

Catch  
The Striper  
Fever!

# T.S.B.A.



*The  
Tennessee  
Striped Bass  
Association Newsletter*

*August  
2003*

**Get Out of the house.  
Enjoy The Day  
Come Join Us At  
The Tennessee Striped Bass  
Association  
Fish Fry and Annual Reunion  
SATURDAY  
September 13, 2003  
5 P.M.  
Anderson County Park**

## Letter from the "Prez"

Hello striper gals and guys.

We had a great meeting this past month at Mt Lake Lodge. Mike Smith from the Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery visited the club and gave a talk about the area lake stockings and the parasite situation in our stripers. He was great. We appreciate all the knowledge he brought to the club members.

Well when summer hit, it really hit. Man has it been hot, but the stripers are really hitting below the dams. I have had several trips below the dams in the past three weeks and have caught 20 or more each time. ( See the article and pictures titled "A Day at the Boils" in this newsletter) The water temp below Melton Hill was 64.3 and it is 75 below Ft Loudoun. Remember if you go below the dams to fish you must wear a life jacket or you will get a ticket from TWRA for \$140.00 Remember to use heavy line and a tight drag to get the fish in as fast as possible so not to stress them anymore than you have to.

I filmed another Striper show with Oneil Williams on July 23rd below Ft Loudoun and we caught between 25 and 30 in 2 hours and 15 min. He brought his 12 year old grandson with him and he had a ball. It will air some time in the Spring.

The 3rd annual Fish Fry is almost here Please plan on coming to this one it will be the best yet. There will be lots of things to do at this one. ( SEE DETAILS IN NEWS LETTER ). If you miss this one I feel sorry for you

Please don't catch and release Stripers in the lakes now the water is too hot and they will die if you turn them back.

Remember all Officers positions will be up for election in November and If you or anyone you know is interested please let Toney or I know.. It is important that you all get involved so that the club will continue to grow and thrive.

Your striper friend and Prez Allan

## 2003 TSBA Calendar

Attend TSBA sponsored tournaments & join us at the meetings.

**August 25th:** Monthly Meeting. MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Lodge, Norris Lake Dinner: 6PM. Meeting: 7PM

**September 13th:** TSBA Fish Fry and Annual Reunion. Anderson County Park on Norris at 5PM

\* This will be the regular monthly meeting for September

\*\* There will be NO MEETING in September at Mt Lake

\***October 27th:** Monthly meeting. and **Officer Nominations** MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Marina on Norris Lake. Dinner: 6PM. Meeting: 7PM

\***November 27th:** Monthly meeting & **Officer Elections** MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Marina on Norris Lake. Dinner: 6PM. Meeting 7PM

\***December:** No Meeting

### **New Meeting Location sought beginning 2004**

The current meeting location at Mt. Lake Marinas Lodge has worked well for those members who attend the meeting.

That is where the problem lies. The number of members who attend is approximately 12 to 20 members. The TSBA should have 50+ in attendance each month. Robert Leach has come up with a map that reflects the areas surrounding Knoxville where the TSBA members live. The most central location is in the Halls, Fountain City or Merchant Road area. It is with his help and the help of members that places to meet are being sought. If you know of anywhere in the these areas that would be a good meeting place please contact Robert Leach at 865 471-1365 or email him at rdleach1@msn.com. Any change will be announced and will not take place until January 2004 (IF AT ALL!)

# **TSBA Annual Fish Fry and Reunion at Anderson County Park**

Bring a lawn chair & join fellow TSBA  
members & their families on  
**September 13th at 5 p.m.**  
(no Vols Game Weekend)

Fish fryin', story tellin', lots of good eatin' &  
fun and games will be going on!  
***Cast Net & Casting Contest!!!!***

