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# T.S.B.A.

*Tennessee  
Striped Bass  
Association,  
Inc.  
Newsletter*

**November  
2004**



*Fuzy Lambert,  
Minn Kota Rep,  
will be our speaker  
at the TSBA  
Monthly Meeting*

*Monday, November 15  
at Shoney's  
Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7 pm*

# President's Letter

**Incorporation** - As I stated in the last newsletter, the TSBA has officially incorporated as the **Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc.** The next step is to finalize the selection of the directors who will elect the 2005 officers. At the October meeting, we did select the following members to be directors - Allan Franklin, Ezell Cox, Chet Moore, Ed Baker, Kevin Mason and John Seiber. Actually, we did vote to approve these members as directors, but we really were only supposed to nominate directors at this meeting. So we will officially elect directors at the November meeting.

Also, the present Bylaws were summarized, and it is obvious to me that we need to make several revisions. I will summarize these and bring it up for discussion at the meeting.

The TSBA is now a tax-exempt social club under the Internal Revenue Code section 501(C)(7). As far as we are concerned, this is now the bible by which we must abide. I think that it is important that each member understand what this means, so I am copying the relevant portions of the code below.

To be exempt under Internal Revenue Code section 501(C)(7), a social club must be organized for pleasure, recreation, and other similar nonprofit purposes and substantially all of its activities must be for these purposes. An organization will not be recognized as tax exempt if its charter, by laws, or other governing instrument, or any written policy statement provides for discrimination against any person based on race, color, or religion. Personal contact, commingling, and fellowship must exist among members. Members must be bound together by a common objective directed toward pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofit purposes. Fellowship need not be present between each member and every other member of a club if it is a material part in the life of the organization.

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The membership in a social club must be limited. A club that issues corporate membership is dealing with the general public in the form of the corporation's employees. Evidence that a club's facilities will be open to the general public (persons other than members or their dependents or guests) may cause denial of exemption. This does not mean that any dealing with outsiders will automatically deprive a club of exemption.

In general, a club should be supported solely by fees, dues and assessments. A section 501(C)(7) organization may receive up to 35% of its gross receipts from sources outside the of its membership without losing its tax-exempt status. Of the 35%, not more than 15% of the gross receipts may be derived from the use of the club's facilities or services by the general public or from other activities not furthering social or recreational purposes for its members. If an organization has nonmember income that exceeds these limits, all the facts and circumstances will be taken into account in determining whether or not the organization qualifies for exempt status.

No part of the organization's net earnings may inure to the benefit of any person having a personal interest in the activities of the organization. For these purposes, net earnings need not be actually distributed, since even undistributed earnings may benefit members, by decreasing membership dues or increasing services the club makes available to its members without a corresponding increase in dues or other fees paid for club support. However, fixed fee payments to members who bring new members into the club are not an inurement of the club's net earnings, if the payments are reasonable compensation for performing necessary administrative service.

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**Commissioner's Meeting** - Ezell Cox, Allan Franklin and I attended the Commissioner's meeting on Wednesday, October 13, at the Fall Creek Falls State Park South of Crossville. The only item on the agenda relative to striped bass was the proposed temporary regulation to change the wintertime striped bass size limit on Norris from 24" to 36". There wasn't any objection to this and the only tense moments occurred when one of the commissioners proposed a motion to shelve the entire agenda for one year. This was met with fierce resistance, and he told us that he was going to withdraw the proposal.

**2005 Officers** - The Bylaws specify that the members elect the directors and the directors then select the officers. This is a departure from the past, but it is the common way that things are done in a corporation. The directors of the club will be finalized at the November meeting, and I would imagine that there will be a significant discussion concerning who should be officers in 2005. Every member needs to spend some time pondering on this and come up with some viable candidates for each office. Don't assume that the present officers will seek reelection.

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**Tournaments** - The next TSBA fishing event is a tournament on Cherokee on Saturday, November 20. The unique feature of this tournament is that it is a "New Buddy" tournament where we want each boat to consist of anglers who have never fished together before. The entry fee is \$25 per boat with an 80% return. Forty percent of the money will be for the largest striper and forty percent for the largest hybrid. The remaining 20% will go to the 2005 Kid's Weekend fund. Everyone who would like to participate in this event should either line up their own new buddy themselves or call me at 865-471-1365. You can also send me an E-mail at rdleach1@msn.com. You can contact me even if you don't have a boat. We will get you in a boat somehow. Hopefully, this will go over well and there will be some new friendships established that will last a lifetime.

