



Midlands Striper Club NEWS

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January 2001

January AOTY Banquet

Saturday, January 13, 2001

Welcome to the 21st century! Our January meeting will be our 2000 AOTY Banquet at VFW Post 8738 on Cedarcrest Dr. in Lexington (see map on reverse side). A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and our meal will be at 7:30.

Join us for fun, fellowship, awards and door prizes as we welcome officers for the upcoming year to the podium. Along with the festivities and doorprizes will be a steak and chicken dinner.

Cost is \$10 per person, kids 7-12 are \$5 and kids 6 and under free. Cost includes gratuity, cleanup and rental fees. Please bring cash so we can pay the bill on the spot.

Don't forget you can also pay dues and annual tournament fees at the banquet. Just look for James Cassell, our 2001 Treasurer.

January Tournament...

Saturday, January 20, 2001

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dreher Island State Park

2000 Angler of the Year...

Standings after twelve events:

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| 1. Kathy Thomas | 4662 pts. |
| 2. Billy DuRant | 4523 pts. |
| 3. Lee Thomas | 4271 pts. |
| 4. James Cassell | 4139 pts. |
| 5. Townsend Wessinger | 3737 pts. |
| 6. Justin Wright | 3580 pts. |
| 7. Forrest Byrd | 3125 pts. |
| 8. Ann Byrd | 3110 pts. |
| 9. Kyle Smith | 3066 pts. |
| 10. Marshall West | 3039 pts. |
| 11. Jimmy Wright | 2755 pts. |
| 12. Dal Dyches | 2688 pts. |
| 13. Dan Dancha | 2513 pts. |
| 14. James Lindler | 2450 pts. |
| 15. Merida Baergen | 2303 pts. |

● **Big Fish - Ann Byrd - 17.69 lbs.**

Kathy Thomas Becomes 1st Female AOTY...

Kathy Thomas skunked husband and President Lee Thomas to double her December points and surpass Billy DuRant to become the first female ever to win MSC's Angler Of The Year award! With 2000's Big Fish/Voyager Lunker of 17.69 going to Ann Byrd, that's two for two for the ladies! Kathy finished with three weighing 14.32 pounds, vaulting her over Billy who managed only one weighing 3.5 pounds. Anglers faced a tough day that saw only nine fish weighed. Finishing in second place with two striper weighing 9.19 pounds was James Cassell. Jimmy Wright finished third with his lone Voyager Lunker for our December event with a 5.81 striper. Jimmy also had Big Fish in the December 1999 tournament.

Tournament Report: 23 paid to fish.

9 fish caught, 0 five-fish limits.

Total weight: 43.32 Average weight: 4.81

January tournament one year ago...

Townsend Wessinger led all winners with four fish weighing 19-1, and first place in January 2000. Finishing in second place was new President Lee Thomas with three striper weighed 13-9. Dal Dykes also brought three to the scales weighing 13-0, good for third place. New Treasurer James Cassell, no stranger to lunkers, had Big Fish for our first-of-the-century tournament event with a 6-8 striped bass.

Kyle Smith, Tournament Director

Year 2001 MSC Officers...Congratulations!

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| ● President | Lee Thomas |
| ● Vice-President | Marshall West |
| ● Secretary | Merida Baergen |
| ● Treasurer | James Cassell |
| ● Co-Tournament Directors | Joby Whetsel, Mike Huber |

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Thanks to all who attended in December. Great information was presented about the river by Dale Gossett, Lee Thomas and Billy Durant.

Thanks to all chairmen and officers who donated their time and effort to benefit the club in 2000. It's been a great year and my hat's off to all of you.

I'd like to thank the club for giving me the opportunity to serve again as president in 2001. Together we've helped MSC become one of the best striper clubs around and I'd like to have your suggestions for the coming year. As our club continues to grow, let's make everyone feel welcome in 2001, get involved, and get off to a great start! Try to fish tournaments, attend meetings and, above all, enjoy MSC.

We're moving meetings to Quincys, Hwy 378 and I-26 for easy access to I-26 and a central location for most members. This will be our tentative February meeting site.

*Happy New Year
& Good Fishing!*

Catchall Lee Thomas, President



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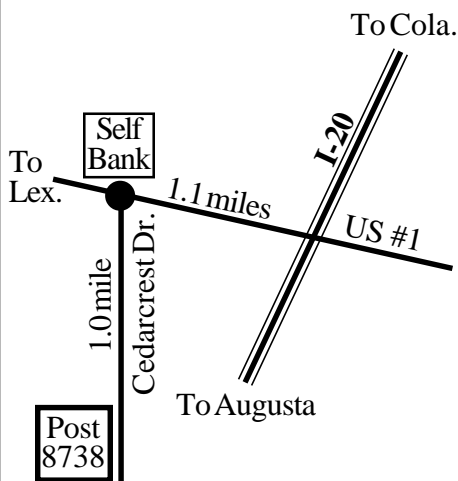
2001 Officers...

- President - Lee Thomas 532-1317
- Vice-Pres. - Marshall West 951-3974
- Secretary - Merida Baergen 781-4394
- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
- Tour. Dirs. - Mike Huber 781-5680
- Joby Whetsell 781-2364

MSCAOTY Banquet

VFW Post 8738

6-7 p.m. Social, 7:30 Meal



From Columbia, take I-20 West toward Augusta. Take the US #1 exit toward Lexington for 1.1 miles. Turn left at the light onto Cedarcrest Drive across from Self Bank. Proceed on Cedarcrest 1 mile and VFW Post 8738 will be on the right before you reach Two-Notch Rd.

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 19 | Jakes | 6am-3pm | Ladies' Tournament |
| 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> |

**Tentative schedule... to be confirmed!*

BOAT FOR SALE...

1995 Irvette Bay Explorer 70HP, 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

Last Call For Banquet Reservations...

If you plan to attend Midlands Striper Club's 2000 Angler Of The Year Banquet on Saturday, January 13, please notify one of the officers above or call Mitch Crawford at 791-5552 as soon as possible. We must give the folks at VFW Post 8738, Lexington, an accurate head count.

Cost is only \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 7-12. Children 6 and under eat free, so bring the whole family! Menu is steak or chicken.

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