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The  
Striper  
Fever!**

# T.S.B.A.



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

**August  
2006**

**T.S.B.A.  
Annual Fish Fry  
& Reunion**

**Anderson County Park  
on Norris Lake**

**September 9  
2:00 p.m.**

## President's Letter

As we head into the month of August, we have already had a taste of the good ole summer time. What I'm referring to is the heat. The heat of summer can lessen a person's ambition to get outdoors for sure. I know that the heat of summer is much more likely to cause me to stay in than the cold of winter. But during this time of year there are some ways to beat the heat, and that also gets you a little relief from boat traffic. I personally like to change over to the nightshift during this time of year. Fishing at night naturally means less heat and a more comfortable outing. As many of you also know, the jet skis are not allowed on the water after sunset. If you have not been out much at night, then you need to be very careful, because that place you know all so well will seem different at night. It is very easy to get confused or even lost in some areas when darkness comes. If at all possible, take someone with you; it is better not to be alone at night for a number of reasons. Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. Go enjoy a comfortable, quiet, and usually productive fishing trip. At this time of year, it is also important to be a responsible angler. The surface temperatures in most of the reservoirs are over 80 degrees, and that puts a lot of stress on our friend the striped bass. If you plan on catching and releasing, it is best to fish in the tailwaters of a dam or some other cool water fishery. If you plan on harvesting fish, this is the best time to do that, as you have heard over and over (catch your 2 and go home). The other time that I like to get out is very early in the morning, when you get to enjoy the cool of the morning and the sunrise.

Also, I would like to take a minute to inform those of you who may not be aware of the great loss the TSBA experienced this past month. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, our friend and club secretary Dave Johnson passed away. I hope that you will join me in keeping Dave's family in your thoughts and prayers.

