



Midlands Striper Club NEWS

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April 2001

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2001

Our regular meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at **Quincy's, corner of I-26 & 378, Columbia, near Lexington Medical Center**. Come early if you plan to eat.

We will discuss the upcoming May Ladies Tournament and vote on the rod rule. Don't forget...**it's time to pay dues!** If you haven't paid your dues, you cannot vote! For dues and annual tournament fee payments, look for James Cassell.

Programs...

April: Ladies Tournament Discussion and Rod Rule Vote.

May: Lowrance Rep. Jon Peters of Atlana shows us how to use & interpret the latest depthfinders. (Note: this was rescheduled.)

April Tournament...

Saturday, April 21, 2001

6:30 am - 3:30 pm

Jakes Landing

2001 Angler of the Year...

Standings after three events:

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| 1. Dal Dyches | 955 pts. |
| 2. Lemond Vanderford | 804 pts. |
| 3. Townsend Wessinger | 799 pts. |
| 4. Lee Thomas | 752 pts. |
| 5. Billy DuRant | 705 pts. |
| 6. Jim Goller | 643 pts. |
| 7. James Cassell | 626 pts. |
| 8. Eddie Adams | 608 pts. |
| 9. Marshall West | 575 pts. |
| 10. Jerry Buckley | 573 pts. |
| 11. Trey Cobb | 571 pts. |
| 12. James Lindler | 529 pts. |
| 13. John Davis | 520 pts. |
| 14. Joby Wetzel | 494 pts. |
| 14. Justin Wright | 494 pts. |

● **Voyager Lunker: Dal Dyches, 16 - 11**

Flatbroke Strikes It Rich In March...

Jim "Flatbroke" Goller landed the club's first five-fish limit of 2001 to take first place in our third tournament of the year. Jim caught his 23 pound limit by 8:30 a.m. pulling freelines near the dam over 15 feet of water.

In second place was Dal Dyches with four fish weighing 21 pounds, 1 ounce, enough to put him in the lead for AOTY. Finishing third with three stripers and a total weight of 17 pounds, 5 ounces was Townsend Wessinger. Townsend's big fish, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces, took the March Voyager Lunker award. Anglers finally had a good day to fish. Although the day started off cold and windy, by afternoon it was warm, calm and beautiful.

Tournament Report: 46 paid, 35 fished.

36 fish caught, 1 five-fish limit.

Total weight: 164.44; Avg weight: 4.57; Avg Lgth. 21.96"

April tournament report one year ago...

Townsend Wessinger caught a limit of five fish weighing 24.44, taking his second first place in a row. Townsend also won MSC's Big Fish honors with a 9 pound striped bass. Second was James Lindler with a five-fish limit of 22.75. In third place was Justin Wright with five weighing 22.25.

Check in and out for safety...

As our club grows, we must emphasize and expand safety procedures for all who fish during tournaments. *MSC Tournament Rules* require that each participant check in with one of the TDs before fishing and also check out if not planning to be present at the club weigh-in. This is for your safety, and *MSC does not leave the water until all members are accounted for*, whether paying to compete or not. By knowing who is on the water, we can make certain that MSC does not leave a member stranded or in trouble when the tournament ends. Again, you *must* check in with either Mike or myself before fishing with us on tournament day; for your convenience you may check out, if not planning to attend weigh-in, by notifying us through any of the officers listed in this newsletter on page 2. Thanks for supporting us!

Mike Huber & Joby Wetzel, Tournament Directors

President's Corner...

Thanks to all who attended the March meeting. We had a great turnout, some really nice door prizes: rods, reels, anchor, tickets, dinner for two, hats, line, good fellowship and good food. This month's meeting we'll discuss the May 12th Ladies Tournament and would like to have as many ladies attend as possible. We'll have a special ladies door prize to be given away, so come out and enjoy the fellowship and food.

MSC, let's show the ladies we know how to treat them to a wonderful day of fishing and a really great lunch. Be sure to pick up your t-shirts at this meeting...plus we have extras. See you at the meeting.

Good Fishing!

Catchall Lee Thomas, President



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- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
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- Joby Wetzel 781-2364

FOR SALE, ETC...

1995 Irvette Bay Explorer 70 HP, 16' center console, 20 gal. Ron Vest bait tank, Lowrance X85 depth sounder, autopilot trolling motor. Garage kept. Great starter striper boat! \$6800. Call Joby at 781-2364.

Suburban-style fiberglass pickupcap, smoked glass, black, can be painted to match your Chevy or GMC truck. Fits 1999 and earlier. Original \$1200, only \$500. Call Jim Goller at 732-3155.

March Minutes...

- Treasurer's Report
- Leg. Report: Status of Mr. Rizer's bill
- Ladies Tournament: May 12
- Rod Rule: Discussion, vote, vote challenged. Bylaws read. Tabled again until April with notice in newsletter.

2001 Tournament Schedule...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 20	Billy Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	1st event of 2001
Feb. 17	Billy Dreher Is.	6:45am-3:45pm	
Mar. 17	Hilton	6:00am-3:00pm	
Apr. 21	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
May 12	Jakes	7am - 12noon*	Ladies' Tournament
May 19	Jakes	6am-3pm	
June 9	Bundrick Is.	TBA	DNR Media Event
June 16	Jakes	6am-3pm	
July 20/21	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	All-Night Tournament
Aug. 17/18	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	All-Night Tournament
Sept. 15	Jakes	7am-12noon*	Kids Tournament
Oct. 20	Hilton	7am-4pm	
Nov. 17	Acapulco	7am-4pm	
Dec. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	Double Points!

*Weigh-in, lunch & followed by a friendly calcutta...details TBA!

Notice...

At our March meeting, a vote was held remove the current rod limit: ***"To encourage fairness among contestants, an entrant may fish a maximum of four rods at one time..."*** The majority vote in favor of removal was challenged citing MSC Bylaw restriction of one vote per paid membership. The ensuing discussion resulted in a vote to table the item until our April meeting when a new vote will be held. As there is no provision for absentee ballots, members must be present to cast their votes. Please attend and vote responsibly on this important proposal. ***Your dues must be paid for 2001 in order for your vote to be counted.***

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