

Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2003

Hilltop Restaurant, 767 St. Andrews Rd. (corner of St. Andrews and Jamil Rd., near junction of St. Andrews and I-26. 7:00 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend our annual Election Night. We have a fine slate of officers and twelve members nominated for the PAC Committee. Ballots will be provided for you to cast your vote.

Just as important is DNR's annual "State of the Lake" address and plans for our January 10th Angler of the Year Banquet...so come on out!

Agenda...

AGENDA: Officer Elections and AOTY Banquet Plans.

PROGRAM: DNR's Annual "State of the Lake" address by Gene Hayes, SCDNR. Come out and meet Wade Bales & Hal Beard of SCDNR.

Please attend and help elect your slate of 2004 officers!

Don't Miss This!

2003 Angler of the Year...

Standings after October...

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| 1. Lee Thomas | 4730 pts. |
| 2. Ann Byrd | 4602 pts. |
| 3. Michael Spires | 4472 pts. |
| 4. Forrest Byrd | 4282 pts. |
| 5. Danny Young | 3920 pts. |
| 6. Brian Thomas | 3862 pts. |
| 7. James B. Lindler | 3763 pts. |
| 8. Joby Wetzel | 3714 pts. |
| 9. Claude Laney | 3651 pts. |
| 10. Tony Carroll | 3570 pts. |
| 11. David W. Jennings | 3463 pts. |
| 12. Wynn Corley | 3433 pts. |
| 13. Marshall West | 3313 pts. |
| 14. Dan Derrick | 3286 pts. |
| 15. John Davis | 3261 pts. |

AC/Delco Voyager Lunker: Jeff Stewart, 23 pounds, 15 ounces (Caught 3/03)

Lee Thomas Hotter Than Temperature In November...

On a day of unseasonably warm temperatures, current AOTY leader Lee Thomas was even hotter. Lee not only took first place with a limit of three striped bass weighing 18 pounds, 10 ounces, his largest fish, 7 pounds, four ounces, took November's AC/Delco Voyager Lunker Award.

Second place went to Michael Spires, who weighed in his three-fish limit registering on the scales at 15 pounds, 4 ounces.

In third place with his limit of three striper was Danny Young. Danny's three weighed 13 pounds, 15 ounces.

Members are reminded that next month is our annual December Double Points Tournament. With double points and several top 15 positions so close, anything can happen!

Statistics: 37 paid, 32 fished. Only 18 anglers weighed 37 fish at an average of 4.48 pounds. Eight anglers had 3-fish limits.

December Tournament one year ago...

Finishing first in the event was Caroline Freeman, with a whopping 49 pounds, 2 ounces, including the Voyager Lunker for the event and for all of 2002. The fish was weighed in at a huge 25-10, denying Lee Thomas a sweep of AOTY and Big Fish as he was also leading the Voyager Lunker category at 22-7. Townsend Wessinger finished second for the event and 3rd in AOTY with a great limit of five weighing 30 pounds, 6 ounces. Third place went to Forrest Byrd, also with a 30-6 limit. Townsend's largest striper outweighed Forrest's in a tie-breaker for second.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Another "TOONAMENT," another tough day fishing for a few of us MSC faithful. I am starting to make my Christmas wish list and on it includes a motorcycle to replace all my fishing gear. I can catch just as many fish riding my new Harley as I caught in my "toon" this last time out.

Seriously, there's only one more chance for all you to move up in the rankings and show your spouses that it is worth one Saturday each month to be with your fishing buddies. The December tournament will almost certainly determine our Angler of the Year. And don't forget...December is *Double Points* month!

Nominations for officers were accepted at our November meeting for 2004 and voting will take place at our December meeting. Please put some thought into this important decision.

Only one more meeting before our AOTY banquet and preparations need to be made. We'll have a sign-up sheet at this meeting. If you would like to volunteer please let me know at this meeting. Don't worry, as no one will be put on the spot and asked to do something they are not comfortable with.

Hope that everyone had a Thankful and Happy Thanksgiving and, as the turkey, would say "Eat more Fish".

Thanks...

Marshall West, President, 2003

2003 Officers...

- President - Marshall West 951-3974
- Vice-Pres. - John Davis 781-3856
- Secretary - Billy Taylor 957-3575
- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
- Tour. Dirs. - James Lindler 939-4647
- Terry Allen 808-0770
- Parliament. - Bob Marshall 798-0231

AOTY Coming Jan 10...

Our January 2004 meeting will be our annual MSC AOTY Banquet on Saturday, the 10th. This year's event promises to be another grand affair and we'll have a few surprises in store to go along with a great selection of door prizes.

VFW Post 8738 on Cedarcrest Dr. in Lexington, will again host us. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and our meal, your choice of grilled chicken or steak, begins at 7 p.m. Cost has been about \$10 per person and \$5 for kids. Kids under 6, with a menu of hot-dogs, spaghetti or chicken nuggets, will cost \$2 this year.

Dues and annual tournament fees will be collected at the banquet.

2004 Officer Nominations...

President:	Marshall West
Vice-President:	John Davis
Secretary:	Bob Marshall
Treasurer:	James Cassell
Parliamentarian:	Mike Johnson (or Reed Bull)
Tournament Director:	Danny Young

PAC Committee: (Officers are automatically members of PAC and Chairman is appointed by President)

Committee Nominations:

Reed Bull or (Mike Johnson)	Arthur Simons
David W. Jennings	James Lindler
Claude Laney	Tony Carroll
Brad Pittman	Dan Derrick
Joby Wetzel	Billy DuRant
Lee Thomas	Wynn Corley

Please come out and support the great nominees and MSC by voting!

MSC December Double Points Tournament...

Saturday, December 20, 2003

Club Tournament

Dreher Island State Park: 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

3 Fish Maximum Weigh In Per Angler - DOUBLE POINTS!

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