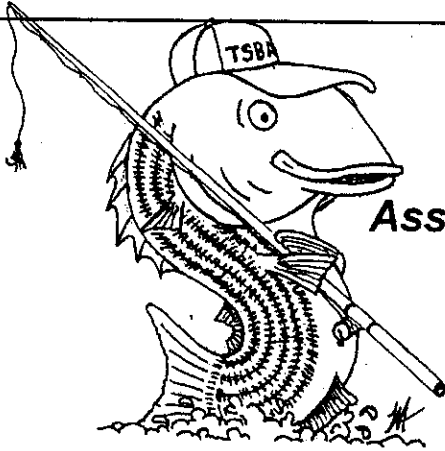


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*The
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*November
2003*

**Get Involved.....
Cast Your Vote For Your
2004 TSBA Officers At This
Months Meeting
*November 24, 2003***

**There will be a special offer for those
in attendance at this meeting! Come
and find out what it is!!**

Letter from the "Prez"

Last month we had a great meeting & we had a "special offer" to those in attendance, all TSBA merchandise was on sale! The people who were there got some great deals on license plates, T-shirts, hats & sweatshirts. At the November 24th meeting I will have another but different "special offer" for those in attendance. You don't want to miss this one! I hope you all come to this months meeting to vote for & support your new officers that will lead you into the year of 2004. Mark your calendar & plan to attend Nov. 24th

This will be the last time for me to say, "Hello striper gals & guys" as this will be my last letter as your president. I can't believe another years has come & gone. I want to thank you all for allowing me to be your president for the last four years. I am very honored that you all let me serve you all for that time. I am not going anywhere I will still be at the meetings & will help in anyway the the new officers & the club wants.

I will still be out on the water fishing & I hope you all will yell at me on the radio & tell me where the fish and bait are. I hope you all feel free to call me to get fishing reports just like you have in the past. I will be glad to help if I can.

If you have not been fishing you are missing some really good top water action. The Stripers and Hybrids are going crazy on Cherokee, so get out there & have some fun.

I know the fishing on Norris has been really bad & that some Stripers are showing up dead. I have contacted TWRA about this & they are looking into what is going on. I got a call today that they are going to have someone at the Hickory Star Tournament to check the Stripers that are brought in & if need be send some of them to be tested to see what is going on, & if the parasites are causing the Stripers to die.

I want to be the first to wish all the new officers good luck in there new positions, & just let me know if I can help.

Your striper friend and Prez. Allan

2003 TSBA Calendar

VERY IMPORTANT DATE! *Special Offer for those in attendance at this meeting!!*

***November 24th:**

Officer Elections & monthly meeting

MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake

Marina on Norris Lake. Dinner: 6PM. Meeting 7PM

***December: There will be No Meeting**

Happy Holidays!!

October Meeting News

The October TSBA meeting was attended by 23 members, who participated in the nomination of the 2004 officers. The list of candidates is small but those people & their interest in the future of the TSBA is appreciated. The club needs to have as many members as possible in attendance at the elections on November 24th. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend. This may be the last meeting held at Mt. Lake Marina & it would be nice to have people show their gratitude to the marina for allowing us the use of their facility. A new meeting location has not been decided on, so please attend the meetings & voice your opinion on a new location.

On the next few pages you will have an opportunity to get to know a little about the candidates for each office. Please read what they wrote & come out to support them as we seek to elect officers for 2004!

Nominee for President

Hello - my name is Bob Leach & I am seeking the office of the president of the TSBA. Since I retired in 2000 & moved from Arizona to Tennessee, I discovered that I had a real passion for striper fishing. Actually this surprised me as I hadn't really fished much as my primary outdoor activity was big-game hunting. I soon discovered that the hunting in east Tennessee was not nearly as much fun as big-game fishing for stripers. Shortly after joining the club, Toney Stevens indicated that the club really needed help in providing articles for the newsletter. Since I have researched & written many articles during my 35+ years in the engineering profession, I decided to volunteer. Actually this has been fun and beneficial for me as I have learned a lot about striper fishing from the information that I gathered to write the articles. Now I would like to move on & help steer the club in a direction that will keep the sport of striper fishing alive & well in east Tennessee for the foreseeable future.

I think that the club has two primary issues to deal with in the future. The first is how do we keep & improve the excellent striper fishery that we now have in east Tennessee. The fishing pressure will increase every year and we must determine the best way to deal with this. The second major issue is that we must find ways to make the club more fun and important to its members. The members should want to come to each meeting. Both of these issues must be addressed in a timely manner. I would like to get input from all of the club members on these & other issues & combine them with several ideas that I have generated. I feel confident that we can develop a viable game plan for the club.