*John Seiber  
TSBA President*



**John Seiber  
July 1  
25 lb.**



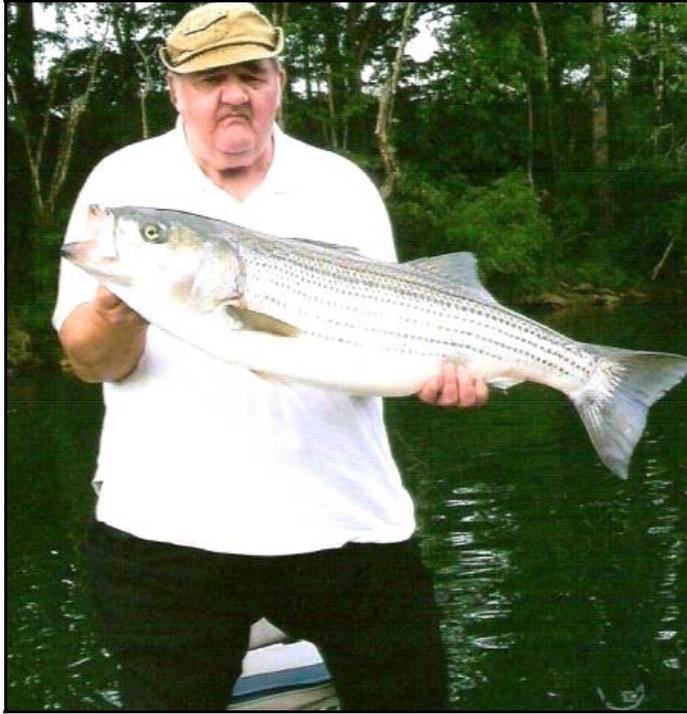
**Ronnie  
Shrader**

**34 lbs.**

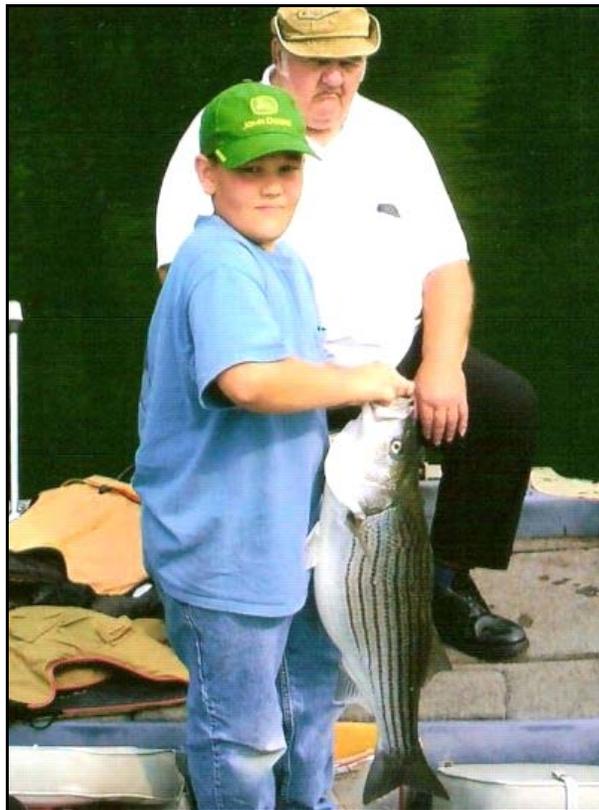


**Phillip  
McClanahan**

**25 lbs.**



**John  
McClanahan**  
**29 lbs.**



**Ethan  
McClanahan**  
**16 lbs.**

## Water Quality

Striper water quality in the reservoirs for the summertime means there is a need for a refuge with water temperature below 75 degrees F. Dissolved oxygen needs to exceed 4 parts per million. The cooler water sinks if not disturbed by current, not unlike cool air with no wind. So, if the reservoir has enough water volume and depth, it retains some of the coolest water from the past winter that has sunk and stored below the insulating thermocline well into very late summer. Evidence for this is the cold discharge that comes from below the dams. OK, the stripers can find cool water, but for them to stay healthy they must be able to exchange some of the dissolved oxygen in the water into their blood stream and expel the unwanted gasses. The problem is that the dissolved oxygen only enters the water from exposure to the atmosphere from the surface, rain, wind, and waterfalls. The exception to this is the aeration systems that have been placed on the bottom on the upstream side of some of the dams. This creates an artificial environment for the larger stripers to survive. The analogy is not unlike a human in diving gear to survive under water or for a person to put a large trash bag over our head and seal it from the outside air. The person would be OK for a while until they used up the oxygen supply in the bag, with no replacement coming into it they would die. Fish and anything decaying in the water below the thermocline will use up the oxygen throughout the entire summer.

Stripers that live to be larger than about 10 pounds will find cool water although it does not have dissolved oxygen, and the first stage is to quit eating and then suffocate. The smaller stripers will move closer to the surface warm water with oxygen in it to survive. A fisherman using live bait will recognize the symptoms when you lower your bait to depth and it dies within a minute or two, or artificial baits pulled through schools of fish with no strikes.

The striper die-offs have occurred on some of our local reservoirs over the past years. Norris had a major one in the summer of 2003, and Cherokee almost every year develops some localized die-offs although not as major since the installation of the aerators. The dissolved oxygen/temperature at depth report is a wonderful tool to tell you how deep and where to fish in the summer. Stripers often school in the summer and stay at a depth where a good fish finder will locate them very well.

T.W.R.A's Region 4 link from our web site on water quality will give you some great information to fish this summer.

*Ezell Cox*

## Fishing Hot Spots



### **Cherokee Lake: Poor**

The best fishing will be within a few miles of the dam. Pulling artificials on downriggers and jigging spoons will catch more fish than live bait this month. Most of the time, hybrids can be released. Please do not kill more than your limit of stripers after September 15 in the oxygen bubbles by trying to release them.

### **Norris Lake: Good**

Most of the stripers will be near the dam. Point #9 downstream and in Big Creek and Cove Creek. Artificial bait on downriggers works great. Nighttime still offers a lot of good fishing.

To review the dissolved oxygen level data, go to [www.TNStripedBass.com](http://www.TNStripedBass.com). Click on "TWRA Region 4." Then click on "Water Quality."

