



Next Meeting...

Tuesday, March 11, 2008 Carolina Wings and Rib House, 2347 Augusta Rd., West Columbia. 7:00 P.M. Come at 6 p.m. if you plan to eat. The buffet meal is reasonable and there is a \$3 charge for beverages for those who do not eat. This keeps the club from paying extra for the meeting room. See website for a map and more information.

Agenda...

Program: Questions and Answers with Captain Terry Caulder, Lake Murray Catch 22 Guide Service & MSC Member. Terry is a USCG Licensed Captain, professional guide and tournament competitor. Terry will come prepared to cover freelines, cut bait, down rods and much, much more. Bring your questions and notebooks for an angler known for Murray's big fish! *This is sure to be a meeting you won't want to miss!*

2008 Angler of the Year...

1. Justin Christopher	1264 pts.
2. Donnie Christopher	1148 pts.
3. Lorraine Buckwell	1053 pts.
4. Dave Sellers	1002 pts.
5. Danny Young	920 pts.
6. Matt Southard	911 pts.
7. Louis Buckwell	906 pts.
8. Dean Preston	868 pts.
9. Kevin Rife	834 pts.
10. Kreg Frady	784 pts.
11. Skip Morgan	778 pts.
12. Adam Ledford	749 pts.
13. Woody Barnes	666 pts.
14. Lee Thomas	636 pts.
15. Michael Spires (T)	626 pts.
15. Weston Thomas (T)	626 pts.
Team Leader: Team Buckwell	606 pts.
Nichols Store Big Fish: Lorraine Buckwell, 14 lbs. - 6 ozs., caught Feb. '08.	

Team "The Buckwells" Wins 1st 2008 Team Event!

MSC's February Team Tournament was won by Louis and Lorraine Buckwell, who caught four striped bass weighing an impressive 37.14 lbs. Louis and Lorraine also caught the Big Fish of the tournament weighing 14.6 lbs. and had a second fish that weighed just under 14 lbs. The Buckwells will receive the Lake World of Lexington team award as well as the Nichol's Store of Rock Hill Big Fish prize.

Finishing second with 33.0 lbs. was "Team Wildman," consisting of team captain Donnie Christopher, along son Justin Christopher, Skip Morgan and Danny Young. In third place with 23.8 lbs. was "Team Nobody," consisting of team captain Billy Durant and partners Weston Thomas and Weston's mom, Rianne Thomas.

The winners of the lowest legal creel weight prize for February were Wynn Corley and Tony Carroll with 4.11 lbs.

Tournament Statistics: 63 paid. 18 boats weighed 45 fish at an average of 6.09.

MSC March Tournament One Year Ago . . .

"Team Nobody," led by team captain Billy Durant along with team members James Cassell and Weston Thomas, caught four striped bass weighing a whopping 42.4 lbs. Finishing in second place with 30.15 lbs. was "Team John-Boy," consisting of Harold and Debbie Alewine. In third place with 27.12 lbs. was "Team The Buckwells," consisting of Louis and Lorraine Buckwell. The MSC-Nichol's Store of Rock Hill Big Fish, weighing 16.2 lbs., was landed by Weston Thomas. The winners of the lowest legal creel weight prize for March were Tom Gitto, Forest and Ann Byrd, with 6.13lbs.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Can this much work be fun??

MSC has had a full plate of business since 2008 began. We are in the middle of the re-licensing of Saluda Shoals Hydro (Lake Murray Dam). We have had great representation on the committee for re-licensing hearings, and great participation from the club membership. We learned that we now have a copepod infestation, making water quality in the lake that much more critical. Whew!

We had an awesome February program by Warren and Pam Turner of the Striped Bass Conservation Coalition. MSC will be joining with SBCC to conduct a striper tournament during the Palmetto Sportsman's Classic later this month. The profits from this tournament will go to the club's conservation fund, and the tournament will also be used to obtain brood fish for the hatchery. I hope as many MSC members as possible will fish the tournament and promote it in your community.

We just had our first PAC meeting of 2008. Rest assured, your club officers and committee members are hard at work. All of this work is absolutely necessary to maintain the quality of fishing we currently enjoy on our home lake. Speaking of quality fish, congratulations to Team Buckwell on their February win, and to all of those who placed and participated. Let's try to stay focused on our important responsibilities, but have some fun too!!!

Hope to see you all soon!

Harold Alewine, 2008 President

2008 Officers...

- President - Harold Alewine 366-3335
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MSC Dues Status Key

MSC Dues Are Past Due!

NEWSLETTER LABEL CODE KEY

If your label code says:

- P-08: Your '08 dues are paid
- P-07: Your dues are NOT paid, you paid \$30 dues in 2007
- P-07*: Your dues are NOT paid, you paid \$15 in 2007
- O: Officer
- LTM: Lifetime member
- Comp: Complimentary (for sponsors, etc.)
- DNR: Dept. of Natural Resources

Dues were due by the February meeting. If you believe your code is incorrect, please email Jim Goller (wildlifesc@embarqmail.com) or see an officer at the meeting. If you do not pay your dues by the April meeting, you will be placed on the club's inactive roster and will no longer receive a newsletter. You could also lose your AOTY points!

2008 Tournament Schedule

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 19	Acapulco	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Individual</i>
Feb. 16	Acapulco	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Team Boat Tournament</i>
Mar. 15	Acapulco	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Team Boat Tournament</i>
Mar. 29	TBA	TBA	<i>SCBCC/MSC Benefit Open</i>
Apr. 19	Jakes	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
May 17	Jakes	7 am - 12 noon	<i>Youth Angler Tournament</i>
June 21	Jakes	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Team Boat Tournament</i>
July 18/19	Jakes	6:30 pm - 10 am	<i>MSC All-Night DNR Benefit Open Boat Tournament</i>
Aug. 15/16	Jakes	6:30 pm - 10 am	<i>Night Team Boat Tournament</i>
Sept. 20	Jakes	7 am - 12 noon	<i>Lady Angler Tournament</i>
Oct. 18	Jakes	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
Nov. 15	Acapulco	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Team Boat Tournament</i>
Dec. 20	Acapulco	Safe Light - 3 pm	<i>Individual - Double Points!</i>

(Schedule is tentative, based on ramp access and other factors...)

Always check in advance!

Individual Event Creel: 3 fish per angler

Team Boat Event Creel: 4 fish per boat

Youth & Lady Angler Event Creels: 2 fish per angler

MSC March Boat Tournament

Saturday, March 15, 2008

Acapulco Landing

Safe Light - 3:00 p.m.

4-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Boat

MSC thanks the following sponsors: Better Bait & Tackle; Blueback Bait; Boaters World (Charlotte); Creek Bank Bait Tanks, Dannco, LLC; Donna Gardner Builders; Driftmaster; Ed's Bait Tanks, Goodyear; HydroGlow; Kaufman Construction, Lake World; Ben A. Lanza, D.P.M.; Dr. Todd Barrett; Nichols Store of Rock Hill, Sea Hunt Boats; Shakespeare; Wal-Mart.

**THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!
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