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**Tennessee
Striped Bass
Association,
Inc.
Newsletter**

**May
2006**

Kids' Fishing Day

**Saturday, June 10
Fun Starts at 3:00 p.m.**



President's Letter

Captain Chet Moore

I would like to give my congratulations to TSBA member and sponsor Chet Moore. Chet has recently completed his Coast Guard training and has received a captain's license from the U.S. Coast Guard. This is no small achievement for anyone. Chet has invested more than 200 hours and given up a lot of quality fishing time for this. I'm sure that most of you will join me in congratulating Chet on this accomplishment. Chet operates StripersAndMoore Guide Service

<http://www.stripersandmoore.com>. Check out his website, and be sure to give, not only him, but all our sponsors your recommendations.

Safety

I know that we talk a lot about being careful on the water and being courteous to others while boating. Not long ago, I posted on fishing reports a note about using caution in the early morning hours on our area lakes. I was referring to a Saturday morning fishing trip in which I counted 10 boats running 50 to 60 MPH (maybe faster than that) before safe light. These guys were actually running in each other's wake. One floating log would have taken out half of them at least. On another trip, I was catching bait in Bull Run Creek near where I live on a bright, sunny afternoon. Just as I finished and was putting everything away getting ready to load the boat, someone (another TSBA member) pulled up along side my boat, and we began talking as I was continuing to tidy up and get ready to head to the fishing hole. The wind was blowing us toward the launch ramp, and we were enjoying the weather and catching up on some fishing reports. While all this was taking place, more people were launching and loading boats and I was not really paying attention to everyone. But I soon found out that I should have been paying close attention to everyone around me. As I was still talking, I decided to wash

out the filter in my tank before leaving. While I was leaning over the side of the boat, I heard the sound of a 200+ HP motor opening wide open. I thought someone was practicing their hole shot for the upcoming tournament or something. When I looked up, I could see nothing but the bottom of a boat coming straight at me. The boat had not leveled off yet, so the driver could not at this point see over the bow. As he was coming straight at me, I had no time to do anything. The only thing that kept me from being run over in broad daylight was that the passenger did what the driver should have done and looked ahead before they blasted off. I could not hear anything but the big motor, but my friend that was there with me who was almost run down with me heard the passenger yelling at the driver. The driver never let off the throttle, he just turned hard left and blew on past where we were. The wake from his boat nearly turned me over. All this happened so fast that I could not react in any way. It was really a close call that should not have been. It just goes to show that you should never assume that the people around you are being responsible. I think this guy left his brain at home that day, and it nearly caused a major accident.

I may have been a little long in describing this, but I just wanted to impress upon everyone that you have to be watching out for the other guy just like driving on the highway.

Be safe and good fishing,
I hope to see you at the Fish Hatchery in May.
John Seiber



John Seiber
April 16, 2006

Cherokee Striper Tournament

Saturday

May 27, 2006

This tournament will be held on Lake Cherokee, and we will be meeting and launching from the launch ramp just south of the dam on Hwy 92. This will be an afternoon / evening tournament. Starting time will be at 4-PM with registration beginning at 3:30-PM. Weigh-in will be at 9-PM under the lights of the parking area. Anyone who wishes to pre-register can do so at the next club meeting on May 15th, which will be at the Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery in Clinton. The entry fee for this tournament is \$11.00. One Dollar of the fee is for the purchase of the first place plaque, which will be given out at the November club meeting. The remaining Ten Dollars will be paid out to the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place finishers (1st place 50%) (2nd place 35%) (3rd place 15%). We will weigh two fish per angler (either striper or hybrid), with a 15" minimum size limit.

The club invites all members and their guests to come and participate in this tournament. All non-members will be asked to sign a liability release form when registering. Bring a camera, plenty of bait, and, of course, a fishing partner. We hope to have a good turnout, and a good time on the water.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: jseiber@tennstripedbass.com or (865) 414-5417

John Seiber

**ANNUAL ALLAN FRANKLIN
KIDS' FISHING DAY
EVENT**

**Sat., June 10, 3:00 p.m.
at Cherokee Dam**

What a fun time this will be !!!

This year, food and prizes begin the event at 3:00 p.m. We will start fishing at 5:00 p.m.

Lots of fun and prizes !!!

*** Please pre-register so
trophies may be ordered in advance.**

**Call Allan Franklin at 865-805-3120
no later than May 30.**

If you would like to help fund the Kids' Fishing Day, you can give prizes to Allan Franklin or mail a donation to:

TSBA Kids Fishing Day
P. O. Box 24442
Knoxville, TN 37933

We wish to thank all the members who have helped with this event over the years. Thanks.

