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The
Striper
Fever!

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*Tennessee
Striped Bass
Association,
Inc.
Newsletter*

**July
2005**

***TSBA Annual
Fish Fry & Reunion***

***September 10
2:00 p.m.***

***Anderson County
Park on Norris Lake***

President's Letter

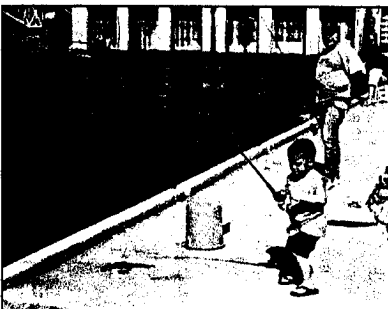
Summer is Here !!

Well summer has arrived and the lakes sure are beginning to get crowded. It seems that each year there are more and more people out enjoying the beautiful lakes and rivers. And as I am writing this there have already been reports of some boating accidents resulting in serious injuries. This is a time of year that it really pays to be extra careful when you are on the water. It is also a good idea to try and fish away from the crowds or at night, when boating traffic is at a minimum.

There are some of us (me included) who like to fish below the dams at times. Although it would be unusual to encounter a jet ski or a water skier, these places have their own set of hazards. If you start fishing at night there are safety issues to consider there as well. I'm not going to go into a bunch of safety procedures. I just wanted to remind everyone to be a little extra careful; have a fun-filled and safe summer. And by all means, take a kid or kids fishing.

John Seiber

I would like to thank everyone who had a part in making kids day possible this year. We had a good turnout, there were quite a few fish caught, plus there were a lot of prizes for the kids. I don't know all the names of everyone involved and who made donations, but I sure do appreciate your help. Let's plan on an even bigger and better kids day next year.



Brandon
Davis
Age 4
Melton
Hill Dam
June 17,
2005



Cumberland River

The first of two trips to the Cumberland River occurred during the weekend of June 11 & 12. There were only six members who made the trip primarily because the weather forecast called for rain throughout the weekend and, unfortunately, the forecast was accurate. Some anglers were quite successful and others were not. This was my third trip to this area and I have had varying degrees of success. However, I have learned a lot from these excursions and talking to other anglers fishing in these waters. The following is a brief summary of how I intend to fish the Cumberland river below Cordell Hull Dam on future outings.

One Generator - If there is only one generator running, I will catch about eight small-to-medium size skipjack by angling with size 12 or 14 chartreuse - colored Sabiki rigs from my boat in the relatively calm water at the base of the dam near the wall separating the generators and the spillways. I have had my best success by casting the Sabiki using an ultra-light spinning reel as far as I can into the boils. I let it sink for a few seconds and then reel it in fairly rapidly using a slightly jerky motion. I have found that it is much easier to keep skipjack alive in my bait tank if I add a little Tranquil to calm them down. After I have my skipjack, which should not take long, I would head downstream. You can start fishing anywhere after you reach the trees along the banks. I will attach a skipjack to a free-line behind a planer board which I will run as close to the shady shoreline as possible. This is not easy as there are many obstacles protruding out into the water. You really need a partner or at least have a Minn-Kota trolling motor with auto and co-pilot. You will get snags but this technique can be deadly on stripers. You can keep trolling at a speed just faster than the current for many miles downstream. Also, you can troll up the Caney Fork which forks off to the left just before the bridge. If it has sufficient flow, you can troll upstream for several miles.

Cumberland River - Cont.

Two Generators - If there are two or more generators running, then I would take my boat up to the quiet waters along the wall separating the generators and spillways and cast my net for large shad. I have never had any trouble getting shad when there are two generators running. It's best to have a 5/8" mesh, fast-sinking net with a long rope as the water is deep. I would then proceed to fish the boils just as you would below Melton Hill. The idea is to rig your shad so that you can drift downstream for a few hundred yards with your bait just off the rocky bottom. You will get snags but the action can be absolutely fantastic. I would make 10 to 15 passes over different parts of the wide boils. If nothing is happening here, I would catch some skipjack. I would then head downstream all the way to the Caney Fork. It's been my experience that it's difficult to fish the Cumberland River if they are releasing a lot of water. The fish are there, but it's not easy to control your boat so you can properly run the shoreline with planer boards. Fishing the Cumberland River itself would be my last resort with two generators running.

Caution - You must remember that fishing below any dam can be dangerous and you need to take the necessary precautions.

First of all, it is mandatory that you wear a Coast-Guard approved life jacket in the waters below the dam. There are signs indicating the zone where you must wear your life jacket. The TSBA recommends that you wear your life jacket all the time especially when fishing in current or at night. Also, **never go anywhere near any dam if they are spilling water over the spillway.** This is extremely dangerous as your boat will be sucked into the turbulent water if you get too close. Also, if you are near the dam and you hear a siren or see flashing lights on the dam, you must immediately go downstream several hundred yards as they are going to change the water flow in some way. Don't go back until the lights stop flashing and the sirens are silent.

Cumberland River - Cont.

