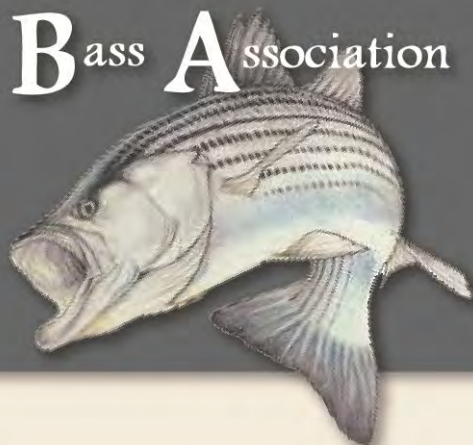


Tennessee Striped Bass Association

GET HOOKED!

July 2014



*Participants at our Cherokee Lake
Tournament on June 21*

Letter from the Prez

Last month I had the pleasure of fishing as a non-boater in the TSBA tournament with Ron Whilden. We didn't know each other prior to that morning, but had a great day on the water. Once again I found that it was fun to take a chance and pair up with another TSBA member for the tourney. While we missed 1st place by ¼ inch (or at least that's my story), we caught lots of fish. I'm looking forward to getting back out with Ron again soon. I know that the other participants had lots of fun too. Our next tourney is scheduled for August on Watts Bar. Try to arrange your schedule to participate if at all possible.

At our June meeting, Allen Franklin shared the secrets of catching bait. In particular, he demonstrated how to throw a cast net to several individuals. They were surprisingly successful in a very short time. That just goes to show how good our experts are in what they do. In May, we had Bill Carson from Humminbird and Fuzzy Lambert from MinnKota as our presenters. If you weren't able to attend that meeting it would be well worth your time to view the meeting video. Keith Shannon will be talking about techniques for keeping bait healthy at our July 21 meeting. We continue to have great meeting presentations. Please try to join us this month at the Mandarin House.

Terry Reinitz recently established a folder in the TSBA Forum <http://tsba.freeforums.org/> for our meeting videos. We are posting them there with the speaker's name and meeting topic so that everyone can find them easily. Let us know if this change is useful or if you have suggestions for other improvements to the web site.

— *Eric Rauch, TSBA President*



**TSBA Monthly Meeting
Monday, July 21 at 7 p.m.**

Mandarin House Chinese Buffet
314 Merchants Drive, Knoxville

We have a private room reserved. Join us at 6 p.m. for dinner.

Techniques for Keeping Bait Healthy
will be presented by **Keith Shannon.**

TSBA Tournament Results

Congratulations to all participants in our second tournament held on June 21 on Cherokee Lake.

The winning teams are as follows:

1st place: John Vincenzo and Craig Thibodeaux

2nd place: Ron Whilden and Eric Rauch

3rd place: Larry Nowell, Gary Bayless, and John May

4th place: Eddie Dills and Steve Nichols

5th place: Terry Davis and Tim Blanton

6th place: Greg Yazel, Jennifer Davis, and Jeff A. (guest)

Here are the current point totals:

John Vincenzo: 210 points

Terry Davis: 190 points

Eddie Dills: 190 points

Steve Nichols: 180 points

Gary Bayless: 180 points

Greg Yazel: 175 points

Craig Thibodeaux: 110 points

Eric Rauch: 105 points

Dan Mobly: 105 points

John May: 100 points
Larry Nowell: 100 points
Charlie Book: 100 points
Ron Whilden: 100 points
Frank Landers: 95 points
Ed Halsen: 90 points
Tim Blanton: 85 points
Ron Gabler: 85 points
Jennifer Davis: 80 points
Dennis Bryant: 5 points
Todd Kilby: 5 points

Remember: all participants received 5 points for each event and if a tie in the points race at the end of season, largest fish caught during the season will determine winners.

TSBA 2014 Tournaments

~~1st Event: April 26 at Norris Lake *Hickory Star Marina*~~

~~2nd Event: June 21 at Cherokee Lake~~

3rd Event: August 23 at Watts Bar Lake

4th Event: October 25 at Cherokee Lake

5th Event: December 20 at Norris Lake (TSBA Championship)

TSBA Members' Photo Page



*Adam Bryant,
fishing with his dad,
Dennis Bryant*



*Kelon Step (4 years old),
fishing with his uncle,
Dennis Bryant*

***Got some bent pole action you would like to brag about?
Send your pics to jeneddie@comcast.net
and we'll feature you in an upcoming newsletter.***

Fishing Regulations

New fishing licenses are required to fish starting each March 1st. It is each fisherman's responsibility to know the rules and stay legal. NO FISHING ZONE runs July 15th until September 15th on Cherokee Lake. Changes are normal in the management of our fishing each year, and those changes become effective on March 1st. Each body of water may have exceptions you need to be aware of before exposing yourself to a fine. There are some seasonal striped bass CREEL AND SIZE limit changes that take place April 1st and November 1st. Go online to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency at www.tnwildlife.org or pick up a 2014 Fishing Regulations book at sporting stores or TWRA offices. Wearing life preservers are required below the dams and a good habit anytime on the water for personal safety.

