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*Tennessee
Striped Bass
Association,
Inc.
Newsletter*

**June
2005**

*Kids are the future
of striper fishing*

Kids' Fishing Day

June 19, 2005

President's Letter

The TSBA

When I first joined the TSBA, I did so for a couple of reasons.

1. I was looking for a network of new friends who enjoyed the same things that I do: fishing, fishing, fishing.
2. I was looking for knowledge of how to locate and catch Striped Bass.

As I am writing this letter, we have just finished our fourth tournament of 2005. After each outing that we have, it becomes more and more obvious that I have made a good choice in joining the club. I don't even have to mention the knowledge that I have gained to help make this point. I could go on and on about the nice folks that I have met and made friends with the past couple of years.

I would like to go back to the tournament for an example. I have heard about how tournaments can bring out the worst in people, about how they make people become selfish, greedy, inconsiderate, and almost uncivilized. That may be true for some people, but not for the majority of our club members. For an example of what I am saying, I arrive at Cherokee Dam and proceed to launch my boat. I have come early so I would have plenty of time to locate and catch some bait to use while fishing the tournament. But before I can get launched and headed out to the bait hole, a TSBA member pulls up and asks, "Do you have any bait?" I reply "not yet" and he tells me "don't worry I've got plenty, you can have some of mine if you want it." I pull over to his boat and he gives me more than enough and offers more if I want it. Now I have time to ride around and see if I can mark any fish and relax a little before the start of the tournament.

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Now back at the boat launch, as we are getting ready to start, another club member asks, "Do you have enough bait?" I tell him that I have some bait wouldn't mind to have some bigger bait to put out a variety for the fish, he says, "bring your bucket, how many do you want?" Now I have a variety of bait and I'm ready to go fishing. As we are getting ready to start one of the members tells me where he was going to be fishing and invited me to start there with him if I wanted to. He had been there earlier in the day and had found lots of fish. I follow his instructions and when I get there he is already there. He tells me exactly where the fish have been and to pull over close to his boat because he is marking some fish. After fishing a little while, there are 3 or 4 TSBA boats in the same area. I witnessed another club member in one boat net a fish for another member that was in a different boat.

All in all the whole experience was one of having a good time fishing with friends on a Saturday afternoon. Either someone forgot to tell these folks that we were fishing a tournament or somehow the competition meant less than the sportsmanship/friendship.

To sum it all up, the TSBA is a good place to be. The TSBA has some of the best and knowledgeable fishermen and fisherladies anywhere. The TSBA is a place to meet good people, make good friends, and have fun while learning more about striper fishing. And I would recommend our club to anyone.

John Seiber

PS

Don't miss the June meeting at Shoney's. Allan Franklin will be the featured speaker and his topic of "Fishing the boils / tailwaters below dams" is one that you don't want to miss.

Striper Bowl Weekend

The 2005 Striper Bowl and Tailgate Party were held on the weekend of April 30 and both events were well received. The Tailgate party was held in the parking lot of the Super 8 Motel on east AJ Highway in Morristown. This Super 8 Motel is a sponsor of the TSBA for 2005, and we want to thank them for donating a meeting room for this event. We encourage all of our out-of-town members to stay there whenever they are in town to fish Cherokee. Ask for Lynn at 1-423-586-8880.

The highlight of the Tailgate party was the recently-revised net-casting contest. The scoring technique has been changed to a "Go/ NO GO" scoring system where the net has to completely encircle a target for a successful cast. Each contestant had two tries from various distances to surround the target. The winners were:

1st - Ezell Cox, 2nd - Allan Franklin, and 3rd place was a tie between Bob Leach and Bill Cate. Overall the new scoring method was well received and we will use it in all future contests.