**2005 Dues** - Now that we are incorporated, it is mandatory that each member sign a statement that they have read the Bylaws and they agree to abide by and be bound by them. This is a legal issue and it is beyond the control of the club. This is a one-time event so, in subsequent years, you can simply send in your dues for your renewal as you have in the past. Please include the form shown in either the October or November newsletter. You will not be a member of the Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc. until you sign this statement. I am sorry for any inconvenience that this causes but, evidently, it is necessary.

*Bob Leach*

# Cherokee Lake

*By Ezell Cox*

Cherokee Lake is among the oldest of the TVA reservoirs. Construction on the dam began August 1, 1940 and was completed December 5, 1941. The dam is 175 feet high with a length totaling 6,760 feet. It has 30,300 surface acres at full pool, is 59 miles long, and has 463 miles of shoreline. Elevation at full summer pool is 1,075 and winter draw down to 1,030. Cherokee Reservoir is named for the tribe of Native Americans who once lived here. The great Indian warpath, once followed by Daniel Boone, crossed the basin now filled by the reservoir.

The reservoir thermally stratifies in the summer, and warm oxygenated surface water cannot mix with the cold water below. As the summer progresses, respiration by organisms and decay of detritus slowly depletes the oxygen. The deep waters of Cherokee Reservoir lose oxygen during the summer months. TVA injects oxygen through miles of perforated hoses suspended above the reservoir bottom in front of the dam in the summertime to increase dissolved oxygen in the tailrace and downstream. The stripers also find refuge in the deep, cool water that has oxygen. The stripers concentrate there until it is like catching fish in a barrel, and a no fishing zone was implemented for about a square mile in front of the dam in the summer.

Three of the larger towns surrounding the lake are Morristown, Jefferson City, and Rogersville. Fish densities are greater than most of the TVA reservoirs due to the bottom end food chain. The gizzard, threadfin, and alewife are abundant and easy to net for bait.

Cherokee Lake is known for its striped bass and Cherokee bass hybrid striper. It was the first lake stocked with stripers and hybrids in Tennessee. Cherokee does not have natural reproduction of stripers so is stocked annually with about half stripers and half Cherokee bass, total of around 150,000 stocked. The largest striper you may expect to catch in the winter of 2004 and 2005 will be around 20 pounds, although a prespawn fish of 35 pounds was caught this year. The hybrid Cherokee bass will normally not exceed 10 pounds. The bait fish are so abundant that a novice can often catch bait. All of the large coves around midlake are good, but some of the favorites are German Creek, Rocky Hollow at Point 16 & 17, T Hollow at Point 21, Macedonia at Point 18. The stripers are going to be close to the bait, so a good fishing population can always be found above Point 14 and downstream of Point 24 during the winter months. The gulls are a telltale sign. So keep a watchful eye for large numbers and especially when they are diving into the bait because stripers are almost always under them. Come enjoy this beautiful lake and wonderful fishing because we know you will want to leave it like you found it to come back again and again.

## **Open Fishing Day**

*By Ezell Cox*

The open fishing day was great in many ways. It was a beautiful fall day, the fish were showing themselves on the surface, bait was easy to catch, and most of us caught a few fish. With the Tennessee/Alabama football game going on, a few fishermen and women over 20 was a surprise. Most everyone said they were going to come back soon.

## Minutes of the October Meeting

Bob began the meeting by asking for fishing reports. Many members joined in, and fishing tales were plentiful. The open fishing day was arranged.

A review of the Fish Fry indicated 72 people had attended. A request for suggestions for next year's Fish Fry was made.

TSBA new incorporation was discussed, and a review of Bylaws and committees will be ironed out by the new Board of Directors.

Nominations for Board of Directors were taken as follows: Ezell Cox, Allan Franklin, Ed Baker, Chet Moore, John Seiber, and Kevin Mason. Twenty-two members attended the October meeting.

