



May Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Our regular meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at Western Sizzlin', corner of I-26 & 378, Columbia. Come early if you plan to eat.

Our last meeting on bait tanks was packed. Thanks to sponsors for their support and to our speaker.

This month features a discussion on the youth tournament and a how-to on summertime striper techniques.

May Programs...

Membership:

Summertime Striper Techniques:

In the words of James Lindler, how to "Keep 'em bending" all summer!

Youth Tournament: Discussion on the event and it's structure.

Don't miss these!

May Youth Tournament...

Saturday, May 18, 2002

7:00 am - 12:00 noon

(followed by lunch & awards)

Jakes Landing

2002 Angler of the Year...

Standings after four events:

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| 1. Danny Young | 1793 pts. |
| 2. Lee Thomas | 1747 pts. |
| 3. Justin Wright | 1717 pts. |
| 4. Townsend Wessinger | 1605 pts. |
| 5. Dal Dyches | 1517 pts. |
| 6. Jerry Buckley | 1508 pts. |
| 7. Kyle Smith | 1488 pts. |
| 8. Marshall West | 1447 pts. |
| 9. Mike Huber | 1417 pts. |
| 10. James Lindler | 1400 pts. |
| 11. James Cassell | 1378 pts. |
| 12. Joby Wetzel | 1348 pts. |
| 13. Billy DuRant | 1320 pts. |
| 14. Brad Pittman | 1317 pts. |
| 14. Forrest Byrd | 1317 pts. |
| 15. Ann Byrd | 1261 pts. |

□ Voyager Lunker:

Lorraine Buckwell, 20 lbs. - 8 oz.

Mike Griffith Wins In April...

Mike Griffith took his first Midlands Striper Club win with five fish weighing 30 pounds, 3 ounces.

In second place was veteran Kyle Smith with a limit of five striped bass weighing 28 pounds, 5 ounces. Kyle also managed to land the Voyager Lunker, a 9 pound, 15 ounce fish.

Right behind Kyle was Forrest Byrd, taking third place in May with five stripers weighing 28 pounds even.

Tournament Report: 52 paid, 51 fished, 39 weighed-in fish.

152 fish weighed; 16 five-fish limits.

Total weight: 778.63; Avg weight: 5.12.

May tournament one year ago...

Lee Thomas, back in familiar territory, landed five striped bass to win first place in our May 2001 tournament. Lee weighed in an even 23 pounds to win Midland's fifth event of the year.

Just behind Lee and finishing in second, with a limit of five stripers weighing 22 pounds, was Forrest Byrd, also no stranger to the winners' circle. In third place was Billy DuRant with a limit of five fish weighing 20 pounds, 5 ounces.

Justin Wright, Youth Angler of the Year for 2000, won the May Voyager Lunker (big fish) award with a nice 12 pound, 2 ounce striped bass.

NOTICE: PAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS
MEETING AT 6:20 P.M.
BEFORE REGULAR MEETING
Please Be Prompt

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Thanks to the great crowd at our April meeting, and to all visitors and guests. Don't forget to welcome all newcomers as the club grows. Try to remember the welcome you received when you joined and make a positive impact on our guests.

Our annual Youth Tournament has finally arrived. We'll blast off at 7am, come in by 12 noon, then eat hot dogs, burgers and all the fixings. The weigh-in follows lunch, with two fish per youth eligible for weighing. We have trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Big Fish, plus door prizes and certificates. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting to get a count for the tournament. Even if you don't fish, plan to be at the weigh-in...we need help in other areas. Line up all the kids you can and be ready to have some fun!

Those of you that have not paid yearly dues, please do so at this meeting or mail them to me at 959 Rock-N-Creek Rd Leesville SC 29070. It's important to stay current to continue to earn points and receive the newsletter. Thanks and see you at the meeting.

Good Fishing!

Catchall Lee Thomas, President



2002 Officers...

- President - Lee Thomas 532-1317
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FOR SALE...

● 210 WA Sea Pro, Mercury 200 Optimax. Hard top with rocket launchers. GPS, VHF, FM/AM/Tape, Lowrance Eagle, 2 Uni-Troll downriggers, full curtains, cushions, 123 qt. cooler, 2 live wells, aluminum tandem trailer with brakes, more.

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● Scout 162 Sportfish, 90hp Yamaha/SS prop, 16'2" with front and rear casting decks, bow-mounted trolling motor, 6 Hoover II rod holders, VHF, Lowrance X-48, plus a ton of other options & accessories. Set up for striper, largemouth, or coastal inshore.

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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	Acapulco	6:30am-3:30pm	(Note change to Acapulco) (March is a 4-fish boat limit event...final rules to be discussed at March meeting)
Apr. 20	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
May 18	Jakes	7am-12 noon	Kids Tournament
June 8	Bundrick Is.	7am-12 noon	DNR Media Event
June 15*	Dreher Is.	5:45am-5pm*	NSBA Event
*NOTE: Our event coincides with the NSBA Striped Bass Tournament Trail event. You may 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	7am-12 noon	Ladies' Tournament
Oct. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Nov. 16	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Dec. 21	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	Double Points!
Other:			
Jun. 1	Jakes	5:40am-3pm	11th Annual Lake World Team/NSBA

H.4222 In Senate...

H.4222, limiting the number of rods anglers could deploy, passed out of the House to the Senate. Ammendments offered along the way upped the number of rods to eight per person for boat and bank anglers.

Several senators had pledged to block its passage, but only four had dissenting votes when the bill reached a vote. This bill has been tracked by MSC and the Greenville Striper Kings, and representatives from both clubs have met with key legislators to express objections to the bill. Hopefully, the bill will die in the Senate. Please watch this bill closely and urge your senator to vote against H.4222. John Davis composed an outstanding letter you may use as a guide when emailing or writing your senator. Just go to our web site message board and cut, then paste into your letter.

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