

AOTY Banquet...

Saturday, January 8, 2005

Our January meeting is our annual MSC AOTY Banquet. We will also inaugurate our 2005 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 2005 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 2004!
...don't miss this!**

2004 Angler of the Year...

Final Standings

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| 1. Lee Thomas (AOTY) | 5150 pts. |
| 2. Michael Spires | 4851 pts. |
| 3. Ann Byrd | 4729 pts. |
| 4. Forrest Byrd | 4593 pts. |
| 5. Willis Dean Preston | 4545 pts. |
| 6. Debbie Alewine | 4426 pts. |
| 7. Arthur Simmons | 4367 pts. |
| 8. Marshall West | 4258 pts. |
| 9. Wynn Corley | 4202 pts. |
| 10. Danny Young | 4074 pts. |
| 11. Mike Johnson | 3983 pts. |
| 12. Billy DuRant | 3981 pts. |
| 13. Harold B. Alewine Jr. | 3941 pts. |
| 14. Tony Carroll | 3915 pts. |
| 15. Townsend Wessinger | 3849 pts. |

**AC/Delco Voyager Lunker: Kyle Smith,
21 pounds, 8 ounces (Caught 7/04)**

Lee Thomas Wins December Tourny & AOTY...Again!

Lee Thomas made another classic run late in the year to claim his fifth MSC AOTY title! Lee was pressured at the scales by Forrest & Ann Byrd, but leapt from third place to first for the year with 33 pounds even. Lee's total catch included December's AC/Delco Voyager Lunker, a great fish weighing 16 pounds, 13 ounces! Lee's teammate for the year, Michael Spires, finished the year in 2nd place overall.

Finishing second in the event was 3-time Lady AOTY winner Ann Byrd, with three fish weighing 28 pounds, 6 ounces. Her total propelled her into 3rd place overall for AOTY.

Forrest Byrd, "Ann's Husband," finished third for the event with three stripers weighing 26-8, enough to place 4th in AOTY for the year.

Rounding out MSC's top five for AOTY was Willis Dean Preston, who captured 5th place overall.

Tournament Statistics:

**44 paid, 19 anglers weighed 46 fish
at an average weight of 7.26 lbs.**

January tournament one year ago...

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 Lunker 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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Now that all the scales (fish) have settled down, I want to congratulate the winners of the December tournament and the AOTY for a job well done. Also I want to thank each member of MSC for making this organization such an outstanding group. I look forward to getting together with you on meeting nights and tournament days just to check in and see what's going on. I have been a member of a lot of clubs in my years but never one such as MSC with its members who are always there when you need them and ready to help in any way possible. No one person can take responsibility for the success of MSC but I would like to personally thank each of the officers and PAC committee members for making my job easy and a very delightful task.

January 8 at 6:00pm MSC will hold its AOTY banquet. Look elsewhere on our website and this newsletter for details. If you haven't done so, call me and sign up NOW. The deadline was January 3 and I need to know how many adults & kids 7-12 are eating steak or chicken and how many kids less than 7 yrs. will be attending. You may call me day; 803-463-3974 or night 803-951-3974. I mentioned previously that I would like for each of you to solicit at least one door prize to be raffled at either our banquet or our meetings during 2005. You may bring these items to the banquet. Just so that I do not get swamped with all these at one time, please call and let me know if you have something. Anything goes that is legal and in good taste (I think).

My family wishes each of you and your families a very Happy New Year.

Marshall West, President, 2005

2005 Officers...

- President - Marshall West 951-3974
- Vice-Pres.- John Davis 781-3856
- Secretary - Bob Marshall 798-0231
- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
- Tour. Dir.- Danny Young 938-8245
- Co-T. Dir - James Lindler 939-4647
- Co-T. Dir.- John Sightler 957-6425
- Parliament. - Mike Johnson 356-8140

2005 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

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

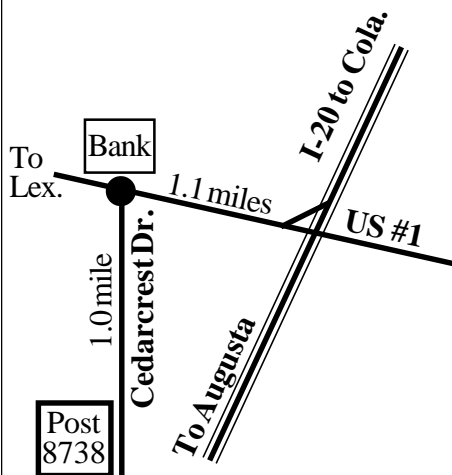
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VFW Post 8738

Cedarcrest Dr, Lexington

6:00 p.m. Social, 7:00 Meal



*July 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!)

January 2005 Club Tournament...

Saturday, January 15

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dreher Island State Park

3-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Angler!

MSC thanks the following sponsors: AC-Delco; AnglersChannel.com; 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.; Sea Hunt Boats; Shakespeare; South Carolina Wildlife; Spiegel Distributors; Tru-Green/Chemlawn; Wal-Mart.

Coming Up January 8th!
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 Confirm Today!
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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 42 Carriage Trace Ct.
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