

Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 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 May Youth Tournament, NSBA events.

PROGRAM: Down Rods & Cut Bait
 Tackle set-up, baits, and techniques — 3-time MSC AOTY and 2002 NSBA Div II Champ Lee Thomas will show basics, and lead a panel of MSC's top downrod and cutbait anglers to answer your questions. *Don't Miss This!*

2003 Angler of the Year...

Standings after April

1. Ann Byrd	1796 pts.
2. Lee Thomas	1770 pts.
3. Kyle Smith	1723 pts.
4. Danny Young	1695 pts.
5. Claude Laney	1633 pts.
6. Michael Spires	1566 pts.
7. Forrest Byrd	1550 pts.
8. Brian Thomas	1506 pts.
9. Tony Carroll	1474 pts.
10. David W. Jennings	1457 pts.
10. Joby Wetzel	1411 pts.
12. Justin Wright	1366 pts.
13. Kevin Morse	1341 pts.
14. James B. Lindler	1299 pts.
15. Tony Sheperd	1278 pts.

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

Dan Derrick "Bubbly" Over Win In April...

Dan Derrick "aerated" the competition in April with a grand slam of both first place and the AC-Delco Voyager Lunker Award! Dan's winning total of 28 pounds, 6 ounces was 7.5 pounds ahead of the second place angler, due to his lunker which weighed in at 17 pounds, 10 ounces.

In 2nd place with his limit of three weighing 20 pounds, 12 ounces was James Kelly. Ann Byrd finished 3rd with 20 pounds, nine ounces, enough to propel her into 1st place in the overall AOTY stats through the April event. 2003 AOTY leader going into April and former 3-time AOTY Lee Thomas gambled on running up river. Lee's gamble failed to produce a big striper, but netted him three keepers plus several whiskered friends.

Many of the fish, including the whiskered variety, were donated to Tony Sheperd's fish fry for drill sergeants in his unit at Ft. Jackson...a very worthy cause in these times.

Tournament Statistics:

61 paid, 50 fished, 25 weighed 3-fish limits.

39 anglers caught 95 fish at an average weight of 5.52 lbs.

May Youth Angler Tournament one year ago...

Torrents of rain failed to dampen the spirits of the kids participating in our annual MSC Youth Angler Tournament held out of Jakes Landing May 18.

1st place was won by Mary Mattox, 2nd place by Clint Cobb and 3rd Place went to Lea Cobb. Lea also was our Big Fish winner with a 9-pound striper. The kids at the weigh-in ate plenty of good food, excellently cooked by Ted Adams, enjoyed splashing in the rain and won lots of door prizes.

Thanks to our sponsors; MSC member Ben Lanza D.P.M, and to Andrew Spiegel, Spiegel Distributors, Frito-Lay and True-Green/Chemlawn.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

April's meeting proved to be one of the more interesting meetings that we've had this year. Thanks to Vice President John Davis for putting together this program as well as all our programs for 2003.

Warren Turner, NSBA President, did an outstanding job in his presentation and shared his knowledge of striped bass for the April meeting. In fact, the winner of our April tournament, Dan Derrick, took good notes and followed them to perfection...coming away not only with the win, but also the AC/Delco Voyager Lunker award for the biggest fish at 17-10.

Just a reminder that our next meeting will focus on our Youth Tournament scheduled for May 17. Line your kids and neighbors up and get them pre-registered for this exciting tournament. Prizes will be awarded in several categories and all kids who enter will come away winners.

Also, for the next five months our tournaments promise to be super. A lot of time, preparation and planning will make each one special. If you feel moved to volunteer, please do so. We have a place for each of you and you are truly needed.

Until next time...

Marshall West, President, 2003

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Coming In July...

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.

*The First-Ever
NSBA-Sanctioned Night Event!*

2003 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

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!)

Annual MSC Youth Angler Tournament...

Saturday, May 17, 2003

7:00 a.m. - Noon (followed by cookout/awards/prizes)

Jakes Landing

2-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Youth

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