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# **T.S.B.A.**



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

**January  
2005**

***TSBA Annual  
Kingston Tournament***

***February 19, 2005***

***Kingston City Park***

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# Ex-President's Letter

**Farewell** - As you may already know, I am no longer the President of the TSBA and this is my last President's letter. Overall, 2004 was a busy, fruitful year as several new projects were implemented and most were well received. Hopefully, these will be expanded as this is the way to keep the club moving forward. Here is a quick review of our 2004 highlights.

**Cherokee Campout** - This event was extremely well received, and I predict that it will become our most popular event in the future. Don't miss this year's event on beautiful Cherokee Lake.

**Cumberland River** - Another new event for 2004 was a trip to the Cumberland River in late spring. This event will definitely become bigger each year as this gives our members a real chance at catching a trophy Striper. In fact, I think the club should schedule two trips in 2005 - one in late May and another in August. The camaraderie was great on last year's trip.

**Open Fishing** - In 2004, we started an "Open Fishing" program where members would gather on a Saturday afternoon and go out fishing together. It started out slow but it was gaining momentum near the end of the year. It's a great opportunity to meet and get acquainted with your fellow striper fishermen.

**Incorporation** - Probably the most important thing we did in 2004 was to incorporate the club into a tax-exempt, nonprofit association. This was quite a project but it was something that really needed to be done.

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**Bumper Stickers** - The club developed a new "Bumper Sticker" for distribution to it's members. These are now ready and they are being mailed out to members as they pay their 2005 dues and sign the form making them a member in the new **Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc.**

**Norris Reservoir** - We have been advised by the TWRA that our proposal to temporarily increase the wintertime minimum length on Norris has passed and will be in effect through 2008.

**Kingston Tournament** - The 2005 Kingston Striper tournament hosted by the TSBA will be held on Watts Bar on Saturday, February 19, 2005. Registration will be from 10:30 to 10:45 AM, and we will launch at 11:00 AM from the Kingston City Park. The entry fee will be \$10 and the pay out will be 100%. Please go to our website for further details and directions to the launch site. Also, please remember that the TWRA recommends that you do not eat any striped bass taken from these waters. Last year we had a total of 16 participants and everyone had a good time. The 2005 tourney should be even better.

**Hickory Star** - The Hickory Star Christmas Classic was held the first weekend in December as it has been for several years. A total of 42 fishermen participated which was down from last year primarily due to a scheduling conflict with the NSBA's tournament. Hopefully this can be avoided in the future.

Allan Franklin won the tournament with a total weight of 24 pounds -12 ounces which was only 10 ounces better than Brett Johnson's total of 24 pounds-2 ounces. Third place went to Wayne Smith while Jerry Cochrell captured fourth. A lot of stripers were caught, but none of them were big by historical standards for Norris Reservoir. The entry fee was \$50 per person, and the the payout for first through fourth place was 50%, 25%, 15% and 10%.

**2005 Officers & Directors** - The officers and directors for the TSBA in 2005 are as follows:

**Directors:**

Ezell Cox  
Kevin Mason  
Ed Baker  
Chet Moore  
Allan Franklin  
John Seiber

**Officers:**

President - John Seiber  
Vice President - Felix Taylor  
Secretary - Dave Johnson  
Treasurer - Janine Johnson

These folks will need your support to steer the club in the right direction. It really makes things nice when everyone pitches in and carries a little of the workload.

**Sponsors** - Our sponsors are very important to the TSBA, and we must continually strive to make the TSBA important to them. Please use their services and products every time you can, and let all of your nonmember friends know about what they provide. Our relationship with them is a two-way street, and we must "scratch each others' backs." So talk them up each time you get a chance, and be sure to use their services and products whenever you can. Also be sure to let them know that you are a member of the TSBA when you are doing business with them. Please glance through this newsletter, make note of the folks supporting the club, and patronize them whenever you can.

**Boating Safety Education** - On January 1, 2005, a new law went into effect in Tennessee requiring all persons born after January 1, 1989 to successfully complete a nationally-approved boating safety course accepted by the TWRA before they can operate a boat in Tennessee. A certificate costing \$10 will be issued by the TWRA which will show proof of the successful completion of the course. The TWRA says that there are many details to be considered in the next year and they will continue to keep the public updated on developments.

