



October Meeting...

Tuesday, October 8, 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 fall striper techniques was a hit. Lee Thomas, our president, gave an interesting and informative program. We had another great turnout, and we hope everyone will continue to help make MSC the best club in the state!

This meeting, we'll have a special appearance by Gene Hayes, DNR biologist in charge of Lake Murray.

Agenda...

Gene Hayes, DNR - State of the Lake Address:

Discussion of Lake Murray, drawdown effects, weed problems, etc.

Program: Angler Ethics Panel:

An "ask me anything" panel discussion centered on ethics and other subjects. This is your chance to sound off and ask the questions you've been holding back on!

Don't miss this!

2002 Angler of the Year...

Standings through September

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| 1. Lee Thomas | 3919 pts. |
| 2. Justin Wright | 3767 pts. |
| 3. Danny Young | 3441 pts. |
| 4. Townsend Wessinger | 3395 pts. |
| 5. Brian Thomas | 2970 pts. |
| 6. Marshall West | 2965 pts. |
| 7. Jimmy Wright | 2947 pts. |
| 8. Kyle Smith | 2919 pts. |
| 9. James Lindler | 2910 pts. |
| 10. Forrest Byrd | 2870 pts. |
| 11. Jerry Buckley | 2859 pts. |
| 12. Ann Byrd | 2857 pts. |
| 13. Michael Spires | 2806 pts. |
| 14. Joby Wetzel | 2792 pts. |
| 15. Dal Dyches | 2773 pts. |

□ **Voyager Lunker:**

Lee Thomas, 22 lbs. - 7 oz.

Nicole Taylor Tops Lady Angler Field...

Midlands Striper Club held its annual Lady Angler Striped Bass Tournament on Saturday, September 21. The event, sponsored by the club, our members and Sea Hunt Boats, was held at Jakes Landing. The event was free to all participants.

First place was won by Nicole Taylor of Columbia, who also caught the largest striped bass of the tournament, an 8 pound, 4 ounce fish. Nicole fished with club member Joby Wetzel of Columbia. Joby's daughter, Katie Wetzel, finished in second place. In third place was Beth Smith of Prosperity, fishing with husband and MSC member Kyle Smith.

Twenty lady anglers fished from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Each angler could weigh a maximum of two fish in the competition. Boats were furnished by members of Midlands Striper Club, who acted as guides for the event.

Once all anglers were back at Jakes, they were treated to a lunch of grilled chicked sandwiches, hot dogs, trimmings and drinks prepared on the spot by Ted Adams, MSC's "cook on wheels." After lunch, participants' fish were weighed and winners determined. Winners of the three top places, plus the big fish winner, each received trophies. After the awards, door prizes were distributed to the lucky winners.

October tournament one year ago...

Justin Wright had the "Wright stuff" to win in October with a five fish limit weighing 26-4. Marshall West was close behind in second place with another limit weighing 24-5. Marshall also had the Voyager Lunker for the event, weighing in a 7-11 striper. (No...he didn't buy it at 7-11.) Justin's dad Jimmy Wright finished third with five weighing 23-0.

Rumour has it that Jimmy tried a new approach to chumming...really throwing "himself" into his efforts when he cut off the tip of a finger...but it paid off with his 3rd place showing.

Current Fishin' Report: They're biting!!!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

WOW, what a fantastic meeting and Lady Angler Tournament! We had a big turnout at both and had a good crowd at Jakes for the weigh in. Judging from all the smiles on our lady anglers' faces, they had a great time fishing! Congratulations to those who placed, but everyone who participated was a winner. MSC owes a hearty thank you to Sea Hunt Boats for sponsoring our Lady Angler Tournament. We also thank Archie Trawlick, owner of Jakes, for hosting us and Ted Adams, who out did himself on the food.

We still have MSC club t-shirts in assorted sizes for only \$12.00 each, and we have a few long sleeves at just \$15.00 each. We have HYDROGLOW tournament shirts if you want a memorable souvenir for only \$7.00 each.

Hope to see you all at the October meeting for Gene Hayes report and for our panel discussion...it should be interesting.

This is the time when we start organizing for the coming year with elections and committee assignments. For those who wish to become more involved in your club, I encourage you to step forward and volunteer to serve. We need everyone interested and involved in order to keep you happy as members and make sure MSC serves you!

Good Fishing!

Catchall Lee Thomas, President

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Lady Angler Thanks...

Vic Roof of Sea Hunt Boats sponsored our recent Lady Angler Tournament held out of Jakes Landing. Archie trawlick, owner of Jakes, was our host for the event.

A lot of hard work went into the event, especially MSC President Lee Thomas and his wife Kathy. On hand with his usual culinary expertise was Ted Adams, our "cook on wheels."

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	
(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	<i>Kids Tournament</i>
June 8	Bundrick Is.	7am-12 noon	<i>DNR Media Event</i>
June 15	Dreher Is.	5:45am-5pm	<i>NSBA Event</i>
July 19/20	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>All-Night Tournament</i>
Aug. 16/17	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>MSC-HydroGlow</i>
<i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Tournament - Details TBA</i>			
Sept. 21	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Ladies' Tournament</i>
Oct. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Nov. 16	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Dec. 21	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Double Points!</i>

Lake Level Is Dropping...Be Careful Out There!

MSC October Tournament...

Saturday, October 19, 2002

7:00 am - 4:00 p.m.

Dreher Island State Park

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