

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 11

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: Youth Tournament

Program: Thump'n the Boat:

MSC's Lee Thomas, four-time AOTY winner, lets it rip on everything from tackle, techniques and "thumping" to catch downrod fish yearround, whether anchored or drifting.

Don't Miss This!

2004 Angler of the Year...

Through April

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| 1. Michael Spires | 1516 |
| 2. Taylor Thomas | 1508 |
| 3. Lee Thomas | 1451 |
| 4. Marshall West | 1402 |
| 5. Townsend Wessinger | 1368 |
| 6. James Cassell | 1354 |
| 7. Debbie Alewine | 1345 |
| 8. Terry Allen | 1337 |
| 9. Danny Young | 1328 |
| 10. James B. Lindler | 1306 |
| 11. Harold B. Alewine Jr. | 1296 |
| 12. Willis Dean Preston | 1285 |
| 13. Ann Byrd | 1282 |
| 14. Wynn Corley | 1272 |
| 15. Billy DuRant | 1264 |

- **Voyager Lunker: Wynn Corley, 17.15 pounds (Caught 4/04)**

President Marshall West Best In April Event...

After three tough, blustery few-fish tournaments to lead off 2004, MSC's April event literally "exploded" with lots of fish caught and big fish to boot! Twenty-one anglers weighed in their 3-fish limits and several fish over ten pounds were caught, including a new 2004 AC/Delco Voyager Lunker leader of 17.15 caught by Wynn Corley.

Taking 1st place was President Marshall West with three stripers weighing 26-5. Close behind in 2nd was Taylor Thomas, following in dad's footsteps as he weighed three totaling 23-13. Placing 3rd was James Matthew Southard with his 3-fish limit of 23-0.

Tournament Statistics:

A new record 73 paid. 40 boats weighed in 91 fish

at an average of 6.73 pounds. (They're growing bigger, folks!)

May Youth Tournament one year ago...

1st place and the Voyager Lunker Big Fish Award was won by Chris Gillian. Chris' two weighed 14-9 and his big fish weighed 8-13. 2nd place went to Jorge Garcia with two fish totaling 14-2 on the scales. Rounding out the top three was Clay Shipes with a limit of two weighing in at 13-6. Over 40 young anglers participated.

Weighing in the Big Cat at 10-8 was Robbie Lindler. Making sure the ladies were not out done was Amanda Jennings, whose 44-inch Lake Murray billfish (gar) was the biggest released.

What a great event...made possible by lots of hard work from Marshall West, Lee Thomas, Lee's wife Kathy and a long list of generous sponsors, including MSC member Ben Lanza D.P.M, Andrew Spiegel, Spiegel Distributors, Cheer Wine and others. Thanks to Archie Trawick of Jakes for hosting the event and to our great cook, Ted Adams.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Finally the fish are starting to see things our way and are beginning to bite. April's tournament did not produce the larger numbers of fish but it did produce several over 10 pounds. The average weight of the fish caught was about as high as I have seen it in a long time. As our club continues to grow I was glad to see several husband and wife teams competing. This is what MSC is all about...having fun, and what better way to share this excitement than with one's spouse. Now that the weather has warmed up maybe we will see more youth and female anglers fishing our tournaments.

You will be hearing more about it at the May meeting, but a reminder that our Youth Tournament is May 15. This is a very exciting time for our youth and what better way to honor them than to take them fishing. Details will be given out later but you can begin to put your team in place. If you wish to volunteer, give Lee Thomas or myself a call and we will be glad to talk with you and answer any questions.

As announced at our last meeting, food costs as well as most everything has gone up and we will now be paying a little more for our meal but with the quality of the food, friendship and fun, this is a small price to pay.

Exciting times are ahead for MSC and I am looking forward to being a part of it.

Later...

Marshall West, President, 2004

2004 Officers...

- President - Marshall West 951-3974
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- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
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MSC

Youth Angler Tournament

Sponsors*

Our thanks to the following for sponsoring our 2004 Youth Angler Tournament:

Dr. Ben Lanza, DPM
Columbia
Mose Kaufman,
Kaufman Construction
Blackville

Without these and others, our youth event would not be possible. Take a moment to thank Ben and Mose when you see them.

*NOTE: Sponsor list incomplete at time of printing. Thanks to all who've helped MSC create a quality event for our youth anglers.

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 | MSC-HydroGlow |
| All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Open Boat Tourn. - NSBA Sanctioned** | | | |
| 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!)

May 2004 Youth Angler Tournament...

Saturday, May 15

7:00 am - 12:00 pm (followed by lunch)

Jakes Landing

2-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Youth 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.



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