*Bob Leach*

# TSBA Annual Kingston Tournament

The Kingston Tournament will be held on Watts Bar Lake on Saturday, February 19, 2005.

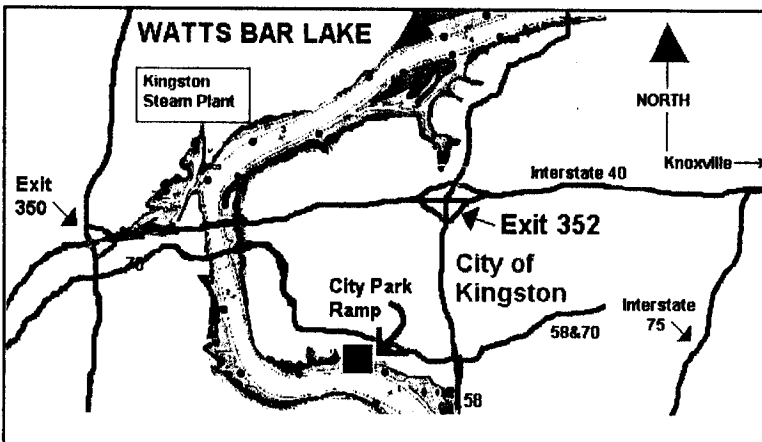
The launch site will be at the Kingston City Park. Check "Fishin' Reports" and "Club Info" screens on the TSBA website at [www.TNStripedBass.com](http://www.TNStripedBass.com) for a link to the map to the park.

Registration is from 10:30 AM to 10:45 AM, and the tournament will start at 11:00 AM.

The entry fee is \$10.00 per person and the pay out will be 100%. One fish only

Make plans to come and join in the fun.

This tournament is only open to TSBA members and their invited guests.



# Letter from the Secretary

## Power of Attitude

Positive or negative, an attitude can greatly affect your life. If you choose negative, then life will pass you by and your loss is gone forever. Choose positive; enjoy and cherish every day. The choice of existing or living is ours. Find good in life, smile at adversity. There will always be trouble and problems, but look for the bright side.

"A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones." *Proverbs 17:22*

*Dave Johnson*

## Question of the Month

Question: What length fishing pole do you use?

6 1/2 to 9'

Ezell uses 9'

Allan uses 8 1/2'

The majority of the fishing poles used were 7' or longer.

**Needed:** Suggestions for Questions of the Month.

Please e-mail them to Dave Johnson:  
depodave@yahoo.com

## Hickory Star Christmas Classic Results

The Hickory Star Christmas Classic was held the first weekend in December as it has been for years.

There were 42 fisherman in the Hickory Star tournament. The big fish on Saturday was caught by Allan Frankin and was 13.15 pounds. The big fish on Sunday was 13.12 pounds caught by Brett Johnson.

The winning weight was 24 lb. 12 oz. posted by Allan Franklin, and second was 24 lb. 2 oz. by Brett Johnson. Third place was 22 lb. 6 oz. caught by Wayne Smith, and fourth place was 21 lb. 2 oz. by Jerry Cochrell. There were lots of fish caught just no big ones.

Allan Franklin

## November Open Fishing Day

*By John Seiber*

Had a great time on Saturday, bait was every-where and the topwater came alive around five o'clock. I had a slow start but finally made some adjustments that put a couple of nice fish in the boat. Someone in a boat about 50 to 75 yards from me caught a seagull. (I wonder what the minimum size limit is on gulls.) The birds were working the surface and the stripers were pushing the bait to the surface.

I'm not sure exactly, but there were 6 or 7 TSBA boats there on Saturday. And I think most everyone caught some fish.

