



Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

Hilltop Restaurant, 767 St. Andrews Rd. (corner of St. Andrews and Jamil Rd., near junction of St. Andrews and I-26. 7:00 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend our **annual Election Night**. We have a fine slate of officers and twelve members nominated for the PAC Committee. Ballots will be provided for you to cast your vote.

Just as important is DNR's annual "State of the Lake" address and plans for our January 8th Angler of the Year Banquet...so come on out!

Agenda...

AGENDA: Officer Elections and AOTY Banquet Plans.

PROGRAM: DNR's Annual "State of the Lake" address by. Come out and meet SCDNR biologists as they answer your questions.

Please attend and help elect your slate of 2005 officers!

Don't Miss This!

2004 Angler of the Year...

Standings after November...

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| 1. Wynn Corley | 4077 pts. |
| 2. Arthur Simmons | 4036 pts. |
| 3. Lee Thomas | 3994 pts. |
| 4. Michael Spires | 3992pts. |
| 5. Willis Dean Preston | 3866 pts. |
| 6. Billy DuRant | 3856 pts. |
| 7. Tony Carroll | 3790 pts. |
| 8. Ann Byrd | 3696pts. |
| 9. Marshall West | 3653 pts. |
| 10. Forrest Byrd | 3620 pts. |
| 11. Debbie Alewine | 3373 pts. |
| 12. James B. Lindler | 3355 pts. |
| 13. Danny Young | 3345 pts. |
| 14. Jim Fiber | 3210 pts. |
| 15. Joby Wetzell | 3208 pts. |

AC/Delco Voyager Lunker: Kyle Smith, 21.5 pounds (Caught 7/04)

Carroll, Corley & West Hot In November . . .

With unseasonably mild temperatures to begin the day, the fish also heated up the boat of Tony Carroll, Wynn Corley and Marshall West even further, allowing them to place first with four stripers weighing 30-12 including the 9-6 AC/Delco Voyager Lunker for November.

In second place was the boat of Jim Fiber, Mike Johnson and Arthur Simmons with a limit weighing 28-2. The team of Michael Spires, Lee Thomas and Taylor Thomas finished a very close 3rd with their limit weighing 20-0.

The AOTY race is on! Only 457 points separate the top ten places...and with December's Double Points, that's equivalent to only 14.3 pounds of fish!

Statistics: 49 paid, 14 boats weighed in 41 stripers at an average of 5.84 pounds.

December Tournament one year ago...

Our December 2003 tournament began with freezing temperatures and winds and Lee Thomas made a classic late run to claim his 4th AOTY title! Lee was pressured by two-time Lady Angler of the Year Ann Byrd, who had led all anglers for most of 2003. Lee won with only 184 points to spare in the December double points tournament.

Finishing 1st in the event was Arthur Simmons, with only two fish weighing 26-2 ounces. His catch, however, included the AC/Delco Voyager Lunker for the event at 17-9. Claude Laney was 2nd with three weighing 24-10. 3rd went to Debbie Alewine, with a 19.0 limit of three.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Another month and another successful Midlands Striper Club tournament. I believe most everyone will agree that the weather cooperated more so than in October and it appears that most everyone caught fish whether they were short fish or box fish.

There were 5 or 6 people that I know of that could not wait to get home from the tournament, get out their calculators and tally points to see if they legitimately had a shot at the AOTY. Last year after the November tournament there were 1160 points separating 1st and 10th place. This year there are only 457 points separating 1st and 10th place. Play with the numbers all you want but one thing is for sure... it is all coming down to the last tournament of the year and quite possibly the last fish caught.

In December we will be accepting nominations for our elected officials to lead the club in 2005. Please put some thought into this matter. Also at our meeting we will begin to discuss our AOTY banquet. The banquet will be held at the VFW Club in Lexington where it has been held for the past several years. Each year this banquet grows and gets more exciting that the last one. This year will be no exception. Go ahead and mark you calendars for January 8, 2005 and we will start the ball rolling at December's meeting by signing up. More details will be available at our next meeting.

Thanks...

Marshall West, President, 2004

2004 Officers...

- President - Marshall West 951-3974
- Vice-Pres. - John Davis 781-3856
- Secretary - Bob Marshall 798-0231
- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
- Tour. Dir. - Danny Young 938-8245
- Parliament. - Mike Johnson 356-8140

AOTY Coming Jan 8...

Our January 2005 meeting will be our annual MSC AOTY Banquet on Saturday, Jan. 8th and promises to be another great affair. We always have a few surprises to go along with a big selection of door prizes and raffle items.

The banquet will be at VFW Post 8738 on Cedarcrest Dr. in Lexington. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and our meal, your choice of grilled chicken or steak, begins at 7 p.m. In prior years, cost has been about \$10 per person and \$5 for kids. Kids under 6, with a menu of hot-dogs, spaghetti or chicken nuggets, will be around \$2.

Dues and annual tournament fees will be collected at the banquet.

2005 Officer & PAC Nominations...

President:	Marshall West
Vice-President:	John Davis
Secretary:	Bob Marshall
Treasurer:	James Cassell
Parliamentarian:	Mike Johnson
Co-Tournament Directors:	Danny Young & John Sightler

PAC Committee: (Officers, webmaster & newsletter editor are automatically members of PAC and the Chairman is appointed by the President)

Committee Nominations:

Reed Bull	Donnie Christopher
Wynn Corley	Dan Derrick
Billy DuRant	David W. Jennings
Lester Jones	James Lindler
Cam Littlejohn	David Medlin
Arthur Simons	Michael Spires
Tom Stokes	Lee Thomas
Joby Wetzel	Danny Wright

Please come out and support the nominees and MSC by voting!

MSC December Double Points Tournament...

Saturday, December 18, 2004

DOUBLEPOINTS Angler Tournament

Dreher Island State Park: 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

3 Fish Maximum Weigh In Per Angler

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**December tournament earns Double Points!
Happy Holidays!**



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