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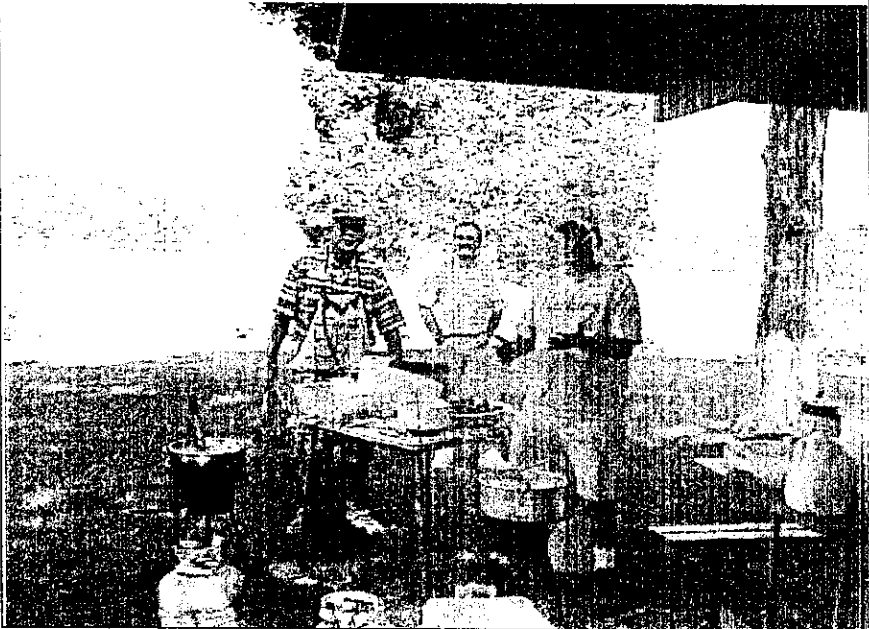
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The
Tennessee
Striped Bass
Association Newsletter

October
2003

"Our Fantastic Picnic Chef's"



Letter from the "Prez"

Hello striper gals and guys.

First of all I want to thank everyone that took part in helping with the fish fry. There were lots of people that helped and I don't want to leave anyone out, so I am thanking you all and you know who you are.

We had 52 people show up for the 3rd annual TSBA fish fry. We had a great time and the weather was wonderful. I was a little worried at first when all the people were showing up with Desserts and no other type of covered dishes. I thought we were only going to have fish and sweets. By the time the fish was ready there was lots of food of every kind and no one went home hungry.

We had enough people that wanted to ride in the float plane that he took three trips, he already had another appointment and had to leave or he could have taken another 2 or 3 trips just from our group.

We had a great time with the two contest that we had this year. The cast net throwing contest and the Rod and reel casting contest. (see the details inside the newsletter)

There were lots of fish tales told and great fellowship among all the members that were there. We missed some old faces that were not there this year and we saw several new faces there this year. It was nice to meet some of the new members that I had only talked to on the phone.

ATTENTION It is very important that you All show up to this months meeting, the nominations for the new leaders of the club we made at the meeting. If you want to see the club continue to go on and grow you need to be there to help elect the new officers. Thanks for your support.

Your striper friend and Prez. Allan

2003 TSBA Calendar

Attend TSBA sponsored tournaments & join us at the meetings.

***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**

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***December:** No Meeting

Let's Eat!

Striped Bass Parmesan

- 2 pounds Striped Bass Fillets
- 1/8 teaspoon hot pepper
- 1 cup nonfat sourcream
- Paprika
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan Cheese
- Parsley sprigs
- 1 tablespoon lemon Juice
- Non-stick spray
- 2 tablespoons green onion slices



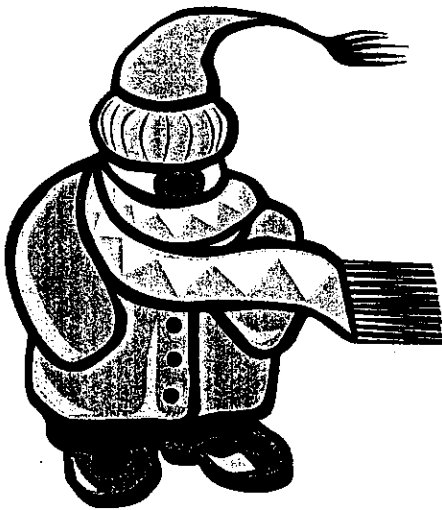
Cut fillets into individual servings and arrange side-by-side in a non-stick spray-treated baking dish.

Combine sour cream, grated cheese, lemon juice, green onion slices and hot pepper sauce; spread over fish.

