



Midlands Striper Club NEWS

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September Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 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 Warren Turner for showing us how to throw a big cast net...no teeth and he even threw it sitting down! This meeting will finalize plans for our Annual Youth Angler event. Come out and join in the fun and fellowship!

Programs...

September: Swap 'n Shop...

Bring all your new & old rods, reels, lures, junk, parts, accessories! MSC's Annual Swap n' Shop may just bring you that deal of a lifetime! Don't miss this!

Youth Tournament...

Annual Youth Angler Tournament

Saturday, September 15

7:00 am - 12:00 noon

Jakes Landing

2001 Angler of the Year...

Standings after eight events:

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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 Wetzell | 1894 pts. |
| 15. Townsend Wessinger | 1885 pts. |

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

Billy DuRant Stars In August Night Tournament...

Billy DuRant was the "star" of our August night tournament. Billy weighed in five weighing 26 pounds, 2 ounces to win our second night tournament. Forrest Byrd continued to land the "biggun," taking the Voyager Lunker for the third time in a row with a 7 pound, 8 ounce fish.

Finishing in a close second place with five strippers weighing 25 pounds, 5 ounces was Lee Thomas. Finishing third was James Cassell with five weighing 22 pounds, 5 ounces.

This was another large MSC event...and the second night tournament with good weather and no accidents!

Tournament Report: 54 paid, 46 fished.

61 fish caught, 6 five-fish limits.

Total weight: 266.75; Avg weight: 4.4; Avg Lgth. 22.95"

September Youth Angler Tournament One Year Ago...

There was no doubt that President Lee Thomas was "the man" Saturday, September 16th, at Jakes Landing. He was the man for a lot of reasons, but when the day was done, Lee was the one who'd thrown comraderie, dedication, hard work, sponsors, volunteers and just plain fun into Midlands Striper Club's first and highly successful Kids Fishing Tournament!

Thirty-two children attended, fished, ate, played and judging from the grinning, happy faces in the crowd, had loads of fun. Parents in attendance talked of the fun and thrill of fishing, for their kids and themselves. Some spoke of how their child "came alive" talking, joking and laughing with them...something they seldom had the opportunity to experience. Healthy, happy times fishing...what more could we hope for in a kids event?

The weather was beautiful. A cold front blew through and slowed the fishing but no one seemed to care, least of all the kids. Every member and volunteer in attendance pitched in to make the tournament a resounding success and an event that came and went without a hitch.

Grinning behind it all was enthusiastic, hard-working Lee Thomas and wife Kathy. Our hats are off to you both. Congratulations on a job well done! (And for winning the afternoon calcutta!)

President's Corner...

Thanks to all who attended our August meeting. We had a really great time and gave away some terrific door prizes. Warren Turner showed us how to throw a cast net, Turner style. Thanks Warren!

The night tournaments are over and they were great...and safe with beautiful weather. The time is here for our annual youth tournament and it's looking like it's gonna be another great event especially with our flagship sponsor, TruGreen-ChemLawn. We need everyone to attend the next meeting and we need full participation in the event. Get your family members, neighbors and friends along with our own MSC youth and bring them to a great fishing event *dedicated to kids!*. Don't miss this event...we know how rewarding it was last year, so be a part of it all in 2001! A special door prize is waiting for one lucky member (see reverse). *See You There!*

We'll have our annual swap and shop at this meeting, so gather up all your "stuff," come on out and join the fun. You could get a really great deal!

Good Fishing!

Catchall Lee Thomas, President



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2001 Officers...

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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.

Special Youth Angler Tournament Participant Door Prize Offered...

Signup for the 2nd Annual MSC Youth Angler Tournament on the form at right and you'll become eligible to win a truly special door prize. Only those who signup to participate will be eligible to win. We are counting on our members to act as guides, providing expertise and boats. We need all members to participate...and we guarantee you will have a great time plus earn a chance on a great prize!

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*	Ladies' Tournament
May 19	Jakes	6am-3pm	
June 9	Bundrick Is.	TBA	DNR Media Event
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*	Kids Tournament
Oct. 20	Hilton	7am-4pm	
Nov. 17	Acapulco	7am-4pm	
Dec. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	Double Points!

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

MSC Youth Tournament Signup/Door Prize Form...

We are counting on our members to act as guides, providing expertise and boats.

Name _____

Will you provide a boat? Yes No

How many youth are you bringing? _____

Do you have room for additional youth on your boat? Yes No

(Children not brought or sponsored by the boat captain must have chaperones onboard, so allow for an extra adult.)

Can you help with registration, serving, weigh-in, clean up? Yes No

Specify _____



Clip and turn in at meeting Sept. 11 to be eligible for a special door prize!

MSC thanks the following sponsors: AC-Delco, Alpine Spring Water, Better Bait & Tackle, Blueback Bait, Driftmaster, Goodyear, SCDNR, Shakespeare, South Carolina Wildlife, Spiegel Distributors, Tru-Green/Chemlawn, Wal-Mart



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