

Tennessee Striped Bass Association

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August 2016



Monthly Meeting First Monday at Puleo's Grill, 110 Cedar Lane off Merchants Rd. at I - 75

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TSBA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Typical of July, it's turned very hot and afternoon storms are common. For that reason we elected to defer holding our planned TSBA fishing day below Melton Hill Dam in July. The "feel-like" temps that day were projected to be in the high 90's or triple digits and afternoon thunderstorms were expected. Unfortunately, sometimes the best laid plans sometimes go awry. We're planning to hold at least one more of these events later on, so stay tuned.

Our meeting speaker team of Cory Malabey and Bill Ballou has worked hard this year to identify speakers that were of great interest to our members. It won't be long before we'll need to start planning for our 2017 meetings. If there is a subject that you would like to hear about or perhaps you know of a speaker that would be good for a meeting, please let Cory, Bill or any Board member know. We want to have our speakers relevant to the needs of our membership and we need your help to do this. Even if you can't make the meetings and watch the YouTube videos instead, we need your input.

We are always looking for articles and pictures for the newsletter. If you've been on a fishing trip, even somewhere outside of our regular are lakes, and would be willing to share your experience, we'd like to hear from you.

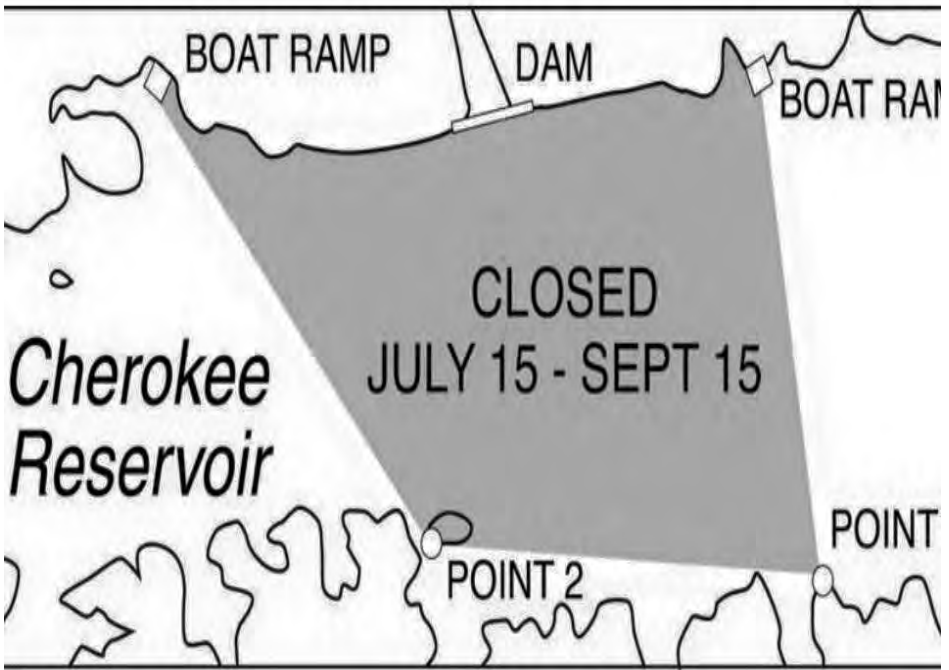
Our friend and supporter Mike Smith of TWRA's Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery will speak with us at our August 1 meeting. This should be especially interesting because he will include in his presentation a program on the history of striped bass in Tennessee. As usual, he will also share with us the results of TWRA's fish stocking in area reservoirs.

Remember that our annual TSBA Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Granger County Park. Festivities will begin at 2:00 pm. It's a great way to reestablish relationships with members you may not have seen for quite a while. We often have members who come in from out of state, which is fun. Try to join us that afternoon.

Our next meeting will be on August 1st at Puleo's Grill (110 Cedar Ln, just east of the I-75/Merchants Road exit). Dinner is at 6 pm and the meeting is at 7 pm

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.



Members Photos

Larry Scott PB Nice 40.5" fish on Norris July 2016



Art Muchow

Cover photo Ez.

From the editor: Please send us your pictures and fishing reports or post on the FB page so we can add them to the newsletter.



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

2016 Meeting links

January Speaker: Ezell Cox Topic: Winter fishing tips

<https://youtu.be/u70F-rTdoOw>

February Speaker: Keith Shannon Topic: Keeping bait alive

<https://youtu.be/UemqyFIN7Vs>

March Speaker: Eric Burnett Topic: Outboard motor maintenance

April Speaker: Allan Franklin Topic: How to throw a cast net, Catching bait.

May Speaker: Ken Cutsinger Topic: Ken will discuss his role as a TWRA Game Warden and mounting a trophy fish. <https://youtu.be/3udxTWis9wU>

June Speaker: Fuzzy Lambert Topic: Humminbird demonstration

<https://youtu.be/sdPNpTGRlyc>



Outlook for current fishing spots

CHEROKEE LAKE

The larger stripers may start to struggle from accumulated stress during this time of the year. This makes their ability to survive a catch and release experience questionable in late summer. Hybrids, however, are more tolerant of summer's warm water conditions. These fish can often be caught in schools located in shallow water then released normally without experiencing increased mortality rates. The bait-eating birds will help indicate where the striper/hybrids are going to be at the all-you-can-eat buffet. The NO FISHING ZONE is in effect again starting July 15 until September 15. The humps and islands near the NO FISHING ZONE up to point #12 should be excellent.

NORRIS LAKE

The best fishing can be found around 10 miles upstream of Norris dam in the lower Clinch and Powell Rivers, including Big Creek and Cove Creek. Most of the stripers have moved out of the shallow, warm coves and into the main channel where they can be found with fish finders below the thermocline. Down lines and downriggers work well over marked fish.

WATTS BAR & MELTON HILL

Many of the stripers have moved upstream to the discharge at the dams. If you plan to fish here, remember to **WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET**. Put your sinker and hook close to the bottom with plans to lose a few for the most catches. Pulling side planer boards down the banks can also catch fish for miles downstream. The stripers can be stressed if the flow is low enough to allow the water temperature to rise above 70 degrees. Use heavy line with a very quick release to keep from killing the fish.

— *Ezell Cox*

Cherokee fishing is on fire ! Thanks Steve for the July 22 fishing report.



Mike and I got about 10 or 11 Hybrids and a stripe or two this morning. We caught bait at 5:00a.m., it was very easy. We used the boga's and didn't lift most of the fish from the water .We fished from about 6 to 10. All fish went back for us today to play another day. Saw friends out today having some early morning fun as well.



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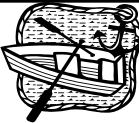
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- * You'll develop a network of "striper friends."
- * You'll learn new methods to improve your striped bass fishing effectiveness.
- * You'll be able to call officers for fishing reports.
- * You'll be able to attend monthly meetings with informative programs.
- * You'll have access to all areas of the TSBA web page.

Your Name _____

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Please provide an e-mail address to receive the monthly newsletter:

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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: TSBA

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Talbott, TN. 37877

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