

AOTY Banquet

Saturday, January 10, 2009

Our January meeting is our annual MSC AOTY/TOTY Banquet.

The banquet will be held at **Saluda Shoals Park River Center, 5605 Bush River Rd.** Social hour is at 6 p.m. and the meal will be at 7 p.m.

A BBQ and fried chicken dinner will be served, plus there will be hot dogs for the kids. Cost is only \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids 3-12. Kids under 3 eat free! Price includes gratuity, cleanup and rental fees. Please bring cash so we can pay the bill on the spot. You can also pay your 2009 dues and annual tournament fees at the banquet. This is always a great event, plus there will be a host of door prizes and lots of fun for the whole family! Please confirm your attendance today so we can get a head count!

Agenda...

ATOY/TOTY Banquet & 2009 Officers. Don't miss this!

2008 Angler of the Year

1. Danny Young	4036 pts.
2. Kreg Frady	4012 pts.
3. Justin Christopher	3994 pts.
4. Michael Spires	3986 pts.
5. Lee Thomas	3836 pts.
6. Donnie Christopher	3785 pts.
7. James Lindler	3498 pts.
8. David Sellers	3445 pts.
9. Adam Ledford	3351 pts.
10. Don Jackson	3305 pts.
11. Dean Preston	3068 pts.
12. Woody Barnes	2880 pts.
13. Lorraine Buckwell	2836 pts.
14. Harold Alewine	2834 pts.
15. Gary Heichelbech	2827 pts.

Nichols Store Big Fish: Lorraine Buckwell, 26 lbs. - 14 ozs., caught Mar. '08.

Gary Heichelbech Wins December Double Points . . . Danny Young Wins 2008 AOTY!

Midlands Striper Club's December Double Points Tournament was held out of Acapulco Landing on Lake Murray. In an exciting finish and the closest annual race on record, Danny Young surged from 5th place to win MSC's coveted Angler of the Year award!

Finishing 1st was Gary Heichelbech of Lexington with 15 pounds, 10 ounces. Only 2 ounces back and in his 2nd trip in a row to the winner's circle was Don Jackson of Leesville with 15 pounds 8 ounces.

The story for December, however, was 3rd place finisher Danny Young's surge to take the MSC 2008 AOTY. Danny Young, of Sumter, finished with 13 pounds, 1 ounce, enough to leap from 5th place to 1st with the added bonus of double points. Only 50 points separated the top four anglers. Danny also caught December's Nichol's Store of Rock Hill Big Fish weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces. However, the Nichol's Store Big Fish of the Year for 2008 was landed by Lorraine Buckwell of Taylors back in March. Lorraine's lunker tipped the scales at 26 pounds, 14 ounces.

The December tournament's smallest creel was weighed by Jim King of Chapin. The 2008 Team of the Year is Team Catchall! The Nichols Store Big Fish of 2008, 26-14, was caught in March by Lorraine Buckwell!

Congratulations to all on a remarkable year!

January 2008 Tournament...

MSC's first 2008 tournament was held January 20 out of Acapulco. 1st Place went to Justin Christopher with 3 striped bass weighing 30.6 lbs. Justin also landed the Big Fish, weighing 11.2 lbs. 2nd was David Sellers with 20.14 lbs. Finishing 3rd was Donnie Christopher, with 3 weighing 20 lbs.

The lowest legal creel weight was caught by Michael Spires.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

2008 is in the books and we've crowned a new and very deserving AOTY, Danny Young. Congratulations! 2008 was filled with excitement and challenges. MSC faced a tough tournament season of smaller fish and lower weights. A new points system was proposed, relicensing of the dam, a copepod infestation, changing the meeting location, etc. There were widely differing opinions on these issues, but through it all, the club pulled together.

The PAC and Tournament Directors looked for ways to inject even more fun into our club and tournaments. The 2009 schedule will provide 6 TOTY and 6 AOTY point tournaments, and 3 additional non-point events (Youth, Ladies, and Capt/Mate Draw tournaments). There are plans to keep our annual Hydro Glow Night Open, but replace our other night tournament with an "early morning" tournament and cook-out. There's no better time to get involved and volunteer. We have some new officers and PAC members on board, and I am anxious to see their enthusiasm and fresh ideas. 2009 promises to be another productive and exciting year for MSC. Let's all resolve to participate and contribute, making 2009 the most successful ever, and get back to some fun fishing in the coming year! And speaking of excitement, remember: as you read this newsletter, you are ALL tied for 1st place in the 2009 AOTY race!!!

Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you at the Banquet!

Harold "Jon Boy" Alewine, President 2009

2009 Officers...

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2008 AOTY Banquet

MSC's Angler of the Year Banquet will be at Saluda Shoals Park River Center on Saturday, Jan. 10th. We'll have BBQ, hash & rice, fried chicken, veggies, dessert and even hot dogs for the kids who'd rather have them!

Cost is only \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids 3-12. Kids under 3 eat free! This is a great way to start off the New (Fishing) Year!

From Columbia, take I-26 west toward Spartanburg. Exit Piney Grove Road and turn left. Proceed approximately 1.5 miles to St. Andrews Road. Turn right, then left at the first traffic light onto Bush River. Saluda Shoals Park will be 1.5 miles on your left.

2009 MSC Tournament Schedule

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 17	Acapulco	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Individual</i>
Feb. 21	Acapulco	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Team Boat Tournament</i>
Mar. 21	Acapulco	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Team Boat Tournament</i>
Mar. 28	TBA	TBA	<i>Ride Along Day (No Points)</i>
Apr. 18	Jakes	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
April 25	Jakes	7 am - 12 noon	<i>Youth Angler Tournament</i>
May 16	Jakes	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
June 20	Jakes	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Team Boat Tournament</i>
July 17/18	Jakes	6:30 pm - 10 am	<i>MSC All-Night DNR Benefit Open Boat Tournament</i>
July 25	Jakes	7 am - 12 noon	<i>Lady Angler Tournament</i>
Aug. 15	Jakes	5 am - 12 noon	<i>Team Boat Tournament</i>
Sept. 19	Jakes	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
Oct. 17	Acapulco	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
Nov. 21	Acapulco	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Team Boat Tournament</i>
Dec. 19	Acapulco	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Individual - Double Points!</i>

(Schedule is tentative, based on many factors...always check in advance!)

Individual Creel: 3 fish per angler

Team Creel: 4 fish per boat

Youth & Lady Angler Event Creels: 2 fish per angler

Youth, Lady Angler and August Events are followed by a cookout

January 2009 Individual Tournament

MSC Individual Angler Tournament

Saturday, Jan. 17, Acapulco USA, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

3-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Angler

1st Event of 2009!

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