



May Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 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...

Youth Tournament, plus Hydroglow Night Tournament discussion, more.

PROGRAM: Down-Rods and Cut Bait: Lee Thomas and Billy DuRant, two of MSC's AOTYs. share tips and techniques from setup to rods, lines and techniques.

Don't miss this!

2005 Angler of the Year...

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| 1. Michael Spires | 2279 pts. |
| 2. Lee Thomas | 2253 pts. |
| 3. Danny Young | 2151 pts. |
| 4. Justin Christopher | 2141 pts. |
| 5. Willis Dean Preston | 2088 pts. |
| 6. Weston Thomas | 2074 pts. |
| 7. Townsend Wessinger | 2060 pts. |
| 8. Arthur Simons | 2044 pts. |
| 9. James B. Lindler | 1965 pts. |
| 10. Taylor Thomas | 1914 pts. |
| 11. Dickie Maroney | 1911 pts. |
| 12. Tony Carroll | 1898 pts. |
| 13. Debbie Alewine | 1774 pts. |
| 14. Marshall West | 1768 pts. |
| 15. Wynn Corley | 1760 pts. |
- AC/Delco Voyager Lunker: Dale Welch**
26 lbs - 14 ozs (Caught 3/05)

Lee Thomas Back In Winners' Circle In April!

Howling winds put a slight damper on spirits but not on the fish in April's tournament.

Lee Thomas finished first with 3 striped bass totaling 32-15, including April's AC/Delco Voyager Lunker weighing 19-12! Lee also took the Nichol's Store and the R.E.A. Lexington Realty/Net Mortgage Big Fish prizes.

In second place was Billy DuRant with his limit of 3 fish weighing 27-7. Just 2 ounces back with her 3 weighing 27-5 was Lorraine Buckwell, who finished 3rd.

The winner of April's lowest legal creel weight was Joby Wetzel with 4 pounds, 10 ounces. Congratulations to all!

Tournament Statistics:

68 paid, 35 boats weighed 22 fish
at an average weight of 7.03 lbs.

Youth tournament one year ago...

The 2004 4th Annual MSC Youth Angler Tournament was held out of Jakes May 15. The kids caught fish, the weather cooperated, the food was great and the kids won lots of door prizes.

1st was won by Hunter Young with two weighing 15-5. 2nd and the Big Fish Award was won by Alyssa Wessinger with two weighing 15-0. Alyssa's Lunker weighed 9-3. Third place was won by Brianna Baughman with 2 weighing 13-7.

What a great event...made possible by lots of hard work from President Marshall West, Lee Thomas, Lee's wife Kathy and a long list of generous sponsors, including MSC members Dr. Todd Barrett, DMD, Dr. Ben Lanza DPM and Mose Kaughman, Kaufman Construction.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

It seems this year that the wind blows the third Saturday of each month. While it doesn't seem to affect all of us, I blame the wind on my ineffectiveness catching fish. Most fished not where they wanted to in April's tournament, but where they could get out of the wind. You have to be versatile and adjust and it showed at the scales for many of our anglers. Congratulations to all who stuck it out wind and all.

Our youth tournament is coming up in May and I feel this will be our biggest and best yet. I've already heard several members who do not normally fish this event will be there this year. I suspect some of these are having trouble catching fish on their own and figure bringing the youth along will bring them good luck. I hope this works for all because we will certainly have a good time with lots of fun, food and friendship.

As I mentioned before, it's not too early to start planning for our AOTY banquet on Jan. 14, 2006. It will be held at Saluda Shoals Park. I don't know what to do to top last year, but we'll think of something and any ideas or suggestions are welcome.

As most of you know, fellow MSC member John Abney passed away very unexpectedly on April 19, 2005. We all will miss John and also miss his radio checks during tournament time. John was never bashful about getting on the radio to check in with everyone trying to figure out where they were and if they were catching fish. I know I will especially miss John. Please keep John's wife Kim and both their families in your prayers.

NO ANGLER LEFT BEHIND IN 2005.

Marshall West, President

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In Memory Of John Abney...



1952 - 2005

2005 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Individual - 1st event of 2005</i>
Feb. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Mar. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Apr. 16	Jakes	6:30am-3:30 pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
May 21	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Youth Tournament</i>
June 18	Jakes	6:30am-3:30 pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
July 15/16	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>MSC-HydroGlow</i>
<i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Open Boat Tourn. - NSBA Sanctioned*</i>			
Aug. 19/20	Jakes	6:30pm-10 am	<i>All-Night Boat Tournament</i>
Sept. 17	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Ladies' Tournament</i>
Oct. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
Nov. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Dec. 17	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Individual - Double Points!</i>

****July 15-16: MSC / Hydro Glow SCDNR Benefit Open Night Tournament***

July 15-16, 2005, Jakes Landing, 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Special MSC DNR Conservation Open Boat Tournament sanctioned by the NSBA. MSC boat tournament within a tournament. Hydro Glow will award \$250 each to 1st place and Big Fish...but ONLY if fishing with a Hydro Glow light.

(Schedule is tentative, based on ramp access and other factors...always check in

Annual MSC Youth Angler Tournament...

Saturday, May 21

7 am - 12 noon (followed by lunch, awards & prizes)

Jakes Landing

2-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Youth Angler!

MSC thanks the following sponsors: AC-Delco; Better Bait & Tackle; Blueback Bait; Boaters World (Charlotte); Dannco, LLC; Driftmaster; Ed's Bait Tanks, Goodyear; HydroGlow Fishing Lights; Kaufman Construction, Lake World; Benjamin A. Lanza, D.P.M.; Nichol's Store, Sea Hunt Boats; Shakespeare; *South Carolina Wildlife*; Spiegel Distributors; Wal-Mart.