

Feb.-New Location/Time!

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

NEW MEETING LOCATION and 7:00 P.M. START TIME!
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 new meeting place features a great buffet and we've negotiated a \$9.60 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...

AGENDA: MSC 2003 Goals and Programs Brief:

A Chance to Get Involved

PROGRAM:

Freelines, Corks and Planer Boards:

Tips on How, When, Where to Use These Techniques featuring 3-time

MSC AOTY and NSBA Division II

Champion Lee Thomas and

Top MSC and NSBA Anglers

2003 Angler of the Year...

Standings after January

1. Lee Thomas	566 pts.
2. David W. Jennings	519 pts.
3. Ann Byrd	486 pts.
4. Danny Young	481 pts.
5. Brian Thomas	457 pts.
6. Claude Laney	453 pts.
7. Forrest Byrd	450 pts.
8. Tony Carroll	429 pts.
9. Kyle Smith	424 pts.
10. Jerry Buckley	409 pts.
11. Michael Spires	397 pts.
12. Caroline Freeman	396 pts.
13. Jamers B. Lindler	395 pts.
14. Kevin Morse	393 pts.
15. David Clyburn	367 pts.

▣ **Voyager Lunker: Lee Thomas, 13 pounds, 2 ounces (Caught 1/03)**

Lee Thomas Starts Another Run At AOTY...

Lee Thomas, claiming his third AOTY title in only five years, was first again to start 2003! On a bitter cold morning that saw temperatures dip to 17 degrees and required sanding the ramp for traction, repeat AOTY winner Lee Thomas jumped in front of other members quickly to lead off 2003 with an impressive win and the Voyager Lunker for January to boot! Lee won with a limit of three stripers weighing 27 pounds, 9 ounces. His Voyager Lunker weighed in at 13 pounds 2 ounces.

Finishing second in the event was David "Waylon" Jennings with a nice limit of three weighing 24 pounds, 10 ounces. Waylon claims to be a "rookie" but proved otherwise in an impressive finish.

Repeat Lady Angler of the Year for two years in a row, Ann Byrd returned to winning form with a 3rd place limit of three weighing 22 pounds, 9 ounces.

Those braving the cold and ramp complications were rewarded with excellent catches for the month of January.

Tournament Statistics:

45 paid, 37 fished, 16 caught 3-fish limits.

30 anglers weighed in 66 fish at an average weight of 6.06 lbs.

February tournament one year ago...

Danny Young made his first trip to the winner's circle with five stripers weighing 26 pounds 7 ounces. Danny, fishing alone, caught two on freelines early and the balance came later fishing cut bait.

Finishing second was Michael Spires with a limit of five weighing 25 pounds, 10 ounces. In third was Brian Thomas with his five-fish limit weighing in at 25 pounds, one ounce.

Ann Byrd, carrying on the Byrd Big Fish tradition, brought the February Voyager Lunker to the scales, a striped bass weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Our 2002 Midlands Striper Club AOTY banquet was a huge success. Judging from the record number of people in attendance, very few members were absent. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and general membership for their efforts in making this annual banquet such a gala affair. A lot of behind the scenes work goes into making this banquet such a success. From the volunteers who go out and solicit door prizes, to the members who greet arriving guests, to the dispensing of all the tickets for various prizes, you all are due well-deserved thanks. The superb cooks and wait staff only out did the hospitality shown to us by the members of VFW Post 8738. It is a team effort and everyone is on the A TEAM.

Programs are being finalized for the coming year and if you would like to recommend a particular program or offer suggestions on any club related business just let me or any of the officers know. It's just that simple.

Looking forward to a great year!

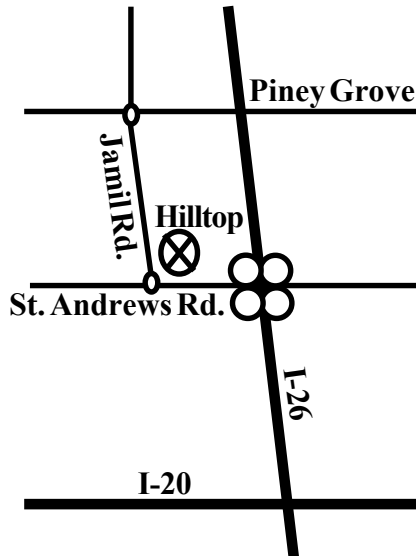
Marshall West, President, 2003

2003 Officers...

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NOTICE: Effective Feb. 11

New Club Meeting/Time Location
Hilltop Restaurant, 7:00 p.m.
767 St. Andrews Road
803-772-9252



2003 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 18	Acapulco	7am-4pm	<i>1st event of 2003</i>
Feb. 15	Acapulco	6:45am-3:45pm	
Mar. 15	Acapulco	6:30am-3:30pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Apr. 19	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
May 17	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Kids Tournament</i>
June 21	Jakes	5:45am-5pm	<i>MSC/GSK/NSBA Event*</i>
July 18/19	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>MSC-HydroGlow</i>
<i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Open - NSBA Sanctioned**</i>			
Aug. 15/16	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>All-Night Tournament</i>
Sept. 20	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Ladies' Tournament</i>
Oct. 18	Acapulco	7am-4pm	
Nov. 15	Acapulco	7am-4pm	
Dec. 20	Acapulco	7am-4pm	<i>Double Points!</i>

**Open boat tournament co-sponsored with Greenville Striper Kings. Members may fish a tournament within a tournament. 4-fish per boat maximum weigh-in.*

***July 18-19: MSC / Hydro Glow SCDNR Benefit Open Night Tournament*

July 18-19, 2003, Jakes Landing, 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Special MSC DNR Conservation Open Tournament sanctioned by the NSBA. MSC 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. This is a boat tournament and start/end times may change.

(Schedule is tentative, based on ramp access and other factors...always check in advance!)

February 2003 Tournament...

Saturday, February 15, 2003

6:45 am - 3:45 pm

Acapulco Landing (Tentative due to conditions)

3-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Angler

MSC thanks the following sponsors: AC-Delco; AnglersChannel.com; Better Bait & Tackle; Blueback Bait; Driftmaster; Goodyear; HydroGlow Fishing Lights; Benjamin A. Lanza, D.P.M.; Sea Hunt Boats; Shakespeare; *South Carolina Wildlife*; Spiegel Distributors; Tru-Green/Chemlawn; Wal-Mart



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