



Midlands Striper Club NEWS

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December Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

Our regular meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at **Western Sizzlin, corner of I-26 & 378, Columbia, near Lexington Medical Center.**

We had great presentations by AnglersChannel.com folks and Bill Haire on the striped bass tournament trail! Don't miss December's election of officers, register for the AOTY banquet and learn about a new bill on aquaculture and the sale of game fish.

Programs...

December:

Election of 2002 Officers...

Membership...come out and vote!

AOTY Banquet...

Need to know how many are coming!

DNR on Aquaculture & Sale of Game Fish... Forrest Sessions, WFF

December Tournament...

Saturday, December 15

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dreher Island

DOUBLE POINTS!

2001 Angler of the Year...

Standings through October:

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| 1. Billy DuRant | 4094 pts. |
| 2. Lee Thomas | 4062 pts. |
| 3. James Cassell | 3756 pts. |
| 4. Marshall West | 3740 pts. |
| 5. Forrest Byrd | 3500 pts. |
| 6. Justin Wright | 3189 pts. |
| 7. Ann Byrd | 3017 pts. |
| 8. John Davis | 3010 pts. |
| 9. Joby Wetzal | 2831 pts. |
| 10. Townsend Wessinger | 2762 pts. |
| 11. James Lindler | 2669 pts. |
| 12. Jimmy Wright | 2632 pts. |
| 13. Lemond Vanderford | 2579 pts. |
| 14. Dal Dyches | 2377 pts. |
| 15. Dan Dancha | 2173 pts. |

Voyager Lunker: Forrest Byrd, 21 - 15

Townsend Wessinger Returns To Spotlight ...

Townsend surged back into the winner's circle with a five fish limit weighing 22-4. Forrest Byrd was hot on Townsend's heels in second with a limit of five weighing 21-14, only 6 ounces back. Marshall West was also close behind in third place with another limit weighing 21-2. Wynn Corley landed the Voyager Lunker for the event, weighing in a 7-2 striper.

AOTY totals are really close, with only 32 points separating the top two places heading into December's double points showdown. Only 16 points separate 3rd and 4th place with 5th only 40 points behind.

Tournament Report: 25 paid, 20 fished.

60 fish caught, 7 five-fish limits.

Total weight: 257; Avg weight: 4.3

December Tournament One Year Ago...

Kathy Thomas skunked husband Lee to double her points and surpass Billy DuRant to become the first female ever to win MSC's AOTY award! With 2000's Big Fish of 17.69 going to Ann Byrd, that's two for two for the ladies! Kathy finished with three weighing 14.32. Finishing second with two stripers weighing 9.19 pounds was James Cassell. Jimmy Wright finished third with his lone Voyager Lunker for our December event with a 5.81 striper.

2002 Nominated Officers...

The following were proposed by the nominating committee and passed by membership for December's elections. The floor will be open for nominations from the floor at December's meeting as well.

President: Lee Thomas; **Vice President:** Marshall West; **Secretary:** John Davis; **Treasurer:** James Cassell; **Co-Tournament Directors:** Mike Huber and James Lindler.

*The following are **new** posts created by bylaw changes (see bylaw changes on reverse side):* **Parliamentarian:** Jim Goller; **PAC Members-at-large:** Billy Durant, Bob Marshall, Mitch Crawford, Joby Wetzal, Celeste Huber, Billy Taylor.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Goller, Chairman, Nominations

President's Corner...

Thanks to all who attended the November meeting, and thanks to AnglersChannel.com and Bill Haire from NSBA.

I'd like to thank MSC for allowing me to serve as president for a third consecutive year. The trust and support members have given me is very much noticed and appreciated. This is a job I take very seriously and I will continue to do my best for the club. Thanks also to the volunteers who will help in gathering door prizes for the upcoming AOTY banquet...and we need to sign up as early as possible to prepare for meals, etc. Believe me, you don't want to miss this great event, bring the entire family and come on out!

Good Fishing!

Catchall Lee Thomas, President



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2001 Officers...

- President - Lee Thomas 532-1317
- Vice-Pres. - Marshall West 951-3974
- Secretary - Merida Baergen 781-4394
- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
- Tour. Dirs. - Mike Huber 781-5680
- Joby Wetzel 781-2364

AOTY Banquet Jan 12...

Our annual AOTY banquet is Saturday, Jan. 12. Cost is \$10 per person, kids 7-12 are \$5 and kids 6 and under free for steak or chicken. Cost includes gratuity, cleanup and rental fees for VFW Post 8738. We need to know by this meeting how many in your family are coming!

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*	<u>Ladies' Tournament</u>
May 19	Jakes	6am-3pm	
June 9	Bundrick Is.	TBA	<u>DNR Media Event</u>
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*	<u>Kids Tournament</u>
Oct. 20	Hilton	7am-4pm	
Nov. 17	Acapulco	7am-4pm	
Dec. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<u>Double Points!</u>

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

MSC Bylaws Changes - Passed At November Meeting ...

ARTICLE III

Section 1, Officers be amended to read: **Officers and Projects and Conservation Committee.** (Purpose is to make PAC a standing committee and to allow MSC membership to vote on makeup of full PAC.) Item **c. Secretary** be amended to read: maintains accurate minutes of all meetings, reports at each meeting; handles club correspondence and bylaws/tournament rules changes, working with newsletter/webmaster. (Purpose is to better define role of this position.) Item **e. Tournament Director** be amended to read: Tournament Director(s). (Purpose: to allow for co-tournament directors, when available.) Items **f.** and **g.** be added as follows: **f. Parliamentarian.** Maintains order at club meetings, following Robert's Rules of Order. (Purpose: to make certain that meetings are conducted in a timely manner that is fair to all members.)

g. Projects and Conservation Committee. Assists in the operation and running of club tournaments, conservation, legislative and membership/sponsorship projects. PAC shall consist of all club officers and tournament director(s), plus six committee members-at-large, elected from the general MSC membership during election of officers. PAC chairman shall be appointed from the full PAC by the MSC President, who sits on PAC but votes only in case of a tie vote. (Purpose is to assure broad membership representation in the PAC and to allow the full MSC membership a voice in the filling of all PAC slots.)

ARTICLE V Executive Council

The name of the Executive Council shall be changed to Board of Directors. (Purpose is to allow the club to continue to operate as an incorporated entity.)

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