



MSSA Southern Maryland

October 2008 Newsletter

HOLIDAY PARTY: The chapter will hold the annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at Stoney's Solomons Pier. This larger location will allow more members and guests to attend than last year when we had to turn some members away. The menu will be appetizers of vegetables and dip, fried oysters, buffalo wings, and meatballs served at your table. The buffet will be salad, vegetable medley, roasted potatoes, crab cakes, beef tenderloin, and chicken Marsala. Dessert will be each guest's responsibility, as well as the cash bar. Knowing the number of attendees is important for our reservation, so **PLEASE** make your decision soon. Your payment of \$25 per person must be made by November 20. Please contact Tom Kemp at 301-373-3071 or mail your reservation to Tom at 45340 Clarks Mill Road, Hollywood, MD 20636.

OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING: Our next chapter meeting will be 7 pm, Thursday, October 16, 2008 at the Solomons Firehouse. The staff from Tyler's Tackle in Chesapeake Beach is scheduled to talk to us about methods of setting up your fishing tackle and some of the most successful fishing lures for all seasons, especially the coming fall season. George Klein is also planning to bring a selection of products and offer them to the chapter members at a discount. The general meeting will be preceded at 6 pm by our pre-meeting activities. These should include lure making, yard sale items, the sale of shads and dinner by Smokey Joe's. Our November meeting will be November 20. The Holiday Party takes the place of the December meeting.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE: Jeff Smith won an Okuma spinning reel during the drawing of the last chapter meeting attendance raffle. The next attendance drawing will be at the November chapter meeting.

SPECIAL ROD RAFFLE: The raffle for the Ken Preston fishing rod with a spinning reel was won by Sam Stuber. The \$400 raised by this raffle has been used to purchase rod and reel combos for the Greenwell Foundation summer camps. Because there weren't enough tickets for everyone who wanted one, Ken has made another rod. The chapter is running **ANOTHER RAFFLE**, again forty tickets at \$10 each. Already half of the tickets have been sold. The money will be used to buy rods/reels to give away at the 2009 "Hooked On Fishing" event. If you are interested in this raffle purchase your chances at the October chapter meeting or call Tom at 301-373-3071.

CHAPTER PICNIC: On September 28, fifty-six chapter members and guests attended the annual chapter picnic at Greenwell State Park. Everyone had a good time consuming delicious picnic fare brought by members to complement crabs and fried fish.

ANGLER OF THE YEAR: the "Angler of the Year" competition continues into the fall season with Gary Hennig still in the lead. Gary has had an outstanding year fishing in our state waters. Jerry Gaff, Russ Millar, and Tom Kemp haven't succeeded in catching Gary, but they are having a lot of fun trying! This award will be determined upon the close of the rockfish season.

FISHING FAIR: The annual chapter sponsored "Solomons Fishing Fair" will be March 28 & 29, 2009. Member help will be needed for the many jobs that need to be done Friday thru Monday to make this fund raising event a success for the chapter. Please mark your calendars.

LEADERSHIP: Your chapter can only continue to succeed and grow with leadership, at many levels, and with the work of many. These forms of participation have been great in the past and need to continue in the future. Please consider increasing your participation in your chapter. Call Tom or one of the officers to volunteer.

ANNUAL CHAPTER RAFFLE: Plans are being finalized for the chapter's second largest fundraiser of the year. Again this year the raffle will include two rod and reel combinations provided by Joe Cox, Ken Preston, and George Klein of Tyler's Tackle. If you have any suggestions for additional raffle items or can help with the sale of tickets at various fishing shows, please contact Charlie Hanco at 301-855-1652.