



December Meeting...

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

Our regular meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at **Western Sizzlin', corner of I-26 & 378, Columbia.** Come early if you plan to eat.

Steve DeKozlowski, DNR's Chief of Aquatic Weed Control, was with us last meeting to speak on the issues of Komeen and the upcoming introduction of grass carp into Lake Murray.

Agenda...

Election of 2003 Officers
*This is an important meeting...
...please don't miss it!*

AOTY Saturday, Jan. 11...

Our January meeting will be our annual MSC AOTY Banquet at VFW Post 8738 on Cedarcrest Dr. in Lexington. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and our meal will be at 7 p.m.

There will be a steak and chicken dinner. Cost is \$10 per person, kids 7-12, \$5 and kids 6 and under free. Price includes gratuity, cleanup and rental fees. Please bring cash so we can pay the bill on the spot.

You can pay dues and annual tournament fees at the banquet.

2002 Angler of the Year...

Standings through November.

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| 1. Lee Thomas | 4847 pts. |
| 2. Justin Wright | 4664 pts. |
| 3. Danny Young | 4501 pts. |
| 4. Brian Thomas | 4144 pts. |
| 5. Townsend Wessinger | 4133 pts. |
| 6. Marshall West | 3880 pts. |
| 7. Michael Spires | 3870 pts. |
| 8. James Lindler | 3805 pts. |
| 9. Jimmy Wright | 3623 pts. |
| 10. Joby Wetzell | 3606 pts. |
| 11. Kyle Smith | 3543 pts. |
| 12. John Davis | 3494 pts. |
| 13. Ann Byrd | 3489 pts. |
| 14. Forrest Byrd | 3453 pts. |
| 15. Jerry Buckley | 3109 pts. |

□ **Voyager Lunker: Lee Thomas, 22-7**

Brian Thomas Hot In Cold November Event...

The 26 who fished our November tournament faced tough, cold, rainy conditions, yet some great catches were weighed in at the scales. It was definitely a tournament for diehards!

Hot again despite the cold was Brian Thomas, who finished first with a nice limit of five stripers weighing 30 pounds, 15 ounces! Brian also caught the Voyager Lunker for the day...an 8 pound, 11 ounce striped bass.

Finishing close behind in second place was Danny Young with a five fish limit weighing 29 pounds, 5 ounces. Third place went to Townsend Wessinger, with his limit of five tipping the scales at 25 pounds, 7 ounces.

Congratulations to the winners and all who participated! Don't forget December is a *Double Points* event...and only a few hundred points separates places 1-5. Only a few hundred more separate places 6-15. Anything can happen...and often does!

Tournament Statistics:

31 paid, 26 fished

22 anglers weighed in 80 fish at an average weight of 4.95 lbs.

December tournament one year ago...

Billy DuRant needed every doubled December point from his 22-11 limit of five to nudge Lee Thomas for Billy's first AOTY award. Lee weighed in five fish that totaled 23-10, but that weight fell just nine ounces shy of what he needed to surpass Billy. 2000's Big Fish/Voyager Lunker winner Ann Byrd came to the scales to claim first place in the tournament with 32-8. Finishing in second place with five stripers weighing 26-15 was Dal Dyches, who also had the Voyager Lunker for December with an 8-0 striper. "Ann's husband" Forrest Byrd finished third with an even 25 pounds of fish.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Thanks to all who attended the meeting in November. We had a good crowd, great fellowship and good food.

Our Angler of the Year banquet is almost here and it will be another great event. Please sign up at this meeting so we can get a count for food. You may also contact me, Marshall West or Jim Goller...but please contact us ASAP.

Thanks to all chairmen, committee members, officers and volunteers who donated their time and efforts to benefit the club in 2002. They made my term as president enjoyable and a whole lot easier. By working together, we've made MSC a very strong, close club. The fellowship we enjoy is amazingly strong among members...and that's what a family club is all about. Thanks also to all who gave me support, and for advising me along the way.

Above all, thanks for allowing me to serve as your president for three wonderful years! I ask only that you please support your elected officers in the years to come...and help make MSC even greater.

Good Fishing! Catchall Lee Thomas, President, 2000 - 2002

2002 Officers...

- President - Lee Thomas 532-1317
- Vice-Pres. - Marshall West 951-3974
- Secretary - John Davis 781-3856
- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
- Tour. Dir. - Mike Huber 781-5680
- James Lindler 939-4647
- Parliament. - Jim Goller 732-3155

'03 Officer Nominations...

President: Marshall West

Vice Pres.: John Davis

Secretary: Billy Taylor

Treasurer: James Cassell (I*)

Co- James Lindler (I*)
Tour. Dir.: Terry Allen

Parliamentarian: Bob Marshall

***Incumbent**

The floor will reopen for additional nominations at the December meeting. Please come out and vote.

2002 Tournament Schedule...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 19	Billy Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	1st event of 2002
Feb. 16	Billy Dreher Is.	6:45am-3:45pm	
Mar. 16	Acapulco	6:30am-3:30pm	
(March is a 4-fish boat limit event...final rules to be discussed at March meeting)			
Apr. 20	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
May 18	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Kids Tournament</i>
June 8	Bundrick Is.	7am-12 noon	<i>DNR Media Event</i>
June 15	Dreher Is.	5:45am-5pm	<i>NSBA Event</i>
July 19/20	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>All-Night Tournament</i>
Aug. 16/17	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>MSC-HydroGlow</i>
<i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Tournament - Details TBA</i>			
Sept. 21	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Ladies' Tournament</i>
Oct. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Nov. 16	Acapulco	7am-4pm	
Dec. 21	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Double Points!</i>

****August 16-17: MSC / Hydro Glow SCDNR Benefit Night Tournament**

August 16-17, 2002, Jakes Landing, 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Special membership drive allows prospective members to join for the balance of 2002 for only \$15 and fish the August Night Tournament. \$250 each to 1st place and Big Fish...but ONLY if fishing with a Hydro Glow light.

MSC December DOUBLE POINTS Tournament...

Saturday, December 21, 2002

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Acapulco Landing

DOUBLE POINTS!!!

MSC thanks the following sponsors: AC-Delco; Alpine Spring Water; AnglersChannel.com; Better Bait & Tackle; Blueback Bait; Driftmaster; Goodyear; HydroGlow Fishing Lights; Benjamin A. Lanza, D.P.M.; Sea Hunt Boats; Shakespeare; *South Carolina Wildlife*; Spiegel Distributors; Tru-Green/Chemlawn; Wal-Mart



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