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

**September
2006**

**Tournament for
Disabled Sportsmen
of America**

September 17 at safe light

**Anderson County Park
on Norris Lake**

President's Letter

Surprised!!

In the popular movie Forrest Gump, actor Tom Hanks coined the phrase "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what your gonna get." I'm sure that most of you have found that to be true with fishing also. Well, I had my surprise while fishing for skipjack below one of the local dams while fishing with a friend. Yes, I do have a witness or else I probably wouldn't even tell this. But while fishing with a friend and catching skipjack with a lightweight spinning reel and 6 lb test line, I hooked something that took some drag, not a lot, but it for sure wasn't a baitfish. I told my friend that I thought I had hooked a small striper. It made a little bit of a run, and then it just stopped. Then it would decide to swim away a little bit and stop again. I would gain a little line and then loose a little. Then my thoughts were, "I've hooked a catfish and this could go on for a while." I wanted to break the rig off and go back to catching bait, but I didn't want to loose the rig. This tug-a-war went on and on with just a steady light pressure on the line. My friend asked, "What in the world have you got there?" My answer is "a catfish and I am getting tired of fooling around here," but he was getting curious now and encouraged me to stay with it and see what this thing was. Every time that I would think that I would get to see the fish, it would take off again and we would have to give chase (remember light line & light rig). After close to 30 minutes later this nonsense is still going on, and we have been in the swift water, the slack water, and now we are downstream near the end of the wall where you enter the lock. After a couple more times of getting it near the surface it finally came up, and to our surprise it was a striped bass that weighed in at 19 lbs. The fish was hooked

in the dorsal fin, and evidently didn't spook which would have made it run. I told my buddy, "Well, I guess that fish is dead." Since we were not prepared with a cooler and ice, or any way to harvest and keep a fish, we were about to start looking for someone who wanted the fish but first decided to try reviving it. After cranking up the trolling motor and heading upstream with the fish's mouth open and getting some much-needed oxygen, it bit down on my hand a couple times and away it went. I feel confident that it released okay, and that was as much a surprise as the catch. I don't think there would have been any way to boat that fish had it been hooked normally and done the normal run and fight that you get from a striper.

To sum it up, that was about like hunting an elephant with a BB-Gun.

Looking forward to fall and good fishing,

John Seiber



John Seiber

18 lb.

**Percy Priest Hybrid and Striper Club
Recipient of the 2005 American Friends of
Fisheries Award (KY/TN Chapter)**

Date: 8/18/2006

Dear Friends,

My name is Roy Foster and I am a Striper Fisherman. I am on a fishing trip for the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency. I am trying to raise \$5,000.00 for the Springfield Hatchery located in Springfield, Tennessee.

I went to the hatchery recently to see them take down a pond and harvest the fingerlings to release into Old Hickory Lake. There were 60,000 of the fingerlings in this pond, which was good, but there could have been more.

They have a problem with a floating algae which keeps them from getting food to all the fry, as some of the fry will always be under the algae. They need to purchase a paddle agitator to use with a tractor. This will break up the algae and aerate the ponds.

The Springfield Hatchery raises many warm water fish to release into our mid-state lakes. Among the species raised are the Black Nosed Crappie, Walleye, Smallmouth Bass, Goggle Eye, Cat Fish, Striped Bass, Hybrid (also known as Cherokee Bass) and everyone's favorite the Florida Largemouth Bass.

The Percy Priest Striper and Hybrid Club has raised \$2,500.00 and donated it to the T.W.R.A. in the last two years for use at the Springfield Hatchery.

Please become a partner with us in providing the needed funds for this piece of equipment. Checks may be sent to

Percy Priest Hybrid and Striper Club
c/o Roy G. Foster
6333 Columbia Avenue
Nashville, TN 37209

Each contributor's name will be listed and given to the T.W.R.A so that every individual, company and club can be recognized for their contribution.

You may contact Todd St.John, Region II Biologist at 615-781-6330 to verify the validity of this request.

Sincerely,

Roy G. Foster
615-356-2298



FALL FISHING SEASON

Each of us has hobbies and recreation that we enjoy doing. The upcoming season is my personal favorite, although it is not the best season to be successful at my hobby or maybe as some say obsession (FISHING).

