



January 18, 2006

Member count as of this newsletter: 35

37 people showed up for our first meeting of 2006. Thanks everyone for showing up and participating!

Wayne Beavers started the meeting at 7:15 pm. He handed out the program schedule for 2006, which includes the following topics:

- Depth Finders and GPS Units
- Trolling Techniques
- Jordan Lake – Anatomy, Construction, and present day Management
- Live Bait Techniques
- Striped Bass Management Plan for Jordan Lake

Troy Roberson told the club about a community service project that we could help lead and participate in. This project gets children from single parent backgrounds involved in fishing. Jack Murphy from radio station 107.5 wkzl in Greensboro contacted Troy and asked if we would be interested. In an informal show of hands, a lot of club members indicated they would help with this project if it were pursued.

Troy presented the 2005 awards. Each winner received a handsome plaque with a striped bass on top. The winners were:

- Co-Anglers of the Year – Mike Mize and Ronnie Cook
- Dedicated Service Award – Steve Stephens
- Outstanding Service Award – Italian Pie

Troy encouraged all members to participate in the club tournaments. Every angler has a chance, even beginning anglers. You only have to weigh-in one fish per tournament to do well in the Angler of the Year competition. For example, if an angler had placed last in every tournament during 2005, they still would have placed 3rd for Angler of the Year!

Rick Gill, from Boater's World, was our guest speaker for the evening. Rick is a member of the Buggs Island Striper Club. Rick brought 9 Fishfinder/GPS units that were running in demo mode. Highlights of the presentation:

- Rick recommends Lowrance for sonar and Garmin for GPS.
- It is important to initialize the Lowrance GPS units for best accuracy.
- Different fish species make different arches on a fish finder. For example, stripers generally make true arches while catfish make a semi-arch.

Rick said he would match any price in the Raleigh area on electronics.