Lightly sprinkle fish with paprika.

Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 10 minutes per inch of thickness or until the fish is flaky and no longer translucent in the center.

Serve garnished with parsley sprigs.



Cold Weather Striper Fishing

taken from an article by Steve Baker

Both live bait & small artificial can be extremely productive when fishing cold water. The small tuffy crappie minnows are very handy and will stay alive on a hook for hours at a time. Shiners are good as well as creek minnows & sometimes

goldfish are a good choice. The type of minnow is not the deciding factor in cold water. The size of the bait is the most important item. I never use a bait much longer than 3 inches. I have caught big stripers on baits only 1 1/2 inches long. When rigging for these small baits, I prefer 14 pound test line. I've tried lighter line with the tiny minnows but I never can get a good solid hook set on a 8 or 10 pound line because of the distance the bait is run behind the boat & the stretch of the line. The size of the split shot will vary if the wind picks up. I like to use as small a bobber as I can. One inch will get the job done. The depth of the bobber may vary in different lakes but I have found that 8 to 12 feet is sufficient on most lakes. The trick is to put the baits out far enough behind the boat. I like to stagger 2 or 3 rigs to prevent tangling. I usually put the first bait out around 30 yards & stagger the other at 20 foot intervals. During the cold water feeding periods, most stripers will take the bait very lightly. Several artificial lures are good but again the lure size is the important factor. Small bucktails are good producers. I have always been partial to white 80% of the time and chartreuse the remainder of the time. Anglers who prefer plastic baits may find the sassy shad by Mister Twister or a white or chartreuse curly tail by Mister Twister in a small 3" size. Both lures work best with a 1/4 or 3/8 ounce head.

Spoons are good choices because of the close resemblance to the small thread-fins. Accetta spoons has brought back the Mr. Champ spoon The Accetta's spoon with a small feather on the rear can be a good choice when the fish are on the surface.

Potential Meeting Locations

by Robert Leach



One of the articles in a previous newsletter indicated that the TSBA was going to investigate the feasibility of moving the

monthly meeting location to a more centrally-located site. It had been suggested that the attendance would increase if the members did not have far to drive. To accomplish this, a study was performed to determine where all of the current and past members lived so we could pinpoint the epicenter of the home address of our local members. As it turned out, the epicenter is the Halls, Fountain City or Merchants Road area. All of our members were asked to let us know if they knew of any possible locations. To date, I have received suggestions from Andy Self, Jim Blazier, and Bruce Ziegler. Also, my wife and I have driven the area to look for ourselves. As a result, two viable restaurants have been identified. Both have a meeting room that can be reserved at no charge provided that the members dine at their facility.

Shoney's - Get off of I-75 at exit 108 and go west on Merchants road for about one mile. Turn right(North) on the Clinton Highway (25W) and the Shoney's is on the east side of Clinton Highway. You can order off the menu or go to their buffet.

Golden Corral - Get off of I-75 at exit 110 and go west on Callahan Road for about 1.7 miles. The Golden Corral is on the left at the intersection with the Clinton Highway. The only item available is their buffet which is quite expensive.

I would like for as many of the members as possible to dine at these restaurants in the near future so that you can provide the TSBA with your opinion as to whether or not these facilities meet with your approval. Also, please provide more leads on potential locations.

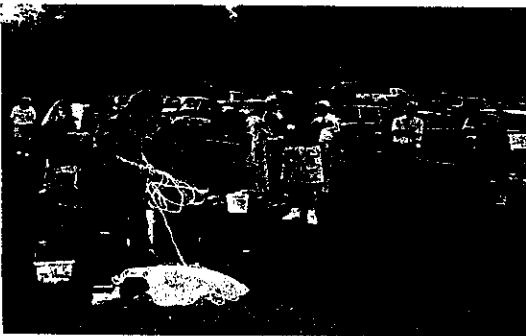
TSBA Fist

Hey - the annual TSBA fish fry held at Anderson County park was again a huge success. A total of 52 people (15 from out-of-state) attended and everything was great - the weather, food, fun, and of course the camaraderie. This was a good time to visit with some of your fellow striper fisherman whom you don't get to see very often. As usual, the food was excellent, especially the deep-fried striper prepared by chefs Sammy Robinette, Bill Kincade, and Merle Parker.