The unofficial fall season in Tennessee starts the week after Labor Day and continues until the official winter starts. The only undesirable sign of fall is the daylight hours being exchanged for darkness, but it is necessary to cool the heat of summer and reduce the evening thunderstorms. Schools have all started back with the fall football season also starting. This eliminates much of the big boats with big waves that come to the lake and the annoying wave runners that were buzzing around you like a swarm of mosquitoes that won't go away. By the first of October the water temperature cools to the point that sun worshipers, swimmers, and skiers cannot enjoy it so they are no longer coming to the water to play. Many of the fishermen are also hunters so that is another group that starts to minimize the pressure that has been on the waterways. The solitude is wonderful. It is beginning to sound like there could be a little introvert in my personality, but if that is true it only happens this time of year because I do like people.

The fall season has so many beautiful and bountiful treats to enjoy - the bright blue sky with the low humidity, brilliant colors of the fall flowers, and then the mid October leaves, WOW. The leaves then fall and the wildlife is much easier to spot and hear in the woods and on the water to enjoy.

Turkey, loons, sand hill cranes, geese, ducks, and eagles are a few of the many birds you can expect to see and hear. The wildlife with fur is just as abundant for your viewing pleasure like otter, beaver, mink, raccoon, deer, squirrel, skunk, opossum, with many more that are being left out. Of course, all of these critters get a lot of attention from my favorite little four-legged fishing buddy, Scruffy. The hunting instinct comes out on Scruffy, and we will harvest a few that he puts up a tree as the legal seasons open up. The bountiful part that grows to harvest from plants is also enjoyable to find and use. Just look around for there is plenty for us and the wildlife to share, and the wildlife must get ready for the following season. Paw paws, elderberry, walnuts, hickory nuts, wild grape, persimmons, and the occasional abandoned or neglected apple orchard are some of the abundance that I make it a point to think about my ancestors when I enjoy them each fall.

This is just one of the four seasons that makes you look around and think. Did this wonder all just happen by accident? If you think it is an accident, then you cannot understand all the joy that has been described above.

Oh no, there is not any way that I forgot to talk about the fall fishing season!!

*Your fishing friend,
Ezell Cox*

Fishing Hot Spots



Cherokee Lake: Fair

Early October will have some stripers that have not left the aeration near the dam. The best fishing will be from Point #14 upstream to Point #26. Baitfish on the surface will have some striper breaks at the right time of day. It is not uncommon to catch stripers to 20 pounds and hybrids to 10 pounds. There was a fish kill in early August of stripers near the dam. Estimates are between 100 to 250 and most exceeded 10 pounds. The kill is not uncommon on Cherokee and occurs about the same time of year as the heavy drawdown starts. Poor water quality is to blame, from lack of dissolved oxygen in the deeper, cooler water. It does not seem there is anything that can be done to solve this problem.

Norris Lake: Fair

The stripers have scattered, and if you find them, the bite can be good on some days. The best fishing is from the forks of the river (Point #9) upstream about 10 miles (Point #24 on the Clinch and Point #14 on the Powell). It looks like the stripers have survived another summer of water quality concerns.

Tailrace and Downstream: Excellent

It is hard to fish wrong here with the bait and hungry fish plentiful.

October Expectations

Lake turnover takes place through the month of October in the reservoirs of Tennessee. As the lake is homogenized, stripers will be free to roam the waters top to bottom, bank to bank, and end to end. This sometimes makes stripers difficult to locate because you have to find them on a daily basis. Many times the best clue is to find the largest baitfish concentrations. October is also the start of some surface feeding. Catch and release also becomes an option again. The tailrace fishing and the river-run below them will still be at a premium as the reservoirs are being emptied to their winter levels. The scenery is wonderful on the water this month. The lack of storms, heat, humidity, ski boats, and jet skis is welcome.

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: "fish" Password: "hook"



Elaine
Rutherford
Sept 2, 2006



Zach Walloch, 7 years old,
with Uncle Bill Kincaid
August 19, 2006



Billy Davis, August 1, 26 lb.



Janine Johnson, August 20, 17.5 lbs.

**Tournament for
Disabled Sportsmen of America**

is set for
September 17 at safe light
at Anderson County Park
on Norris Lake

Entry fee is \$20.00

Proceeds will be donated to the
Disabled Sportsmen of America.

Loads of door prizes.

If you can't be there,
you may donate to the cause.

