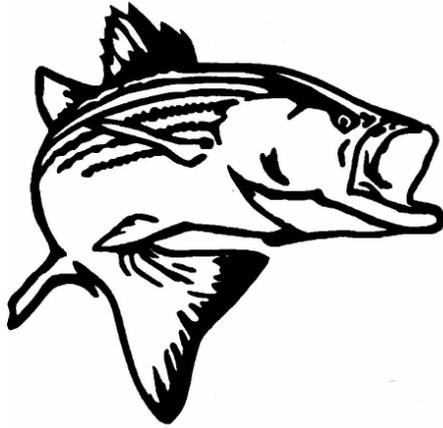


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**January  
2007**

***TSBA Annual  
Kingston Tournament***

***February 3, 2007  
10 AM to 3 PM***

***Kingston City Park***

***(Alternate Date Feb. 10)***

# President's Letter

Hi Everyone,

I hope that everyone has had the very best holiday season and a very good year of fishing. Once again, the club has selected me to serve as the club's President, and I look forward to another year. Being the club's President has given me the opportunity to meet and make lots of new fishing friends. I hope that this year will be no different.

In 2006 we had a lot of good speakers at the monthly meetings. Some of the speakers were invited guests, but many were the experienced members sharing their knowledge with us. This year should be as good or even better, with many volunteers already signed up to do a presentation or to provide a guest speaker. All that we need is for you to attend and enjoy the meetings with us. The majority of our meetings will be held at the same location as in the past, Shoney's Restaurant on Clinton Highway in Knoxville. I would like to thank Shoney's for allowing us to have the meeting room and working to accommodate us. In return, I would like to encourage everyone who attends to purchase something to return the favor. If you can put off dinner and eat there, that would be great. If not maybe just have a cup of coffee or your favorite dessert.

In 2007 our calendar does not have as many events on it as it did last year. We found that as the summer and fall rolled around, many folks had other interests and attendance kind of dropped off. We will be having our open fishing days as we did last year, but do not have them on the calendar each month. We will talk about it at the meetings and post an announcement on the website on fishing reports when we are going to have one. Currently, we have a tournament scheduled for Kingston in February, and the Disabled Sportsmen benefit tournament in March, followed by the Striper Bowl in April.

One last thing that I would like to bring to everyone's attention is the raffle for the fishing rod. Club member, Bill Ballou, has donated a very nice custom made fishing rod to be raffled off. Bill built this rod himself and I've seen his work. It is a very nice fishing rod. The proceeds will go to purchase prizes for the Kids Day event in June. This rod is a great 9' down line rod. Raffle tickets cost \$5.00 each and, of course, you can purchase more than one. The drawing will be held at the April club meeting, and maybe your ticket will be the lucky one.

I hope to see you on the water soon, and have a safe and productive year.

*John Seiber*  
*TSBA President*

# **TSBA Annual Kingston Tournament**

The Kingston Tournament will be held on Watts Bar Lake on Saturday, February 3, 2007.

The launch site will be at the Kingston City Park. Check "Calendar" "February 3" on the TSBA website at [www.TNStripedBass.com](http://www.TNStripedBass.com) for a link to the map to the park.