In addition to the usual "goings-on", there were three new events that I am sure are destined to become a part of this annual shindig. First of all,



you could sign up to take a short, 1/2 hour float-plane trip around the area to get a "bird's eye" view of this spectacular region we call home. This was especially exciting considering the perfect weather. The cost was \$40 per person which was quite reasonable. A total of six people took advantage of this opportunity. Next, we introduced two new "Casting Contests". The first was a net-casting contest so everyone could display their "bait-catching" expertise. Each participant would cast their net once at stakes set at three different distances. Each cast was scored for openness and accuracy. The winner, which should not surprise anyone, was Allan Franklin. Allan is a true "net-casting" expert who willingly shares his secrets with anyone who wants to



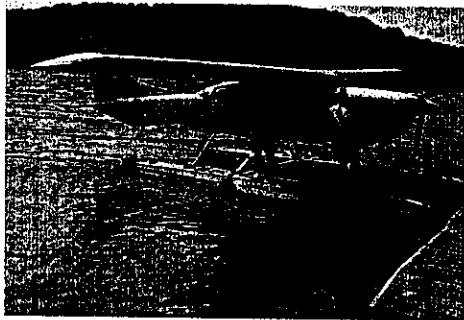
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improve their skills. The runner-up was Ed Baker. The next contest was a "Bait-Casting" or "Chunking" contest. The idea was to simulate tossing a live shad into a school of boiling stripers. For this contest, everyone attached the same artificial shad to their line and made two casts each at stakes set at four different distances. The distance from the artificial shad to the stake was measured. Only the best cast at each distance was counted. The winner was Phil Baker whose total distance (four casts) was 62 inches!! Second place went to Grant Saylor who had the next lowest total distance which was 93 inches. The winners in both contests received a prize of \$35 and the runner-up received \$15. Everyone had a lot of fun with this.

Another "First" was accomplished at this fish fry. During the drawings for various door prizes, Ezell Cox won a very nice spinning rod and reel. If you have ever gone out fishing with Ezell, one thing you will notice is that there is no spinning equipment in his boat. Ezell uses bait casting rods and reels exclusively. Therefore the pictures we have of him attempting to cast his newly-won prize are truly unique. We will keep these in our archives forever. Ezell, being the good sport he is, gave the combo to Phil Baker, who won the bait-casting contest.

In my opinion, this fish fry was a success and everyone had a good time. However, there is no reason that we should not have 100 people attend. It was scheduled on a Saturday that the Vols were not playing. So plan to attend next year and be part of the festivities. Also, if you can think of anything that would add

a little spice to this event please email me at rdleach@msn.com. This is your organization. Get Involved.





November Expectations

November will bring many changes to the Striped Bass and the waters they inhabit. The changing air and water temperatures will lead to great top water action as the month progresses. Live bait on a free line pulled behind your boat will be very successful at this time, resulting in low mortality rates while maintaining a very successful fishing trip. Dangerous water conditions due to lower winter pool will be something to watch for. Many areas will have exposed islands and rocks but with careful navigation, a safe trip can be had by all. The warm water discharges at the steam plants will begin to attract the bait fish and the stripers will follow them into these areas giving anglers prime opportunities to catch the "big one".

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Norris Lake

Condition: Good

Location: Point 9 and up both the Powell and the Clinch.

Bait: Shad.

Notes: Fish are moving up the rivers and spread out a good bit! Early morning and late evening hours are best.

Watts Bar Lake

Condition: Good

Location: Steamplant

Notes: This action will heat up as the water cools.

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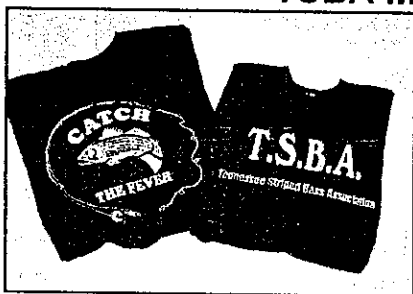
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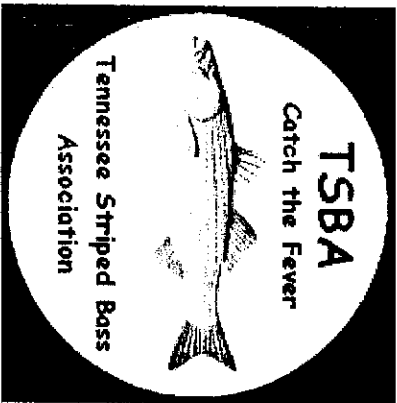
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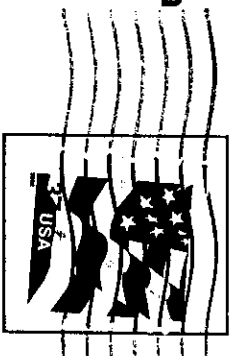
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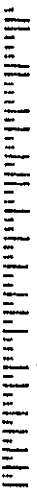
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