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The
Tennessee
Striped Bass
Association Newsletter

September
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.

Another monthly meeting has come and gone. This month we had a very productive meeting where plans were made for the Fish Fry. Everyone had suggestions and lots of members have volunteered their services for that day. I want to thank all those that have agreed to help or to bring some much needed items. We cannot do the things we do without your help. I appreciate the support for the club. Please plan to attend and bring your family and friends with you. This is a very special day for the TSBA and I hope to have a huge turnout. We will have lots of good food and especially lots of fish!!!! (for those of you who do not like fish we will have hotdogs on the grill!) Remember to bring lawn chairs with you and a covered dish. Anything you like, including desserts!!!

This Fish Fry will take the place of the regular monthly meeting so plan to attend the meeting at Mt. Lake in October.

The October meeting will be a very important one as we will be taking nominations for the officers of the club. Please be thinking of people who you would like to see in these positions and let someone know before the next meeting. Email or call me or Toney anytime. We need your help to continue to have a great club.

See you at the Fish Fry on September 13th at 5pm!!

Your striper friend and Prez. Allan

2003 TSBA Calendar

Attend TSBA sponsored tournaments & join us at the meetings.

September 13th: TSBA Fish Fry and Annual Reunion.

Anderson County Park on Norris at 5PM

* **This will be the regular monthly meeting for September**

** **There will be NO MEETING in September at Mt Lake**

***October 27th:** Monthly meeting. and **Officer Nominations**

MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Marina on Norris

Lake. Dinner: 6PM. Meeting: 7PM

***November 27th:** Monthly meeting & **Officer Elections**

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***December:** No Meeting

Reminder.....

A New Meeting Location for 2004 Needed

The current meeting location at Mt Lake Marinas Lodge has worked well for those members who regularly attend. That is where the problem lies. The number of members who attend is approximately 12 to 20 members. The TSBA would like to have 50+ members at every meeting. We need your help and participation to make this a great fishing club. By mapping out the Knoxville area where most of the TSBA members live, Robert Leach was able to determine that the most central location is in the Halls, Fountain City, or Merchant Road area. If you know of a potential meeting place, please contact Robert Leach at 865-471-1365 or email him at rdleach1@msn.com. Any change will be announced and will not take place until January of 2004.

October Expectations



The beginning of October will not make much of a change in the fishing compared to September but as the month of October comes to a close the change in the weather will start the fish moving. Stripers will begin their migration to the upper end of the lakes. You will need to pay close attention as the water temperature begins to change. The temperature of the water will dictate where the fish will concentrate. Live bait will be the bait of choice. Please take the opportunity as the season changes to stop and look around at this great state we fish in. The leaves will change colors and the type of boaters will change as well. This will make for a much more enjoyable time. (No jet skis)

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Cherokee Lake

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Location: Remember the NO FISHING ZONE.....

Fish are scattered from point 11 to the dam. Most fish are being caught on live bait.

Norris Lake

Condition: Good

Location: Fishing is pretty good on the lower end of the lake.

Live bait is the best bet but size varies on a daily basis.

Artificials have been successful. Released fish are floating all over the place. Please do not release those fish caught this time of year.

Tailraces below Melton Hill/Ft Loudoun Dams

Condition: Great

Location: The "Boils". All sizes of fish are being caught. Bait is plentiful. The cold water temperature is the best feature of these lakes for releasing fish.

Got A Story?? Got some fishing Tips??

Share them with other club members by sending them to: tom@TNStripedBass.com and we will publish them in the newsletter.

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When Less Is Best by Andrew Bradbury

Many of us typically use multiple lines while striper fishing. It helps to have more bait in the water and allows one to cover a larger portion of the water column. Once you hook up, you move most of the rods to the depth where you received the hit. In some cases, however, using fewer rods can actually increase your chance of hooking up. In this article, I'll present some examples as it relates to downrigging.

Example #1, Downrigging Lake Cumberland in Kentucky.

I had been trolling for several hours without a hit and marked only scattered bait. Several recent reports had listed fish depths of 20 to 30 feet so I was not surprised at the lack of the bait fish. Apparently I was sharing my experience with other boats in the area. I had been running three rods off each of the two downriggers and running around 2 mph. I decided it was going to take some extensive hunting to track down some feeding fish so I pulled in four of the rods and kicked up the speed to a little over 4 mph. At this speed, I could cover more of an area in a shorter period of time. With only two rods out, I could make tighter turns without tangling lines. I continued trolling the lake in an S-shaped pattern. A little over an hour later, and several miles further down the lake, I finally hooked up with a keeper sized striper. Before the day was out I managed to pick up one more smaller striper. While certainly not a banner day, it sure beats meeting a skunk for the day like many of the other fisherman I met at the boat dock.