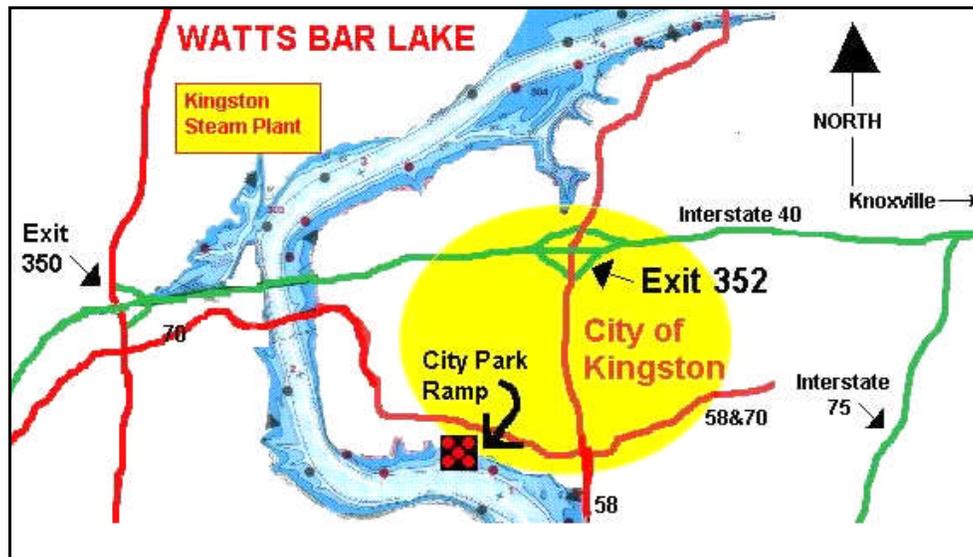
Tournament will go from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The entry fee is \$16.00 per person - \$15.00 toward the tournament payout and \$1.00 toward awards. This will be a one-fish tournament.

Make plans to come and join in the fun.

This is a TSBA tournament, open only to club members and their guests. Membership forms will be available at registration.

# Map to Kingston Tournament



# JUST ANOTHER FISHTALE

Archive from back in the mid 1990's

Dr. "D" (Donesky) is a past TSBA President.

My name is Dr. Melvin Donesky. "My girlfriend said you could take me out and show me how to catch those big Striped Bass." As the introduction eased into conversation, I realized Dr. "D's" fishing expertise was from the bank with a fly rod. My observation was that Dr. "D" had just moved here and was starting a new practice. Any money or credit he could get went into his new practice, motor cycle, guitar, fly rod, and big cowboy hat. He had an old truck that Jethro Clampett would have rejected and NO BOAT.

It was a beautiful clear fall day with most of the leaves already off the trees when we met at the dock for our first trip. We went in the creek behind the dock to catch bait but found it to be very difficult. The only 3 huge shad took about an hour to catch. Dr. "D" did not find any humor in what I was instructing him to do. I put him on the bank to watch the 3 poles that I had baited and put on the bottom to point fish, while I took the boat to catch more shad. Dr. "D" made a sarcastic remark as I got in the boat, something like, "I can fish from the bank without you, and I don't have a boat so I came with you."

When I bank fish my poles are standing straight up right on the edge of the water. As I was returning from catching bait, the first thing I noticed was all 3 poles missing from the bank. As I got closer, the reason was clear as the 2 big white bellies of the fish were shining in the sun. Dr. "D" had landed 2 out of 3 fish and had no problem bank fishing after that.

### **THE REST OF THE STORY**

It appears like Dr. "D" has a successful practice. We lost his cowboy hat on a fishing trip. He has a new truck and boat now that is too nice for Jethro. His bow and arrow have replaced his fly rod. His girlfriend is now his wife. He does not have time to play his guitar or fish.

*Your fishing friend,  
Ezell Cox*

## Fishing Hot Spots



### Cherokee Lake

**Condition:** Good

**Location:** Spread out all over with a good number of fish near Hwy 25 Bridge. Fish are hitting top water baits. Birds are diving on the schools of shad driven up by the stripers.

**Bait:** Live Shad and Top Water

**Notes:** Fish are going back.

### Norris Lake

**Condition:** Slow

**Location:** Stripers may be found farther upstream in the creeks. Use alewife and gizzard shad near the surface on drift lines or downriggers to 30 feet. Cast artificials into the breaking fish.

**Notes:** Fish are going back and there is some top water action. Bait, as always, is impossible to catch. Bring bait with you.

### Watts Bar Lake

**Condition:** Fair

**Notes:** Fish near the Kingston Steam Plant in the warmer water. Remember to keep your boat within the buoys where designated in the Fishing Regulations.

### Melton Hill Lake

**Condition:** Fair

**Location:** Bull Run Steam plant or the Upper Clinch is the place to try with gizzard shad and cut-bait. Top water baits are definitely an option.