## Minutes of the November Meeting

1. Internal Revenue Service Review: They consider the TSBA to be a nonprofit corporation.
2. Bylaw changes - No member can receive any compensation. (Voted in unanimously)
3. Directors were elected unanimously: Ed Baker (2 yrs.), Ezell Cox (3 yrs.), Allan Franklin (3 yrs.), Kevin Mason (1 yr.), Chet Moore (2 yrs.), John Seiber (1 yr.).
4. Fuzy Lambert, Minn Kota Rep, gave excellent presentation:
  - a. Changing of vendors is the cause for autopilot problems.
  - b. New prop on new motors is fantastic and has turn-down ears.
  - c. New chargers have been designed not to overcharge.
  - d. New 6-crystal side-scan sonar was designed by a former rocket scientist.

TSBA wishes to thank Fuzy for donating many nice door prizes.

5. Mike Butler, Tennessee Conservation League: His question to the club was about a guide's license fee which was accepted by the club and was considered to be correct. He spoke of the annual meeting of the Tennessee Conservation League this coming June in Knoxville at the University of Tennessee Agricultural Campus.

*Dave Johnson*  
TSBA Secretary

## Board of Directors Meeting - December 20, 2004

Officers were elected as shown on Page 14. Wes Adams was nominated as Director to replace Bob Leach. Election for this Director position will be held at the January meeting.

**Reminder:** Take a camera with you when you go fishing, and send your pictures to Janine @TennStripedBass.com

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## National Striped Bass Association Tournament on Cherokee Lake

Thanks to the TSBA members and TWRA who came to the dinner/awards at Morristown VFW...thought I would post the top 10 finishers and where the fish that I knew about were caught FYI.

- 1 Johnny Walker 15.20 26.03 41.23  
15.20 caught above point 25 26.03, caught in front of point 23  
at 3:00 PM on second day
- 2 Tim Tarter 18.58 16.53 35.11, unknown,  
I think he was down around point 9 & 10
- 3 Kenny Short 14.80 19.59 34.39, unknown
- 4 Frank Skillman 11.21 22.72 33.93, unknown
- 5 Mike Green 16.62 16.85 33.47, point 9-13
- 6 David Cleveland 18.70 14.46 33.16,  
Mossy Creek and point 9-10
- 7 Mike Maddalena 16.99 16.15 33.14, behind Hamblin dock
- 8 Greg Willingham 15.68 16.94 32.62, Rocky Hollow
- 9 Dwayne Brandon 17.04 14.82 31.86, unknown
- 10 Don Andreasen 15.29 16.00 31.29, unknown

By Don Schleicher

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:

Username: "tsba"

Password: "club"

## Winter at the Steamplants

*By Ezell Cox*

The steamplants attract a lot of bait fish, game fish, and fishermen in that order as the winter gets colder. The fishing just gets better as the contrast gets greater in water temperature. The water temperature that is not affected by the steamplant may go into the low 40 degrees F. If the winter has a low water flow, a 20 degree F. contrast may extend upstream and downstream for a mile or two. Fishing is often good all the way to the edge of the warm water plume. When the stripers feed in the warm water, their metabolism stays high, and large bait may continue to work well (like skipjacks). If there is a large concentration of small bait fish, you may want to remember that stripers are very size and species selective (use what is there). The gulls will help you find fish, and chum will also help bring the fish to your location. If the wind is not blowing, the warm water radiates to make a very comfortable fishing trip. No cabin fever for me because I am going to the steamplant.



Ezell Cox & Tom Elmore, Kingston Steam Plant, 2001

Watch your thoughts; they become words.  
Watch your words; they become actions.  
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-- Frank Outlaw

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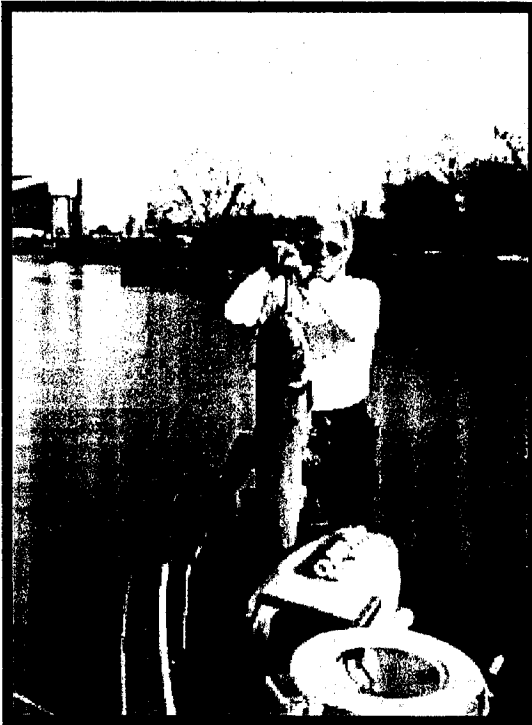
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If you're going fishing on Lake Norman, give Gus a call and he will update you on the latest fishing happenings. Look for the weekly fishing column and monthly fishing forecast on the website.