Nominee for Vice President

I am Felix Taylor who was born in Hendersonville, NC. I grew up in South Carolina & went to college for 2 years & then in the Air Force. I then attended the University of South Carolina, College of Pharmacy on the GI Bill.. While I was in school I worked for Thrift/Treasury Drug who moved me to Maryville, Tennessee when I graduated from Pharmacy School. They later moved me to Nashville & on to New Jersey. After 5 years in New Jersey I quit & moved myself back. I am married to Cathy Taylor, owner & operator of Kept In Stitches Custom Embroidery. We have 4 children & 2 grandchildren. The 2 youngest, Christy, 12, & Jake, 8, often accompany me on the lake & to other TSBA events. Cathy threatens to come but has not yet. I am currently the Pharmacy Manager of the CVS Pharmacy in Maryville.

My passion for fishing began when I was stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi. The fishing was good for shrimp, oysters, redfish & specs. My neighbors were Cajun folks who were patient with me & could cook anything I could catch. They taught me how to use a cast net & a crab line. I became friends with the captain of the Miss Hatteras headboat Hatteras, NC. He taught me & several hundred thousand other folks how to fish the Atlantic. I am an avid blue water fan but the cost & distance limit my visits to the Gulf Stream. I tried to quell my passion for blue water by setting up local camps & running boats in East Tennessee. During this process I discovered an Atlantic fish right here at home. We have camped on Tellico Lake & now have a camp on Cherokee Lake.

My job as a pharmacist/manager is extremely intense & hectic. Fishing is my release. I find I get just as passionate about the fishing as the pharmacy but the intensity is much less. I can include the kids & turn off the phone. I joined the TSBA 2 years ago when I ran across the web page. I wanted to learn how to fish for Stripers in fresh water. I know my way around a tuna boat with the best of them but I was a novice on small water. I joined to try to learn & have I ever. I am still inexperienced as a freshwater Striper fisherman but am learning with every meeting & event the TSBA has. I put the things I learn to the test on the lakes when I can & am making steady progress. My 5 year plan includes taking the OUVL exam & having a boat that will fish the Atlantic or Tellico Lake. I will never be a guide but might be interested in piloting part time. I am a fan of good guides & captains but do not want to take my "Fun" & make it work.

When I joined the TSBA 2 years ago there was an excitement in the club that was unmistakable. We were growing & our functions were producing record attendances. Since then we have lost our excitement. I do not blame our current officers. I think they have done well in adverse times. Our country has changed & our attitudes have changed. I will use my office to bring the excitement back to our club. I & the other new officers we elect will need lots of help. The future is bright, lets have a little fun.

Nominee for Secretary

Hello! Let me introduce myself. I'm Dave Johnson, a candidate for Secretary of TSBA. My wife, Janine, and I have been married for almost 34 years. I enjoy finding the stripers and figuring out how to get them to bite. Catching fish is fun, but if you can learn something new each time out, that's the best. I will work for more participation from members. That means from you! Don't think anti-Striper sentiment is gone. We have to stay united. I enjoy club events and the many interesting and knowledgeable people in our club. I am not a supporter of large tournaments.

Thank you. Dave Johnson

Nominee for Treasurer

Although I was not born with a fishing pole in my hands and a computer on my desk, using both of them is like second nature to me. My computer skills just may come in handy for the club, as I have been nominated for Treasurer. I will be looking for more of you ladies to join us at the meetings and on the lake. It's not just fishing! If you're looking for a romantic get-away and lots of excitement, be there! By the way, I am the one who catches the shad in our family.

Janine Johnson, a/k/a Bait Mate

Fishermen and Wintertime

By Ezell Cox

Protect yourself and your equipment during the colder months while enjoying more fishing excitement.

As a boat owner, you need to protect your investment and minimize wintertime expenses when using or storing a boat. If the boat is going to be stored in or exposed to temperatures below freezing, a few simple things should be done. Park the boat with the drain plug removed and at the lowest part of the boat. If there are places in your boat where you are not 100% sure if the water is removed, add some R.V. antifreeze to keep it from freezing and breaking. Check the bait tanks, live wells, bilge pumps, and lines. R.V. antifreeze is nontoxic. Remove any liquid crystal displays (fish finders, GPS, etc.), and store them at a warm temperature since they can freeze and break. Cover the boat or put it under the shed. This is also the time of year that you should change the oil in the lower unit of the outboard or outdrive. If moisture is found in the oil, replace the sea is and put in new oil. Stabilizers should be added to the gas tank for an easier startup. The outboard motor should be left running until it is out of gas and the gas line disconnected or shut off.