## February Expectations

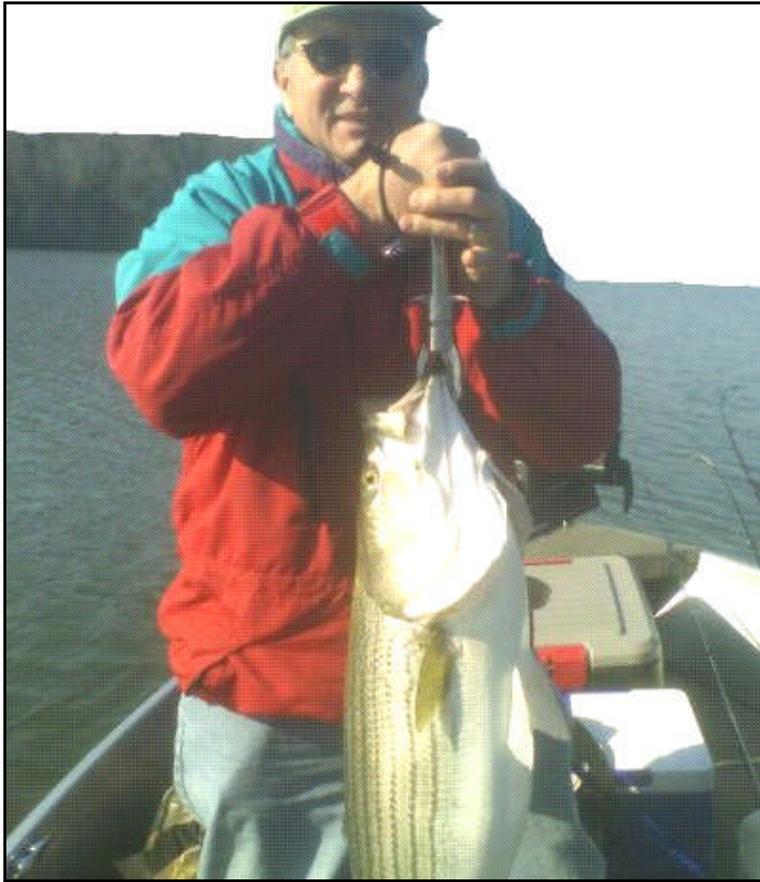
Wintertime patterns are expected in all reservoirs as long as the temperature remains well below 50 degrees. Slow catch rates will be on the mid lake and downstream sections. Winter kill off of small bait fish may start to develop as soon as the water temperature drops. The stripers and gulls may occasionally work the surface together. Normally the best fishing is near the large concentration of small baitfish in the main channels, 20 to 40 feet deep. The next few months is when the records have been and will be broken. The steam plants are the premium places to fish until the water warms up in the spring. Skipjack have been the choice bait for most of the past records and trophies; however, the most abundant forage fish will catch the most fish even if they are smaller bait. Planer boards, balloons, sinkers, bottom fishing and artificials all work at the steam plants while the high concentrations of baitfish and all types of game fish are there.

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"

The Cherokee Tournament that was scheduled for November 18 was changed to an open fishing day due to low attendance.



Dick  
Vornehm

Melton Hill  
20+ lb.  
Dec. 18

Top

Bill  
Inman

Norris  
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**Thank you from Bill Kincaid's Wife**

Thanks to all of you for the beautiful flowers when Bill died. But most of all thanks for coming, for your thoughts and prayers for me and my family, and for friendship with Bill. All of you shared the great love for fishing and the out of doors. When you are on the water, think of him often. And enjoy life as he did.

Sincerely,  
Billie Kincaid



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### **Vice President:**

Eric Rauch 865-494-0304  
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### **Treasurer:**

Janine Johnson

### **Secretary:**

Ezell Cox

### **TSBA DIRECTORS**

Wes Adams, Ezell Cox, Billy Davis, Allan Franklin,  
Janine Johnson, Chet Moore, John Seiber

### **TSBA STAFF**

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**Door Prizes:** Chet Moore

**Tournament Coordinators:** Ezell Cox, Allan Franklin

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### **January Speaker:**

**Ezell Cox**  
**On Bait Fish**  
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## Minutes of the November Meeting

Chet Moore did a presentation on the Bullet Bobber. This is a device that acts like a planer board but is more versatile. You can steer it and move it from one side of the boat to the other. Bullet Bobbers are much less expensive than planer boards. They come with one peg, but it's better to use two pegs. You can use them with a glow plug for night fishing. You can easily put out six to eight feet of line from the Bullet Bobber to the hook. The pointed end goes to the rod; the blunt end goes to the bait so you can steer it. You can see the Bullet Bobber on the internet at [www.bulletbobber.com](http://www.bulletbobber.com). Chet fishes the boils at Melton Hill and consistently catches fish.

