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The
Tennessee
Striped Bass
Association Newsletter

July
2003

**Make Your Plans
NOW**

To Attend

**The TSBA Annual
Fish Fry & Reunion
SATURDAY**

**September 13, 2003
5 P.M.**

**Anderson County
Park**

Letter from the "Prez"

Hello striper gals and guys.

Well it is Summertime and the water is above 80 degrees in the lakes, so I hope you are not releasing Stripers anymore. Like I said in the last newsletter, if you want to continue to catch and release, please start fishing below the dams. The fishing has been wonderful below Ft Loudoun and Melton Hill. Please refer to the fishing Hot Spots section for details.

If you missed this months meeting then you really missed a good one and you also missed getting to say good bye to Pat and Smitty Smith. This was their last meeting for they are moving to Alabama and will no longer be able to attend our meetings. We had a going away party for them with a very nice cake. See the article in the center for details on the cake!

Please plan to attend this months meeting where there will be a very special guest speaker, Mike Smith, who is the Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery Manager..Mike will discuss in detail the stockings for this year and answer any questions from members.

You will see a very important announcement in this newsletter. I want all of you to know that this club is very important to me and will always be. The Kids Tournament is very important as well and it was great to be apart of it.. Always remember take a child fishing, for they are the future of our sport. Go have fun and enjoy our resources.

Your striper friend and Prez. Allan

2003 TSBA Calendar

Attend TSBA sponsored tournaments & join us at the meetings.

July 28th: Monthly meeting MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Marina on Norris Lake.

Dinner 6PM. Meeting 7PM

August 25th: Monthly Meeting. MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Lodge on Norris Lake.

Dinner: 6PM. Meeting: 7PM

September 13th: TSBA Fish Fry and Annual Reunion. Anderson County Park on Norris at 5PM.

October 27th: Monthly meeting. MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Marina on Norris Lake. **Officer Nominations**

Dinner: 6PM. Meeting: 7PM

November 27th: Monthly meeting MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Marina on Norris Lake. **Election of Officers**

Dinner: 6PM. Meeting 7PM

December: No Meeting

To See or Not To See

By: Bob Leach

Probably all live-bait striper anglers use both planer boards and bottles during the course of the year - especially in the spring when it is important to get the shad away from the boat. There are many shapes and designs for both but one thing that most of them have in common is that they release from the line after the striper takes the bait so you can fight the lunker without interference from the bottle or planer board. That means that at some point you must go back and pick up your floating hardware. Unfortunately, sometimes the retrieval attempt does not occur until it's getting dark. To make the hardware easier to find in the diminishing light, most of us spray paint them with a bright color. The best spray paint color that I have found is "Rust-Oleum Specialty Fluorescent" and the color is "Flourescent Red Orange". They also make a Flourescent Orange but to me, it does not show up as well as the Flourescent Red Orange. On a recent fishing trip with Ezell Cox, we both commented on how easy it was to spot my bottle when we picked it up as the sun was going down. This paint is available at Lowes in 11 ounce cans for under four dollars. I am sure other manufacturers make a similar product but, quite frankly, this paint is the easiest one to see in the dim light.

T.S.B.A. Norris Lake Tournament

May 25, 2003

By Dave Johnson

It was a cool, overcast morning Sunday as the TSBA Norris Tournament started. Five people fished the tournament in three boats. Only three fish were brought to the weigh-in. The battery in the scale didn't work. Ezell and Bill had already released their fish.

The first fish was hooked by Dave & landed by Mike (DISQUALIFICATION). The 2nd fish was hooked by Mike but landed by Janine (DISQUALIFICATION). The 3rd. was hooked & landed by Janine but was her 2nd fish (DISQUALIFICATION).

The \$50 was donated by the five attending fisherpeople to the youth tournament.



Dave
&
Janine
&
Mike

Ezell Cox
&
Bill Cate



The current password is:

Username: "tsba"

Password: "club"

The TSBA web site offers up to date fishin' reports to all TSBA members. Visit the web at: www.TNStripedBass.com

TSBA Youth Tournament

Man.....what a great time we had at the Youth tournament. Thirteen boy's & girl's showed up bright & early to fish this years Youth Tournament. Mother nature helped out and gave us fantastic weather. (Remember last year???



Windy and LOTS of big waves). It was a beautiful day and the Stripers were hungry. I want to **THANK** all the Captains of the boats that came out to take these boy's and girl's fishing. If not for you, there would not have been a Youth Tournament. Everyone had a great time and our reward

was the huge smiles on the childrens faces when they caught a fish. Every child left with several door prizes and a really nice trophy.

First place was won by Ryan Nelson with 2 fish weighing 27.2 pounds. Chris Laurain and Blake Pearce tied for 2nd place each having 2 fish weighing 22.2 pounds.

