



AOTY Banquet...

Saturday, January 10, 2004

Our January meeting is our annual MSC AOTY Banquet. We will also inaugurate our 2004 officers.

The banquet will be held at **VFW Post 8738 on Cedarcrest Dr. in Lexington**. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and the meal will be at 7 p.m.

A steak and chicken dinner will be served. Cost is only \$10 per person, kids 7-12 are \$5 and kids 6 and under are free. Price includes gratuity, cleanup and rental fees. Please bring cash so we can pay the bill on the spot. You can also pay your 2004 dues and annual tournament fees at the banquet. This is always a great event, plus there will be a host of door prizes and lots of fun for the whole family! Please confirm your attendance today so we can get a head count!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Agenda...

**Angler of the Year Awards...
The Best of the Best for 2003!
...don't miss this!**

2003 Angler of the Year...

Final Standings

1. Lee Thomas	5459 pts.
2. Ann Byrd	5275 pts.
3. Michael Spires	5133 pts.
4. Forrest Byrd	4975 pts.
5. Claude Laney	4554 pts.
6. Danny Young	4379 pts.
7. James B. Lindler	4272 pts.
8. Tony Carroll	4161 pts.
9. Wynn Corley	4116 pts.
10. Joby Wetzel	4064 pts.
11. Marshall West	3994 pts.
12. Brian Thomas	3962 pts.
13. John Davis	3582 pts.
14. Dan Derrick	3571 pts.
15. David W. Jennings	3563 pts.

**AC/Delco Voyager Lunker: Jeff Stewart,
23 pounds, 15 ounces (Caught 3/03)**

Arthur Simmons Wins...Lee Thomas is AOTY...Again!

Lee Thomas made a classic run late in the year to claim his fourth MSC AOTY title! Lee was pressured to the scales at the last weigh-in by second-place and two-time Lady Angler of the Year Ann Byrd, who had led all anglers for most of 2003. Lee won with only 184 points to spare in the December double points tournament.

On a slow fishing day that began with freezing temperatures and winds that persisted throughout the event, fifteen anglers caught their three fish limits. Finishing first in the event was Arthur Simmons, with only two fish weighing 26 pounds, 2 ounces. Arthur's catch, however, included the AC/Delco Voyager Lunker for the event at 17 pounds 9 ounces.

Claude Laney finished second for the event and 5th in AOTY with a great limit of three weighing 24 pounds, 10 ounces. Third place went to Debbie Alewine, also with a 19 pound limit of three.

Tournament Statistics:

44 paid, 38 fished, 15 3-fish limits were caught

25 anglers weighed in 60 fish at an average weight of 5.56 lbs.

January tournament one year ago...

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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Congratulations to all who fished the December tournament and all other tournaments in 2003. Going into the December tournament there are always 4 or 5 people who have a legitimate run for AOTY. This year was no exception. Only 8 pounds separated first and second place going into this tournament and excitement was running hot in spite of the freezing temperatures that morning. Ann Byrd made a gallant run for the coveted AOTY honors but fell just a little short to Lee Thomas.

It's time for us to turn our attention to the AOTY banquet, which will be held on Jan. 10 at the VFW Post in Lexington. You will see details elsewhere in this newsletter, but by the time you receive it there will only be a few days left until the banquet. I need to know how many of you will attend and your number of guests, children, etc. and whether you have chosen steak or chicken. I must have this information right away as I have to turn in a head count 5 days before the banquet so that food may be purchased. If you have not registered for the banquet, please contact me as soon as you receive this newsletter.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Marshall West, President, 2004

2004 Officers...

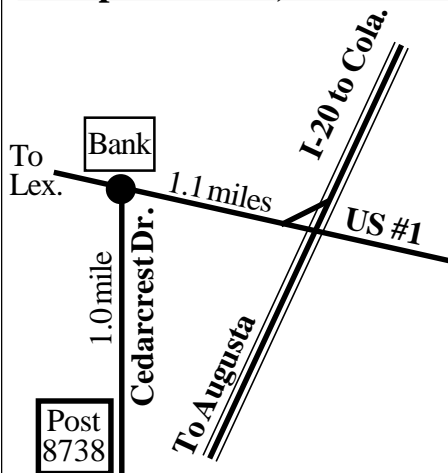
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2004 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

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>

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VFW Post 8738
Cedarcrest Dr, Lexington
6:00 p.m. Social, 7:00 Meal



**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!)

January 2004 Club Tournament...

Saturday, January 17

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dreher Island State Park

3-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Angler!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Coming Up January 10th!
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 Confirm Today!



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