

March Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

Hilltop Restaurant, 767 St. Andrews Rd. (corner of St. Andrews and Jamil Rd., near junction of St. Andrews and I-26. Call 803-772-9252.)

MSC's meeting place features a great buffet at a reasonable price which includes beverage, refills & gratuity. For those not wishing to eat, there will be a \$3 charge...but you get free beverages & unlimited refills and the club won't have to pay a room fee. The \$3 also covers a \$1 tip to the wait person.

Agenda...

PAC Committee Report, March NSBA Tournament weigh-ins, plus Hydroglow Tournament.

Dissecting Lee Thomas: MSC's 5-Time Angler of The Year has his secrets for success revealed.

Palmetto Sportmen's Classic coming up March 18-20, at the SC State Fairgrounds

Don't miss this!

2005 Angler of the Year...

1. Marshall West	1282 pts.
2. Joby Wetzel	1232 pts.
3. Arthur Simons	1192 pts.
4. Townsend Wessinger	1174 pts.
5. Dickie Maroney	1164 pts.
6. Willis Dean Preston	1145 pts.
7. James B. Lindler	1123 pts.
8. Wynn Corley	1085 pts.
9. Weston Thomas	1072 pts.
10. Michael Spires	1031 pts.
11. Tony Carroll	997 pts.
12. Todd Barrett	976 pts.
13. Taylor Thomas	944 pts.
14. Justin Christopher	913 pts.
15. Michael Johnson	892 pts.

AC/Delco Voyager Lunker: Wynn Corley 13 lbs - 10 ozs (Caught 2/05)

Carroll, Corley, West & Wetzel Finish 1st In Feb!

A cold morning brought a pleasant day that saw some record weights for a February tournament!

1st place went to the team of Marshall West, Wynn Corley, Joby Wetzel and Tony Carroll who weighed in a whopping four-fish total of 43-8. One of the team, Wynn Corley, also caught the AC/Delco Voyager Lunker weighing 13-10. Wynn's big fish also took the \$25 Big Fish prize awarded by Nichols Store, Rock Hill (I-77 exit 73) AND the R.E.A. - Lexington \$50 big fish prize sponsored by Matt Cannady.

Just behind was the team of Arthur Simons and Mike Johnson, with a four-fish total of 40-2, good enough to place 2nd. Very close in 3rd place was the team of Lee Thomas, Michael Spires, Weston Thomas and Taylor Thomas, with 4 weighing 38-8. The winner of February's lowest legal creel weight was Dale Welch with 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

Tournament Statistics:

71 paid, 24 boats weighed 73 fish at an average weight of 7.48 lbs.

March tournament one year ago...

It was another tough day of fishing that saw a Nor'easter blow through in the morning. Despite the wind and cool morning temperatures, Team Mr. Ed placed 1st with three nice striped bass weighing 19.65 pounds.

Jeff Stewart captained the second place boat weighing three fish for a total of 17.6 pounds. Jeff's crew included Andy Stewart, Carrie Stewart, John Smith and Samanta Smith. Following Team Stewart and finishing third was the team of James Cassell and Billy DuRant with three stripers that weighed 16.4 pounds. Catching the March AC/Delco Voyager Lunker was Brad Pittman with a nice fish for the day weighing 9.3 pounds.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

I just returned from out of town today and was anxious to go to the message board and see what was happening. The first post I read reminded me of myself several years ago when I first joined the club and wanted very badly to be able to catch fish and be up there with the "big boys" who won. I grew up fishing on Santee and thought I knew how to catch stripers. You can't believe how shocked I was after my first MSC tournament. I did not weigh in a fish and never even got a bite. After about 6 hours of fishing with nothing happening, I just sat there and said either I need to start going back to Santee or learn how to fish Lake Murray. I stuck with Murray and began to pay close attention at our club meetings, asked a lot of questions, kept a lot of notes and continued to fish tournaments. My luck slowly began to change. Even to this day I sometimes get discouraged when I don't catch fish, but that's fishing. Everyone has those days and there are ways to better you and one is to not give up.

Congratulations to all that fished our February tournament. For the second straight month I saw several people who were fishing for the first time and I congratulate you. Even though we reward only our top finishers in the tournaments, this would not be possible without our great tournament participation. Make it a point to ask questions and learn something new at each of our meetings and tournaments. Sooner or later your catch will improve.

NO ANGLER LEFT BEHIND IN 2005.

Marshall West, President



2005 Officers...

- President - Marshall West 951-3974
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NOTICE...

MSC Annual Dues Are Due.

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- P-04: Your dues are NOT paid, but you paid \$30 in 2004
- P-04*: Your dues are NOT paid, but you paid \$15 in 2005
- O: Officer
- LTM: Lifetime member
- Comp: Complimentary (for sponsors, etc.)
- DNR: Dept. of Natural Res.

If you believe your label code is incorrect, please see Jim Goller or Marshall West by the April meeting. If you do not pay your dues, you will be placed on the club's inactive roster and will no longer receive a newsletter.

2005 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Individual - 1st event of 2005</i>
Feb. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Mar. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Apr. 16	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
May 21	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Youth Tournament</i>
June 18	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
July 15/16	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	MSC-HydroGlow
<i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Open Boat Tourn. - NSBA Sanctioned*</i>			
Aug. 19/20	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>All-Night Boat Tournament</i>
Sept. 17	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Ladies' Tournament</i>
Oct. 15	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Individual Tournament</i>
Nov. 19	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Dec. 17	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Individual - Double Points!</i>

*July 15-16: MSC / Hydro Glow SCDNR Benefit Open Night Tournament

July 15-16, 2005, Jakes Landing, 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Special MSC DNR Conservation Open Boat Tournament sanctioned by the NSBA. MSC boat tournament within a tournament. Hydro Glow will award \$250 each to 1st place and Big Fish...but ONLY if fishing with a Hydro Glow light.

(Schedule is tentative, based on ramp access and other factors...always check in advance!)

March 2005 Boat Tournament...

Saturday, March 19

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dreher Island State Park

4-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Boat!

MSC thanks the following sponsors: AC-Delco; Better Bait & Tackle; Blueback Bait; Boaters World (Charlotte); Dannco, LLC; Driftmaster; Ed's Bait Tanks, Goodyear; HydroGlow Fishing Lights; Kaufman Construction, Lake World; Benjamin A. Lanza, D.P.M.; Nichol's Store, Sea Hunt Boats; Shakespeare; *South Carolina Wildlife*; Spiegel Distributors; Wal-Mart.

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