Expect the unexpected and try to go prepared because it could be deadly in the winter. The expectations for a healthy adult to survive in 50 degree F. water is only 50 minutes. If the same healthy adult is unfortunate enough to take a dip from a boat, the extra 100 pounds of water in the winter clothes makes it very hard to get back in the boat. A makeshift ladder is easy. Tie a five-foot rope to the boat with a loop in which to place your foot. Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you are expected back. It is wise to go prepared to stay all night, even though that may not be in your plans. Winter nights at about the 35th parallel could be deadly. If the cold boat ramp has water from boat launches, that could be your first hazard. Slicker ice than 4x4s can handle or a fall will stop many fishing trips. A few items first in your inventory are: 1) cell phone and marine radio, 2) emergency flares, 3) materials that will easily start a fire (be careful and remember your gas tank), 4) lights with plenty of battery power, and 5) a large piece of water/wind proof material. In an emergency, it is better to have some of the many other items you may need and not just wish you had them.

Now that your boat, motor, and wintertime inventory are ready, the fishing is great. Gulls can be seen for miles on the clear winter days. So, when you see many of them diving into the water in a tight group, hurry and get to them. It is best to get as close as needed to reach them with a long cast. The school of stripers will be forcing the bait fish to the surface while feeding, and the gulls will feed from the top. "Chase the birds." If the reservoir temperature gets really cold (around 40 degrees F.), look for the warmest temperature that you can find. Ground temperature is about 58 degrees F. and will attract bait fish from everywhere the spring water enters the lake. Steam plants dump large volumes of warm water also. The game fish will come to the bait fish to feed in these warmed waters. Size down on the bait or lure, and slow down on your presentation during the cold water months.

If you follow these tips, you will have confidence in your equipment, more security in the cold weather, and fun catching those stripers.

Tips For November Striper Fishing

By Junior Shepard

Beginning about the third week in November, Striper fisherman should check out the big coves. The Stripers will be anywhere from 5 to 18 feet deep. They will be feeding and chasing the shad that they have boxed in toward the banks. I have been having a ball fishing those areas for the past 10 years. Believe it or not, the best bait is a white buzz bait. There is nothing else in the world like rock fishing. Catch and Release. Good Luck.....

December Expectations

The thermocline is gone and the temperature is near the same from top to bottom. Expect to find the temperature in the mid 40's unless influenced by springs or steam plants. The baitfish will be in the warmest water they can find, the stripers will be close by. Large baits work well the first half of December, but as the temperature drops, smaller baits are best. Top Water baits are normally good the first half of the month. Stripers often push the baitfish to the surface and Gulls become your best fish locator. The Steam plants become more productive as the month progresses and the temperature begins to drop! Point or bottom fishing is normally effective. Before going fishing, we ask that you take every precaution to prevent hypothermia. Catch and release works great in the winter months.

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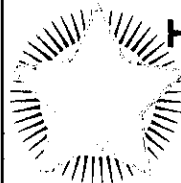
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Condition: Poor

Location: Fish have moved up to the 33 Bridge area

Bait: Shad.

Notes: Top water activity will begin as the temperatures declines

Watts Bar Lake

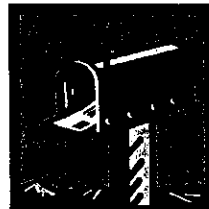
Condition: Fair

Location: Tailrarcas

Notes: Tailrarcas fishing is diminishing and the fish will soon begin to congregate in the steam plant area

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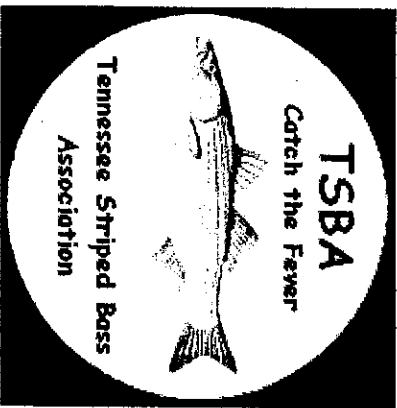
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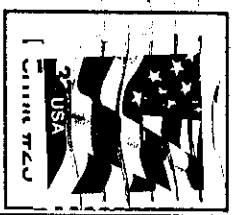
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