



Midlands Striper Club NEWS

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February 2001

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2001
NEW LOCATION FOR 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.

Our own Herb "Cut Bait" Meyers will do a cut bait seminar to kick off the new year.

Our banquet was a great affair! Congratulations to AOTY Kathy Thomas and all those who fished so hard in 2000. There were some great door prizes again. Thanks to all of our sponsors for their support!

Don't forget...**time to pay dues** and annual tournament fees. Just look for James Cassell, our 2001 Treasurer, at the meeting.

Programs...

February: "Cut Bait" w/Herb Myers
March: Jason reports on striper telemetry study.

April: Lowrance Rep. Jon Peters of Atlana shows us how to use the latest depthfinders.

May: Gene Hayes, "State of the Lake"

February Tournament...

Saturday, February 17, 2001

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dreher Island State Park

2001 Angler of the Year...

Standings after one event:

1. **Billy DuRant** 241 pts.
 2. James Cassell 230 pts.
 3. Eddie Adams 225 pts.
 4. Jimmy Wright 222 pts.
 5. Lee Thomas 209 pts.
 6. Best of the rest... 125 pts.
- **Big Fish - James Cassell 6 - 9**

Billy DuRant Wins First of 2001...

Billy DuRant out-fished the competition to win MSC's first tournament of 2001! Billy's two linesides weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces...just enough to edge out James Cassell, who finished in second with one striper weighing 6 pounds, nine ounces. James' striper also took the Voyager Lunker (Big Fish) award.

In third place was "Lucky Eddie" Adams with one fish weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces to round out the top three. Anglers faced a tough day of brutal winds and rapidly changing fronts that limited those braving the elements to only six keeper fish.

Tournament Report: 26 paid to fish...21 fished.
6 fish caught, 0 five-fish limits.

Total weight: 31.4; Avg weight: 5.2; Avg Lgth. 22.7"

February tournament one year ago...

Kyle Smith brought five fish weighing 28.5 to the scales, taking first place in February. Finishing second was Mike Huber with the only other five-fish limit weighed in at 21.44. In third place with only one fish, but a lunker of 17.69 pounds, was Ann Byrd. Her striper also won Big Fish honors. Ann's trophy will be tough to beat this season.

Congratulations to Ann for her big striped bass, but a reminder to her not to count those chickens just yet...a lot of hatching may be on the way this Spring. (Boy! Was that prediction ever wrong...Editor) We'd like to see a larger turnout at the March tournament. The fish have been "on fire" with the warmer weather!

Mike Huber & Joby Wetzel, Tournament Directors
(Please see revised tournament schedule on reverse side.)

President's Corner...

I'd like to thank MSC for the opportunity to serve as president in 2001. As we head into a new and exciting year and our club continues to grow, please welcome all members...new and old. 2000 was a great year and 2001 should be even better! Thanks to all who attended the banquet and were involved in it's success...we had a great time!

We'll have some great programs door prizes at the meetings and this year need to work on our conservation efforts. If anyone has any ideas for the club please feel free to let me know, advice is always appreciated. Thanks to all who are participating in the P&T (Projects and Tournaments Committee) this year as we try to get it cranked up, and we'll have a report at this meeting.

Hope to see everyone at the meetings and tournaments this year. Bring the family and come on out and get involved in a family-oriented striped bass fishing club...

Good Fishing!

Catchall Lee Thomas, President



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2001 Officers...

- President - Lee Thomas 532-1317
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- Secretary - Merida Baergen 781-4394
- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
- Tour. Dirs. - Mike Huber 781-5680
- 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.

1998 GMC Sierra SLT 3-door ext. cab w/custom Suburban-style cap, tow pkg., all power, keyless entry, cloth, power seats/windows. Excellent condition. Expertly maintained by a loving striper angler! 46K. Only 17,995. Call Jim Goller at 732-3155.

WANTED: 20 gallon or 30 gallon Ron Vest or similar filter tank. Sgt. Linwood Kearse, SCDNR Hunter & Boater Education. 803-734-3999 or give info to Jim Goller.

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	TBA	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	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Dec. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<u>Double Points!</u>

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

And There We Were...

Jamey and I began the day drifting near the Amoco sign...lots of bait...and fish that wouldn't bite.

As the wind picked up, we moved to Rocky Creek, marked a few suspended rock fish and dropped anchor. We caught several "throwbacks" and three "keepers."

And that was it...period! We weren't very proud of our catch as we headed in, but for a slow, windy January day, I guess we did o.k.

Billy DuRant

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