

Tennessee Striped Bass Association

GET HOOKED!

October 2014



*TSBA Fish Fry Cooks
Sammy Robinette, Doug Steffe,
& Lloyd Malone*

Letter from the Prez

Well, fall has finally arrived. The summer has been so mild that one certainly can't complain that we haven't had plenty of nice days to get out on the water. Let's hope that the fall weather continues to cooperate.

I want to thank everyone who helped make our annual TSBA fish fry such a success. Our cooks (Sammy and Lloyd, with assistance from Doug) once again did a tremendous job. I understand that Reba Cox provided the batter used for frying. She ought to put that product on the market. I'd certainly buy it in a heartbeat. Of course it wouldn't have been a fish fry without Ezell's fish. Ezell also ran the cast net contest (congratulations to our three co-winners: Sammy, Doug and Georgia Bryant). Several others helped out with registration, membership renewals, set up and clean up. Finally, a special thanks to all of the spouses who provided dishes for the meal. I can guarantee that no one went home hungry!

A few days before the fish fry one of our members, Larry Nowell, received the opportunity to take a Medal of Honor inductee striper fishing. The inductee and his wife spent the morning fishing with Larry before returning to Knoxville for continued Medal of Honor convention activities. It was one of those once in a lifetime opportunities. The November newsletter will feature more about Larry's day. Thanks to Larry for representing our club so well.

The speaker at our October meeting will be none other than Ezell Cox. He'll talk about when, where and how to fish for stripers. You won't want to miss this discussion. Join us at Mandarin House for dinner and the meeting.

We are still looking for someone to assume the Sponsor Coordinator function. We also will need someone to be our newsletter editor starting in January. Both of these positions are very important to the success of our organization. Please seriously think about volunteering for one of these functions. It's a great way to get to know even more members of the club.

— *Eric Rauch, TSBA President*

2014 Tournament Standings

#	Name	April 26	June 21	Aug. 23	Oct. 25	Dec. 20	Totals
1	John Vincenzo	100+5	100+5	100+5			315
2	Eddie Dills	95+5	85+5	95+5			290
3	Ron Whilden	0	95+5	95+5			200
4	Larry Nowell	+5	90+5	90+5			195
5	Terry Davis	100+5	80+5	0			190
6	Steve Nichols	85+5	85+5	5			185
7	Gary Bayless	80+5	90+5	0			180
8	Greg Yazel	90+5	75+5	0			175
9	Craig Thibodeaux	+5	100+5	0			110
9	Dennis Bryant	+5	0	100+5			110
10	John May	+5	90+5	5			105
10	Eric Rauch	+5	95+5	0			105
10	Dan Mobly	100+5	0	0			105
11	Frank Landers	90+5	0	0			100
11	Charlie Book	95+5	0	0			100
11	Todd Kilby	95+5	0	0			100
12	Chet Moore	0	0	90+5			95
13	Ed Halsen	85+5	0	0			90
13	Ron Gabler	80+5	0	0			90
14	Tim Blanton	0	80+5	0			85
15	Jennifer Davis	0	75+5	0			80

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)

Scenes from the TSBA Fish Fry Grainger County Park September 13, 2014



Cast Net Competition







Hot Spots

CHEROKEE LAKE

NO FISHING ZONE RUNS JULY 15—SEPTEMBER 15 IN FRONT OF THE DAM. The seasonal migration away from the thermal trap that the larger fish have been surviving in during the late summer months has begun as the lake turnover & mixing is underway. The water quality remained good enough this summer for great survival of the larger stripers. Good dissolved oxygen & temperatures can be found anywhere so the striper / hybrid will head for the most abundant bait. Catch and Release will also be optional. Top water activity can be noticed on the calm mornings. The largest concentration of bait happens in the upper end of the reservoir and the back of major coves & creeks. The gulls will start to arrive by the end of October & other bait-eating birds will help find the game fish until then.

NORRIS LAKE

Water quality remained great all summer, so survival was excellent. Lake turnover & mixing is well underway, so migration of the stripers from deep water around the lower portion (dam end) of the lake has begun. Bait can be seen on the surface along with breaking game fish feeding in it. Stripers can be found around the most abundant bait in the headwaters of major creeks, coves, and rivers. The low water and flow has allowed the stripers to remain scattered much farther upstream than normal this summer. Good Catch and Release practice now becomes optional. The gulls are expected back to help find the fish at the same time the size and creel limits change on November 1.

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. Catch and Release works good in the cool water months. 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 Cool Months For Stripers

The change in season is very welcome by fishermen. Some of the reasons are cool, stable, comfortable temperatures to enjoy the foliage getting ready for winter, reduced boat traffic as school starts and football and hunting season begins, Catch & Release becomes optional, and the return of the helpful gulls for locating schools of striper that often feed on the surface.

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 bait fish concentrations that will seek out the warmest most stable temperatures with nutrient rich water that is normally murky.

— *Ezell Cox*

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

BE AWARE OF THE DANGERS PRESENTED EACH SEASON AND STAY PREPARED.

**TSBA Monthly Meeting
Monday, October 20 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.

*Our speaker will be Ezell Cox.
“When, Where & How to Fish for Stripers”*

Fishing Regulations

New fishing licenses are required to fish starting each March 1. It is each fisherman's responsibility to know the rules and stay legal. NO FISHING ZONE runs July 15 until September 15 on Cherokee Lake. Changes are normal in the management of our fishing each year, and those changes become effective on March 1. 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 1 and November 1. 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*

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2014 Meeting Links

January Meeting Link

<http://youtu.be/iczS2iiVlIA>

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/O0AeRxk3Ugk>

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

July Meeting Link

<http://youtu.be/GOsq7xMfxb4>

Speaker: Keith Shannon

Topic: Techniques for Keeping Bait Healthy

August Meeting Link

<http://youtu.be/xu7grlvrlg>

Speaker: Mike Smith

Topic: Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery

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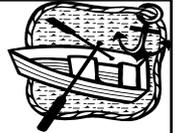
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- * You'll help support Striped Bass Fisheries & Wildlife Agencies.
- * You'll be informed of new regulations & information that affect striper fishing.
- * You'll develop a network of "striper friends."
- * You'll learn new methods to improve your 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.

Your Name _____
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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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