A request was made that the meetings have less business and more fishing information.

The November guest speaker will be Fuzy Lambert from Minn Kota.

*Dave Johnson*  
*TSBA Secretary*

*Support the TSBA by joining fellow members for all meetings.*

QUESTION: How can you create safe drinking water?

ANSWER: Boiling is the best method. Boil water for 3 to 5 minutes. Adding 16 drops of unscented bleach per gallon helps but won't kill parasites.



## Questions of the Month

My first question was "Will you fish November to May?" 21 out of 22 members indicated they would fish during that timeframe.

John and Pat Seiber suggested a second question, "What was your heaviest fish in weight this year?"

### Fisherperson & Fish Weight

Dan Oliver	36	Tom Elmore	18
Sammy Robinette	35.5	Dennis Bryant	18
Jim Thompson	34	Chet Moore	18
Ezell Cox	33.5	Bob Stroud	17
George Haun	30	Felix Taylor	16
Allan Franklin	28	Jim Blazier	14
Pat Kneiss	27	Janine Johnson	14
John Seiber	26.5	Pat Seiber	12
Bob Leach	25.5	Cristy Taylor	12
Kevin Mason	25	Dave Johnson	12
Randy O'Neal	25		
Bill Kincaid	25		

Felix Taylor - 70 pound yellowfin tuna

During the cold weather months, have a pack of waterproof matches with you when out fishing. Strive to survive hypothermia!!

## Letter from the Vice President

This month's opening fishing event took us to Quarryville access ramp on Cherokee Lake, between Points 27 and 28. In my 3 years on Cherokee, I had not been that far north on the lake and took the opportunity to go.

My first and last impression of the place was that there was bait everywhere. I have evolved into a fisherman that can usually catch bait, but sometimes I have to struggle locating something to catch. Ezell and a few others I know can look at nothing and come up with bait. I am more trial and error, and after a couple of years I know a few places I can depend on to hold bait. I launched my boat at Quarryville and with 2 throws son Jake and I had more bait than we could use. We spent far more time culling it than catching it.

Any person that can half way open a net could have caught bait in the immediate area almost anywhere. But the story does not end there.

We proceeded with the group downstream to a location between Points 26 and 27 and put the bait to use. The entire lake was boiling with flipping bait.

Some other boats were catching bait as they used it. My finders showed lots of fish under and in with the bait. I saw 3 fish in the 2 hours Jake and I stayed. I would guess TSBA had 12 boats there, give or take a few. There were 50 or so trailers at the ramp with boats of all descriptions. I saw drifters, casters, trollers both down and up. With so much bait in the water, my 4 lines with hooks were a weak offering. The fish never really turned on while we were there, but I could see potential.

Once again the masters in our club put us on a place to remember. These low intensity get-togethers are proving over and over again to be wonderful learning trips. I have only been able to attend a few but can say with all confidence they are one of the best ways to learn this sport.

*Felix Taylor*

# Letter from the Secretary

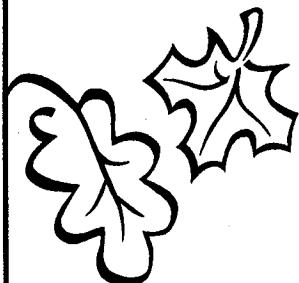
## When October Goes

The lake is a beautiful reflection of the autumn colors. The sun cutting through the golden leaves tells the tale that autumn is making an exit. The lakes are quiet, now that the summer boats have gone home. The gentle rustle of the autumn breeze is the relaxing music of mother nature. Plus, it's so much easier now to find Ezell!

Seasons change, fishing patterns change, and attitudes change. Change is not always easy to accept. I have talked about the season change, and if you've been keeping a fishing log, look back and reflect on what worked and when. We look back and say, "What if." Maybe that's why "if" is the middle word in life.

As far as attitudes, the TSBA has entered a new stage of growth. We have pulled together to grow and expand moving toward new and positive horizons. We have a responsibility to the environment, to the community, and to each other. We may sometimes disagree, but there's always a way to find a common ground.

