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# T.S.B.A.



**Tennessee  
Striped Bass  
Association,  
Inc.  
Newsletter**

**October  
2004**

The TSBA has officially  
incorporated as the  
Tennessee Striped Bass  
Association, Inc.

*See President's Letter and TSBA 2005  
Membership Application inside for  
what you need to do next.*

# President's Letter

**Incorporation** - The TSBA has officially incorporated as the **Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc.** The new nonprofit association was formed by the present officers who developed and approved a set of Bylaws for the club. Next, we worked with Attorney Rick Swanson of Morristown, who did all of the necessary paperwork to satisfy the State of Tennessee. The next step is for all of the remaining members to become part of the new corporation. To do this, you must sign and return the enclosed application along with your 2005 dues of \$20. Basically, you are agreeing to abide by and be bound by the Bylaws. If you have access to the Internet, you can read the Bylaws by going to our website "TNStripedBass.com" and clicking on the Bylaws link. If you don't have Internet access, we will mail you a copy of the Bylaws if you request one. According to Rick Swanson, this is a very important step as it provides a liability shield for all of the members as long as we truly run the club as a nonprofit association according to the Bylaws. As I understand it, you will be responsible for your own actions; but the corporate shield will give you increased immunity for the actions of other members. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 865-471-1365; and I will do my best to get answers to your questions.

**2005 Officers & Directors** - At the October 18th meeting at Shoney's, we will nominate several Directors to fill out the Board of Directors which will consist of the present Officers and three or four more Directors. (Elections will take place at the November 15th meeting.) The initial terms of office for the Directors will be from one to four years. As the Directors' terms expire, the length of each term will be increased to four years. According to the Bylaws, the Directors will elect the Officers for the club. This is a departure from the past and we can discuss it at the meeting. The most important

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item to be discussed will be who does the club want for both Officers and Directors for the next year. If you have any interest in helping run the TSBA, then please contact me in advance at rdleach1@msn.com or bring it up at the meeting. It is extremely important that we continually have new blood filtering into the organization. It really would be nice to have at least two candidates for each office so there would be a choice in determining who will lead the club.

**November Tournament** - On November 20, we are scheduling a TSBA tournament on Cherokee. While the details have not been finalized, I want it to be a "Get Acquainted" fishing outing. Basically, I would like for everyone to partner up with someone that they have never fished with before. Let's go outside of our normal circle of fishing buddies and team up with someone new. I would be willing to bet many of us will have a new friend at the end of the day. You can still have your favorite buddy along but let's also put someone new in your boat. As far as the tournament is concerned, I propose that we have a \$25 per boat entry fee with with a pay out as follows:

- 40% for the largest striper
- 40% for the largest hybrid
- 20% to the club's 2005 Kid's Weekend Fund

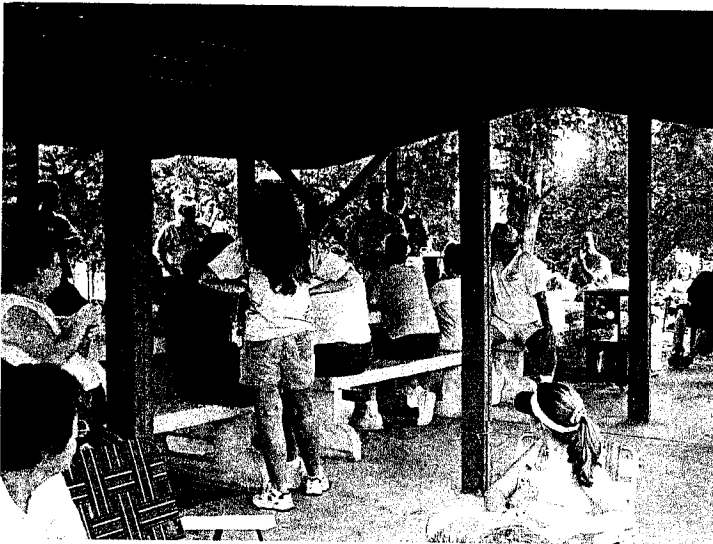
The prize money goes to everyone in the boat so it does not matter who catches the winning fish. This will be fun and the Kid's Weekend Fund needs the money. We will discuss this further at the October monthly meeting.

