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Newsletter of the Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA

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Message from the President

Trophy Rockfish season has begun! Saturday April the 15th marked the beginning of what has always been for me the best time of the year. All of the preparations during the winter lead up to opening day. Our Chapter Saltwater Expo, the Rock on Warrior and Evan Foundation events are all triggered by the beginning of the season.

We again this year had a very successful Expo. We cannot thank Kevin and Glenn enough for the tremendous effort they give to this event. Our financial strength as a Chapter relies heavily on the success of the Expo and once again the guys came through. They of course could not have pulled it off without the help of all our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

April 15th also marked the beginning of the 6th annual chapter rockfish fundraising tournament benefitting the Evan Foundation. There is still time to get involved and support this great cause. See about the details in this newsletter.

Sunday April 23, the Annapolis Chapter will be holding our 8th annual “Rock on Warrior” event. We will be treating many worriers and their families to a day fishing on the Bay. Following the fishing we will have an awards banquet at the Fleet Reserve to celebrate and thank our warriors for sacrifices they have made for us and our country. I want to thank in advance the Fleet Reserve and all of the sponsors of this event for their generosity and of course very special thanks go to the boat Captains for their generous support. See the newsletter for all the details. GOOD LUCK and ROCK on WARRIOR’S !!

Bob Sheehan - President

April 19th Chapter Meeting

April 19th Meeting: Our guest speaker will be **Gary Richie of Spankin Striper** baits. Gary will present his optimal fishing time method for trolling and catching rockfish including how to deploy his custom Spankin Striper baits in tandem or double rigged behind a full-sized umbrella. Gary has a very interesting presentation in which he will describe his method of when to go catch your keeper stripers. Gary will also be the vendor for the April meeting offering his current lines of Spankin Striper baits. Gary has created several types of baits including Baby Spankers, Senior Spankers, Spearhead Spankers, Hotlips Spankers, and Rubberbug Spankers. No doubt Gary will introduce us to his good friends Black John Deere, Pinky Love, Frank Sinatra, Blue Metal Flake, and Chartreuse Yellow, all members of his line of Spankin Striper baits.

Meetings are open to the public; spouses and children are welcome. As always there will be drawings for door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. When you arrive, don't forget to get your free door prize ticket and buy for \$5 each a 50/50 ticket. Food and drinks are available at very reasonable prices at the American Legion Post. So, arrive early and have dinner. Meetings are held at the American Legion Post 7, 1905 Crownsville Rd, Crownsville, MD. THE MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM.

Tom Taneyhill and Chris Taneyhill

Speaker Chairmen

2017 ROCK ON WARRIORS

Our 8th Annual Rock on Warriors event is scheduled to take place on Sunday April 23rd, 2017 and planning is well under way! We will again host over 50 wounded, injured and ill Warriors from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Fort Belvoir and their families along with members of USCG Station Annapolis to show our deep appreciation for the sacrifices these brave men and women have made for us all.

We will board the Warriors at the Annapolis Yacht Basin, and return to the Fleet Reserve for a luncheon and awards banquet. There are many ways to be a part of this rewarding day and we encourage all members to get involved and participate in any way they can. We need many volunteers to make this day a success; if you would like to volunteer please sign up at a Chapter meeting or email RockOnWarriors@yahoo.com. You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RockOnWarriors/ to stay up to date with the latest happenings. A duty list will be created closer to the event and a coordination meeting will also be conducted to organize our volunteers. Additionally, sponsorships are being offered to businesses at \$500 and individuals at \$75. Sponsor forms will be available at our April 19th Chapter meeting and all other Chapter events and meetings leading up to the April 23rd event.

Brian Stempowski, Chairman

Bill Petrohoy, Vice Chairman

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NOTE: Captain's Meeting is Wednesday, April 19th, 5:30 PM at the American Legion. This meeting will take place prior to our normally scheduled Chapter meeting.

2017 MSSA Annapolis Chapter/EVAN Foundation Spring Rockfish Tournament

Thank you for your ongoing support of the MSSA Annapolis Chapter's Annual Spring Rockfish Tournament benefiting The EVAN Foundation www.theevanfoundation.org. Last year's tournament was a huge success that helped our fishing club raise nearly \$10,000 for the Maryland-based EVAN Foundation. As you recall, The EVAN Foundation provides research and patient support for neuroblastoma, a rare and deadly pediatric cancer that primarily impacts young children.