"Without counsel plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed." *Proverbs 15:22*



*Dave Johnson*

## Hickory Star Tournament on Norris Lake

Dinner and Meeting at the Restaurant at Hickory Star will be on Friday, December 3, 2004 at 7 p.m. Tournament will start on Saturday, December 4, at safe light. The entry fee is \$50.00 per person. There is a one fish limit per day.

The first fish needs to be weighed in by midnight on Saturday. The second fish has to be weighed in between 6 a.m. and noon on Sunday December 5. There is an optional big fish pot for each day. Total fish weight for two days wins. This is a 100% payback tournament.

Hickory Star Marina: 865-992-5241

## Open Fishing Day

*By John Seiber*

On Saturday, October 23, approximately 20 TSBA members met at the Quarryville boat launch on Cherokee Lake. It was a cloudy but very comfortable afternoon.

Bait was easy to catch, but the stripers proved to be a little harder to come by. Even though the bite was a little slow, there were several nice fish caught. Although I personally did not catch any, I heard that Ezell and some of the others caught several nice fish.

After listening to folks talking when we were back at the launch site, it seems that everyone had a great time. I look forward to our next fishing adventure.

# December Expectations

The thermocline is gone and the temperature is near the same from top to bottom. Expect to find the temperature in the mid 40's unless influenced by springs or steam plants. The bait fish will be in the warmest water they can find; the stripers will be close by. Large baits work well the first half of December, but as the temperature drops, smaller baits are best. Top water baits are normally good the first half of the month. Stripers often push the bait fish to the surface, and gulls become more productive as the month progresses and the temperature begins to drop. Point or bottom fishing is normally effective. Before going fishing, we ask that you take every precaution to prevent hypothermia. Catch and release works great in the winter months.

The TSBA web site offers up-to-date fishin' reports to all TSBA members.  
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**Boat for Sale:** 2003 Stratos, 19.5 ft. fish and ski boat for sale. Boat has 24 volt Minn Kota trol. mtr., 2 depth finders, built-in battery charger, canopy top with side and aft curtains, padded rear sun deck, trailer with spare tire, AM-FM cassette, 2 live wells, hot foot, ski tow pole, and 140 HP four-stroke Johnson motor. Boat has been in water only 2 times this year. Boat is grey and teal metal flake and is very sharp. Phone: 423-626-4156



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## 2004-2005 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.

**November 15:** Monthly Meeting

Speaker, Fuzy Lambert, Minn Kota Rep.

Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM

**November 20:** TSBA Tournament on Cherokee Lake

(More information in President's Letter on Page 4.)

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

(More information on Page 12.)

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

**December:** No Monthly Meeting

**January 17:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM



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## Fishing Hot Spots



### **CHEROKEE LAKE:**

#### **Good**

Early and late day often have breaking fish, so keep something to cast handy. December is the time to look for gulls. Look for large concentrations of bait fish because the stripers will come to them. Normally, the best fishing is around mid lake (Points 10 to 20). Bait is easy to catch in all the large coves.

### **NORRIS LAKE:**

#### **Good**

The fish are not as big as past years but growing and seem to be healthy. The best fishing will be near Hickory Star to Straight Creek Marina (Points 22 to 29 on the Clinch side and Points 12 to 16 on the Powell side).

### **TAILRACE AND DOWNSTREAM:**

#### **Fair**

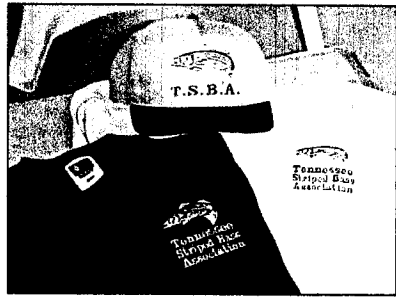
As the weather cools, the steam plants will become more productive.

## **WE NEED PICTURES!**

Please submit your fishing picture (including name of person and other info) for the newsletter and website.

Send by e-mail in .jpg format to Janine Johnson @TNStripedBass.com or by U.S. Mail to TSBA, P. O. Box 24442, Knoxville, TN 37933.

# 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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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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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**Enclose a check for \$20.00**

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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 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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Be sure to sign and mail your 2005 membership renewal application with dues.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!