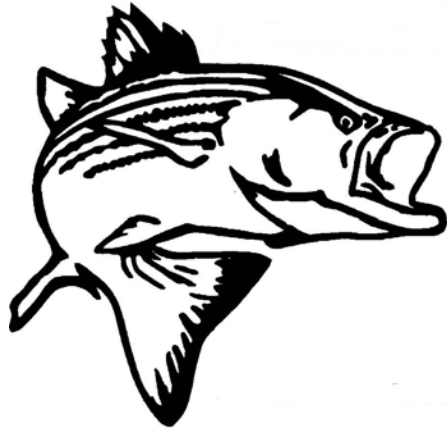


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**Tennessee  
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**October  
2010**



*Five year-old Jaxson, son of member Jason Pickens, with his first solo  
striper. Way to go, Jaxson!*

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Hello Everyone,

I want to thank everyone who came to this year's fish fry. We had a great turnout and I believe everyone had a wonderful time. The food was excellent and the fellowship was fantastic. In particular, I would like to thank Ezell Cox for supplying the fish and Jason Pickens and Sammy Robinette for the excellent job they did cooking for us. Thanks guys!

The cast net contest had more participants this year than ever before, especially from the ladies. It was great to see Ezell and Allan teach the ladies how to throw a cast net, and they did quite well.

Fall is a great time to be on the water! We are finally getting a reprieve from the unbearable heat of the summer and the absence of all those jet skis makes for some especially enjoyable time spent on the water. With hunting and football season upon us, too many anglers make the mistake of turning their focus away from fishing just at the time stripers are starting to break the surface. Don't miss out on the opportunity to get out there and enjoy some of the great fishing this time of year has to offer! If you are able to catch some fish, please send me some pictures so we can get them in the upcoming newsletter.

On a side note, someone left a maroon colored Pyrex food warmer at the fish fry. If this is yours, please let me know and I will get it back to you.

Tight lines and see you on the water!

— *Erik Engebretsen*

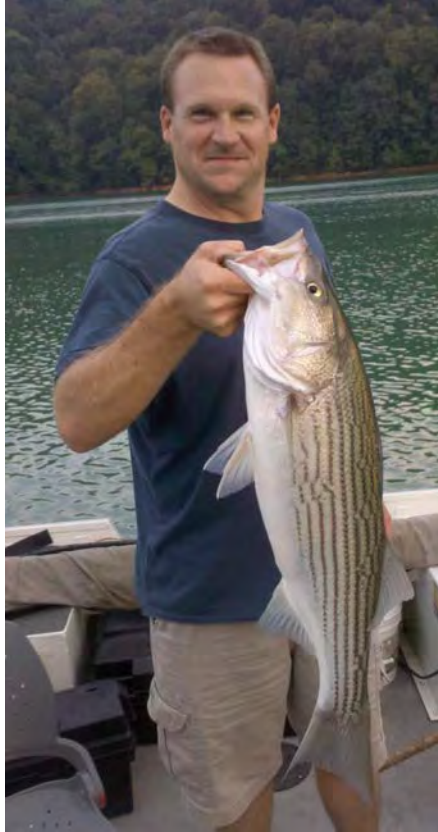


A heartfelt thanks goes out to the TSBA chefs for the fantastic job they did cooking for our crowd of 86 members and guests at the annual fish fry. Around 40 pounds of striper were prepared by Sammy Robinette, left, and Jason Pickens, right, along with George Cheek and new member Todd Reed.

