

Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Hilltop Restaurant, 767 St. Andrews Rd. (corner of St. Andrews and Jamil Rd., near junction of St. Andrews and I-26. 7:00 p.m.

MSC's new meeting place features an inexpensive meal which includes beverage, refills & gratuity, so come early and plan to eat. 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. Please remember to go through the line and identify yourself as a member of MSC on your way in.

Agenda...

AGENDA: Plans for July MSC/ Hydroglow/NSBA Tournament.

PROGRAM: Night Fishing Tips & Techniques: When and how to improve your dusk to dawn striper catch. A worthy panel of expert MSC anglers with proven night fishing success will share their secrets.

Don't Miss This!

2003 Angler of the Year...

Standings after June

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| 1. Ann Byrd | 2740 pts. |
| 2. Lee Thomas | 2632 pts. |
| 3. Kyle Smith | 2516 pts. |
| 4. Forrest Byrd | 2494 pts. |
| 5. Danny Young | 2447 pts. |
| 6. Michael Spires | 2428 pts. |
| 7. Brian Thomas | 2368 pts. |
| 8. Claude Laney | 2310 pts. |
| 9. Tony Carroll | 2159 pts. |
| 10. David W. Jennings | 2028 pts. |
| 11. Joby Wetzel | 2005 pts. |
| 12. James B. Lindler | 1984 pts. |
| 13. Townsend Wessinger | 1943 pts. |
| 14. Justin Wright | 1934 pts. |
| 15. Kevin Morse | 1928 pts. |

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

Byrds Wired In June Event...

The team of Forrest and Ann Byrd, fishing with Durham Rish, took a whopping 43.36 pounds of striped bass to the scales to take the June MSC tournament within the Greenville Striper Kings/NSBA DNR Benefit Open. Forrest, continuing the Byrds' Big Fish tradition, also caught the June AC-Delco Voyager Lunker, which tipped the scales at 23.81 pounds. Forrest's striper was only 2 ounces shy of the leading Voyager Lunker for the year caught in March by Jeff Stewart.

In second place was the team of Lee Thomas, Michael Spires and Brian Thomas, weighing in 38.23 pounds of striped bass.

Finishing in third place was the team of James Cassell and Billy DuRant, who weighed in 37.13 pounds.

The team "Catch 22" won the overall open event with 55.77 pounds!

Tournament Statistics:

61 paid, 55 fished, 22 boats caught 4-fish limits.

23 boats weighed in 89 fish at an average weight of 6.47 lbs.

July Tournament one year ago...

Brian Thomas caught 37 pounds, 6 ounces to win MSC's first of two night events of 2002.

In second was Michael Spires with 5 weighing 34-8, including the largest of the tournament at 11-7 ounces to take the July Voyager Lunker Award. Third went to Wynn Corley with a 5-fish limit of 32 pounds, 5 ounces.

The evening's fishing began with stiff breezes keeping the main lake choppy. It was either feast or famine as only 36 of 62 anglers weighed fish, but the average catch for those 36 was 3.33 fish each.

This was the largest MSC tournament on record.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Congratulations to GSK, MSC and the NSBA for a very successful tournament held in June. The tournament raised much-needed dollars for conservation and was well-received by all participants. If memory serves me, there were six stripers over 20 pounds caught. I would like to thank the staff at Dreher Island State Park for opening the gates earlier than normal and also for getting the tournament ramp ready in time for this event.

Our July MSC/Hydroglow night tournament is fast approaching and I hope everyone has checked out his or her boat lights and safety equipment. For those who don't normally fish at night, the lake is very different than during daylight hours. Distances and objects can be deceiving. Please use extreme caution when motoring at night, especially with the lake level down. If you want to move to your favorite "honey hole" and you're a long way away, call me and I'll check it out for you. No need to waste a lot of valuable gas and time for a "spot" that may not pay off!

Always remember when pulling in your rods to head to weigh in, pull the last rod like it has a 24-pound fish on the end. Where have I heard that before?

Later...

Marshall West, President, 2003

2003 Officers...

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This Month...

Annual MSC/HydroGlow DNR Benefit Open

Fri. & Sat., July 18 & 19

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Jakes Landing (tentative)

\$3000 1st Place Boat

(based on 60 boats)

1st & Big Fish receive an additional
\$250 each from HydroGlow if a
HydroGlow light is on board.

Entry fee \$110 on or before July 12 and
\$120 through the evening of the event.
\$20 opt. BIG FISH pot - 100% payback
Exact creel weight prizes plus youth,
lady angler and other special awards.

MSC's First-Ever

NSBA-Sanctioned Night Event!

2003 Tournament Schedule...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 18	Acapulco	7am-4pm	<i>1st event of 2003</i>
Feb. 15	Holiday Shores	6:45am-3:45pm	
Mar. 15	Dreher Is.	6:20am-until	<i>Boat Tournament w/MAW</i>
Apr. 19	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
May 17	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Kids Tournament</i>
June 21	Jakes	5:45am-5pm	<i>MSC/GSK/NSBA Event*</i>
July 18/19	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>MSC-HydroGlow</i>
<i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Open - NSBA Sanctioned**</i>			
Aug. 15/16	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>All-Night Tournament</i>
Sept. 20	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Ladies' Tournament</i>
Oct. 18	Acapulco	7am-4pm	
Nov. 15	Acapulco	7am-4pm	
Dec. 20	Acapulco	7am-4pm	<i>Double Points!</i>

**Open boat tournament co-sponsored with Greenville Striper Kings. Members may fish a tournament within a tournament. 4-fish per boat maximum weigh-in.*

****July 18-19: MSC / Hydro Glow SCDNR Benefit Open Night Tournament**

July 18-19, 2003, Jakes Landing, 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Special MSC DNR Conservation Open Tournament sanctioned by the NSBA. MSC 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. This is a boat tournament and start/end times may change.

(Schedule is tentative, based on ramp access and other factors...always check in advance!)

MSC/Hydroglow DNR Benefit Night Open...

Friday-Saturday, July 18-19, 2003

MSC Night Tournament (within) DNR Benefit Open

Jakes Landing 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m.

MSC: \$5 Entry (Open: \$110 (\$120 Late) Boat w/opt. \$20/Boat Big Fish

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