

## April Meeting

**Tuesday, April 13**

**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 and we've negotiated 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...

### **PROGRAM: Cut and Chum:**

*Claude Laney and Danny Young, MSC's 2004 Tournament Director, provide tips and techniques for finding the right spot, setting up and fishing cut bait, with a Q&A session to draw out tips from other MSC cut bait anglers.*

## 2004 Angler of the Year...

### *Through March*

1. Dean Preston	1160
2. Thomas, Spires, Thomas	1077
3. Rusty Kaigler	995
4. Mike Johnson	980
5. Townsend Wessinger	975
6. Cassell, Durant	937
7. Team Fogbone	913
8. The Alewine's	889
9. John Smith	879
10. Danny Young	877
11. Carroll, Corley	873
12. Forrest Byrd	865
13. Marshall West	861
14. The Christopher's	858
15. Jim King	848

● **Voyager Lunker: Dean Preston, 15 pounds, 8 ounces (Caught 1/04)**

## Team Mr. Ed Wins March Boat Event...

It was another tough day of fishing for the MSC hardy that saw a Nor'easter blow through in the morning. Despite the wind and cool morning temperatures, Team Mr. Ed placed 1st with three nice striped bass weighing 19.65 pounds.

Jeff Stewart captained the second place boat weighing three fish for a total of 17.6 pounds. Jeff crew included Andy Stewart, Carrie Stewart, John Smith and Samanta Smith. Following Team Stewart and finishing third was the team of James Cassell and Billy DuRant with three striperes that weighed 16.4 pounds. Catching the March AC/Delco Voyager Lunker was Brad Pittman with a nice fish for the day weighing 9.3 pounds.

### **Tournament Statistics:**

**A record 72 paid. 19 boats weighed in 32 fish at an average of 5.97.**

### *April tournament one year ago...*

Dan Derrick "aerated" the competition in April with a grand slam of both 1st and the AC-Delco Voyager Lunker Award! Dan's winning total was 28 lbs, 6 oz. In 2nd was James Kelly with 20 lbs, 12 oz. Ann Byrd was 3rd with 20 lbs, 9 oz.



Team Sea Pro, Townsend Wessinger, Michael Spires and Lee Thomas, won the NSBA Gold Cup Series-4 Lake Murray Tournament held March 27 and 28. Weigh-ins were held at the Sportsmen's Classic.

MSC was well-represented, and Team Mr. Ed, David Jennings and Ed Woodward, finished 4th overall. What a great showing for MSC! Congratulations to all the winners and to all from MSC who entered, including President Marshall West.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Different month and tournament but the results were only slightly better than February. It didn't rain and the wind was below gale force, but the fish only cooperated slightly better than in February's tournament. I believe that we had a record number of participants sign up for this tournament and had some first time participants also. Boat tournaments are fun and it was evident by some people who had as many as 6 people fishing aboard their boats.

Our March meeting featured another excellent program thanks to Warren Turner. Warren's fishing success comes from a lot of observations and note taking. Anyone can catch fish but to be consistent requires homework. Warren highlighted the steps he follows before each tournament, which has paid off with his many tournament wins and records.

The PAC committee (Projects & Conservation) met last week and discussed the direction that we want MSC to follow. Over the next several months we will be presenting to the membership some of these directions. This is an exciting time for MSC and we want everyone to be involved. Remember, this is your club and you are a vital part of it. If you have any suggestions on any aspect of our club that will make it better, please bring it to my attention.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

*Later...*

*Marshall West, President, 2004*

### 2004 Officers...

- President - Marshall West 951-3974
- Vice-Pres. - John Davis 781-3856
- Secretary - Bob Marshall 798-0231
- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
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- P-03:** Your dues are NOT paid, but you paid \$30 in 2002
- P-03\*:** Your dues are NOT paid, but you paid \$15 in 2002
- NP:** Your dues are NOT paid
- O:** Officer
- LTM:** Lifetime member
- Comp:** Complimentary (for sponsors, etc.)
- DNR:** Dept. of Natural Res.

If you believe your label code is incorrect, please see Jim Goller or Marshall West by the April meeting. If you do not pay, you will be placed on the club's inactive roster and will no longer receive a newsletter.

### 2004 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 17	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>1st event of 2004</i>
Feb. 21	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Mar. 20	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Apr. 17	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
May 15	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Youth Tournament</i>
June 19	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
<b>July 16/17</b>	<b>Jakes</b>	<b>6:30pm-10am</b>	<b><i>MSC-HydroGlow</i></b>
<b><i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Open Boat Tourn. - NSBA Sanctioned**</i></b>			
Aug. 20/21	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>All-Night Boat Tournament</i>
Sept. 18	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Ladies' Tournament</i>
Oct. 16	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Nov. 20	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Dec. 18	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<b><i>Double Points!</i></b>

#### **\*\*July 16-17: MSC / Hydro Glow SCDNR Benefit Open Night Tournament**

July 16-17, 2004, 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 advance!)**

### April 2004 Angler Tournament...

**Saturday, April 17**

**6:30 am - 3:30 pm (unless changed at meeting)**

**Jakes Landing**

***3-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Angler***

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