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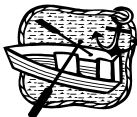
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Phillip
McClanahan
August, 2006
27 lb.

Minutes of the August Meeting

John Seiber called the meeting to order. A presentation on boating safety and boating accident and violation statistics was given by Ken Cutsinger of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Children must take a boating safety course by TWRA. Here are the details: Anyone born after January 1, 1989 must show the TWRA-issued wallet Boating Safety Education Certificate as proof of successful completion of the TWRA Boating Safety exam.

If you were born after January 1, 1989: After studying the boating safety material, you must first purchase for \$10 a Type 600 Boating Safety Exam Permit from any license agent (businesses that sell hunting and fishing licenses). The receipt is your ticket for admission to a TWRA certification exam location.

Exam locations will be available across the entire state. Visit the TWRA website www.tnwildlife.org for locations, dates and times, or call 1-800-837-6012.

When you pass the exam, you will receive your TWRA Wallet Boating Safety Education Certificate in the mail within a few weeks. Until it arrives, your validated receipt will serve as a temporary certificate.

If you do not pass the exam, your receipt/ticket can continue to be used to take the exam as many times as it takes to pass. Try not to lose it!

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. All the money that we raise will be donated to the DSA. There will be lots of door prizes to give away. If you can't be there, you may donate to the cause.

The no fish zone comes out of effect September 15 on Cherokee Lake.

Preparations for the TSBA Fish Fry on September 9 were finalized.
Janine Johnson, TSBA Treasurer

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.

- 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



John
McClanahan
August, 2006
21 lb.

For Sale

40 gallon bait tank by Ron Vest \$475.00

Lowrance 3000MT GPS with receiver paid \$699.00, will sell \$450.00 obo. 7" screen 480 x 350 pixel, includes 2 pre-loaded mmc cards with marked trails for Norris and Cherokee and mapping for East Tennessee Striper Lakes

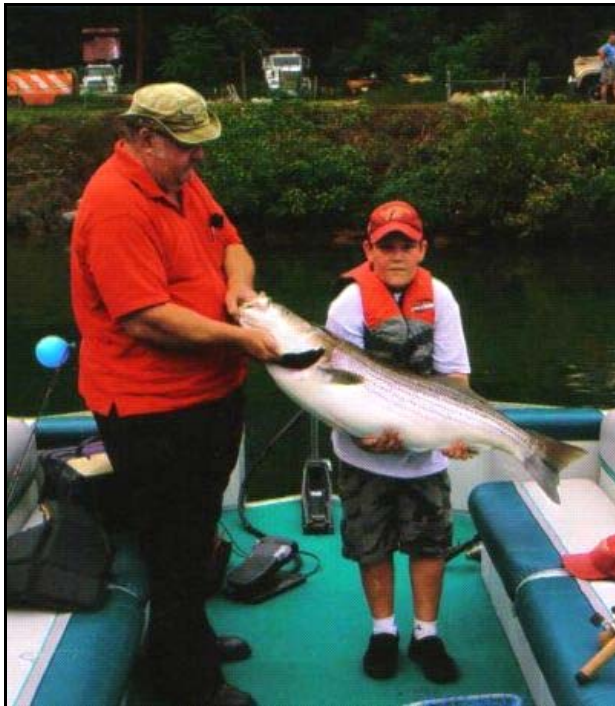
Pinpoint Depth Finder 7520 ...Paid \$799.00, will sell \$450.00 obo
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Yamaha Generator \$400.00 obo

For more information, call Ted or Gayle at 865-828-6047



Ethan
McClanahan

August, 2006

32 lb.

T.S.B.A. 2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

As a member: *You'll receive a monthly newsletter.

* You'll help support Striped Bass Fisheries & Wildlife Agencies.

* 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.

Is this a renewal ____ or a New Membership ____

Your Name _____

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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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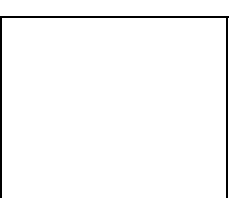
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Note: All members must sign and submit this membership application with the 2006 dues. Yearly dues are due in January each year. New members that sign up in Oct., Nov., or Dec. will get credit for the remainder of that year and the following year.



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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**October 16th Monthly Meeting
Officer and Director Nominations**

**Please support your club by getting involved
and attending this very important meeting.**