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**December** - We have decided that we will not have a meeting or a newsletter in December. We have had an abbreviated version of the newsletter in the past, but it really has not been of enough value.

**2005** - I would like for each of you to reflect upon the TSBA events of 2004 and decide what you liked and did not like. It should be the goal of the club to continually improve in order to make the TSBA more important to you. The best way to accomplish this is to get viable feedback from you. Without it, your Officers and Directors have to decide for themselves what you like. Please don't hesitate to give your leaders constructive criticism as that is how to make the TSBA more responsive to your wishes.

*Bob Leach*



## Letter from the Secretary

I've learned a valuable lesson: Do not attempt to read without my bifocals and have a written list in hand. Let me acknowledge honorary members, Pat and Smitty, the founders of TSBA. Your hard work set the foundation for our club today. Thank you, Ezell, for the fish that you provided. Thank you, Ed Baker, Tom Elmore, Sammy Robinette - the fish and hush puppies were cooked perfectly. Thank you to Anderson County for having a wonderful park that we were able to use and enjoy. The TSBA fish fry was tremendous. Janine and I were last to leave, and I just kept saying to myself, "It can't be over." What a great day!

It has been a very good year for the TSBA. A lot of effort by many people has helped the club come together. StriperBowl and the Kid's Fishing Day and the tremendous support given to Allan. Toney, Amy, Felix, Cathy, and the Ohio group - thank you.

### TAKE A CHILD FISHING!

TWRA representatives, Ken Cutsinger, Mike Smith, and Jim Negus, went out of their way to make excellent presentations to our club this year. Thank you for your time and efforts. We can support the TWRA by obtaining a watchable wildlife license plate.

Just a reminder: At the fish fry, I asked past officers and members to write up a story on their TSBA experiences and obstacles they had to overcome. There is a history to this club that should not be forgotten. Also, if you have any ideas for the fish fry, please send them to me. We start planning next year's fish fry now. Thank you to everyone!

Bob, thank you for your leadership in getting our club "all schooled up" and headed in the same direction.

*Dave Johnson*

## BEGINNER STRIPER FISHING 101

To keep from having to start over and over with equipment because you purchased what someone else wanted to sell, find out what the experienced fishermen are using in the river, tailrace, or reservoir you want to fish. Different equipment is sometimes needed for different systems. Questions can be answered by going on the internet, buying magazines, or joining striper clubs in your area. If you can find a guide that uses the water you want to fish, it is normally a good investment to have some questions answered. Most guides enjoy sharing the knowledge and experience they have - so be prepared to ask a lot of questions and take notes. Can I buy live bait? Can you show me how to use a cast net? What size mesh and net size is needed? Where can I catch bait? What size bait? All year? How can I keep it alive? What size tank? Where can I get one? What kind of chemicals do you put in it? How long can I keep bait lively? Ask your guide why he purchased that boat, gas motor, electric motor, and trailer. What would you change if you got a new one today? Do you use artificial lures? What size and color? Do you use downriggers or outriggers? What all kinds of rods and reels do you use? What about line size, hook size, and color? What kind of fish finder do you use? Do I need GPS and radar? The effort here is intended to educate you on questions for

your first purchase so your garage is not full of the wrong color, size, shape, length, weight, brand, and just didn't need it. *By Ezell Cox*



Ezell and Reba

## **Hickory Star Marina & Campground**

This month we are highlighting the Hickory Star Marina strategically located on beautiful Norris Reservoir just four miles East of Maynardville on Route 144. Hickory Star really is a complete facility with a full-service marina, motel, campground, full-service restaurant, and rental cabins. At Hickory Star, there is always something new and exciting to do at this beautiful facility

**Marina** - If it's fishing or any water sport, you will find everything that you need at the Hickory Star Marina. Whether it's houseboating, canoeing, water skiing, or fishing, this marina is well equipped to provide you with endless fun in the sun. You can launch your own boat at their ramp or take advantage of their professional guide service.

**Motel** - After a long day on Norris, why fuss with loading your boat and making the long drive home. Instead, park your boat at the dock and walk to your air-conditioned room at the Hickory Star motel. This would make a great getaway for you and your significant other to spend a little quality time together while you still get to fish in the early morning and at dusk.