In November, Norris was doing well with schooling fish; most fish were less than 36 inches. Cherokee was slow and unpredictable. Some fish were caught on Fort Loudoun, Watts Bar, and in the river below Melton Hill.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried appointing John Seiber and Eric Rauch to take the place of Bill Cate and Bill Kincaid on the Norris Lake Advisory Committee. Also on the committee are: Ezell Cox, Allan Franklin, and Jack Higday.

Motions were made, seconded, and unanimously carried electing the 2007 officers:

President - John Seiber  
Vice President - Eric Rauch  
Treasurer - Janine Johnson  
Secretary - Ezell Cox

Motions were made, seconded, and carried electing Directors:

Chet Moore - 3-year term  
Janine Johnson - 3-year term  
John Seiber - President is automatically a Director

Jim Blazier has offered to provide the Question of the Month.

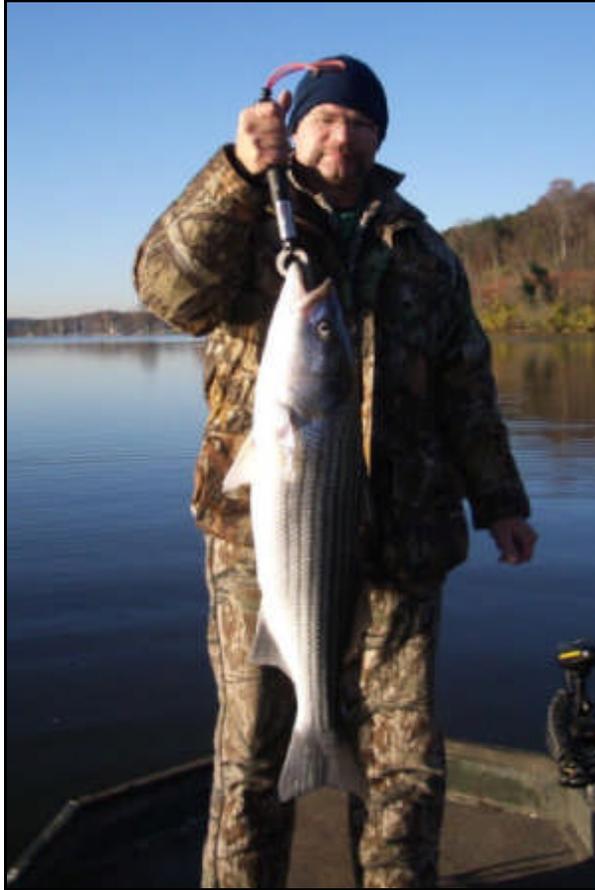
Janine Johnson, TSBA Treasurer

## 2007 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.

January 15	Monthly Meeting - Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
February 3	Kingston Tournament
February 10	Alternate Date for Kingston Tournament
February 19	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
March 19	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
March 24	Disabled Sportsman Tournament
April 7-8	Hickory Star Tournament
April 16	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
April 28	StriperBowl at Cherokee Dam
May	Norris Lake Advisory Committee Meeting
May 21	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM at Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery
June 9	Kids' Fishing Day
June 18	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
July 16	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM at Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery
August 20	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
September 29	TSBA Fish Fry
October 15	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM - Nominations for Directors and Officers
November 19	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM - Election of Directors and Officers
December 17	Board of Directors Meeting - Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7PM

**Note:** Open fishing days may be on the Saturdays after the meetings as planned during the monthly meetings.



Allan  
Franklin



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\* 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.

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