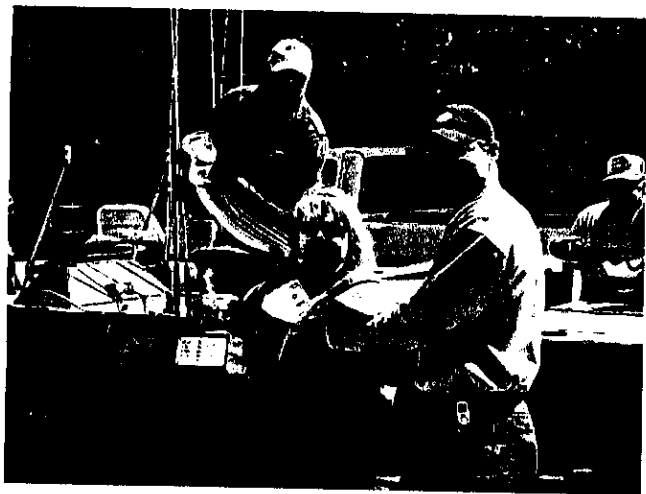
The Striper Bowl was held at the Oak Grove boat ramp and we left at first light. We had a total of 22 participants and everyone seemed to have a good time. The Striper Bowl trophy was won by Lisa Osborne who landed a 19 pound/ 8 ounce striper upstream from the 25E bridge. We want to congratulate Lisa as she joins her husband as a winner of the Striper Bowl trophy. The second largest striper was caught by Janine Johnson who weighed-in a 14 pound/ 14 ounce striper that she caught near the dam. I would say that the ladies won the day. This also showed how spread out the stripers are at this time of year. Most of the remaining fish weighed in were hybrids caught in Rocky Hollow. Also, I think that all of the fish were caught before 10 a.m., so I think that future morning events will end around that time as there appears to be no reason for a later weigh-in.

Bob Leach



Lisa
Osborne
wins
StriperBowl
Trophy

19 lb. 8 oz.



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also wins the
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StriperBowl
Group

May 1, 2005

Fishing Hot Spots



Cherokee Lake: Good

Stripers will not go back well in July. Catch your limit and quit. Released fish will not survive for the most part. Hybrids are more tolerant of the warm water and can often be caught in schools in shallow water. They can also be released normally without mortality. The no fishing zone is in effect again starting July 15. The humps and islands near the dam up to Point #21 normally become excellent.

Norris Lake: Fair

Point #26 on the Clinch and Point #14 on the Powell to the dam. Most of the stripers will move into the main channel out of the shallow warm coves. Down lines and downriggers work well over marked fish.

Fort Loudon & Melton Hill Tailraces: Good & Improving

The law is you must wear your life jacket in these dangerous waters. Put your sinker and hook close to the bottom with plans to lose a few for the most catches. Pulling side planer boards down the banks can also catch fish for miles downstream.

Monthly Meeting - June 20

Allan Franklin presents

"Strategies and Tactics for Fishing the Boils"

Monthly

Meeting

July 18

"TWRA Report on
Stocking"

The TSBA web site offers up-to-date
fishin' reports to all TSBA members.

Visit the web at:

www.TNStripedBass.com

The current password is:

Username: "bait"

Password: "tank"

July Expectations

The migration downstream toward the dam has started in the reservoirs. The stripers will be a little easier to locate as the temperature in the coves and creeks pushes them into the deeper, cooler main channel. The thermocline will continue to get deeper with the fish staying just below it, and surface feeding in the reservoirs is over until October. A good topographical map now becomes a great fishing tool. The tailraces will continue to improve. They will be a good place to find some action while also still allowing successful catch and release in the hot summer. Working the "boils" will become very effective in July. It is your life and money, so remember to wear your life jacket at the dams. It is the law also.

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Poachers that use illegal commercial gear or fishing tools to kill fish are stealing from you and me. There are also some criminals that fail to use the guidelines set by our wildlife and fish management experts. They should be reported for violations of creel and size limits. We should be critical of any violations on our wonderful striped bass and try to get the violators caught. On the other extreme of take anything you can get are conservation extremists like the spotted owl tree huggers, P.E.T.A., and snail darter protectors. My suggestion is each person stays within their legal limits of the law and not be so quick to criticize someone else that is also within their limits of the law. The wildlife and fish management experts do hear our concerns and request to change some of the laws as needed (CHEROKEE NO FISH ZONE) (NORRIS SEASONAL AND TEMPORARY SIZE LIMITS). Be conservation minded, chill-out, and enjoy the fishing trip.

Minutes of the May Meeting

Bob Leach went over the Cherokee Tournament details.