We are very proud of our annual effort to support this important non-profit organization that utilizes 100% of all proceeds to support research and help families who are experiencing the nightmare of neuroblastoma. Sponsorship, participation, and activity surrounding this fun tournament continues to grow and we are asking that you continue to participate in this important effort.

This year's sixth annual event will feature a format similar to previous tournaments. Entrants will have an opportunity to start fishing on opening day of the 2017 Maryland rockfish season, and continue to compete through May 7th. The tournament festivities conclude with a fun-filled cookout in Annapolis with prizes and comradery for all participants.

The tournament entry form and other information can be accessed on the Annapolis chapter website <http://www.mssaannapolis.com/> or you can pick up an entry form at the April chapter meeting, or at Marty's, AllTackle, or Island Tackle Outfitters.



Saltwater Fishing Expo 2017 Review

The MSSA Annapolis Chapter held its 23rd Annual Saltwater Fishing Expo on Saturday Feb. 25th at the Annapolis Elks Lodge with another great crowd. The attendees took advantage of fantastic weather conditions to get out and think, talk, shop and learn about fishing. Our Seminar Speaker Series was very well received once again all three Speakers delivered the goods along with the Panelists at the LTJ Panel Discussion. We had 140 seats in the Seminar Room and we ranged from 90% full to standing room only. Our Vendors are all top notch and sold lots of their quality merchandise to a full house of attendees in our three Exhibitor Rooms. And the Elks Lodge came through with another great Lunch Menu and Bar Service which was very popular with the attendees. The Staff of the Annapolis Elks Lodge does an awesome job of supporting our Expo and if you are ever looking for a large facility to rent – give Jim McNally a call.

Special thanks go to PropTalk Magazine and AllTackle who are the two Major Sponsors of this annual Fund Raising Event which allows the MSSA Annapolis Chapter to give back to the local community via fishing related activities. Thanks also to the over three dozen Volunteers who showed up starting at O' Dark Thirty to begin the chaotic dance of getting all of our Vendors settled into their spots. The Rod & Reel Raffle Team did a tremendous job of selling tickets beforehand and at the Expo. The Parking Team did a great job of managing traffic and helping our attendees to quickly find a spot in our diverse parking areas. It is a full day for all of the volunteers and we could not host such a popular event without your help. Please mark your calendars for the 2018 Expo which will be held on February 24, 2018.

Thank You!

Glenn Stephenson Co-Chairmen
Kevin McMenamin



First Prize Raffle



Raffle Team -Dale, Torie, George and Joan



Second Prize Raffle



1st Annual Expo Pageant Winners

2017 Annapolis Chapter Saltwater Expo



2017 Boatyard Bar & Grill Opening Day Tournament

Another great opening day at the Boatyard. Manny thanks to Dick and all the staff.



Annapolis Chapter Winners

First place: Dale Dirks 43 ¼"

Second place: Gregg Behling 41 7/8"

Third place: Brian Lowrey: 38 1/4 "

2017 MSSA Spring Tournament

34th Annual MSSA "CHAMPIONSHIP ON THE CHESAPEAKE"

MAY 5 – MAY 7

World's Largest Striped Bass Tournament 2016 Winner - \$75,000

Register at www.mssa.net / 410-255-5535

OCEAN CITY SEA BASS FISHING ON “MORNINGSTAR”

To provide additional fishing opportunities for members without boats, the Annapolis Chapter of MSSA is sponsoring a fishing trip targeting sea bass on Saturday, June 3 2017. We will be fishing on the Morning Star, captained by Monty Hawkins, a longtime member of the Ocean City chapter of MSSA. Captain Monty says early June is good fishing and he knows where to find them. Go to his website at mhawkins@morningstarfishing.com to get information on his boat and his experience. I have fished with him several times and highly recommend him. This is also a great opportunity to fish with friends you don't often get a chance to.

The capacity of the Morning Star is 25 anglers. He is holding that date open for our club members for the next month on a first-come, first served basis. If you wish to go on this trip, start booking directly with the boat by calling [410-520-2076](tel:410-520-2076). The “code word” will be “Annapolis MSSA”, if you don't mention that, you will be told “sorry, no trip on the book that day”. I think we can fill the available spots with club members. The reason for you booking direct is so they can contact you directly if there is a weather-related cancellation, so be sure to give them a good contact phone number – probably you cell phone. After you have made reservations, please notify me at hoffmanrx8257@yahoo.com or [\[410\) 923-0769}](tel:410-923-0769) so that we can keep an accurate count of who is participating.