This is a 22.8 lb. Striper I caught on Cherokee on November 17, 2004 while trolling with deep running lures in the Point 23 area.

James Orrick



I caught this 45 pound catfish at the Kingston Steam Plant on Wednesday, December 8, 2004.

Chet Moore

# February Expectations

Wintertime patterns are expected in all reservoirs as long as the temperature remains well below 50 degrees. Slow catch rates will be on the mid lake and downstream sections. Winter kill off of small bait fish may start to develop as soon as the water temperature drops. The stripers and gulls may occasionally work the surface together. Normally the best fishing is near the large concentration of small baitfish in the main channels, 20 to 40 feet deep. The next few months is when the records have been and will be broken. The steam plants are the premium places to fish until the water warms up in the spring. Skipjack have been the choice bait for most of the past records and trophies; however, the most abundant forage fish will catch the most fish even if they are smaller bait. Planer boards, balloons, sinkers, bottom fishing and artificials all work at the steam plants while the high concentrations of baitfish and all types of game fish are there.

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# Fishing Hot Spots



## Cherokee Lake

**Condition:** Good

**Location:** Spread out all over with a good number of fish near Hwy 25 Bridge. Fish are hitting top water baits. Birds are diving on the schools of shad driven up by the stripers.

**Bait:** Live Shad and Top Water

**Notes:** Fish are going back.

## Norris Lake

**Condition:** Slow

**Location:** Stripers may be found farther upstream in the creeks. Use alewife and gizzard shad near the surface on drift lines or downriggers to 30 feet. Cast artificials into the breaking fish.

**Notes:** Fish are going back and there is some top water action. Bait, as always, is impossible to catch. Bring bait with you.

## Watts Bar Lake

**Condition:** Fair

**Notes:** Fish near the Kingston Steam Plant in the warmer water. Remember to keep your boat within the buoys where designated in the Fishing Regulations.

## Melton Hill Lake

**Condition:** Fair

**Location:** Bull Run Steam plant or the Upper Clinch is the place to try with gizzard shad and cut-bait. Top water baits are definitely an option.



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## 2005 TSBA Calendar

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

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.

- January 17:** Monthly Meeting (Discussion with Jim Negus, TWRA)  
Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- January 29:** Open Fishing at Bull Run
- February 19:** TSBA Annual Kingston Tournament
- February 21:** Monthly Meeting -Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- February 26:** Open Fishing on Cherokee
- March 21:** Monthly Meeting -Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- March 26:** Open Fishing on Norris
- April 18:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- April 30:** Open Fishing on Cherokee & Striper Bowl Tailgate Party
- May 1:** Striper Bowl - Cherokee
- May 13-15:** Cherokee Family Campout & Kids Fishing Day-Cherokee
- May 16:** Monthly Meeting & Tour at Fish Hatchery in Clinton  
Pizza & Drinks - 6:00 PM
- May 21:** Tournament on Cherokee
- May 27-29:** Cumberland River Trip
- June 20:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- June 26:** Open Fishing on Cherokee
- July 9:** Open Fishing on Cherokee
- July 18:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- July 23:** Open Fishing on Melton Hill
- July 29-31:** Cumberland River Trip
- August 15:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- August 20:** Tournament on Melton Hill
- September 10:** TSBA Fish Fry & Reunion (Monthly Meeting)  
Anderson County Park on Norris Lake
- September 17:** Open Fishing on Cherokee
- October 17:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- October 22:** Open Fishing on Cherokee
- November 12:** Open Fishing on Norris
- November 21:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
- December 19:** Board of Directors Meeting - 6 PM

# 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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\* 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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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 NEW YEAR!**