ME, ME, ME, I, I, I

We need to have understanding of our impact on this good planet called Earth. It seems that we hear about the extremists because they are the far right or left on opinions. Then there are the spin doctors that propose actions much more to the right or left than they actually think to get attention and action. It is all lumped into the category called politics. The people that I hate to see share their thoughts to influence public opinion are those that don't have a clue what they are talking about. Most of the time, these people have selfish reasons (ME, ME, ME, I, I, I,) that cause these opinions.

As you can tell by now this article is about conservation. It is not intended to be right or left but just an effort to inform striper fishermen why some of the changes in our fishery have been necessary to try. One of the most recent changes made by Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission is the size of the wintertime striper on Norris from 24 inches to 36 inches. This is an effort to give Norris a chance to recover from the loss of most of its largest stripers in the summer of 2003 due to an extreme water quality and parasite problem. The stripers less than 10 pounds had a decent survival but the good opportunity for a 30 pound plus fish went away in 2003. The biologists thought this was the best and quickest recovery solution for Norris they could recommend.

Another good example of a needed reaction to a (ME, ME, ME, I, I, I,) problem was the waste and misuse of the stripers on Cherokee in the summer when they were at the dam. The only cool water refuge with oxygen in the summer was at the dam in deep water. All the larger stripers went there to survive in the aeration bubbles but were being killed by the thousands each day by just being caught and released. The anglers were aware of the many fish they were killing because they were staying on the surface, blowing to the bank and stinking. The two-month no fishing zone in front of the dam each summer has already improved the striper size and rest of the year catch on Cherokee after a few short years.

The two examples used here are some of the management tools necessary to get our attention. Size limits, slot limits, creel limits, no fishing zones, and seasons are all there to protect us from ourselves. The rules are put in place to protect the resource and give us all a level playing field for equal opportunity of our resource.

The next time someone talks when they don't have a clue what they are talking about, just ask them to repeat this message. (ME, ME, ME, I, I, I,) Then help support the biologists and experts that tell us how to best manage our stripers.

Ezell Cox

Fishing Hot Spots



Cherokee Lake - Good

Point #1 at the dam upstream to Point #21 above the 25E bridge. 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 humps in the middle of the lake near the dam usually become excellent.

Norris Lake - Fair

33 Bridge downstream to Point #19 on the Clinch side. Below Point #14 at Blue Springs downstream to Point #11 below Springs Dock on the Powell side. Look on the inside bends of the river and in front of the major coves with creek feeds.

Below Fort Loudoun & Melton Hill Dams - Good & Improving

Many of the stripers will go upstream to the discharge at the dams. 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.

June Expectations

The reservoir stripers have finished the spawn run and continue to move slowly downstream as the thermocline gets deeper. Top water action is in the early morning or not at all, but a good fish finder will start showing the schools of stripers that are deep enough not to shy away from the boat. The confluence of the major creeks and old river channel near mid lake are good target areas. The large, shallow flats that transition quickly to deep water are also excellent places for stripers to hold. The stripers normally feed aggressively after the spawn is complete. Catch and release starts to become questionable this month; however, in the tailrace and rivers below dams you will be able to release successfully during most of the early summer. The stripers will continue to migrate to the tailrace discharge the entire month of June and should be great by month end.

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: _____ Password: _____



HISTORY

(Presentation Summary from the
March Monthly Meeting)

Stripers were accidentally landlocked in South Carolina's Santee-Cooper lakes in the 1940s. When reproduction was verified, southern states with large man-made impoundments became interested in the striper as a sport fish and for gizzard shad control. The only option at that time was to stock stripers and hope for natural reproduction.

From 1959 through 1963, Kentucky Lake was stocked with several hundred adult and yearling stripers from East Coast states. It was a joint effort between Tennessee and Kentucky. No significant reproduction occurred.

In 1963, Tennessee began experiments with eggs and fry. No hatchery space was available, and the only egg source was North Carolina's Weldon Hatchery. They were only able to obtain 10,000 eggs that year, and most did not survive transporting. Private farm ponds and the Frog Pond pothole were used to rear some fingerlings during 1964, and nearly two million eggs and fry were stocked below Fort Loudoun Dam.

A South Carolina biologist developed a hormone spawning technique that made millions of fry available to other states. Techniques for rearing fingerlings were developed and natural reproduction was no longer a limiting factor.

Hybrids (Cherokee Bass) were produced in 1965 and gave Tennessee's program a big boost. Tennessee had a fishery for hybrids two years before any other state. Stripers from fingerlings reared in farm ponds and potholes began to be caught also.

