



### March Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 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.

Our last meeting was packed for our two programs. Thanks to sponsors for their support and to our speakers.

Don't forget...it's past time to pay dues and tournament fees. Look for James Cassell, Treasurer, at the meeting and get up to date.

### February Programs...

Shakespeare: All About Rods: A representative from Shakespeare will be on hand to answer your questions about rods, construction and choosing the right rod. Don't miss it!

### March Boat Tournament...

Saturday, March 16, 2002

6:30 am - 3:30 pm

Acapulco Landing

4-Fish Boat Limit\*

Optional \$10 Big Fish Pot

\*Rules to be discussed at meeting.

### 2002 Angler of the Year...

Standings after two events:

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| 1. Lee Thomas          | 859 pts. |
| 2. Danny Young         | 850 pts. |
| 3. Marshall West       | 730 pts. |
| 4. Tato Martinez       | 676 pts. |
| 5. Michael Spires      | 660 pts. |
| 6. Justin Wright       | 653 pts. |
| 7. Brian Thomas        | 651 pts. |
| 8. Chris Sauls         | 631 pts. |
| 9. Jerry Buckley       | 561 pts. |
| 10. Townsend Wessinger | 549 pts. |
| 11. Brad Pittman       | 540 pts. |
| 12. Trey Cobb          | 533 pts. |
| 13. Joby Wetzel        | 494 pts. |
| 14. Dave Pratt         | 486 pts. |
| 15. John Davis         | 464 pts. |
- Voyager Lunker: Brad Pittman, 9-5

### Danny Young Tops Field In February...

Danny Young made his first trip to the winner's circle with five stripers weighing 26 pounds, 7 ounces and first place. Danny's caught his stripers fishing alone. Two came on freelines early and cut bait was the ticket to his final three later in the day.

Michael Spires finished second with five weighing 25-10. Brian Thomas was third with five weighing 25-1. Ann Byrd continued the Byrd's big fish monopoly, er, um, tradition, catching February's Voyager Lunker, which weighed 7-5.

Tournament Report: 45 paid, 44 fished, 29 caught keepers  
72 fish caught, 6 five-fish limits.

Total weight: 349.88; Avg weight: 4.86

March tournament one year ago...

Jim "Flatbroke" Goller landed the club's first five-fish limit of 2001 to take first place in our third tournament of the year. Jim caught his 23-pound limit by 8:30 a.m. pulling freelines near the dam over 15 feet of water. In second place was Dal Dyches with four fish weighing 21 pounds, 1 ounce, enough to put him in the lead for AOTY. Finishing third with three stripers and a total weight of 17 pounds, 5 ounces was Townsend Wessinger. Townsend's big fish, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces, took the March Voyager Lunker award. Anglers finally had a good day to fish. Although the day started off cold and windy, by afternoon it was warm, calm and beautiful.

### PAC Meeting At 6:30...

The MSC PAC committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., March 12, prior to our regular club meeting. We will discuss and finalize the club's program schedule for 2002. I look forward to seeing each of you at 6:30 p.m. sharp so we can get the job done quickly and eat before the meeting. Thanks!

Jim Goller

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Thanks to all who attended the February meeting...we had a great crowd. Talk about a close fishing club! We were all close that night...about 70 in one side of the meeting room!

This month's meeting will be a good one. A Shakespeare rod builder will be on hand to explain the process and to answer your questions about rods. Think about your questions and bring them to Shakespeare...we should all learn a lot.

There will be some great door prizes to be given away, so don't miss this one. Bring the family out for a great meal, the meeting and fellowship among friends.

Welcome to all new members that have joined the club recently...we hope you're going to enjoy MSC! We have a great year planned! See you at the meeting!

Good Fishing!

Catchall Lee Thomas, President



### 2002 Officers...

- President - Lee Thomas 532-1317
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### FOR SALE...

●210WA Sea Pro, Mercury 200 Optimax. Hard top with rocket launchers. GPS, VHF, FM/AM/Tape, Lowrance Eagle, 2 Uni-Troll downriggers, full curtains, cushions, 123 qt. cooler, 2 live wells, aluminum tandem trailer with brakes, more.

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●Scout 162 Sportfish, 90hp Yamaha w/SS prop, 16'2" with front and rear casting decks, bow-mounted trolling motor, 6 Hoover II rod holders, VHF, Lowrance X-48, plus a ton of other options & accessories. Set up for striper, largemouth, or coastal inshore.

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### 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	(Note change to Acapulco) (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	Kids Tournament
June 8	Bundrick Is.	7am-12 noon	DNR Media Event
June 15*	Dreher Is.	5:45am-5pm*	NSBA Event
*NOTE: Our event coincides with the NSBA Striped Bass Tournament Trail event. You may fish a tournament within a tournament.			
July 19/20	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	All-Night Tournament
Aug. 16/17	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	All-Night Tournament
Sept. 21	Jakes	7am-12 noon	Ladies' Tournament
Oct. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Nov. 16	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Dec. 21	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	Double Points!
Other:			
Mar. 9	Dreher Is.	Safe light -5pm	NSBA - Div 1

### H. 3841 Passes House 94-5...

February 27, H3841 passed the SC House by a vote of 94 to 5! An identical bill, S740 passed the Senate earlier. Hopefully we will soon have one or the other of these bills before the Governor for his signature. MSC, GSK, CH, and the NSBA have all worked hard on this issue, to return the Murray size limit to 21-inches but allow two short fish in the creel during July and August only.

Whatever happens, we all owe a huge vote of thanks to Rep. Bill Riser, Dist. 69 of Lex. Co. Rep. Riser introduced H3841 last year and stayed behind its passage in the face of some pretty shifty legislative maneuvering by its foes. A huge vote of thanks is also due Sen. Andre Bauer, Dist. 18 of Newberry, Saluda, Union and Lexington Counties. Senator Bauer's legislation (S740), introduced late last session gave striper fishermen a voice in both houses.

John Davis...excerpt from MSC Web site



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