



January AOTY Banquet

Saturday, January 12, 2002

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

Join us for fun, fellowship, awards and great door prizes as we welcome officers for the upcoming year to the podium. Along with the festivities and door prizes 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.

Speaking of door prizes, there are lots to win and some really terrific ones, too!

Don't forget you can also pay dues and annual tournament fees at the banquet. Just look for James Cassell, our 2002 Treasurer.

January Tournament...

Saturday, January 19, 2002

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Dreher Island
State Park**

2001 Angler of the Year...

Standings through December:

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| 1. Billy DuRant | 4945 pts. |
| 2. Lee Thomas | 4927 pts. |
| 3. James Cassell | 4643 pts. |
| 4. Marshall West | 4619 pts. |
| 5. Forrest Byrd | 4425 pts. |
| 6. Ann Byrd | 4182 pts. |
| 7. Justin Wright | 4056 pts. |
| 8. John Davis | 3737 pts. |
| 9. Townsend Wessinger | 3627 pts. |
| 10. Jimmy Wright | 3439 pts. |
| 11. Joby Wetzel | 3408 pts. |
| 12. Dal Dyches | 3339 pts. |
| 13. James Lindler | 3068 pts. |
| 14. Lemond Vanderford | 2579 pts. |
| 15. Dan Dancha | 2436 pts. |

Voyager Luncker: Forrest Byrd, 21 - 15

Billy DuRant Seals AOTY Victory In December...

Billy DuRant needed every doubled December point from his 22-11 limit of five to nudge Lee Thomas for his first MSC Angler Of The Year award, although neither placed in our December tournament! Lee weighed in five fish that totaled 23-10, but that weight fell just nine ounces shy of what he needed to surpass Billy and take what would have been his third MSC AOTY crown. 2000's Big Fish/Voyager Luncker winner Ann Byrd came to the scales to claim 1st in the tournament with 32-8. Finishing in second place with five striper weighing 26-15 was Dal Dyches, who also had the Voyager Luncker for our December event with a 8-0 striper. Ann's husband Forrest Byrd finished third with an even 25 pounds.

**Tournament Report: 27 paid, 26 fished.
81 fish caught, 10 five-fish limits.
Total weight: 379.41; Avg weight: 4.68**

January tournament one year ago...

Billy DuRant won MSC's first tournament of 2001 with two linesides weighing 7-4...just enough to edge out partner James Cassell, who finished in second with one striper weighing 6-9, which also took the Voyager Luncker award. In third was "Lucky Eddie" Adams with one fish weighing 6-4 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.

Year 2002 MSC Officers...Congratulations!

President	Lee Thomas
Vice-President	Marshall West
Secretary	John Davis
Treasurer	James Cassell
Co-Tournament Directors	Mike Huber, James Lindler
Parliamentarian	Jim Goller

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Thanks to all who attended in December. We had a great meeting and learned about proposed aquaculture legislation to be introduced in 2002.

Thanks to all chairmen and officers who donated their time and effort to benefit the club in 2001. It's been a great building 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 2002. 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 2002, get involved, and get off to a great start! Try to fish tournaments, attend meetings and, above all, enjoy MSC.

Our AOTY banquet will be a grand affair...with over 100 already signed up! So if you haven't, contact me or an officer asap! We've got some great door prizes and food...so hope to see you there!

Happy New Year & Good Fishing!

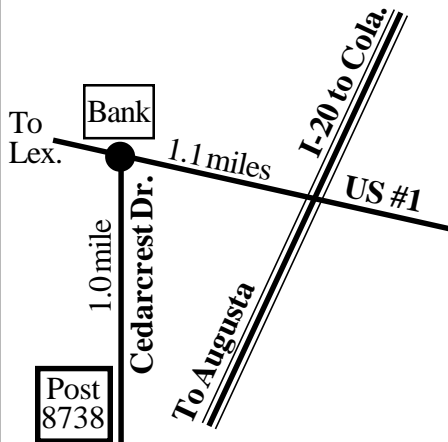
Catchall Lee Thomas, President

2002 Officers...

- President - Lee Thomas 532-1317
- Vice-Pres. - Marshall West 951-3974
- Secretary - John Davis 781-4394
- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
- Tour. Dirs. - Mike Huber 781-5680
- James Lindler 781-2364
- Parliment. - Jim Goller 732-3155

MSCAOTY Banquet VFW Post 8738

6:30 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.

2002 Tournament Schedule*...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 19	Billy Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	1st event of 2002
Feb. 16	Billy Dreher Is.	6:45am-3:45pm	
Mar. 16	Hilton	6:00am-3:00pm	
Apr. 20	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
May 11*	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<u>Ladies' Tournament</u>
May 18	Jakes	6am-3pm	
June 1	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<u>Kids Tournament</u>
June 8	Bundrick Is.	7am-12 noon	<u>DNR Media Event</u>
June 15*	Jakes	6am-3pm	(Times may change)
*NOTE: Our event coincides with the NSBA Striped Bass Tournament Trail event to be held out of Dreher Island. You can fish a tournament within a tournament.			
July 19/20	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	All-Night Tournament
Aug. 16/17	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	All-Night Tournament
Sept. 21	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
Oct. 19	Hilton	7am-4pm	
Nov. 16	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Dec. 21	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<u>Double Points!</u>
<i>*Tentative schedule above . . . to be confirmed! Note that 15 tournaments plus the NSBA events will be difficult to schedule...more discussion will follow.</i>			
Jan. 12	Lake Norman	Safe light -5pm	NSBA Tour Trail - Div 5
Jan. 26	Lake Hartwell	Safe light -5pm	NSBA Tour Trail - Div 2
Mar. 9	Dreher Is.	Safe light -5pm	NSBA Tour Trail - Div 1

Last Call For Banquet Reservations...

If you plan to attend Midlands Striper Club's Angler Of The Year Banquet on Saturday, January 12, please notify one of the officers above or call Mitch Crawford at 791-5552 immediately. 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. *Editor*



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