**Restaurant** - Hey! You really owe it to yourself to visit the Nordstrom's Galley at Hickory Star. They are open from 4 PM to 10 PM from Thursday through Saturday and from 1 to 9 on Sunday. This place is first-class and it has everything from sandwiches to steaks. Also note that they open early for all UT day games. Come in and enjoy watching the Vols on their big-screen TV with your wonderfully-prepared meal.

**Campground & Cabins** - If you are interested in camping, they have everything you need - rustic & new cabins, camper hookups, and tent sites and their fees are quite reasonable.

Please call 800-235-6866 (toll-free), 465-992-5241, or go online at [fishnorris@aol.com](mailto:fishnorris@aol.com) to get more information or make a reservation. These are really nice fisherman-friendly folks, and you will have a great time during your stay at Hickory Star.

# 2004 T.S.B.A. ANNUAL FISH FRY & REUNION



The TSBA Annual Fish Fry and Reunion held on Saturday, September 11 at the Anderson County Park was an overwhelming success as over 72 people attended. I don't know for sure, but I think that is a record. It really gives us a high mark to try to beat next year. Everyone that I talked to seemed to be having a great time chatting with some of their seldom-seen buddies. The food was outstanding, and we need to give special thanks to Chefs Ed Baker and Sammy Robinette for preparing the fish. It was a little warm out, and the hot deep fryers made them perspire a bit. They were cooking for several hours to cook enough stripers for that many hungry members.





The only real business discussed at the fish fry was about the progress of our efforts to incorporate the club into the **Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc.**



The net casting contest went over very well as 13 members showed off their net casting skills. The winner was Ezell Cox who was casting the net with uncanny accuracy. He had a total score of 176.

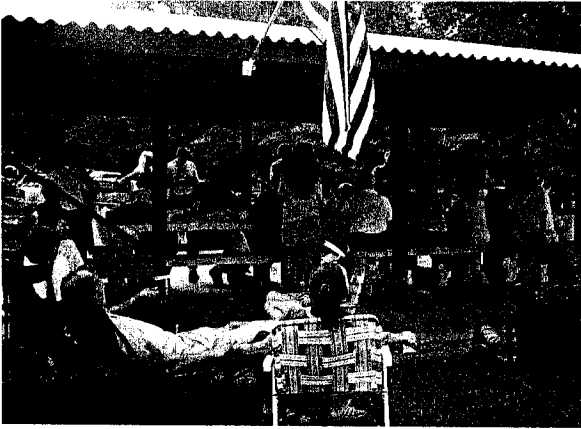
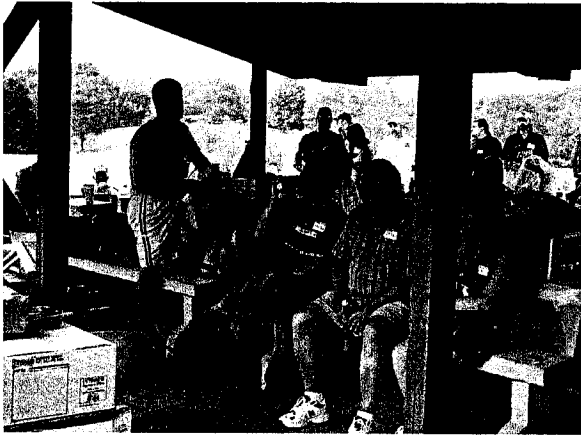
Allan was second with a score of 129. Allan said that he used up all of his great casts earlier in the day when he was teaching other members the finer points of net casting. Both Ezell and Allan cast the net with a fluid, effortless motion. I know that a lot of members owe Allan a big thank you for teaching them how to properly prepare and cast their nets.

Next year, I think that we should break the contest into two divisions - one for men and another for kids and ladies. Also, Allan Franklin made some suggestions for changing the scoring which I am mulling over. The present technique does leave too much room for error so we will do it differently next year. Since this contest draws so much attention, I think that we should include it at other outings. Perhaps we can have several contests with an overall winner for the year.

The bait casting contest was won by Bill Brown with Dennis Bryant and Allan Franklin tying for second place. There were only seven participants so this contest isn't as popular as net casting.