Fourth place Timothy Stewart, 2 fish weighing 21.2. James Crushorn took fifth place and Big fish award with one monster weighing 20.4 pounds.

Sixth place was Ryan Scott, 2 fish weighing 18.5 pounds, Seventh place

was Jake Taylor, 1 fish weighing 12.0 pounds, Eighth place John Shook, 2 fish weighing 10.7

pounds and ninth place was taken by Logan Dunsamor, Alex Cheek, Phil Baker, Luke Atchley, and Kelsey Atchley. I want

everyone to remember that there were no losers in this

tournament because you came out to fish and that makes you a winner. I hope to see you all at the next Youth Tournament and this time, bring a friend.



T.B.S.A. Looses 2 very

Two faces will be sadly missed at the regular monthly meeting of the TSBA as Pat and Marion "Smitty" Smith will be moving to Alabama. Pat and Smity have been members of the club since it began. To honor them for their service to the club over the years, they have been awarded an Honorary Lifetime TSBA membership.

A celebration was held complete with a cake at the monthly meeting held at Mt Lake Marina. The evening had to begin however with a resolution to change the name of the club for that one evening to the *Tennessee Big Stripers Association*. This resolution needed to be in place because the cake decorator mixed up the letters of the TSBA, so for this one evening we were the TBSA! No fear, the club has resumed its rightful letters and next time the cake decorator promises to get it right!

We will miss Pat and Smitty and wish them well.

y active members!



Special Announcement to All TSBA Members

At the June 30th meeting of the TSBA President Allan Franklin, Vice-President Toney Stevens and Treasurer Amy Stevens announced that they will **not** seek reelection for the 2004 term.

The announcement was made at this early date to give the club plenty of time to seek out people willing to fill those positions prior to the elections which are held in November. As always, all four officers positions will be open for nominations in October. The current officers have held these positions for a few years now and need to decrease their roles as leaders at this time. It is the hope of these officers that a fresh start is going to give others the opportunity to step forward and pursue these positions. Please attend a meeting and speak up to let the club know of your desire to run for an office or call any current officer to discuss your views.

**Please take time to consider what role you can play
in the future success of TSBA.**

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TSBA Annual Fish Fry and Reunion at Anderson County Park

Bring a lawn chair & join fellow TSBA members & their families
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(no Vols Game Weekend)

Fish fryin', story tellin', lots of good eatin' & fun and games will
be going on! Please bring a covered dish. All silverware, plates &
drinks will be provided. Bring the family & meet fellow members.

**Please remember that all park rules will be upheld by the club.*

Fishing Hot Spots



Cherokee Lake

Condition: Good

Location: Fishing is good from point 11 to the dam. Most fish are
being caught on live bait 28 to 34 feet deep.

Norris Lake

Condition: Good

Location: Fishing is pretty good from Hickory Star all the way
down to the dam. Some are being caught trolling but most are
being caught on live bait 30 to 35 feet deep.

Melton Hill/Ft Loudoun

Condition: Great.

Location: The fishing is great in both lakes. Live bait is best but
Bucktail jigs & big grubs are working. Remember to take lots of
hooks & sinkers when you fish below the dams. You will hang up
& lose a lot. Also, remember to always wear your lifejacket when
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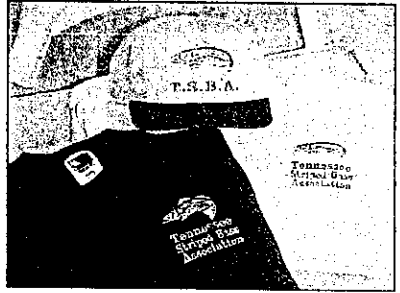
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Name _____

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Hats Number of **Winter T.S.B.A. Hats** _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

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Order Total \$ _____

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As a member: *You'll receive a monthly newsletter.

* You'll help support Striped Bass Fisheries & Wildlife Agencies.

* You'll be informed of new regulations & information that affect Striper fishing.

* You'll develop a network of "Striper friends".

* You'll learn new methods to improve your Striped Bass fishing effectiveness.

* You'll be able to call officers for fishing reports.

* You'll be able to attend monthly meetings with informative programs.

* You'll have access to all areas of the TSBA web page.

Is this a renewal or a New Membership

Your Name _____

Spouses Name _____

Address _____

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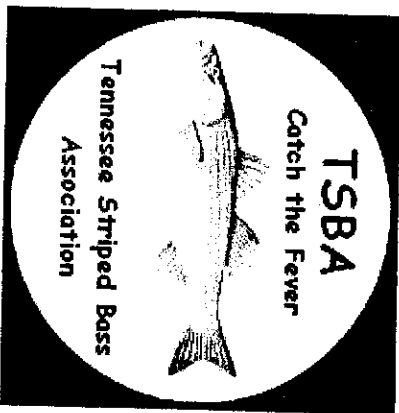
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