



Midlands Striper Club NEWS

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August 2001

August Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 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 Lee Thomas and all for their great program on night fishing lights! This meeting we'll have Warren Turner showing how to throw a cast net...no teeth and even sitting down! Come out and join in!

Programs...

August: Castnets & Bait...

Warren Turner, Pres. of Greenville Striper Kings and SSBA will show us how to throw big cast nets...from any position and without putting the weights in his mouth...don't miss this!

Aug. Night Tournament...

Club All-Night Tournament

Fri - Sat, August 17/18

6:30 pm - 10:00 am

Jakes Landing

2001 Angler of the Year...

Standings after seven events:

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| 1. Billy DuRant | 2613 pts. |
| 2. Lee Thomas | 2484 pts. |
| 3. Lemond Vanderford | 2454 pts. |
| 4. Forrest Byrd | 2350 pts. |
| 5. James Cassell | 2232 pts. |
| 6. Marshall West | 2157 pts. |
| 7. Ann Byrd | 2072 pts. |
| 8. Dal Dyches | 1977 pts. |
| 9. Justin Wright | 1965 pts. |
| 10. James Kelly | 1798 pts. |
| 11. Townsend Wessinger | 1785 pts. |
| 12. John Davis | 1765 pts. |
| 13. Jimmy Wright | 1658 pts. |
| 14. Joby Wetzel | 1649 pts. |
| 15. James Lindler | 1618 pts. |

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

Forrest Byrd Shines In July Night Tournament...

Forrest Byrd was in the spotlight again in our July night tournament. Forrest weighed in five weighing 29 pounds, 8 ounces that beat all in our first night tournament of the year, including a 7 pound, 10 ounce fish that won the Voyager Lunker for the event. This was Forrest's second win AND second Big Fish in a row.

Finishing in second place with five stripers weighing 25 pounds, 3 ounces, was Johnathan Gossett. Finishing third was Lee Thomas with five weighing 24 pounds, 11 ounces.

This was another large MSC event...and one that enjoyed good weather.

Tournament Report: 44 paid, 38 fished.

131 fish caught, 10 five-fish limits.

Total weight: 587; Avg weight: 4.5; Avg Lgth. 23.2"

August Night Tournament Report One Year Ago...

Billy DuRant brought yet another winning limit to the scales in our August 2000 night tournament, making it three wins in a row. Billy's five weighed 25.5. In second, only a few ounces behind, was Lee Thomas with five fish totaling 24.9. Third place was claimed by James Cassell, a couple of pounds back with five weighing 22.7. "Lucky" Eddie Adams had a 8.44-pound striper that took our *Voyager Lunker* (Big Fish) honors.

Mike Huber & Joby Wetzel, Tournament Directors

REMINDER: Night Tournaments require special precautions...

Don't let this month's night tournament slip up before you take time to fully charge batteries, check all navigation lights and make sure any auxilliary lights are charged and in good, safe condition. Those who use generators and inverters remember...110 vac can kill. Be sure to check all plugs, connectors, fuses and wiring. And even if you're using extra lights, you need to ensure you have an "all-around" light to be safe AND legal. And, if you're not at anchor, even just drifting, *navigation lights are required.*

Editor

President's Corner...

Thanks to all who attended our July meeting.

Thanks to all of you for allowing me to be president of such a wonderful club that puts on great events like the Ladies and Youth tournaments along with our regular tournaments throughout the year. Thanks for all the participation throughout the year that allowed the club to be able to donate equipment to DNR to help in research for our wonderful sport.

Please keep in mind that our health and well being are most important as we near our second night event of the season. Let's get all lights in order and plan ahead with an eye on safety.

Bring the family on out to the August meeting to enjoy a night of friends and fellowship, plus a chance to win some great door prizes. We'll have a great seminar by Warren Turner on cast netting...don't miss this one!

Good Fishing!

Catchall Lee Thomas, President



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MSC Donates To DNR...

At our last meeting, MSC purchased and donated an underwater camera to Gene Hayes' district of DNR's Freshwater Fisheries Division for use in their fish habitat programs.

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

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

Coming Soon...MSC Youth Angler Tournament...

Coming up September 15th is MSC's 2nd Annual Youth Angler Tournament. Tournament time is 7 a.m. until 12 noon, followed by a weigh-in, a cookout, awards and door prizes. After the festivities, a friendly club calcutta tournament will follow. Location is Jakes Landing, thanks to Archie.

If you participated in our first youth event last year, you know what a great time it was for the youngsters. Perhaps as important, it was loads of fun for us "oldsters." Last year Lee & Kathy Thomas worked very hard to make sure there was something for everyone. Let's all pitch in this year and lend them a hand. I guarantee you won't be disappointed!

Editor

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