— *Ezell Cox*

SAFETY SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST PRIORITY WHEN FISHING AS THE WATER IS USED MUCH MORE IN WARM WATER MONTHS.

BE AWARE OF THE DANGERS FROM HEAVY BOAT TRAFFIC, LACK OF EXPERIENCE, AND INTOXICATION.

Hot Spots

CHEROKEE LAKE

NO FISHING ZONE RUNS JULY 15—SEPTEMBER 15 IN FRONT OF THE DAM. Migration back from the headwaters & major creek feeds is slow to develop because of the low water and flow this spring & summer. The stripers / hybrids continue moving downstream to the lower end of Cherokee until mid Sept. Look for large concentrations of bait fish, cormorants, & herons. Catch and release will continue to be less and less successful for striper / hybrid, so go prepared to keep them with ice and stop fishing. Pictures and weight for harvested fish only because every second out of the water is a death sentence.

NORRIS LAKE

Stripers can be found mid lake and downstream around the large coves & creeks where they confluence with the main lake channel. The low water and flow is allowing the stripers to remain scattered much farther upstream than normal. Good electronics are a must as the fish begin to stay below the thermocline much more in large schools. Catch and release becomes more difficult as the summer progresses, so limit photo & weight of attempted release, but be prepared to harvest and stop with limit.

WATTS BAR & MELTON HILL

Look for the stripers in front of the major coves or where you find the most bait fish and bait-eating birds. The upstream lakes are slow & may not fill to summer operating levels. Flow of the cool water from the dam's tailrace improves the fishing, so the catch is spotty and unpredictable this year so far. Catch and release works good when water temp stays below 70 degrees. The fish in Watts Bar & lower Clinch Watts Bar have contamination warnings so should not be harvested.

— *Ezell Cox*

Creel and Size Limits

CHEROKEE LAKE

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

NORRIS LAKE

Striped Bass

April 1–October 31: 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

November 1–March 31: 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

WATTS BAR

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:

April 1–October 31: 2 per day in combination

November 1–March 31: 2 per day in combination, only one may be a striped bass.

Striped Bass:

April 1–October 31: 15 inch minimum length limit.

November 1–March 31: 36 inch minimum length limit

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

MELTON HILL

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, including Clinch River upstream to Highway 61 bridge in Clinton.

Striped Bass: 32–42 inch PLR; only one fish may be over 42 inches

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

Fishing Summertime Stripers

Night time action can be good to get away from the heat, storms, & boat traffic. Stripers / hybrids begin to look for cooler thermal refuge as the temperature exceeds 70 degrees by going below the thermocline or moving to the tailrace. Catch & Release becomes questionable in water temps that exceed 70 degrees.

A great way to find the right places to look for fish is from past history. Look at the last few years of information available on fishing websites, articles, pictures, and magazines. Many times the best clue is to find the largest baitfish concentrations that will seek out the warmest most stable temperatures with nutrient rich water that is normally murky.

— *Ezell Cox*

Upcoming Events

Aug. 18: TSBA Monthly Meeting at Mandarin House

Sept. 13: Fish Fry at Grainger County Park

Oct. 20: TSBA Monthly Meeting at Mandarin House

Nov. 17: TSBA Monthly Meeting at Mandarin House

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2014 Meeting Links

January Meeting Link

<http://youtu.be/iczS2iiVIA>

Speaker: Bill Ballou

Topic: Maintaining Fishing Reels

February Meeting Link

<http://youtu.be/eltyqHoDT4w>

Speaker: Clay Cunningham

Topic: Using Artificial Lures

March Meeting Link

<http://youtu.be/9USRSC0JA-4>

Speaker: Jim Negus, TWRA Biologist

Topic: Water Quality and Dissolved Oxygen Levels at Norris Lake

April Meeting Link

<http://youtu.be/O0AeRk3Ugk>

Speaker: Stephen Scott

Topic: Using Lake Erie Big Water Planer Board Techniques

May Meeting Link

<http://youtu.be/vcnx9-rdpBc>

Speaker: Bill Carson and Fuzzy Lambert

Topic: Humminbird and MinnKota products

June Meeting Link

http://youtu.be/6TTv844Q_gk

Speaker: Allen Franklin

Topic: Secrets of Catching Bait

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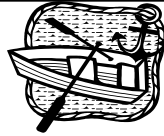
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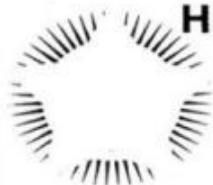
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- * You'll be informed of new regulations & information that affect striper fishing.
- * You'll develop a network of "striper friends."
- * You'll learn new methods to improve your striped bass fishing effectiveness.
- * You'll be able to call officers 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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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

P.O. Box 163

Sharps Chapel, TN 37866

Simplified Renewal Note: Returning members with no changes to their contact information are not required to fill out the application. Just send a \$20 check to the address above. Be sure to include the member's name on the check. When you send in your check, please provide TSBA with an email address where we can send your club newsletter. 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.

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The TSBA is a non-profit corporation that supports TWRA and its Striped Bass and 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 and share our knowledge with fellow Striped Bass anglers.

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