



Midlands Striper Club NEWS

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October 2001

October Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

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

Thanks to all members for one of the best Swap 'n Shop programs we've had! October features an open forum on fall & winter tactics with five of MSC's uplake experts! Come out and join in the fun and fellowship!

Programs...

October: Members Fall Forum...

James Cassell, Billy DuRant, Kyle Smith, Lee Thomas and Forrest Byrd lead an open forum on fall & winter striper tackle, tactics and techniques. Don't miss this!

October Tournament...

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Saturday, October 20

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Hilton Landing

2001 Angler of the Year...

Standings through September:

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| 1. Billy DuRant | 3156 pts. |
| 2. Lee Thomas | 3012 pts. |
| 3. Forrest Byrd | 2730 pts. |
| 4. James Cassell | 2714 pts. |
| 5. Marshall West | 2638 pts. |
| 6. Lemond Vanderford | 2579 pts. |
| 7. Ann Byrd | 2411 pts. |
| 8. Justin Wright | 2330 pts. |
| 9. Dal Dyches | 2077 pts. |
| 10. James Lindler | 2063 pts. |
| 11. Jimmy Wright | 2014 pts. |
| 12. John Davis | 2009 pts. |
| 13. James Kelly | 1986 pts. |
| 14. Joby Wetzel | 1894 pts. |
| 15. Townsend Wessinger | 1885 pts. |

● **Voyager Lunker: Forrest Byrd, 21 - 15**

September Youth Tournament Cancelled...

Unfortunately, chilly northeast winds of 15 to 25 miles per hour forced us to cancel the Second Annual Midlands Striper Club Youth Angler Tournament scheduled for Saturday, September 15th out of Jakes Landing. The tournament will not be rescheduled!

Although the members, boats, kids and even the Carolina Outdoors camera crew and boat were there for blast off, the club decided that a lake winds advisory issued by the National Weather Service earlier in the morning was sufficient cause to cancel. The general consensus was that it was a prudent decision made in the interest of safety for the kids and adults.

Several members ventured out anyway, attempting to find a fishing spot out of the wind. Several caught fish despite the conditions.

October Tournament One Year Ago...

Billy DuRant did it again in October 2000, bringing his fourth winning limit to the scales in as many tries! This is getting to be a habit. Billy's five weighed 25.6. In another repeat placing at second was Lee Thomas with five fish totaling 23.6. Third place was earned by Justin Wright, with five stripers weighing 22.6. Billy DuRant also weighed the biggest striped bass at 7.5 pounds, claiming the *Voyager Lunker* (Big Fish) honors.

Tournament Report: 30 paid to fish.

39 fish were caught, 11 anglers caught fish, 5 caught limits.

Total weight: 167.44, Avg. weight: 4.29,

Avg. Length: 23.23"

And There We Were, August 15-16, 2001...

James Cassell and I couldn't find fish, so we settled on a hump near Goat Island. We suspected they would eventually pass by...and they finally did...slowly! We fished cut and live bait in 52' of water and finished up the night tournament at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning with our limits.

Billy DuRant

President's Corner...

Thanks to everyone who attended the September meeting...we had a great turnout despite the American tragedy that sad day. The swap and shop was our best ever...with some really great deals.

The Youth Tournament was cancelled due to extremely high winds and unsafe lake conditions. Nothing's more important than our kids' health, safety and well being. All perishable foods were donated to the Epworth Childrens' Home.

As we continue to grow as a club, let's not forget to make our new members feel welcome as they learn from us and us from them.

We need to start signing up for our AOTY banquet coming up in January. I will need five volunteers to help in getting door prizes for the banquet. Jump in with both feet and get involved and share the rewards of being part of such a wonderful striped bass family-oriented fishing club. See you at the meeting, and until then...

Good Fishing!

Catchall Lee Thomas, President



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FOR SALE...

If you have an item for sale, contact Jim Goller at 803-732-3155 or via email to get it listed here.

Youth Angler Tournament Perishables Donated To Epworth...

The National Weather Service issued a lake winds advisory the morning of our Youth Tournament, forecasting winds of 20-25 mph until mid-afternoon. Although disappointing, the decision was the right one for safety.

Since we were unable to reschedule, the hamburgers, hotdogs and buns were donated to Epworth Children's Home in Columbia. This was our first donation to Epworth since we gave fish in the early 1990's.

2001 Tournament Schedule...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 20	Billy Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	1st event of 2001
Feb. 17	Billy Dreher Is.	6:45am-3:45pm	
Mar. 17	Hilton	6:00am-3:00pm	
Apr. 21	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
May 12	Jakes	7am - 12noon*	<u>Ladies' Tournament</u>
May 19	Jakes	6am-3pm	
June 9	Bundrick Is.	TBA	<u>DNR Media Event</u>
June 16	Jakes	6am-3pm	
July 20/21	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	All-Night Tournament
Aug. 17/18	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	All-Night Tournament
Sept. 15	Jakes	7am-12noon*	<u>Kids Tournament</u>
Oct. 20	Hilton	7am-4pm	
Nov. 17	Acapulco	7am-4pm	
Dec. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<u>Double Points!</u>

*Weigh-in, lunch & followed by a friendly calcutta...details TBA!

MSC Proposed Programs For 2002...

Regular (we need members' suggested topics)

- Swap & Shop
- How to build and/or properly aerate a bait tank
- The mechanics of boat, engine & trailer maintenance
- How to clean, prepare and cook your catch
- Reel care & maintenance
- Umbrella rigs & how to use them
- The finer points of anchor selection and anchoring
- Let there be light...night, navigation, electrical primer, etc.

Novice Corner (For new members just starting out)

- Introduction to MSC...bylaws/tournament rules, website, club map, AOTY
- Getting Started...what you need to catch 'em & find 'em...on a budget
- Whazzit...a series on basics of more specialized techniques

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