



February Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

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 at 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...

-Hatchery Stamp Discussion, PAC Committee Update, Tournament Proposal, more.

*-Freelines, Corks & Planer Boards Arthur Simmons – MSC's own who guides in fresh and saltwater discusses setup, board types, rod positioning, and when and how to use these techniques effectively.
...don't miss this!*

2005 Angler of the Year...

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| 1. James B. Lindler | 526 pts. |
| 2. Townsend Wessinger | 491 pts. |
| 3. Dickie Maroney | 485 pts. |
| 4. Willis Dean Preston | 466 pts. |
| 5. Todd Barrett | 464 pts. |
| 6. Marshall West | 461 pts. |
| 7. James Matthew Southard | 441 pts. |
| 8. Joby Wetzel | 436 pts. |
| 9. Justin Christopher | 429 pts. |
| 10. Arthur Simmons | 425 pts. |
| 11. David W. Jennings | 403 pts. |
| 12. Justin Wright | 381 pts. |
| 13. Jimmy Wright | 356 pts. |
| 14. Danny Young | 348 pts. |
| 15. Bob Hankins | 333 pts. |

AC/Delco Voyager Lunker: Jimmy Wright 9 lbs, 15 ozs (Caught 1/05)

James "Fogman" Lindler "Mist-ifies" January Crowd !

On a cold, windy day that brought an end to unseasonably warm January weather and tough fishing conditions, James "Fogman" Lindler not only caught fish, but helped others do the same. James, one of MSC's hard-working co-tournament directors, weighed his limit of 3 fish totaling 25-1 to win the event and take the lead in the 2005 AOTY race.

Finishing second with 22-14 was Townsend Wessinger. Only 2 ounces back and finishing in third place was Todd Barrett with three weighing 22-12.

The AC/Delco Voyager Lunker award went to Jimmy Wright for his 9-15 striper. Jimmy also won the first monthly \$25 Big Fish prize awarded by Nichols Store, Rock Hill (I-77 exit 73).

Tony Carroll won MSC's newest tournament award, the Smallest Legal Weigh-in, with a striper weighing a whopping 4 pounds, 12 ounces.

Tournament Statistics:

63 paid, 3 anglers weighed 67 fish at an average weight of 6.32 lbs.*

**Note: MSC's avg. catch weight is steadily increasing each year!*

February tournament one year ago...

After recently rejoining MSC, Lemond Vanderford was quick in making a trip back to the winners' circle in our February tournament. Lemond was one of two anglers catching more than one fish on a day that plagued anglers with high winds even though temperatures were mild. Lemond's two stripers weighed 13 pounds, 1 ounce, and earned him 1st place.

In 2nd, also with 2 stripers, was Dean Preston. Dean's two weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces, and moved him into the lead for AOTY. In 3rd place was John Smith with one striper weighing 8 pounds even. The 8-pounder was enough to capture February's AC/Delco Voyager Lunker honors.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

What a great way to start off the New Year! Our banquet honoring and recognizing Midlands Stripers Club members was the largest and, in my opinion, the best ever. It was nothing short of a great team effort and I was glad to be a part of it.

Our membership has selected a great team to lead MSC for 2005 and it is my hope that this year brings excitement to all who participate in our meetings, tournaments and related functions.

Our January tournament was a huge success with at least five MSC members fishing in their first tournament. I do not know how to do it, but I wish that every member could fish our tournaments. Nothing should be holding you back but yourselves. I truly hope that our tournaments are not intimidating to those who have not fished one before. Tournaments are really a fun time and one can learn so much more than just attending meetings and taking notes. Don't get me wrong about our meetings ... they are a great place to learn. But at some point you must put the book knowledge to the test. I tried to encourage more members to fish a couple of years ago and will try again this year. If you want to fish and don't have the means, or if you have the means and need a partner, let me know at the meetings or contact me by email at emwjr@alltel.net. I will do my best pair you up with someone.

NO ANGLER LEFT BEHIND IN 2005.

Marshall West, President

2005 Officers...

- President - Marshall West 951-3974
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NOTICE...

Richard Hall Recovering From Heart Surgery

Richard Hall, longtime proprietor of Lake World, fishing guide, bait supplier and avid supporter of MSC, recently had a complicated heart procedure performed by one of only five doctors in the US trained in the procedure.

Here's wishing Richard a speedy recovery and our well wishes also to his wife Donna. If you go by Lake World, stop in and check on Richard's progress and wish him well on behalf of us all.

Editor

2005 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Individual - 1st event of 2005</i>
Feb. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Mar. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Apr. 16	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
May 21	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Youth Tournament</i>
June 18	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
July 15/16	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>MSC-HydroGlow</i>
<i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Open Boat Tour. - NSBA Sanctioned*</i>			
Aug. 19/20	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>All-Night Boat Tournament</i>
Sept. 17	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Ladies' Tournament</i>
Oct. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
Nov. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Dec. 17	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Individual - Double Points!</i>

****July 15-16: MSC / Hydro Glow SCDNR Benefit Open Night Tournament***

July 15-16, 2005, 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 2005 Boat Tournament...

Saturday, February 19

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dreher Island State Park

4-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Boat!

MSC thanks the following sponsors: AC-Delco; Better Bait & Tackle; Blueback Bait; Boaters World (Charlotte); Dannco, LLC; Driftmaster; Goodyear; HydroGlow Fishing Lights; Kaufman Construction, Lake World; Benjamin A. Lanza, D.P.M.; Nichol's Store, Sea Hunt Boats; Shakespeare; *South Carolina Wildlife*; Spiegel Distributors; Wal-Mart.