Example 2, Hybrid fishing trip.

My fishing partner and I had gotten a later start than we had wanted that morning. It was drizzling rain and there were only a few other trucks at the ramp when we pulled in. Perfect conditions for trolling, no jet skis to interfere with fishing! The hybrids on this lake rarely get deep in the summer so we started with one rod on each of the two downriggers and one planer board out on each side. Our set up consisted of jigs w/trailers off the riggers and plugs off the planer boards. Within 30 minutes we started hooking up. A number of smaller schools(5-12 fish each) were feeding on a large flat close to the deep water, others were over deep water close to the dam. Our game plan was to troll over the schools of fish every

When Less is Best continued.....

pass. We picked up fish on some of the passes, the others we weren't as lucky. We finally realized that the planer boards were not helping us out. They were getting hits but gave us problems when we were making turns to return to the schools before the fish moved to another location. In addition, it was difficult for us to position the boat to pass over the schools up close to the dam without getting the lines tangled. We brought the planer boards in and went with one line off each downrigger. It worked!! With only two lines to worry about, we were able to make the tight turns needed to keep us over the fish without tangling the lines. We worked this area of the lake for about two hours and had marked a number of schools at various times. Once we dropped back to using two rods, our hook up rates increased. A number of passes resulted in doubles for us. The day ended up being one of my best days trolling for hybrids.

A couple of points can be made to summarize the above scenarios. Trolling multiple rods can help to cover a large portion of the water column and help to find the depth where the fish are feeding. However, in some cases, going with fewer rods will actually improve the odd of hooking up. If fish are scattered, you can drop back to two rods, pick up the speed, and cover more water in hopes of finding a feeding school. This search method can also be used to scout out a new lake or your favorite lake if you have not been out for awhile. Just bear in mind that as you increase your speed, you will increase the fall back of your downrigger ball and decrease the depth that your jigs are below the ball. Less lines out means that you can make tighter turns when you need to swing around to make another pass over feeding fish. In addition, if stripers are schooled up well, having fewer lines out decreases your chance of hooking up with more than your limit on one pass. That is something to be considered during the summer months when catch and release is not an option. While running two lines is not something that I would do in all situations out on the lake, there are times when fewer lines will out produce multiple lines. Keep these ideas in mind when you are trolling for Stripers/Hybrids. Sometimes less is best.

**Don't Miss Out On A Great Time.....
Come Join Us At The**

**TSBA Annual Fish Fry
And Reunion
AT
Anderson County Park
Saturday September 13, 2003**

**Fish Fryin', Story Tellin', Lots of Good Eats,
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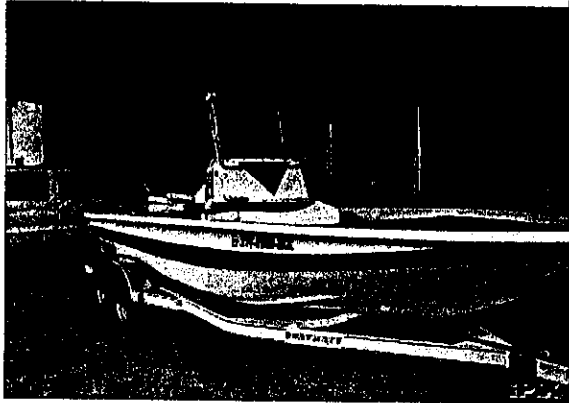
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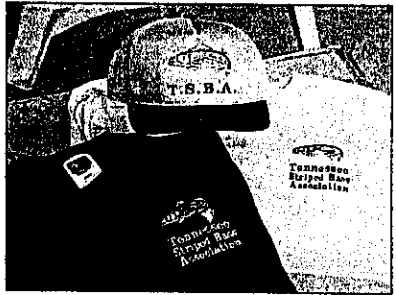
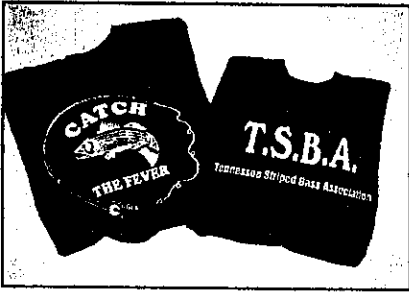
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