### **Tailrace and Downstream: Excellent**

Four common methods of fishing below dams all work well.

1. Run up into the boils and lob live bait into the boil and drift downstream.
2. Cast heavy jigs into the boils or cast into schooling fish anywhere you find them.
3. Use side planer boards against the bank with live bait going with the current for miles downstream.
4. Fish with live bait and a heavy sinker placed near the bottom and go with the current until you find feeding fish.

## September Expectations

Early September is much the same as August in the reservoirs. The larger stripers will be in the old river channels near the dam, below the thermocline, trying to find enough cool water with dissolved oxygen in it to survive. The stripers are stressed more than any other time of year so catch and release is not possible if it exceeds 20 to 25 inches (4 to 8 pounds) depending on the reservoir. As the cold water is released through the dam, the funnel effect can cause the thermocline to go very deep late in the month so fish can be caught in excess of 100 feet. Cool water tailrace fishing will continue to be at its best for the entire year. Some of the tailraces may struggle to have a successful catch and release of the larger fish. Wear your life jacket below the dams. It may save you \$200 in fines or even your life.

The TSBA web site offers up-to-date fishin' reports to all TSBA members. Visit the web at: [www.TNStripedBass.com](http://www.TNStripedBass.com)

The current password is:

Username: "fish" Password: "hook"

Tournament for  
Disabled Sportsmen of America  
is set for  
September 17 at safe light  
at Anderson County Park  
on Norris Lake

**T.S.B.A. ANNUAL  
FISH FRY  
& REUNION**

Take the time to come out and  
enjoy yourself with good people,  
excellent food, and lots of fun.

Saturday, September 9, 2006  
starting at 2:00 p.m.

at the Pavilion at  
Anderson County Park  
on Norris Lake

## **Lots of Door Prizes**

### **Pot Luck**

Bring a yummy covered dish. If you don't have the opportunity, be sure to come anyway. There is always more than enough for everyone!

### **Games**

Cast net throwing lessons, contests, and prizes.

### **Directions**

Take I-75 to Route 61 (Clinton Exit 122). Go East to Park Road. Turn left and take Park Road to its end at Anderson County Park. Go to the pavilion on top of the hill.

\* Camping available



George  
Haun

Tarpon

June,  
2006

Gulf of  
Mexico

Janine Johnson and Bob Leach July, 2006





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## **Fort Loudoun Tournament July 8 Report**

The six people who showed up for the tournament decided just to fish for fun and forget about the tournament due to the low turnout.

## Minutes of the July Meeting

John Seiber called the meeting to order and recognized the loss the club experienced. On July 7, club secretary Dave Johnson passed away.

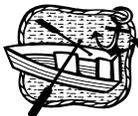
Family Day is scheduled for July 22 with fishing at 6:00 a.m. and a picnic lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Anderson County Park on Norris Lake.

The Tournament for Disabled Sportsmen of America will be held on September 17 at safe light at Anderson County Park on Norris Lake. Flyers will be distributed.

Mike Smith, T.W.R.A., presented the club with the stocking report.

Dave Bishop did a slide presentation on the early striper days.

Janine Johnson  
TSBA Treasurer



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**Super 8 Motel in Morristown, TN** is located on East Andrew Johnson Highway, only 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile from after exiting at Exit 2B. It is only a few miles from the Oak Grove Ramp on Cherokee Reservoir, which many of our members frequently use. Amenities at the **Super 8 Motel** include an outdoor swimming pool, free local telephone calls, high speed internet, HBO and free continental breakfast.

If you are fishing in the Cherokee Reservoir area and are looking for a fisherman-friendly motel, stay with our friends at the **Super 8 Motel**. Reservations can be made by calling: 423 586-8880 or toll free: 866 802-6324. A link to specific information on the motel follows:

<http://www.super8morristown.com>

## 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.

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 17: 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

### Monthly Meeting - August 21

Speaker:  
Ken Cutsinger  
T.W.R.A.

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Janine Johnson

July, 2006

17 lb.

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\* 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.

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E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://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**

**P.O. Box 24442**

**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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**September 9**

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