



April Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Our regular meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at Western Sizzlin', corner of I-26 & 378, Columbia. Come early if you plan to eat.

Our last meeting was again packed for our program by Shakespeare. Thanks to sponsors for their support and to our speaker.

This month features the long-awaited bait tank topic and an introduction to umbrella rigs.

April Programs...

Membership: Ins & Outs of Bait Tanks: Tank construction, aeration and tips for keeping your bait healthy and kickin'!

Intro To The "U": A primer on umbrella rigs and how to rig and troll them. Don't miss these!

April Tournament...

Saturday, April 20, 2002

6:30 am - 3:30 pm

Jakes Landing

2002 Angler of the Year...

Standings after three events:

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| 1. Lee Thomas | 1294 pts. |
| 2. Danny Young | 1256 pts. |
| 3. Justin Wright | 1173 pts. |
| 4. Marshall West | 1165 pts. |
| 5. Townsend Wessinger | 1074 pts. |
| 6. Jerry Buckley | 1056 pts. |
| 7. Tato Martinez | 1030 pts. |
| 8. Chris Sauls | 995 pts. |
| 9. Trey Cobb | 976 pts. |
| 10. Dal Dyches | 969 pts. |
| 11. Kyle Smith | 935 pts. |
| 12. Michael Spires | 934 pts. |
| 13. Brian Thomas | 925 pts. |
| 14. Dave Pratt | 915 pts. |
| 14. Joby Wetzel | 915 pts. |
| 15. John Davis | 910 pts. |

□ Voyager Lunker:
Lorraine Buckwell, 20 lbs. - 8 oz.

Buckwells Have Top Boat In March...

March marked MSC's first-ever team boat tournament. Each boat was limited to four fish at weigh-in, regardless of who on the boat reeled them in. Those on the boat were required to pick their biggest four for the scales, and everyone on the boat got the same number of points.

New members Louis and Lorraine Buckwell stole the show, fishing their first MSC tournament, by weighing a four-fish limit of 46 pounds, 10 ounces to take first place. The Buckwell's four included Lorraine's Voyager Lunker for March, the biggest striper caught in a club event so far for 2002, which weighed 20 pounds, 8 ounces.

Finishing second was the team of Townsend Wessinger, Dal Dyches and Kyle Smith with a four-fish weight of 25 pounds even. Third was the father and son team of Jimmy and Justin Wright with a four-fish weight of 24 pounds, 11 ounces. Congratulations to the winners and everyone seemed to enjoy the boat tournament concept!

Tournament Report: 54 fished in 20 boats
57 fish caught; 7 four-fish boat limits.
Total weight: 298.68; Avg weight: 5.24

April tournament one year ago...

Lemond Vanderford landed only four fish, but his four included an 11 pound, 7 ounce striper which took the April Voyager Lunker award and wrapped up first place in our fourth club tournament of the year. Lemond's win also put him in the lead for AOTY.

In second place was Billy DuRant with a limit of five weighing 22 pounds, 10 ounces. Finishing third with a limit of five stripers and a total weight of 19 pounds, 12 ounces was James Cassell.

James caught the only five-fish limit of the tournament. 36 fish were caught among the 35 anglers who participated, and weighed an average of 4.57 pounds each.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Thanks to all who attended the March meeting. We learned alot about rods: construction, spine, building process, and more. Thanks Chris and Shakespeare!

This month we'll discuss the ins and outs of bait tanks...you don't want to miss it. Everyone can learn from this seminar, and we will cover them all...from home made to the best commercial tanks in the business.

As the year continues to fly by, we are approaching our annual youth tournament in May. Details and more news will follow, so don't forget to mention this to all friends, family and neighbors. This will be a grand event!

"Speaking of speakers," those we invite to club meetings deserve our utmost respect and attention. These dedicated folks donate their time and expertise, and rightfully deserve the floor without having to speak over a few that have their own conversations going at the same time. Out of respect to all club members and speakers, please remain quiet and pay full attention to the program. Thanks and see you at the meeting.

Good Fishing!

Catchall Lee Thomas, President



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2002 Tournament Schedule...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 19	Billy Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	1st event of 2002
Feb. 16	Billy Dreher Is.	6:45am-3:45pm	
Mar. 16	Acapulco	6:30am-3:30pm	(Note change to Acapulco) (March is a 4-fish boat limit event...final rules to be discussed at March meeting)
Apr. 20	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
May 18	Jakes	7am-12 noon	Kids Tournament
June 8	Bundrick Is.	7am-12 noon	DNR Media Event
June 15*	Dreher Is.	5:45am-5pm*	NSBA Event
*NOTE: Our event coincides with the NSBA Striped Bass Tournament Trail event. You may fish a tournament within a tournament.			
July 19/20	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	All-Night Tournament
Aug. 16/17	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	All-Night Tournament
Sept. 21	Jakes	7am-12 noon	Ladies' Tournament
Oct. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Nov. 16	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Dec. 21	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	Double Points!
Other:			
Jun. 1	Jakes	5:40am-3pm	11th Annual Lake World Team/NSBA

H.4222 Out of Committee...

April 2, H.4222, limiting the number of rods anglers could deploy to three, passed out of the House Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee and goes on to the House for a vote. Luckily, ammendments were offered along the way which upped the number of rods to eight for boat and bank anglers and excluded certain anglers fishing from an anchored boat from having to comply with the rod minimum.

If the bill passes the House, it will go to the Senate, where several senators have pledged to block its passage. This bill has been tracked by MSC and the Greenville Striper Kings, and representatives from both clubs have met with key legislators to express objections to the bill. Hopefully, the bill will die in the Senate. Please watch this bill closely and urge your senator and representative to vote against H.4222.

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