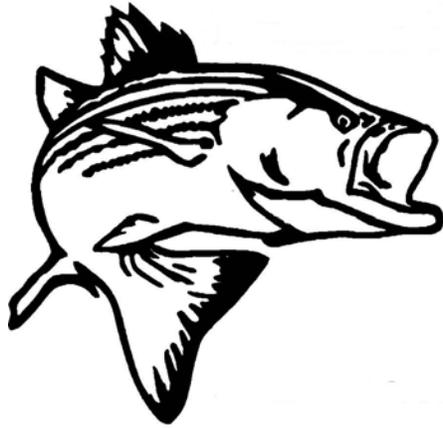


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the
Striper
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***Tennessee
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**November
2010**



Bud White is holding 50 pounds of proof that the fall season is an excellent time of year to be out on the water. See page 14 for other examples of Bud's success this season.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the great weather we have had the last few weeks. I know the fish have been cooperating and I hope you have been able to catch your share.

Once again I would like to thank Dean Russell and his staff at the Flatwater Grill for the great food and service they provide at our monthly meetings. If you haven't had a chance to attend one of our recent meetings, you are missing out on some fantastic food! I hope to see you at the next meeting!

At our last meeting, Lloyd mentioned that Dave's Reel Service, a home business based out of Vernon Hills, Illinois, is a great place to get our fishing reels repaired for a cheap price. The web address for this business is: www.davesreelservice.com. Thank you, Lloyd, for getting us this information.

I also would like to thank two other people for putting together the great newsletter we receive each month. Sherry Wehner and Jim Blazier spend a fair amount of time working behind the scenes each month to give us a fantastic newsletter. Great job to both of you!

Remember that there will be no newsletter or regular club meeting in December. Our December meeting will be replaced with the annual Board of Directors and Officers meeting. This meeting will take place in the restaurant, not our regular meeting room. The agenda for this meeting will focus on planning events and guest speakers for our monthly club meetings in 2011.

Seating space for this meeting is limited, so if you have any ideas for guest speakers or topics you would like to see discussed at our future meetings, please send me an e-mail with your ideas. It is getting harder and harder each year to find speakers and topics that would be of interest to the group. Your feedback is greatly needed!

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you get to spend some quality time with your families and friends as you kick off the holiday season!

Take care and see you on the water,

— *Erik Engebretsen*



What a thrill to catch a fish nearly as big as you are! Little Gary, son of Gary Harman, is pictured with his first flathead catfish, which weighed in at 25 pounds. Way to go, Gary! Little Gary and his dad were fishing with Allan Franklin when they caught this big catfish.

ATTENTION: November Meeting

TSBA's monthly meeting will be held on November 15, 2010, at the Flatwater Grill restaurant in Oak Ridge. Ezell Cox will discuss the seasonal transition of fish. Jim Negus, TWRA reservoir biologist, will present information on the Cherokee Lake restricted fishing zone study.

Our meeting will be held in a private room, which is best entered through the side door near the railroad bridge. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow at 7:15 p.m. The dinner is a special buffet that owner Dean Russell is organizing for us. The cost is \$15, which includes a drink and gratuity. (Note that payment is cash or check only).

Trophy shots: TSBA members



A hearty congratulations is in order for Laurie DiFederico, who landed a 41 pound fish, pictured above, while testing the waters over in middle Tennessee. This trophy catch is a personal best for

Laurie. Her other catches weighed in at 34 and 36 pounds.



share their catch of the day



Mike Daugherty, above left, is pictured with an amazing 45.7 pound striper he caught while fishing with Ezell Cox in mid-October. A day out on the water with Bud White landed Mike Allen, above right, and Joe Hood, below, some spectacular catches as well. Joe's fish weighed in at 48 and 35 pounds.