*By Bob Leach*





# November Expectations

The lake turnover is complete and with no thermocline. Top water action is common, and catch and release is almost always successful. The water temperature is normally around the mid 50 degree F. range with cooler water in the shallow coves. Stripers often run up in the larger coves to feed on the abundant bait fish that are usually there. Sometimes as early as November the gulls start to show where to fish by diving on the shad that stripers cause to come to the surface when they feed. Tailrace fishing will begin to slow and the steam plants may start to attract the bait fish if the weather is cold enough and the steam plant discharge is warm.

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)  
The current password is:  
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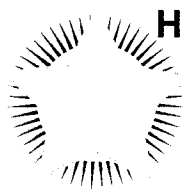
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**Boat for Sale:** 2000 Keywest 20'02" walk-through windshield, dual consoles and captain's chairs. 9' x 7' bimini top, royal blue with heavy duty brushed aluminum. 2000 EZ loader trailer with tandem axles, surge brakes, spare tire and rim. 2000 Honda 130 4-stroke. Used for striper fishing. \$17,000 obo. Ted or Gayle 865-828-6047



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Norris, TN 37828

Norris Dam Marina  
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Cabins*  
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*Swimming Pool \**  
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*Camp Store \* Laundry*

## 2004 TSBA Calendar

*Please attend TSBA events  
and join us at the meetings.*

*Mark  
your  
Calendar*

Monthly meetings will be held at Shoney's Restaurant, 5420 Clinton Highway. Get off I-75 at Exit 108, head west for about one mile. Turn right onto Clinton Hwy. Shoney's will be on the right.

**October 18:** Monthly Meeting

Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM

**November 15:** Monthly Meeting - Speaker, Fuzy Lambert,

Minn Kota Rep. - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM

**November 20:** Tournament on Cherokee Lake

**December 4-5:** Hickory Star Tournament on Norris Lake

**December 11:** Open Fishing on Cherokee Lake

**December:** No Monthly Meeting

**Car for Sale:** 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe LS. Pewter with gray cloth interior, 4 door, front bucket seats with sheepskin covers, cargo doors. Stereo with cassette. Air front and back. Custom floor mats throughout. 1 owner. 125,000 miles, mostly highway. \$10,500 obo

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## Fishing Hot Spots



### **CHEROKEE LAKE:**

#### **Good**

Top water action is often good so keep something to cast handy. Stripers can migrate to any part of the lake with the temperature and oxygen comfortable everywhere so look for large concentrations of bait fish, gulls, or breaking fish. Normally, the best area to look is from Point #20 downstream to the dam.

### **NORRIS LAKE:**

#### **Good**

Remember to check the fishing regulations on Norris starting November 1 because it is your responsibility to stay legal on quantity and size harvested (1 fish@ 24 inches). Look around mid lake and in the large coves.

To review T.W.R.A. data on dissolved oxygen, go to [www.TNStripedBass.com](http://www.TNStripedBass.com). Click on the link: TWRA Region 4 Website, "Water Quality Profiles" and "Fishing Reports - Region IV."

### **TAILRACE AND DOWNSTREAM:**

#### **Good**

It may be a little harder to find the stripers so look where you find a large quantity of bait fish including at the steam plants.

**Boat for Sale: 2002 Aluminum G3DLX1860** side console, galvanized trailer with spare tire and rim. 2002 Yamaha 50 hp 4-stroke with stainless steel prop. Extended warranty 3 years. Lowrance X-91 depth finder with speed and temperature. Radio and antenna, fire extinguisher, 10 gallon gas tank, 3 batteries and 7 rod holders with bases. Used for striper fishing. \$10,900 obo.

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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.

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**Kids Shirts**

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

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Number of Shirts (*adult size 2X*) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$14.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Adult Sweatshirts**

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

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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**

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# T.S.B.A. 2005 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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.
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Is this a renewal \_\_\_ or a New Membership \_\_\_

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Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ # of minor children in family \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to 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](http://www.TNStripedBass.com) or at the offices of the corporation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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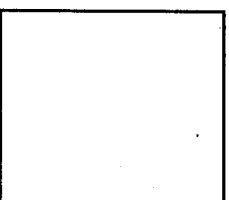
**Knoxville TN 37933**

Note: All members must sign and submit this membership application with the 2005 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.



*The TSBA is a non-profit corporation that supports TW/RA & 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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**October 18th Meeting - Nominations!  
November 15th Meeting - Elections!!!**