



April Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

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 at 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...

Youth Tournament, March NSBA Tournament wrap-up, plus Hydro-glow Tournament discussion.

Striper Mortality Study: Jason Bettinger, Fisheries Biologist with SCDNR – Does catch and release work? A report on the 2003/04 DNR study supported by MSC anglers.

Don't miss this!

2005 Angler of the Year...

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| 1. Justin Christopher | 1790 pts. |
| 2. Dickie Maroney | 1786 pts. |
| 3. Weston Thomas | 1782 pts. |
| 4. Willis Dean Preston | 1767 pts. |
| 5. Michael Spires | 1766 pts. |
| 6. Arthur Simons | 1755 pts. |
| 7. Danny Young | 1734 pts. |
| 8. Townsend Wessinger | 1670 pts. |
| 9. James B. Lindler | 1661 pts. |
| 10. Taylor Thomas | 1654 pts. |
| 11. Marshall West | 1643 pts. |
| 12. Lee Thomas | 1601 pts. |
| 13. Joby Wetzell | 1568 pts. |
| 14. Donnie Christopher | 1486 pts. |
| 15. Wynn Corley | 1466 pts. |
- AC/Delco Voyager Lunker: Dale Welch**
26 lbs - 14 ozs (Caught 3/05)

Dale Welch's Lunger Clinches March Event!

A nice warming trend, the Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic and a great NSBA Tournament seemed to bring out the best in Lake Murray's stripers...and land a few of the best on the scales!

Finishing 1st was Dale Welch with only 3 fish, but 3 weighing a whopping 42-13, including the new MSC AC/Delco Voyager Lunger at 26-14, which also won the Nichol's Store big fish prize and the R.E.A. Lexington/Net Mortgage big fish prize. Some of you may remember that Dale weighed in the smallest legal limit in February...but erased that distinction in grand fashion with his great March win!

In 2nd was Claude Laney, Debbie and Harold Alewine with four weighing 39-13. Finishing 3rd was James Matthew Southard and guest Kevin Rife with 28-13.

The winner of February's lowest legal creel weight was Danny Wright with 6 pounds, 4 ounces. Noteworthy was Big John Sightler's 23-1 striped bass and a 3rd place NSBA finish for Danny Young, Donnie & Justin Christopher. Congrats to all!

Tournament Statistics:

75 paid, 24 boats weighed 70 fish at an average weight of 8.27 lbs.

April tournament one year ago...

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. Twenty-one anglers weighed in their 3-fish limits and several fish over ten pounds were caught, including a 17.15 caught by Wynn Corley.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

What a difference one tournament can make. With the quality we have in our tournaments, one little slip and 6 to 8 people pass you in the standings. But that's not a bad thing...we're there to have fun, learn and make new friends. It's been said that if you attend our meetings, listen to the speaker, ask questions and fish tournaments, you will be a better striper fisherman. It's pretty obvious that one our newest members did just that. Congratulations to Dale Welch, who came to the scales with a 26 plus pound fish when just last month he weighed in the smallest creel weight. Congratulations also to "Big John" Sightler for weighing in a 20 plus pound fish and the MSC teams that fished the Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic. I believe that MSC had 3 teams in the top ten. Also thanks to all assisting the NSBA with the weigh in and other chores.

Thank to our co-tournament directors for what appeared to be a smooth last minute transition in moving our weigh-in site. We found out at the last minute that there were several other clubs who were going to be fishing out of Dreher Island and we did not want to get tied up in the mix. This is not the first time that we have had large tournaments going out of the same ramp as MSC in March and I assure you that our co-tournament directors will be looking at this for next year.

Don't miss our next meeting as there will be a great program discussing striper mortality rates and we will also have some fabulous door prizes.

NO ANGLER LEFT BEHIND IN 2005.

Marshall West, President



2005 Officers...

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NOTICE...

MSC Annual Dues Are Due.

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- P-04*: Your dues are NOT paid, but you paid \$15 in 2005
- O: Officer
- LTM: Lifetime member
- Comp: Complimentary (for sponsors, etc.)
- DNR: Dept. of Natural Res.

If you believe your label code is incorrect, please see Jim Goller or Marshall West by the April meeting. If you do not pay your dues, you will be placed on the club's inactive roster and will no longer receive a newsletter.

2005 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Individual - 1st event of 2005</i>
Feb. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Mar. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Apr. 16	Jakes	6:30am-3:30 pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
May 21	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Youth Tournament</i>
June 18	Jakes	6:30am-3:30 pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
July 15/16	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	MSC-HydroGlow
<i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Open Boat Tourn. - NSBA Sanctioned*</i>			
Aug. 19/20	Jakes	6:30pm-10 am	<i>All-Night Boat Tournament</i>
Sept. 17	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Ladies' Tournament</i>
Oct. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
Nov. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Dec. 17	Dreher Is.	7am-4 pm	<i>Individual - Double Points!</i>

*July 15-16: MSC / Hydro Glow SCDNR Benefit Open Night Tournament

July 15-16, 2005, 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

April Individual Tournament...

Saturday, April 16

6:30 am - 3:30 pm

Jakes Landing

3-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Angler!

MSC thanks the following sponsors: AC-Delco; Better Bait & Tackle; Blueback Bait; Boaters World (Charlotte); Dannco, LLC; Driftmaster; Ed's Bait Tanks, Goodyear; HydroGlow Fishing Lights; Kaufman Construction, Lake World; Benjamin A. Lanza, D.P.M.; Nichol's Store, Sea Hunt Boats; Shakespeare; *South Carolina Wildlife*; Spiegel Distributors; Wal-Mart.

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This could be your last newsletter!



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