

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 10
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...

AGENDA: MSC 2004 Goals and Programs Brief: Getting Involved

PROGRAM:

Freeline for Trophy Stripers: A panel of MSC experts headed by Arthur Simmons share their secrets in a question and answer session.

2004 Angler of the Year...

TOP 23 & "Best of the Rest"

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| 1. Kaigler, Preston | 658 pts. |
| 2. Spires, Thomas, Thomas | 579 |
| 3. Carroll, Corley, West, King | 531 |
| 4. Johnson, Simmons | 526 |
| 5. The Byrds | 521 |
| 6. Team "Fogbone" | 514 |
| 7. Jim Fiber | 501 |
| 8. Abney, Pratt | 497 |
| 9. The Christophers | 491 |
| 10. Sam Harrell | 489 |
| 11. Laney, Young | 479 |
| 12. The Alewines | 468 |
| 13. Townsend Wessinger | 452 |
| 14. The Wrights | 436 |
| 15. Cassell, Durant | 425 |

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

(see p. 2 for places 16 through 24)

Team Kaigler & Preston Win January Event...

The team of Rusty Kaigler and Dean Preston captured not only the 1st MSC event of the year, but also took the AC/Delco Voyager Luncker honors with a 15 pound, 8 ounce striped bass to boot! The big fish was caught by Dean Preston and the team placed first with a total of 33 pounds, 5 ounces.

The team of Michael Spires, Lee & son Taylor Thomas captured 2nd place with 28 pounds, 6 ounces. It appears MSC has another Thomas angler to compete against in 2004!

Finishing 3rd was the team of Tony Carroll, Wynn Corley, Marshall West and Jim King. Their total was 25 pounds, 6 ounces.

Tournament Statistics:

53 paid. 20 boats weighed in 62 keepers at a total of 369.39 and an average of 5.96. Good work MSC!

February tournament one year ago...

Just about everyone Co-Tournament Director James Lindler talked with before hand expected a great day of fishing for MSC's second event of the 2003. However, that was not to be, as a wedge of low pressure slowed the bite on an unusually warm February day.

Although most of the club's customary top anglers did manage to hold their position or even move up a bit in the standings, the top angler was a newcomer to the winner's circle.

First place was claimed by Arthur Simmons with his limit of three weighing 20-8. In second was two-time Youth AOTY Justin Wright with three totaling 18-0. In third was Wynn Corley with three fish weighing 17-9. The February AC-Delco Voyager Luncker, 8-13, was also caught by Arthur Simmons.

REMINDER! If you haven't already done so, according to MSC's Bylaws you must pay your annual dues by the February meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

What a great banquet. Lots of good food, friendship and fellowship. I'd like to thank all the members and special guests for making this the highlight of our year. It would not be possible if all did not give something.

Several changes are taking place for the first time this year. We are having five boat and five individual tournaments plus our annual ladies and youth tournaments. Tournament fees have increased this year by one dollar, going towards the Weston Thomas scholarship fund. Means to contribute will also be available at all meetings.

Judging from all the "new faces" at our January tournament, it's going to be an exciting year. I'm thrilled to see so many support our tournaments and what better way to spend a Saturday. Talk is generally "pretty cheap" during our tournaments and the information passed out sometimes is even cheaper, but it's all in fun. I pity the poor angler who is not a member trying to figure out where and how we are catching fish. The big pine tree next to the old pontoon up the river due east of the Amoco sign and where you and I fished last Wednesday doesn't exactly give away much information.

Remember that dues must be paid by February to in order to maintain good standing in Midlands Striper Club. Looking forward to another great year.

Later...

Marshall West, President, 2004

2004 Officers...

- President - Marshall West 951-3974
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2004 Angler of the Year...

Top 23/"Best of the Rest" continued...

16. John Sightler	296 pts.
17. William Bazzle	271
18. Trey Cobb	270
19. Smith, Stewart, Smith	269
20. The Buckwells	261
21. The Southards	257
22. Abdominal Snowmen	216
23. Bowhunter	198
24. Bennett	125
Clyburn	125
Dancha	125
Davis	125
Derrick	125
Goller, Jim	125
Goller, Ryan	125
Medlin	125
Morgan	125
Smith	125
Vanderford	125
Wetzel	125

2004 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 17	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>1st event of 2004</i>
Feb. 21	Dreher Is.	6:45am-3:45pm	
Mar. 20	Dreher Is.	6:30am-3:30pm	<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	
July 16/17	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	MSC-HydroGlow
<i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Open Boat Tourn. - NSBA Sanctioned**</i>			
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	<i>Double Points!</i>

****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!)

February 2004 Club Tournament...

Saturday, February 21

6:45 am - 3:45 pm

Dreher Island State Park

3-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Angler

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