Next Trip - The next trip to the Cumberland is scheduled for the weekend of July 30 & 31. This will really be a prime time for the river below the dam so you will want to make this trip with us. Make your own reservations by calling Larry at the Budget Motel in Carthage at 615-735-1300. A room with one bed is \$38.50 plus tax and a room with two beds is \$48.50. I expect a large turnout for this event if the weather cooperates a little better. Remember that these waters contain trophy-size stripers, and Mike Smith of the TWRA says that that are state-record-size stripers there. Thirty to forty-pound stripers are not uncommon. Please call me if you have any questions. Also, let me know if you want to partner up with someone and I will see what I can do. It really is easier to fish this area with two anglers in the boat.

Bob Leach



Wes Adams
24 lb.
May 26

John Wilkinson

25 lb.

May 4



Fishing Hot Spots



Cherokee Lake: Hit and Miss Daily

The best fishing will be near the NO FISHING ZONE at the dam. Hybrids can often be caught in shallow water and successfully released in water that exceeds 80 degrees F. Look around all the little islands near the dam that hold baitfish.

Norris Lake: Good

Most of the big stripers will be near the dam. Point #9 downstream and in Big Creek and Cove Creek.

To review the dissolved oxygen level data, go to www.TNStripedBass.com. Click on "TWRA Region 4." Then click on "Water Quality."

Below Fort Loudon & Melton Hill Dams: Good

August is normally the best month of the year to fish the tailrace. Remember, if the bottom doesn't grab your bait occasionally, you are not fishing deep enough.

Any Cold Water:

Good where stripers have access.

Investigate some of these and other rivers:

Cumberland - Caney Fork - Clinch - Little Tennessee.

The TSBA web site offers up-to-date fishin' reports to all TSBA members.

Visit the web at:

www.TNStripedBass.com

The current password is:

Username: "bait"

Password: "tank"

August Expectations

The larger stripers will be seeking the coolest refuge that is available. Stripers in the larger reservoirs will still have some of last winter's cold water stored at depth and hopefully enough dissolved oxygen to survive. The stripers will move out of the shallow warm coves to the main channel or deep coves near the dam. A good topographical map and fish finder are great fishing tools. Look for unusual humps, bends, and drop-offs on the old river channel below the thermocline. The fishing can be good at night to avoid an unpleasant day trip that has storms, pleasure boaters, and heat. August is a catch and kill month except at some tailraces with a temperature of less than 70 degrees F. It also has some of the best tailrace fishing of the entire year. Wear a good life jacket while fishing tailraces.

Monthly Meeting - July 18

TWRA Report on Striper and Hybrid Stocking
presented by Mike Smith,
TWRA Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery Manager

Question of the Month

Do you use planer boards? Everyone answered "Yes."

Supplementary Question - Food for Thought: Would you use a planer board or a balloon first? With a balloon you can go in tighter circles as an advantage, but the members were divided on the basis of who taught who to fish.

Minutes of the June Meeting

Allan Franklin presented "Fishing the Boils." Shown in the video of the O'Neill Outside show fishing below Fort Loudoun Dam, Allan made a point of educating the public on how to take care of the stripers during catch and release. Reel them in quickly and release them immediately without using a net. When fishing below the dams with live bait, be sure to place your bait in a bucket of water while running back up to the dam in order to get 4-5 drifts out of your bait. Keep your motor running so you don't have to restart it often, and fish near the bottom. If you see breaking fish, take your weights off. Keep up with TVA dam generation schedules, and remember they are subject to change without notice. Sometimes the water will turn on unexpectedly; don't be too close to the dam. It is the law to wear your life jacket when fishing near dams. You can also fish when the water is turned off. Drop a down line to the bottom and reel it up slightly. Use planer boards right after the water is turned off and run in circles close but not too close to the dam.

Open fishing days, Cumberland River Trip, and tournaments were discussed. Details of events will be placed on the website Calendar.

The Annual TSBA Fish Fry & Reunion is scheduled for September 10, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Anderson County Park.

Dave Johnson
TSBA Secretary

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

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THE 2005 YOUTH STRIPER DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.

We had 14 young ladies and young men that came out and fished. The day was beautiful and the fish were feisty. What a great start to Father's Day.

Out of the 14 youth who participated, 9 weighed in fish; 7 of those 9 weighed in 2 each. Pretty good odds seeing that, out of the past few adult tournaments, we had only 3 to 6 people weigh in any fish out of 20 or so participants. Many door prizes were given away and all ate plenty of food.

I want to thank all the guides that came out and took these young people fishing. I also want to thank everyone that had a part in making this year's Youth Striper Day a great success. My thanks go especially to those of you who fished in the StriperBowl tournament and also for all of the donations. In particular, these two parts make it possible to have this event each year.

Here are the youth who fished this year in the 2005 Youth Striper Fishing Day: A.J. Cutsinger, Brandon Davis, Amellia Brackett, Zachary Brackett, Meghan Brackett, Eddie Coward - 6.1 lbs., Alex Cheek - 7.1 lbs., Samantha Haynes - 11.2 lbs., Tom Samar - 12.7 lbs., Jesse Boldin - 14.1 lbs., Jared Boldin - 16.9 lbs., Hunter Morales - 17.4 lbs., Logan Dunsmore - 18.0 lbs., and Trey Franklin - 22.1 lbs.

