etc. Other notable reels: Talbot Special (\$5,712.00), Talbot #53 (\$5,376.00), EVH Perfection 360 (\$5,824.00), Hawks & Ogilvy (\$3,472.00), Gayle Mills #4 (\$5,100.00), Meek & Milam #3 Numbered Screw (\$4,816.00), B.F. Meek & Sons #3 (\$4,760.00), Bogdan 200M (\$4,032.00), Seamaster Spinning (\$5,600.00), Mitchell 300 Presentation (\$2,640.00), EVH Restigouche 423 6/0 (\$2,688.00), Kosmic Reel (\$4,032.00), Billingham Brass Birdcage (\$3,360.00), Talbot Tournament (\$2,464.00), B.F. Meek & Sons #4 (\$2,240.00), JVH Quadruple #3 Multiplying (\$2,160.00), Meek #44 (\$5,600.00), EVH Perfection (\$3,640.00), Conroy Presentation (\$3,360.00), Unmarked Billingham (\$3,472.00), B.C. Milam #2 (\$1,920.00), Bogdan Salmon Reels realized \$1,400.00 to \$1,800.00, Meek #7 (\$1,120.00), Coxe Salt Water (\$1,560.00), Talbot #31 (\$1,232.00), Pflueger/Redifor (\$1,080.00), etc.

**Lures:** The Top Auction Lot was The First American Wooden Minnow realizing \$42,560.00, followed by an excellent condition Trory Minnow \$23,520.00. Rare lures in most categories realized prices well above estimates for the fourth consecutive auction. In almost every case, condition was the most important factor in the above estimate prices. Heddon Black Sucker (\$19,040.00), Chapman Cyclone Minnow (\$12,320.00), Creek Chub Bug-A-Moth Flyrod Lure in Box (\$3,472.00), South Bend Musky Trolling Minnow (\$5,600.00), The Acme Bait (\$2,912.00), Heddon Multiple Minnow in Box (\$3,900.00), Shakespeare Swimming Frog in Box (\$2,400.00), Goldfish Heddon 740 Punkinseed (\$2,464.00), Kent Champion Floater (\$2,016.00), Heddon Night Radiant (\$4,500.00), Woods Expert Minnow in Box (\$3,600.00), Pflueger All-In-One in Box (\$2,280.00), Heddon Underwater Minnow (\$4,140.00), Creek Chub Bug-A-Boo Flyrod Lure in Box (\$1,456.00), Heddon Coast Minnow (\$3,600.00), K&K Minnow in Box (\$5,152.00), Clark Expert Minnow in Box (\$5,400.00), Russo Flaptail (\$2,240.00), Francois-The-Frog (\$1,955.00), Haley's Jumper Frog (\$2,240.00), Heddon Gamefisher (\$2,072.00), Creek Chub Bass Bug Wiggler (\$1,512.00), Heddon 150 (\$2,160.00), Heddon Slopenose Expert (\$2,400.00), Clewell's Snaker Bait in Box (\$1,400.00), Heddon Swimming Minnow (\$1,320.00), Shakespeare Baby

Revolution in Box (\$1,512.00), Rhodes Cabin Bait (\$2,240.00), Shakespeare Wood Revolution (\$3,976.00), Michigan Life Like Minnow (\$2,127.50), Shakespeare Aluminum Musky Revolution (\$3,000.00), Thoren Minnow Chaser in Box (\$1,120.00), Creek Chub Trout Bug Wiggler Flyrod Lure in Box (\$1,848.00), Shakespeare Revolution in Wood Box (\$2,160.00), Shakespeare Wood Revolution Prototype (\$3,900.00), Creek Chub 700 Pikie (\$1,020.00), Rhodes Cork Revolution (\$1,560.00), Bite-Em Bait in Box (\$2,352.00), Creek Chub Baby Crawdad (\$1,008.00), Shakespeare Evolution in Box (\$1,736.00), Shakespeare Metalized Surface Wonder (\$2,464.00), Shakespeare Metalized Minnow (\$1,232.00), Johnson Automatic Striker (\$1,456.00), Paw Paw Bull Frog (\$1,036.00), Creek Chub Tiny Tim (\$1,020.00), Cork Head Minnow (\$767.20), Fish Dinner Flyrod Frog (\$720.00), ETC., ETC., ETC.

**Rods:** Maxwell 7 1/2' (\$2,400.00), Young 8' Parabolic (\$2,576.00), Payne 8 1/2' (\$2,296.00), Fred Thomas' Personal Rod (\$3,024.00), Orvis 6 1/2' Pack Rod (\$1,140.00), Maxwell 7' (\$2,280.00), Zane Grey 9' Hardy Fairy (\$1,080.00), 6' Leonard Duracane (\$1,120.00), Leonard 6' (\$1,176.00), etc.

**Fish Decoys:** Outstanding condition, high quality and earlier examples brought very strong prices. Oscar Peterson decoys realized prices not seen in years and in several cases, set new price records. Top lot: 6" Peterson Brook Trout (\$7,952.00), followed closely by several others: 7 1/4" Brown Trout (\$7,392.00), 8" Rainbow Trout (\$6,944.00), 9 1/4" Pike (\$6,832.00), 6" Perch (\$4,816.00), 6" Pike (\$3,640.00), 8 1/2" Natural Side Trout (\$3,472.00), 5" Sucker (\$1,904.00), 8" Brook Trout (\$1,792.00), etc. Other decoys: Chautauqua Trout (\$1,316.00), Deming Sucker (\$1,008.00), etc.

**Advertising:** Included in this auction was a nice collection of Advertising Tins. Top Lot: Master Mason Tin realizing \$1,440.00, Game Fine Cut Tobacco Tin (\$1,006.25), Kamargo Coffee Tin (\$1,320.00), Beaver Peanut Butter Pail (\$747.50), Sure Shot Chewing Tobacco Tin (\$600.00), etc.

**\* November 2, 2006 was Lang's Highest Grossing Discovery Auction on record as well, realizing \$108,692.00**

**\* All Prices reflect the appropriate buyer's premium**