

March Meeting

Tuesday, March 9

Hilltop Restaurant, 767 St. Andrews Rd. (corner of St. Andrews and Jamil Rd., near junction of St. Andrews and I-26. Call 803-772-9252.)

MSC's meeting place features a great buffet and we've negotiated a reasonable price which includes beverage, refills & gratuity. 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. The \$3 also covers a \$1 tip to the wait person.

Agenda...

AGENDA: MSC Dues Payments

PROGRAM: Tournament Strategy

Most tournaments are won or lost before you get on the water. NSBA President Warren Turner's unique question and answer style will have you thinking like a tournament pro before the night is over.

2004 Angler of the Year...

Through February

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| 1. Dean Preston | 948 pts. |
| 2. Rusty Kaigler | 783 pts. |
| 3. Mike Johnson | 760 pts. |
| 4. Forrest Byrd | 740 pts. |
| 5. Ann Byrd | 719 pts. |
| 6. Thomas, Thomas, Spires | 704 pts. |
| 7. Sam Harrell | 692 pts. |
| 8. Danny Young | 664 pts. |
| 9. Carroll, Corley, King, West | 656 pts. |
| 10. Arthur Simmons | 651 pts. |
| 11. Allen, Lindler | 639 pts. |
| 12. Justin Wright | 629 pts. |
| 13. Jim Fiber | 626 pts. |
| 14. Abney, Pratt | 622 pts. |
| 15. The Christophers | 616 pts. |
- **Voyager Lunker: Dean Preston, 15 pounds, 8 ounces (Caught 1/04)**

Lemond Vanderford Wins In February...

Lemond Vanderford, after recently rejoining MSC, was quick in making a trip to the winners' circle in our February tournament. Lemond was one of two anglers catching more than one fish on a day that plagued anglers with high winds even though temperatures were mild. Lemond's two stripers weighed 13 pounds, 1 ounce, and earned him 1st place.

In 2nd place, also with two stripers, was Dean Preston, one of our January team winners. Dean's two weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces, and moved him into the lead for AOTY. In 3rd place was John Smith with one striper weighing 8 pounds even. The eight-pounder was enough to capture February's AC/Delco Voyager Lunker honors.

Tournament Statistics:

62 paid. 51 fished. 14 anglers weighed in 16 keepers at an average of 5.70 on a tough, windy day.

March tournament one year ago...

Team Buckwell, Louis and Lorraine, claimed not only 1st Place in MSC's March tourney, but claimed the titles and the gold in the GSK Make-A-Wish and NSBA events as well. They didn't stop there, as they weighed in the big fish to snare the Herndon Chevrolet \$1500 prize and captured the \$500 GM driver bonus too!

The Buckwells weighed in four totaling 42-15 to claim first in MSC's tournament-within-a-tournament and the MAW/NSBA Open. However, their big fish weighed 22-8, enough to win \$1500 in the MAW/NSBA, but was 1 pound 7 ounces shy of the MSC AC-Delco Voyager Lunker weighed in by Jeff Stewart at 23-15. Jeff and John Smith finished 2nd with a total of 28-15. Forrest & Ann Byrd finished 3rd with 26-5.

REMINDER! If you haven't already done so, according to MSC's Bylaws you must pay your annual dues to receive tournament points.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

February's tournament, for those who fished, will rank with ones to be remembered. I'm sure there are those who've fished in worse weather, but you could probably count them on one hand. Add in the fish not cooperating plus high winds and you certainly had a day to remember. During my few years as a member of MSC I do not remember so few fish ever being brought to the weigh in. To those who caught fish you are to be congratulated.

Midlands Striper Club has started 2004 off with a bang. February's meeting had perhaps our largest attendance and approximately 9 new members and guests were in attendance. The program was one of the best. Vice-President John Davis did an outstanding job in recruiting Arthur Simmons to share some of his fishing experiences with us. Arthur's program was very informative, as was evident by the number of people taking notes and asking questions. There is no question that MSC's membership is loaded with individuals with a lot of knowledge and skill when it comes to striper fishing. Plus, they are willing to share this information with others and present it so that it is interesting and informative to the novice as well as the expert. I am certainly proud to be associated with such a great organization.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our March meeting.

Later...

Marshall West, President, 2004

2004 Officers...

- President - Marshall West 951-3974
- Vice-Pres. - John Davis 781-3856
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March 26 - 28, 2004
SC State Fairgrounds

The Gold Cup Series-4 Lake Murray Tournament

**Hosts: NSBF, NSBA,
 Live Systems**

Weigh-ins at:

Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic
SC State Fairgrounds

Dates: 3/26/2004 - 3/28/2004

Contact: Warren Turner
864-848-4417

Captains meeting:
8 pm on Friday, 3/26
Fish Saturday & Sunday

2004 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 17	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>1st event of 2004</i>
Feb. 21	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Mar. 20	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<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	<i>MSC-HydroGlow</i>
<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>

****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!)

March 2004 BOAT Tournament...

Saturday, March 20

7 am - 4 pm (unless changed at meeting)

Dreher Island State Park

4-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Boat

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