We discussed the upcoming Cumberland River Trip and the upcoming Kids' Day. I informed everyone that we would not be sponsoring a campout but instead would try to have a cookout or something after the fishing is over the morning of June 19.


Mike Smith gave a presentation/history of the Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery. He shared a great deal of history on the stocking of striped bass. He told us that the TWRA is having trouble getting brood fish for spawning this year; therefore, they did not have any baby stripers in the tanks. He assured us that they would eventually get the fish and the hatchery would be turning out their usual number of fish.

*John Seiber
TSBA President*

The TSBA would like to thank our sponsors. We encourage our members and guests to support our sponsors by using their services.

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Letter from the Secretary

Recently, Janine and I went back to an old fishing hole that got us hooked on stripers, Lake Norfolk near Mountain Home, Arkansas. We visited with the Lake Norfolk Striper Club. We are also members of the LNSC, and it was a fun fishing trip with Red Van Scoyoc, who is President of the club. I even caught a nice walleye. Red and I were talking and Janine was baiting and putting out lines - definite control issue.

Lake Norfolk and Norris Lake are very similar. Both are very clean, clear lakes. We lost fish in Norris because of lack of dissolved oxygen. They lost fish in Norfolk because of anti-striper attitude. It makes me again say how lucky we are to have TWRA that supports striper stocking. My main point to them and you is communication. Keep the fishing reports coming.

Allan Franklin did an excellent reporting last year on fishing the rivers below Melton Hill and Fort Loudoun. Let your fellow club members know what's happening. We have many out-of-state members who need information for their vacation, so please help them out. Make sure you attend the June 20th meeting when Allan will present "Strategies and Tactics for Fishing the Boils." It's going to be an evening with a lot of interesting information.

Dave Johnson

May 21-22 Cherokee Tournament

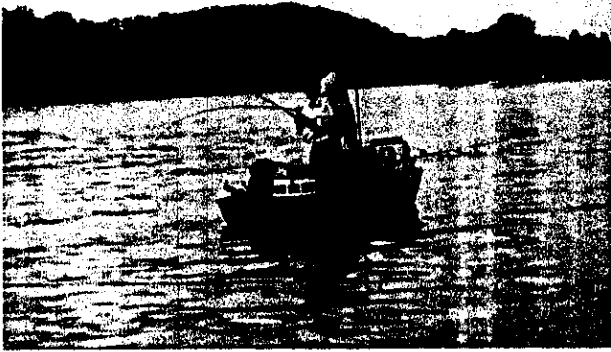
One of the disappointments of our 2005 tournaments has been that not enough members have been catching stripers during our events. I realize that the mark of a successful outing is to have fun and not whether or not you actually catch fish, but I think that everyone would have a better time if the success ratio was higher. Therefore, we are going to experiment with some different ideas to try get more fish weighed in. The following changes were implemented for the May 21-22 tournament.

Two-day Tournament - This tournament was held on Saturday night and the following Sunday morning. You could fish either or both days and weigh in the largest fish you caught on those two days. Only the largest fish per angler counted for the prize money. The \$11 entry fee covered both days.

Launch Site - The official launch site was the boat ramp just South of the Cherokee Dam, and I was there at pre-established times to register members and guests. Once you paid your entry fee, you were free to launch at any boat ramp on Cherokee. Also, if you prepaid before the event, you could go straight to the launch site of your choice, and you did not have to show up at the Cherokee Dam boat ramp. We did specify the earliest time that you could put any lines in the water. This allowed anglers to leisurely go to their chosen fishing spot and be ready when the "Lines-in-the -Water" time arrived.

Tournament Results - A total of 24 members registered for the tournament and 10 anglers weighed in fish. The top four winners are as follows: Ted Karagias - 17/02; Allan Franklin - 16/09; Jonathan Franklin - 15/05; and Gayle Karagias - 15/01. Most of the members appeared to like the format for the tournament as the catch ratio was up considerably from the past, and it allowed members more flexibility in scheduling their weekend as you could fish either Saturday, Sunday or both days. We will consider ways to refine the rules to make them even more fun for everyone. You should definitely try to participate in some of our friendly tournaments as it is a lot of fun.

