

October Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

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 and we've negotiated 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...

Agenda: Appeal for club officer nominations.

Program: Due to Bill Carson's cancellation, may be an open forum type of discussion on Lake Lanier and other big fish lakes by members who have 20-pound plus fish to their credit.

2004 Angler of the Year...

Through September

1. Billy DuRant	3180
2. Ann Byrd	3126
3. Michael Spires	3070
4. Wynn Corley	3064
5. Forrest Byrd	3050
6. Lee Thomas	3043
7. Arthur Simmons	2966
8. Willis Dean Preston	2915
9. Tony Carroll	2826
10. Danny Young	2775
11. Rusty Kaigler	2774
12. Debbie Alewine	2772
13. Marshall West	2731
14. James B. Lindler	2643
15. Terry Allen	2571

● **Voyager Lunker: Kyle Smith, 21.5 pounds (Caught 7/04)**

Debbie Alewine 1st In MSC Lady Angler Event...

The MSC's Lady Angler Tournament 2004 was a great success...the ladies caught lots of fish and except for a little wind, the weather was beautiful. In fact, the fish cooperated so well that many ladies were asking their male counterparts, "What's the big deal about catching lots of fish?"

Finishing in 1st place with 15 pounds 3 ounces was a regular in MSC events, Debbie Alewine. Right behind Debbie and finishing second was Courtney Bennett with 15 pounds even. In third was Dana Corley with 14 pounds, 2 ounces. The big fish winner for the event was a guest, Ilene, fishing with Claire, weighing an 8 pound, 11 ounce striper.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants and thanks to all who worked to make this event possible. Thanks also to Sea Hunt Boats for sponsoring what has become an annual fun tournament!

October Tournament one year ago...

Remembering Brian Thomas...

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 Wetzell and John Davis, who brought in a 7 pound striper.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

From the comments I've heard, this year's MSC Ladies' Tournament was a huge success. My wife and I were not able to participate, but I did make several phone calls during the tournament to check and see how things were going. In spite of windy conditions for half the morning, everyone caught plenty of fish and had a great time. I heard two comments which were kind of ironic with four of our lady anglers conducting our September meeting and this being our Lady's Tournament. The first comment was by lady angler who said to the male anglers on board, "I don't see what the big deal is in catching fish. You guys fish all day and only catch 2 or 3 fish. It's only 9:00am and we have 9 keepers in the box." The other comment was made by a lady angler to her husband and the others on board, "You need to get a bigger boat so that we can have more room with all the fish we are catching."

I would like to thank the many volunteers who pitched in and made this year's tournament a great success and would like to give Sea Hunt Boats a BIG THANK YOU for your generous donation making this tournament possible.

During the next two months you'll be hearing a lot about club officer nominations and the up coming elections. Please give some serious thought to those you would like to represent you for 2005.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Later...

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
- Parliment. - Mike Johnson 356-8140

Brian Derick Thomas 1962 - 2003



Brian Derick Thomas, died Saturday, October 18, 2003. Brian was an avid member of MSC, served as a member of MSC's PAC Committee and was always near MSC's winners' circle. Brian was an angler's angler and is greatly missed.

Brian is survived by his wife Rianne and son Weston. In Brian's honor, MSC founded the Weston Thomas Scholarship Fund in January 2004.

2004 Tournament Schedule (Tentative)...

Date	Place	Time	Other
Jan. 17	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>1st event of 2004</i>
Feb. 21	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Mar. 20	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Apr. 17	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
May 15	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Youth Tournament</i>
June 19	Jakes	6:30am-3:30pm	
July 16/17	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>MSC-HydroGlow</i>
<i>All-Night DNR Conservation Benefit Open Boat Tourn. - NSBA Sanctioned**</i>			
Aug. 20/21	Jakes	6:30pm-10am	<i>All-Night Boat Tournament</i>
Sept. 18	Jakes	7am-12 noon	<i>Ladies' Tournament</i>
Oct. 16	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	
Nov. 20	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Boat Tournament</i>
Dec. 18	Dreher Is.	7am-4pm	<i>Double Points!</i>

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

July 16-17, 2004, 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!)

October MSC Angler Tournament...

Saturday, October 16

7:00 am - 4 pm noon

Dreher Island

(3-Fish Maximum Weigh-In Per Angler)

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**Remembering Brian Thomas
1962 - 2003**