

MCC Member in the Spotlight – Kent Holmes
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MCC is blessed with some great members, too many to count. When I think of a good, honest, wholesome, christian hearted person, none other that Kent Holmes comes to mine. Mr. Holmes as I call him is such a nice guy you can't help but like him. He's been with MCC well before I came on the scene and he never misses a beat. On top of being a great person; he's a fantastic fisherman.

Kent (*Get-A-Long* as some call him) fishes out of a 17.5' G-3 aluminum boat.



He's not just your week-end fisherman, this man competes with some of the best fishermen in the country and wins. I've seen him win several tournaments and place in the majority of tournaments he fishes. Often times, he fishes by himself. His regular partner is his son-in-laws, Alan Morgan & Donnie Praton. If Alan or Donnie are working it does not matter; Kent will fish alone.

Mr. Holmes is from Carson, MS. For all you that don't know, Carson is located in South MS, about 50 miles southwest of Brookhaven, MS and 41 miles north west of Hattiesburg. Down there in Jerry Clower country. He's a retired oil field worker; seems he worked most of his career in the oil fields of Saudi Arabia. In other words he ain't broke. Kent is in fairly good health for a man in his 70's. Let him tell it, he's wore out. I don't believe him none.

Kent has a cabin on Eagle Lake and spends the majority of his spare time over there. Fishing is his passion; tournament fishing is his obsession. He thinks nothing about spending 3 or 4 days practicing on Grenada, Enid, Sardis, or Washington. Those big lakes don't scare him. I often ask him what's his secret to enjoying life. His answer is "Just put the Lord first and everything else will fall in place." And that he does; he's a deacon at his church and a loyal family man. This guy loves his

church and family and it shows. Some people will tell you they're this and that; some people don't have to tell you, it shows in the way they live.

MCC is a family oriented group. We love and respect each other. We all love crappie fishing. Mr. Holmes as I call him; not because he's that much older than me; it's because he's earned it. Fishermen are known to be big liars; I know; Kent is somewhat different. He'll tell you the truth when it comes to fishing. He may now tell you where he caught his fish (in the mouth); he's a straight shooter; you better not play him short; he's proven time and time again. He's got what it takes to win.

I can't forget one time at Grenada, we were having a Big Mama and a regular club tournament. Well Mr. Holmes paid his money for the regular club tournament and forgot to pay for the Big Mama Open tournament. When he weighed his fish, he had the biggest fish. Would have won; if he'd paid his entry fee; sure wasn't cause he didn't have it. His response was, "Oh well, can't have it both ways, you win some, you loose some". My question Mr. Holmes, "When am I gonna start winning some?".