



December Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2005
Hilltop Restaurant, 767 St. Andrews Rd. (corner of St. Andrews and Jamil Rd., near junction of St. Andrews and I-26. Call 803-772-9252.)

MSC's meeting place features a great buffet at a reasonable price which includes beverage, refills & gratuity. For those not wishing to eat, there will be a \$3 charge...but you get free beverages & unlimited refills and the club won't have to pay a room fee. The \$3 also covers a \$1 tip to the wait person.

Agenda...

2006 MSC Officer Elections
(preceded by open nominations.)

Program: State of the Lake
SCDNR Regional Supervisor Wade Bales brings us up-to-date on our fishery and answers your questions in one of our most informative programs of the year.

Don't miss this!

2005 Angler of the Year...

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| 1. Michael Spires | 5218 pts. |
| 2. Lee Thomas | 5130 pts. |
| 3. Weston Thomas | 4881 pts. |
| 4. Willis Dean Preston | 4821 pts. |
| 5. Arthur Simons | 4676 pts. |
| 6. James B. Lindler | 4674 pts. |
| 7. Billy DuRant | 4617 pts. |
| 8. James Cassell | 4599 pts. |
| 9. Taylor Thomas | 4596 pts. |
| 10. Danny Young | 4564 pts. |
| 11. Justin Christopher | 4554 pts. |
| 12. Townsend Wessinger | 4424 pts. |
| 13. Dickie Maroney | 4402 pts. |
| 14. Tony Carroll | 4240 pts. |
| 15. Debbie Alewine | 4224 pts. |

AC/Delco Voyager Lunker: Dale Welch
26 lbs - 14 ozs (Caught 3/05)

Team Cassell /DuRant Wins MSC November Boat Tournament

Midland Striper Club's November team boat tournament, held November 19, was won by the team of James Cassell and Billy DuRant with four striped bass weighing 31.15 lbs.

Finishing second with 29.10 lbs. was the team of Marshall West, Tony Carroll, Wynn Corley and Joby Wetzel. In third place was the team of Lee Thomas, Taylor Thomas, Michael Spires and Weston Thomas with 26.4 lbs. The AC/Delco Voyager Lunker, weighing 9.13 lbs. was landed by Dickie Maroney and Arthur Simmons. The big fish also won the Nichol's Store big fish prize.

The winner of November's lowest legal creel weight was David Jennings with 3.15 lbs.

**Tournament Statistics: 58 people paid to fish.
14 boats weighed 43 fish at an average of 6.53 lbs.**

December 2005 Tournament...

Lee Thomas made another classic run late in the year to claim his 5th MSC AOTY title! Lee was pressured by Forrest & Ann Byrd, but leapt from 3rd to 1st for the year with 33-0. Lee's catch included the AC/Delco Voyager Lunker, a great fish weighing 16 -13! Lee's teammate for the year, Michael Spires, finished the year in 2nd place overall.

Finishing 2nd was 3-time Lady AOTY winner Ann Byrd, with three fish weighing 28-6. Her total propelled her into 3rd overall for AOTY. Forrest Byrd, "Ann's Husband," finished 3rd with 3 weighing 26-8, enough to place 4th in AOTY for the year. Rounding out MSC's top five for AOTY was Willis Dean Preston, who captured 5th place overall.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

For those of you coveting the AOTY award, December is your last chance tournament...an individual tournament with double points. December can be a tough month to catch fish and someone could make a big move. It will be an exciting time at the weigh in and I encourage all to attend whether you fish or not.

When I first started fishing MSC tournaments I can't count how many times I came to the weigh-ins without a fish. The reason I came was to try and learn something from those who did catch fish. As I've said often before, if you want to become a better fisherman, there are three things you need to do. The first is to join MSC, attend meetings and network with the people you perceive as some of the better fisherman. Secondly, fish tournaments and don't give up on days when the fish are not coming your way. Third, come to the weigh-ins and network with the people who caught fish.

I say this because it has been my one of my goals to get more MSC members to fish our tournaments. Since this is my last column, I won't have another chance to use this space as a sounding board. With this said, I want to thank all MSC members and especially the other officers for providing me with the back up and support you have given me over the last three years serving as your President.

Don't forget elections will be held at our December meeting. We have an excellent slate of people nominated and I am looking forward to 2006.

NO ANGLER LEFT BEHIND IN 2005.

Marshall West, President



2005 Officers...

- President - Marshall West 951-3974
- Vice-Pres. - John Davis 781-3856
- Secretary - Bob Marshall 798-0231
- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
- Tour. Dir. - Danny Young 938-8245
- Co-T. Dir - James Lindler 939-4647
- Co-T. Dir.- John Sightler 957-6425
- Parliament. - Mike Johnson 356-8140

2006 AOTY Banquet Coming January 14th!

MSC's 2006 Angler of the Year Banquet will be held at Salluda Shoals Park Saturday, Jan 14, 2006. This annual event will be catered by Southern Comfort Catering (Hudson's BBQ.)

Plan NOW for this great event and let us know at the December meeting how many adults & kids are coming! We'll have BBQ, hash & rice, fried chicken, veggies, dessert and even hot dogs for the kids who'd rather have them!

Cost is only \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 3-12. Kids under 3 eat free! A great way to start off the New Year!

2006 Officer & PAC Nominees...

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| President: | Danny Young |
| Vice-President: | Harold Alewine, Arthur Simmons |
| Secretary: | Cam Littlejohn |
| Treasurer: | James Cassell |
| Parliamentarian: | Mike Johnson |
| Co-Tournament Directors: | James Lindler & John Sightler |

PAC Committee: (Officers, webmaster & newsletter editor are automatically members of PAC and the Chairman is appointed by the President)

Committee Nominations: (12 minimum needed)

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| Reed Bull | Donnie Christopher |
| Wynn Corley | Dan Derrick |
| Billy DuRant | Debbie Alewine |
| Lester Jones | Danny Wright |
| Joe Claire | Michael Spires |
| Tom Stokes | Lee Thomas |
| Tom Gitto | Marshall West |
| Arthur Simons | (If not elected VP) |
| Harold Alewine | (If not elected VP) |

Please come out and support the nominees and MSC by voting!

Dec. DOUBLE POINTS Individual Tournament

MSC Individual Angler Tournament

Saturday, Dec 17, Dreher Is. State Park, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

3-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Angler

DOUBLE POINTS!!

NOTE NEW TIME!!

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