I want to congratulate every one of these guys and gals. They did a great job. Once again, thanks for all your support.

Your Striper Friend, Allan Franklin





Kids' Day
Group

Boat
Captains



Lots of
Prizes,
Trophies,
and Food
for
Everyone



Trey Franklin - 22.1 lbs.

Samantha Haynes - 11.2 lbs.

Kids' Day

June 19, 2005

Cherokee Lake





Billy
Davis

22 lb.

May 26



Chet
Moore

35 lb.

May 17

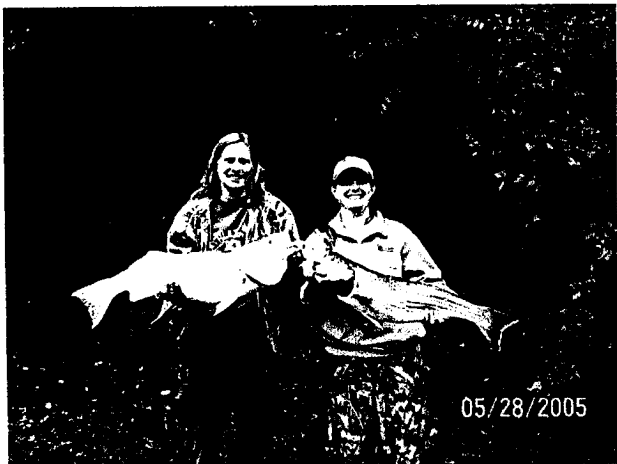
Melton Hill

Dorothy
&
Teresa

18 lb. 2 oz.

13 lb. 8 oz.

Cherokee
May 28

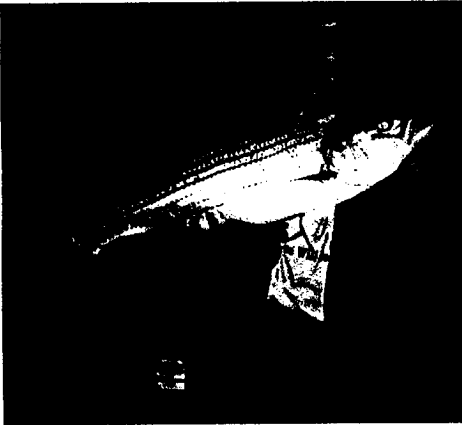


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**NORRIS DAM MARINA
SOON TO BE
LIGHTHOUSE LODGE & MARINA
AT NORRIS DAM**

Norris Dam Marina is located off North I-75 at the Lake City exit 128; at the stop sign turn left on 441 go 4½ miles. The view of the marina and dam are out of this world. The marina is located inside the Historical Norris Dam State Park as well as the quarry area where all the stone was quarried for the dam. Norris Dam Marina is open all year with plenty of paved launch ramp. The marina is equipped with Fuel and a Store for numerous items. Rentals include pontoon boats, fishing boats, and for the skiers a ski boat. Call and reserve your boat for the Holidays. Overnight slips are available upon request. Year round slips are also available. Live Bait is sold during the season. There is plenty of truck and trailer parking. There is a \$5.00 launch fee. The Staff and Owner would like the opportunity to serve you and make your day a pleasant experience.

The future of the marina is changing with the construction of a 100 room lodge, including a restaurant and functional lighthouse overlooking the lake and dam. Projected completion date is scheduled for sometime in the summer of 2006.



Dorothy, 14 lb., June 4
Cherokee

Billy Davis, 24 lb., May 4

Wes Adams, 24 lb., May 5

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TSBA ANNUAL FISH FRY & REUNION

Make your plans now to attend.

**This year, the Fish Fry is scheduled for
Saturday, September 10,
starting at 2:00 p.m.
at Anderson County Park on Norris Lake.**

**This is a popular event with many members
from out of town attending.**

Guests are welcome!

Net Casting Contests

Pot Luck

**Details are in the works, and there will be
more in the next newsletter.**



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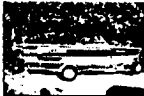
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2005 TSBA Calendar

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.

- 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)
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



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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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Phone (_____) _____

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

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

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

Adult Shirts

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

Number of Shirts (*adult size large*) _____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____

Number of Shirts (*adult size xtra-large*) _____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____

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

Number of Shirts (*adult size 3X*) _____ X \$16.00 = \$ _____

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 "Kept In Stitches". Do not send cash!

Mail to: **TSBA Merchandise**

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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 _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(_____) _____ # of minor children in family _____

E-Mail address _____

Referred By: _____

I have read and agree to abide by and 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 or at the offices of the corporation.

(Signature)

(Date)

Enclose a check for \$20.00

Mail to: Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc.

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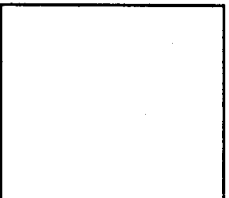
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Note: All members must sign and submit this membership application with the 2005 dues. Yearly dues are due in January each year. New members that sign up in Oct., Nov., or Dec. will get credit for the remainder of that year and the following year.



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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