Live bait makes all the

A good fishing trip always starts with a search for live bait. Allan Franklin, former president of the TSBA, is recognized as one of the best in the area at using a cast net to secure the best bait. It is his expertise at throwing a cast net that separates Allan from a lot of other fishermen. Fortunately, Allan is always willing to share his knowledge and has a long standing record of helping club members master the art of throwing a cast net. He traditionally gives a demonstration at the annual fish fry and frequently provides hands-on instruction to TSBA members in the restaurant parking lot at the monthly meetings.

Jim Blazier, vice-president of the TSBA, wanted to take things one step further by creating a photographic tutorial to provide educational outreach to even more TSBA members. "The reason that I asked Allan to pose for the casting tutorial is that I think this is the first time we have had an article showing the actual mechanics of throwing the net. This is very important to new striper fishermen and I think Allan's method is better than most I have seen on the web," Jim explains.

Like most other fishermen that you will see on the water, Allan is equipped with all the best gear. He has the \$500 aerated and insulated bait tank, extra batteries, pump and hoses (for water transfer) and an assortment of chemicals to keep the tank's water in great condition. He also has cast nets with different sized mesh and will pick the proper net to use based on the size of shad he is trying to catch. Allan has all the right equipment necessary to keep live bait in good condition. But the best equipment in the world won't be of much value if you don't know how to use it.

Allan said he has tried all the different methods of throwing a cast net and decided that he didn't like any of them. This left him with only one option: he invented his own method.

difference in the world

Allan knows that in order to catch big stripers he must locate quality live bait. He will target shallow, warm water where he can see shad flipping on the surface. For example, if Allan is fishing below Melton Hill Dam he will leave the cooler 60 degree water in the river in search of warmer 80 degree water like Pawpaw Creek where the shad are feeding on zooplankton.

The following steps are a summary of Allan's cast net throwing method with critical steps shown in the pictures. Steps shown below are for right handed throwers.



STEP 1:

Inspect the net and remove all tangles so that the net hangs freely. Then loop the line in your right hand and with the same hand grab the top of the net.

Step 2:

Hold your right arm straight to the side and grab the net at belt level with your left hand.



Step Three:
Fold the upper portion of the net in half and grasp the entire net in your right hand as shown above.



Step Four:
With your left hand, grasp the net about 10 inches above the bottom and fan out approximately half the weights, being sure the net is not tangled.



Step Five:
Place the section of net that is being held in your left hand over the middle and index finger of your right hand.



Step Six:
Reach down with your left hand and pick up the lower portion of the lead line as shown in the picture above.



Step Seven:

Hold your right arm straight out to the side and your left hand near your chin. It may help if you aim your left shoulder toward your target.



Step Eight (a):

Be sure to hold your right arm straight and turn at the waist. Your feet should stay in the same position but rotate slightly toward the target.



**Step Eight
(b):**

**Another view
of the correct
posture
when throw-
ing the net.**



**Step Nine:
Another nice spread!**

— Jim Blazier



Bud White had a great month out on the water. Besides the 50 pound striped bass featured on the cover, he landed several other great catches, all over 30 pounds.



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2010 TSBA Calendar

Please join us at TSBA meetings and events. Unless otherwise noted, monthly meetings are held at the Flatwater Grill at 100 Melton Lake Peninsula in Oak Ridge, Tennessee (see the restaurant's web site at <http://theflatwatergrill.com>).

Nov. 15 Monthly Meeting: dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:15 p.m.
The Flatwater Grill in Oak Ridge.

Dec. 20 Annual Board of Directors and Officers meeting
The Flatwater Grill in Oak Ridge, 6:30 p.m.

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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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(Date)

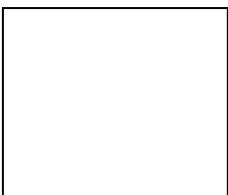
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The TSBA is a non-profit corporation that supports TWRA & its Striped Bass & Cherokee Bass programs. We come together to provide a unified voice for the Striped Bass & the Cherokee Bass programs in the State of Tennessee. We educate the public & share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

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