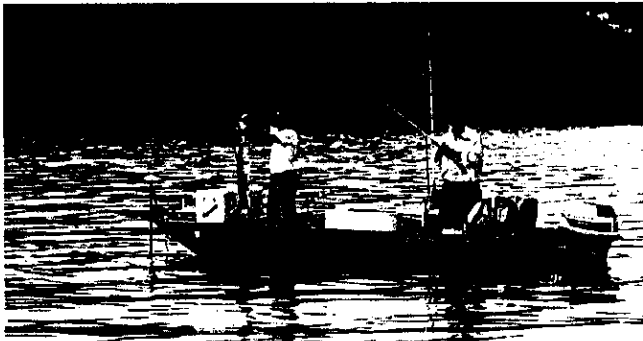
Bob Leach



Pat Seiber



Eric Rauch & Bill Cate



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Ted
Karagias

Cherokee
Tourney
Winner
May 22

17 lb.
2 oz.



Gayle
Karagias

May 22

15 lb. 1
oz.

Trey
Franklin
3 Years Old

Cherokee
20.7 lb.
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Annual Allan Franklin Kids' Fishing Day

Sunday, June 19

6:30-9:30 a.m.

Launch at Cherokee Dam off Hwy. 92

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**Hope you are not going to miss
the good time the kids are going
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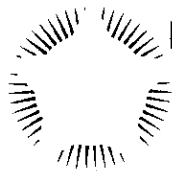
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Letter from the Vice President

Rivers

In the local area there are a number of cold-water rivers that hold stripers. These fish can be caught and released long after the lake temperatures get too hot to put fish back. Slow trolling along a river is my favorite way to fish for Stripers. There is always something to do, and the scenery is constantly changing even when the fish don't bite. It takes a shallow draft boat, planer boards, and live bait. When a big Striper hits in cold running water, you will know something happened. Parts of the Tennessee, Little Tennessee, Tellico, Emory, Holston, French Broad, Clinch, Powell, Emory, Hiwassee, Ocoee, Cumberland, Obed, Watauga, and Caney Fork Rivers are all places you might find a few Stripers this Summer. I haven't fished them all yet, but I am working on it. Do your homework before you go. Get good maps and know what conditions to expect. Be aware of water release schedules for upstream dams. GPS mapping is a good idea as is NOAA weather radio. Keep an eye out for shoals, rocks, snags and other hard objects and be aware that the lay of the river is ever changing and hard objects tend to relocate between trips. So pick a river and go.

Felix Taylor



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2005 TSBA Calendar

Please attend TSBA events and join us at the meetings.

Monthly meetings will be held at Shoney's Restaurant, 5420 Clinton Highway. Get off I-75 at Exit 108, head west for about one mile. Turn right onto Clinton Hwy. Shoney's will be on the right.

- June 19:** Kids Fishing Day-Cherokee
- June 20:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- June 26:** Open Fishing on Cherokee
- July 9:** Open Fishing on Cherokee
- July 18:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- July 23:** Open Fishing on Melton Hill
- July 29-31:** Cumberland River Trip
- August 15:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- August 20:** Tournament on Melton Hill
- September 10:** TSBA Fish Fry & Reunion (Monthly Meeting)
- September 17:** Open Fishing on Cherokee
- October 17:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- October 22:** Open Fishing on Cherokee
- November 12:** Open Fishing on Norris
- November 21:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- December 19:** Board of Directors Meeting - 6 PM

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Order Total \$ _____

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- * 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.
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Address _____

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Phone(_____) _____ # of minor children in family _____

E-Mail address _____

Referred By: _____

I have read and agree to abide by and be bound by the Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc. (TSBA) Bylaws*.

* A copy of the Bylaws can be found on the TSBA website at www.TNStripedBass.com or at the offices of the corporation.

(Signature)

(Date)

Enclose a check for \$20.00

Mail to: Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc.

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Note: All members must sign and submit this membership application with the 2005 dues. Yearly dues are due in January each year. New members that sign up in Oct., Nov., or Dec. will get credit for the remainder of that year and the following year.



The TSBA is a non-profit corporation that supports TWRA & its Striped Bass & Cherokee Bass programs. We come together to provide a unified voice for the Striped Bass & the Cherokee Bass programs in the State of Tennessee. We educate the public & share our knowledge with fellow Striped Bass anglers.

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