Hatchery space became available in 1966, but funds were not available for needed modifications. Nevertheless, biologists were able to rear enough fingerlings to create striper fisheries in several Tennessee lakes, and the state became known for its trophy-sized fish.

In 1968, the year that Percy Priest was impounded, 2.5 million four-day-old striper fry were stocked in the new reservoir. Since other fish were not established, the survival of stripers was outstanding and a tremendous fishery resulted.

In 1986, a Melton Hill striper broke a long-standing freshwater world record. Tennessee has spawned home-grown stripers since 1972 and has provided millions of fry and fingerlings to other states.

In 1974, the legislature approved a loan to build a striped bass and muskellunge hatchery at Eagle Bend. Normandy Hatchery was constructed during the early 1990's. Despite several controversies, Tennessee's striper program is alive and healthy. The State has some of the best inland striper and Cherokee Bass fishing to be found anywhere.

By Dave Bishop

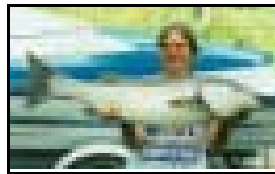
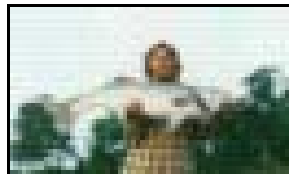
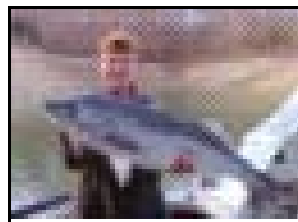
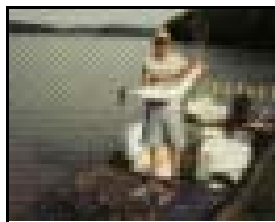
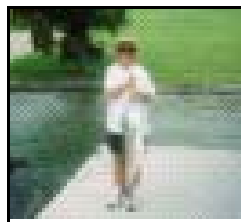
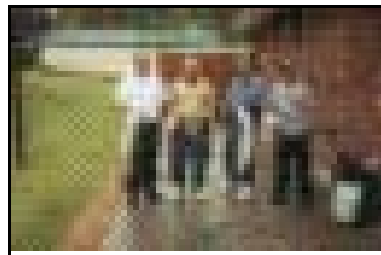
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Fish Hatchery Tour - May 15

TWRA's Mike Smith will give you a tour of the Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery including a wonderful presentation. It will be fun and exciting to see the tanks with all the little stripers. Please join us for pizza and drinks starting at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery - From I-75, take the TN-61 exit (Norris/Clinton Exit 122). Turn onto TN-61 heading West and go 4.3 miles. The hatchery will be on your left (east side of the street) at 1207 Charles G Seivers Blvd., Clinton (between Hwy. 25W and the Clinch River).

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Minutes of the April Meeting

Dave Johnson gave his presentation on fishing line type, size, color, and uses. An important factor is making sure the bait is presented as naturally as possible.

John Seiber has taken responsibility for the StriperBowl and refreshments.

Sammy Robinette has volunteered to take the vacant spot on the Norris Lake Advisory Committee.

Janine Johnson will be responsible for pizza and refreshments at the May 15th monthly meeting at the Fish Hatchery.

Allan Franklin will talk to sponsors for Kids Day.

Allan Franklin will work with the Disabled Sportsmen and pick a date in September for the fundraising tournament.

If you are being harassed on any TVA lake, call Thomas Atchley, TVA Police Enforcement Officer, 800-824-3861 immediately.



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2006 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.

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| May 15: | Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery |
| May 20: | Open Fishing |
| May 27: | Tournament - Cherokee |
| June 10: | Kids' Fishing Day |
| June 19: | Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM |
| June 24: | Open Fishing |
| July 8: | Tournament - Fort Loudoun |
| July 17: | Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM |
| July 22: | Family Day/Open Fishing |
| August 21: | Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM |
| August 26: | Open Fishing |
| September 9: | Annual TSBA Fish Fry & Reunion |
| September 16: | Open Fishing |
| September: | Tournament for Disabled Sportsmen of America |
| October 16: | Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
Officer and Director Nominations |
| October 21: | Open Fishing |
| November 11: | Tournament - Cherokee |
| November 20: | Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
Election of Officers and Directors |
| November 25: | Open Fishing |
| December 18: | Board of Directors Meeting, Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM |



Gayle
Karagias

Cherokee

March 30

27 lb.

Don
Carmack

April 4



Derek
Gaylor

April 4

21 lb.



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

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* 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

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Knoxville TN 37933

Note: All members must sign and submit this membership application with the 2006 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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