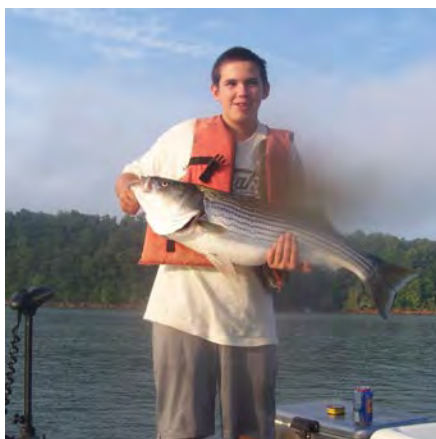
## **ATTENTION: October Meeting**

TSBA's monthly meeting will be held on October 18, 2010, at the Flatwater Grill restaurant in Oak Ridge. 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 share



Member Allan Franklin assisted two great catches this month on Norris Lake. Ricky Scates, above left, with his first striper. Congratulations, Ricky! Darrell Gross, above right, went out with Allan on a separate trip and landed this nice catch.



As a follow-up to the Big Brother/Little Brother article in the August newsletter, Big Brother John Kosmak submitted this photo of Little Brother Austin Ball, landing a super fish courtesy of Ezell Cox. John says "The cans on the boat are two of Austin's favorite things: Dad's Root Beer and a tin of Teriyaki Beef Jerky Crumbs. You can substitute A&W Root Beer, but there is no acceptable substitution for the Teriyaki Beef Jerky. Sorry."

## their catch of the day

Word of Ezell Cox's cunning and stealth at hunting down trophy stripers has spread far and wide. Tom O'Neil recently contacted Ezell to arrange a fishing trip for a friend planning a visit from Florida. Top of her list of things to do while visiting Tennessee included a guided trip with Ezell



on Norris Lake. The trio not only caught their limit on a beautiful day out fishing, but also had a great dinner provided by the day's catch.



## TSBA celebrates another year



There were 26 contenders in the cast net competition this year. Even some first-timers were given a quick lesson and went on to compete in the contest. Erik Engebretsen and Bill Ballou, above, and Freda Beeler, below, warm up before the competition with a few trial throws.



## at the annual fish fry



Keith Shannon, above, was also another contender in the competition. Pictured below, are Becky and Allan Franklin who both went on to claim first place in their respective divisions. See page 8 for results of the competition.



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## And the winners are . . .



The men's division winners from left to right include: Sammy Robbinette, second place; Ezell Cox, third place; and Allan Franklin, first place. The women's division from left to right include: Libby Davis, second place; Lori Difederico, third place; and Becky Franklin, first place.





Folks lined up for the fabulous meal after working up an appetite with all the fun games and fellowship. Fishing stories were traded among members who traveled from as far as Kentucky, Georgia, Ohio, Indiana and California to attend the annual event.



Erik and Katherine Engebretsen, organizers of this year's fish fry, take a well-deserved break during the party.



One man's junk is another man's treasure, and this held true for the club gathering where a lot of folks brought their extra fishing gear for the tackle swap.



Two future anglers enjoy a game of cornhole.

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We usually put the newsletter together around the end of the month, but send your information any time and we will work it in.

## TSBA contributes to management of the

As previously reported in last month's meeting minutes, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission requested an evaluation of the continued need for the closed fishing zone on Cherokee Lake. This zone is designated as a seasonally restricted fishing area due to the fact that striped bass congregate at the dam seeking thermal refuge habitat during late summer. This behavior makes the striped bass population vulnerable to over-fishing.



Jim Negus outlines sampling procedures to TSBA volunteers.



TSBA members getting ready to go after them! The closed fishing zone is in the background.

This past month, TSBA members assisted the TWRA in conducting field work to collect data needed to examine the importance of maintaining the closed fishing zone. On top of the great showing of TSBA members, the TWRA was also well represented on the water with several patrol, fish collection and observation boats participating in the study. Along with ample personnel to conduct

the field work, several TWRA managers showed up for the late evening event, some coming as far as Nashville.

See page 11 for a summary of the data collected by TSBA volunteers.

