



Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 2003

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.

MSC's new meeting place features an inexpensive meal which includes beverage, refills & gratuity, so come early and plan to eat. 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. Please remember to go through the line and identify yourself as a member of MSC on your way in.

Agenda...

AGENDA: Officer Nominations and more on DNR Funding Project.

PROGRAM: Old Man River - Winter thru Spring tips & techniques on how to fish the Saluda & Congaree Rivers by top area pros.

Please come out and help us nominate your slate of 2004 officers! Don't Miss This!

2003 Angler of the Year...

Standings after October...

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| 1. Lee Thomas | 4307 pts. |
| 2. Ann Byrd | 4288 pts. |
| 3. Michael Spires | 4103 pts. |
| 4. Forrest Byrd | 4042 pts. |
| 5. Brian Thomas | 3762 pts. |
| 6. Danny Young | 3572 pts. |
| 7. Joby Wetzel | 3529 pts. |
| 8. Tony Carroll | 3445 pts. |
| 9. James B. Lindler | 3418 pts. |
| 10. Claude Laney | 3335 pts. |
| 11. David W. Jennings | 3258 pts. |
| 12. Kyle Smith | 3226 pts. |
| 13. Marshall West | 3188 pts. |
| 14. Wynn Corley | 3177 pts. |
| 15. Dan Derrick | 3161 pts. |

AC/Delco Voyager Lunker: Jeff Stewart, 23 pounds, 15 ounces (Caught 3/03)

October Is Tournament Directors' Dream Event...

MSC's October event was held on a day that brought great sadness over the untimely accidental death of fellow member Brian Thomas.

First place went to the team of James Lindler and Terry Allen with a 4-fish limit weighing 20-6. As MSC's Co-Tournament Directors, this was a fitting win for the two that work so hard in organizing our tournaments.

Finishing second was the 3-member team of Arthur Simmons, Dan Derrick and Meg Sponseller. The team weighed in a 4-fish limit of 18-11.

Finishing third, also with a limit of 4, was the team of Lee Thomas and Michael Spires. In spite of their loss, Lee and Michael focused their fishing in memory of Brian, who was scheduled to fish with them. Their efforts helped move Lee into first place in AOTY, slightly edging Ann Byrd, who fell to second in AOTY after having led for several months.

The AC/Delco Voyager Lunker was caught by the team of Joby Wetzel and John Davis, who brought in a 7 pound striper.

Statistics: 38 paid, 30 fished. Only 7 boats weighed 22 fish at an average of 4.61. Only the top 3 had 4-fish limits.

November Tournament one year ago...

Hot again despite the cold was Brian Thomas, who finished 1st with a nice limit of 5 stripers weighing 30-15! Brian also caught the Voyager Lunker for the day...an 8-11 striper.

Finishing close behind in 2nd was Danny Young with five weighing 29-5. 3rd went to Townsend Wessinger, with 5 weighing 25-7.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

As many of you know by now, MSC lost one of its more popular members in the untimely death of Brian Thomas. Many of us will always remember Brian as the guy who lit up a room when he entered with his big grin and infectious smile. Many suggestions on how to honor Brian's memory are coming in and I want each of you to know that MSC and the PAC committee are working on this with details coming shortly.

I failed to mention in last months President's Corner that Sea Hunt Boats was the major sponsor of our Ladies Tournament held in September. Sea Hunt has been a major contributor to MSC over the years and we are grateful for their continued support.

The next 3 months are lining up to be very exciting for MSC. By the time this newsletter is printed, several teams from MSC will have fished the NSBA Regional Championship Tournament on Lake Hartwell. We wish these teams good luck and know you will represent MSC proudly.

The nomination and election of officers for 2004 will take place during our next 2 meetings and preparations will soon begin for our Angler of the Year banquet. Not to be overlooked is our points race for AOTY. Standings are really tightening up and a number of people have a legitimate shot at this title. With the last two tournaments of the year being individual tournaments and typically being the hardest months to catch fish...*Good Luck To All!*

Thanks...

Marshall West, President, 2003

2003 Officers...

- President - Marshall West 951-3974
- Vice-Pres. - John Davis 781-3856
- Secretary - Billy Taylor 957-3575
- Treasurer - James Cassell 345-9010
- Tour. Dirs. - James Lindler 939-4647
 - Terry Allen 808-0770
- Parliment. - Bob Marshall 798-0231

Brian Derick Thomas 1962 - 2003



Brian Derick Thomas, died Saturday, October 18, 2003. Brian was an avid member of MSC and devoted to helping the club grow. He served as a member of MSC's PAC Committee and was always near MSC's winners' circle. Brian was an angler's angler and will be greatly missed. Brian is survived by his wife Rianne and son Weston.

Jim Goller, Editor

2003 Tournament Schedule...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 18	Acapulco	7am-4pm	<i>1st event of 2003</i>
Feb. 15	Holiday Shores	6:45am-3:45pm	
Mar. 15	Dreher Is.	6:20am-until	<i>Boat Tournament w/MAW</i>
Apr. 19	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
May 17	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Kids Tournament</i>
June 21	Jakes	5:45am-5pm	<i>MSC/GSK/NSBA Event*</i>
July 18/19	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>MSC-HydroGlow</i>
<i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Open - NSBA Sanctioned**</i>			
Aug. 15/16	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>All-Night Tournament</i>
Sept. 20	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Ladies' Tournament</i>
Oct. 18	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Nov. 15	Acapulco	7am-4pm	
Dec. 20	Acapulco	7am-4pm	<i>Double Points!</i>

**Open boat tournament co-sponsored with Greenville Striper Kings. Members may fish a tournament within a tournament. 4-fish per boat maximum weigh-in.*

****July 18-19: MSC / Hydro Glow SCDNR Benefit Open Night Tournament**

July 18-19, 2003, Jakes Landing, 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Special MSC DNR Conservation Open Tournament sanctioned by the NSBA. MSC 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. This is a boat tournament and start/end times may change.

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

MSC October Boat Tournament...

Saturday, November 15, 2003

Club 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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