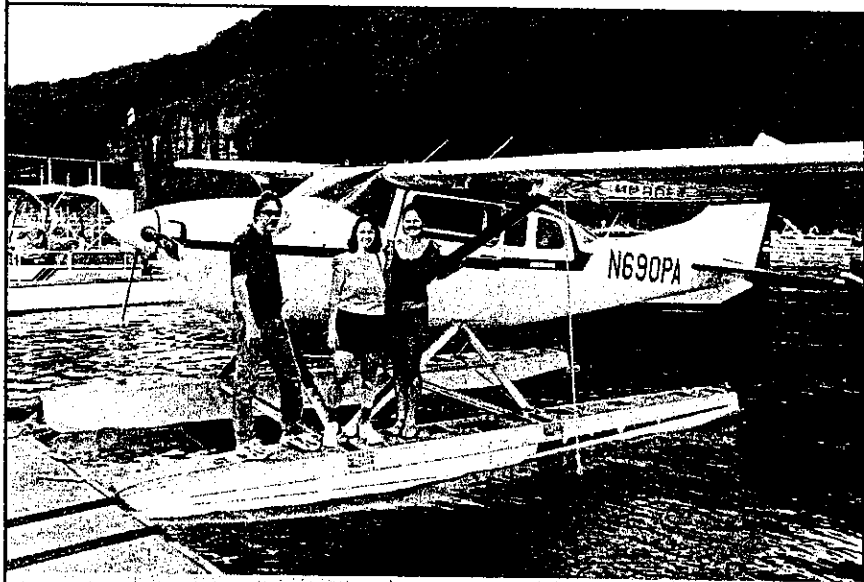
Please bring a covered dish. All silverware,  
plates & drinks will be provided.  
***Bring the family & meet fellow members.***

*\*PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL PARK RULES WILL  
BE UPHOLD BY THE CLUB.*

## **Directions to Anderson Co Park**

Take Interstate 75 to Exit #122 (RT 61)  
Head east towards Andersonville, in the town of Andersonville  
you will come to Park Road, it verves off to the left.  
Take Park Road to the end.

## S & H Aviation Comes to Tennessee!



### ***Want to take a ride before the Fish Fry????***

Ever want to see the lakes of Tennessee from the air? How 'bout taking off on a sea plane for the day? Well you can do it, and we did! We made arrangements to take a ride with pilot, Ryan Hile of S & H Aviation, over the waters of Norris Lake. The flight lasted for approximately one half hour and was well worth the trip! You can arrange for them to pick you up at about any location on the lake.

\*\*\*If you would be interested in going on a flight, S & H would be able to make arrangements to take flights right before our fish fry on Septmeber 13th. If 10+ people commit to a flight they will offer a discount price of \$35 per person. (Children are less) **Reservations must be made in advance but payment can be made at time of flight.** Please contact Amy Stevens by phone at 865-426-8509 or email at [Amy@tnstripedbass.com](mailto:Amy@tnstripedbass.com) prior to September 1st if you wish to reserve a flight time. Limited time will be available for flights so we must make arrangements for times with S&H so everyone who wants to go can.

## **Cast Your Fate to the Wind**

### **Cast Net Contest at the Fish Fry!!**

**You are not going to want to miss the 2003 TSBA fish fry on Saturday, September 13 at the Anderson County Park. It is going to be bigger and better than ever. In addition to the great food and camaraderie with your striper fishing buddies, we are going to have two casting contests. The first will be a "Net Casting" contest. Basically, all participants will cast their nets (7' max. radius) at a stake driven in the ground at four different distances. Each cast will be scored for openness and accuracy.**

**The second contest will be a "Shad Casting" contest to simulate tossing a live shad into a boil of stripers. Of course we will use artificial shad instead of live ones. The objective will be to cast your shad closest to a stake driven into the ground at various distances. The rod and reels to be used are the ones you would normally use when downlining for stripers - except that a hookless, artificial shad ( provided by the club ) will be used. The top three total scores in each contest will be awarded prizes. The initial reaction to these two ideas has been quite positive and the consensus of opinion is that everyone will enjoy them regardless of whether they are an expert or novice caster. All of the real pros will square off against their peers and the beginners will get valuable pointers from the experts. So plan to attend the annual fish fry and in addition to your appetites, bring your favorite 7' casting net and your striper downlining rig.**

**This is going to be fun!**

# A Day at the "Boils"

Allan Franklin and Toney Stevens went fishing the first weekend in August aboard Allans boat on Watts Bar Lake below Melton Hill Dam. Between the two of them they caught 30 fish, ranging between 8 to 21 pounds, in about a 2 hour period. In the cold water of the boils, the fish are hearty and put up a good fight. Both guys remarked about how well the fish went back under these conditons. All indications were that the fish went back with no problem, due to the temperature of the water and the use of stout rods with heavy test line. Toney remarked that even the 21 pounder bit his thumb upon release!