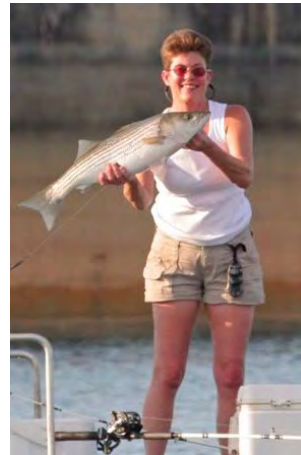
## striped bass fishery on Cherokee Lake

Pictures and video taken by the agency, along with the data collected by TSBA, will be presented to the TWRC in the near future. The results and comments by all involved indicate that the closed fishing zone should remain in place to protect the larger Cherokee stripers who use the cool depth and oxygen rich area as a late summer refuge habitat.



Rounding up the usual suspects: TWRA law enforcement officers caution Ezell Cox to take it easy on the stripers.

TSBA thanks the TWRA for allowing our club to participate in the field work required to conduct this evaluation. It was interesting and FUN. TSBA would especially like to thank Jim Negus of TWRA for his efforts coordinating this project with our club.

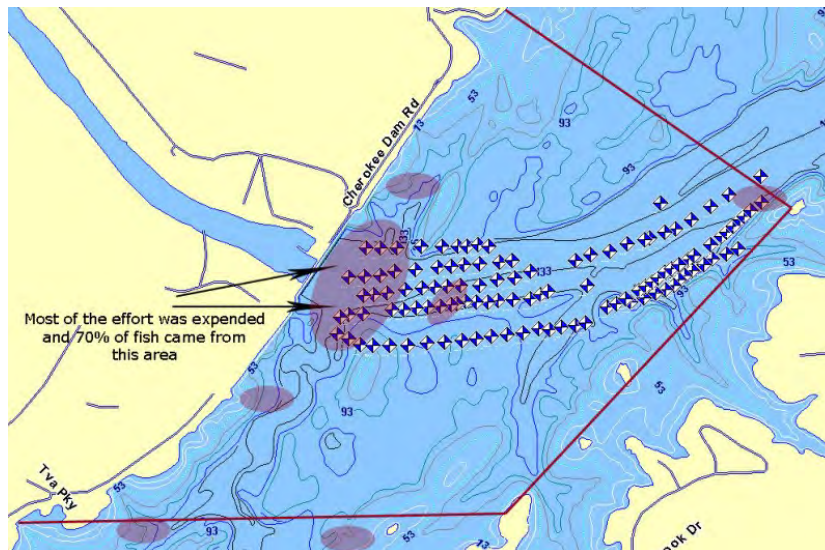


Bud White, left, and Gayle Karagias, right, both enjoyed volunteering their time on this project.

## Summary of Cherokee Lake closed fishing zone volunteer project with TWRA

Jim Negus, TWRA reservoir fisheries biologist, provided the following summary and map on the data collected by TSBA volunteers:

- Approximately 40 experienced striper anglers in 17 boats fished for approximately three hours on August 30, 2010.
- A total of 116 striped bass were caught with 84 harvested and 32 released. (Anglers were asked to release fish they thought had a chance of survival.) Most of the fish were caught in 45-60 feet of water and likely susceptible to barotrauma induced mortality.



The results show that most of the fishing effort was expended within a short distance from the fans. Approximately 70% of the fish were caught from that area.

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Jim Negus , above, stretching and warming up before working up fish collected by TSBA members . Data on catch numbers, survival rates, fish lengths and weights, and catch locations were collected during the study.

- Anglers were encouraged to fish the most productive areas first not only to fully demonstrate the potential vulnerability of the fishery but also avoid the need for a second event. Few anglers had time to target areas outside the current “no-fishing zone”.
- Approximately 8% of the total catch was from areas just outside the current zone.
- Only five of the 84 fish harvested were hybrids.
- All harvested fish were filleted and donated to the Knox Area Rescue Ministries, yielding a total of 28 gallon-sized Ziploc bags.

- Courtesy of Jim Negus, TWRA

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*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>).*

- Oct. 18      Monthly Meeting: dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:15 p.m.  
The Flatwater Grill in Oak Ridge.
- Nov. 15      Monthly Meeting: dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:15 p.m.  
The Flatwater Grill in Oak Ridge.

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Note: All members must sign and submit this membership application with the 2010 dues. 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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