The cost of fishing is \$125 per person (this is \$15 dollars more for a longer day) – Monty says longer is better – fish wise! Bait and rigs are provided – Rods are not. Rod rental if you want it is an additional \$7 per person, and they have good equipment designed for the type of fishing we well be doing. The costs are paid by you. The club will subsidize the mate's tip and fish cleaning cost. Bring your own lunch and beverages. Other optional cost are a biggest fish pool (\$5) and a 50:50 raffle, with the proceeds split between the winner and the Ocean City ref project. We meet at the boat at Ocean City Fishing Center, off Rt. 50 just before the bridge going into Ocean City. Meeting time is 6:00am, and the boat departs when everyone is aboard, but no later than 6:30 am. Return to the docks is approximately 3:30 pm. Email or call me with any questions, and let me know when you have booked directly with the boat. This is always a good time! Let's catch lots of fish!

Ricky Holmes
Ocean City Fishing Chairman
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SUMMER FISHING TRIP July 19th

MSSA Annapolis's summer fishing trip is normally a sold out event and I expect that this year will be no different. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday July 19th out of Anchor Yacht Basin just off of Rt. 214 on Turkey Point Road. We will be fishing with Captain Randy Dean on the Bay Hunter I, II, and III plus up two other boats to be named later. We leave the dock at 10:00am and return at 4:00pm. We will be live lining for Striped Bass. After we limit on Rock we will bottom fish for blues either by trolling or live lining, until the end of the trip. All you need to bring is what you want to eat and drink. All fishing gear is provided and your catch will be cleaned. The price includes the mates tip. The cost is \$85 (same as last year) for MSSA Annapolis members and their families. Non members and guests are \$115.

I have many spots available right now but I expect them to go fast so e-mail your request for a slot. I will let you know what is available. You will need to send me your check. Make the check payable to MSSA

Annapolis Chapter and on the memo line put July fishing trip. I will keep it at 10 per boat unless I have a grouping that must fish together and it throws off the count.

Putting your name on the list is only the first step in going on this fabulous trip. You must send your check to confirm your space. Please be prepared to give me a check at the meeting if you have not already paid.

Bill Walling

Summer Fishing Trip Chairman

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[Scholarship Foundation Update](#)

The fund-raising campaign to support scholarships that will be awarded in June rolls into the final stretch with 3 months remaining to collect sufficient funds to give over \$30,000 to the winners of 2017 MSSA Scholarships. Because of strong early raffle ticket sales, the sale of 2 donated boats for a combined total of \$10,000, and ongoing support from MSSA Chapters, members, friends, and corporations, the Foundation's bank account is nearing \$29,000 as of today.

The Scholarship Program is MSSA's primary environmental standard bearer. I like to call it our "Green Tip of the Spear" in our ongoing battle with pollution, aquatic diseases, and the destruction of marine habitat essential to the survival and sustainability of recreational angling. When our scholars graduate and enter the workforce, they become the front line in conquering these destructive elements and offer us hope that we will, in fact, save the Bay and oceans for posterity.

You can make a difference. The most direct way is to write a check, payable to MSSA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION and mail it to Pete Abbott, 219 Overture Way, Centreville, MD 21617-2388. ALL CASH AND KIND DONATIONS QUALIFY FOR TAX DEDUCTIONS AT FEDERAL AND STATE LEVELS. Used boats are valuable sources of funds. A Prize for our 2017 Raffle also qualifies as a charitable deduction.

Participate in the world's best Raffle. It may not be the absolute best but I challenge you to find a better raffle in this area if you like fishing trips, sporting events, art works, tackle, gift certificates, etc. This year's Grand Prize that goes to the holder of the first ticket drawn in June is a **\$1000 Gift Certificate** donated by Keith Fraser, Owner of ALLTACKLE.com with stores in Annapolis and Ocean City. We appreciate Keith's consistent support of the Program and encourage you to visit his stores as you prepare for Opening Day on April 15. Tickets are available through your MSSA Chapter or by contacting me at abbottgru@aol.com or by phone at 443 871 5342.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to your responses and being able to report a significant increase in our funds as we near the end of the 2017 campaign.

Warmest regards,

Pete Abbott

President

MSSA Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

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