## September Expectations

With the amount of rain that has already fallen & continues to fall in Tennessee, predicting Septembers fishing conditions is difficult. The fishing has been tough & has been subject to change on a daily basis. The flooding of the lakes & the land surrounding them has made launching a boat sometimes difficult as well. If we choose to fish the lakes we need to remember that as the temperatures continue to rise, the fish are not going back. As anglers we need to be aware of the condition of the fish once it reaches our boat. We need to be responsible for its successful release & pay attention to water temperatures, air temperatures & the length of fight. Each situation will be different & require some thought. Many fish are found floating this time of year as people continue to release fish. Very few of those fish, who swim off, survive. Please only fish for those Stripers to take home & eat or possibly mount! A good place to fish is the cold water below the dams where you can release fish. As always the Fall is around the corner when you can fish & release in the lakes with great success. Please wait for that time & in the meantime enjoy a good day at the Fish Fry with fellow members, September 13th at Anderson Co. Park at 5pm!

*If you can't catch 'em, let's at least eat 'em!*

## Please

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**The current password is:**  
**Username: "tsba"**  
**Password: "club"**

The TSBA web site offers up to date fishin' reports to all TSBA members. Visit the web at:

**[www.TNStripedBass.com](http://www.TNStripedBass.com)**

## Fishing Hot Spots



### Cherokee Lake

*Condition: Good*

*Location: upstream from the no fishing zone using down lines in 20 feet*

### Norris Lake

*Condition: Flooded*

*Location: fish are spread out Some fish are being caught on down lines. Point 19 has been good.*

### Tailraces below Melton Hill/Ft Loudoun Dams

*Condition: Good*

*Location: in the "boils". Live shad drifted downstream from the discharge*

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# TSBA Merchandise



Hats are gray w/ a Striper on the front & the letters TSBA in green. Adult T-shirts are gray or tan depending on availability in sizes w/ a Striper and Tennessee Striped Bass Association embroidered in green. Kids shirts are gray.. Sweatshirts are hunter green with TSBA in gray on front & Catch the Fever on the back with a Striper & fishing rod.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Hats**      Number of **Winter** T.S.B.A. Hats \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

                  Number of **Summer** T.S.B.A. Hats \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Kids Shirts**

Number of Shirts (*kids size medium 10-12*) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Shirts (*kids size large 14-16*) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Shirts**

Number of Shirts (*adult size small*) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Shirts (*adult size medium*) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Adult Sweatshirts**

Number of *adult size medium* \_\_\_\_\_ X \$22.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of *adult size large* \_\_\_\_\_ X \$22.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of *adult size xtra-large* \_\_\_\_\_ X \$22.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of *adult size 2X* \_\_\_\_\_ X \$24.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\$5.00 to ship 1 to 2 items or \$8.00 3 or more items** Shipping \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Order Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to the "TSBA". Do not send cash! Mail to:*

**TSBA Merchandise**

**4612 Woodbridge Lane Knoxville Tennessee 37921**

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## **T.S.B.A. 2003 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

As a member: \*You'll receive a monthly newsletter.

- \* 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.

Is this a renewal  or a New Membership

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name \_\_\_\_\_

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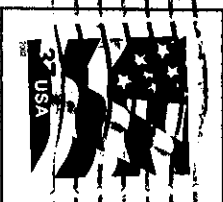
**Enclose a check for \$2000 to cover 1 years dues**

**Mail to: T.S.B.A. PO Box 962  
Norris Tennessee 37828**



The TSBA is a non-profit organization, 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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