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The
Striper
Fever!**

T.S.B.A.

*Tennessee
Striped Bass
Association,
Inc.
Newsletter*

**August
2005**



Come Join Us!



**T.S.B.A.
Annual Fish Fry
& Reunion**

**September 10, 2005
2:00 p.m.
Anderson County Park
on Norris Lake**

President's Letter

TSBA Website

In the July 18th club meeting, our sign-in question was "How often do you visit the TSBA website." The responses varied between never to occasionally to several times daily. Although some folks don't use computers and don't intend to use them, many of us do. For those who do use your computer and the internet, you should take a look at the TSBA website from time to time.

There are several things that may be of interest to you, such as the pictures page, fishing reports, live weather info, fishing articles, and the TSBA events calendar.

Just to take a quick look at some of the above mentioned,

Pictures or photo gallery:

We have pictures from past club events and get togethers, as well as personal photos of some remarkable catches. As we have collected more and more of them, I have made an attempt at grouping them to make it a little easier to find what you are looking for.

Fishing Reports:

A closed forum to post or seek fishing reports or other information from club members. This is a closed forum for members only and requires a password to enter.

John
Seiber
24 lb.



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Weather:

This is a page that links to live weather forecasts and has an on-screen radar image. Now you can check to see if the rain is over before heading to the lake.

Calendar:

This is a page that lists our club events and has the details of each posted as soon as they are available.

Lake Info: .

This is one of my favorites. Because it links directly to a TVA website that has up-to-date information regarding lake levels, dam generation schedules, and much more. (Just remember, schedules may change without warning.) Don't bet your life on this information; turbines can and often do start with little or no warning!

So check out www.TNStripedBass.com; there may just be something there to interest you. And feel free to offer suggestions as to how we could make it better. You can send them to jseiber@tennstripedbass.com

Old Fishing Line

Please be careful and properly dispose of your old fishing line. A TSBA member just shared with me his experience this week of trying to rescue a bird that had gotten tangled in someone's discarded fishing line. Let's do our part and properly dispose of our old line. If you see someone else's discarded line or any trash that could be harmful to wildlife, just pick it up and toss it in the trash.

Good Fishing

John Seiber

Tournament Trail

The 2005 Tournament Trail continued over the weekend of July 9 with our fifth tournament of the year. We implemented some new ideas for this tournament to see how well they would be received. First of all, we made this a New-Buddy tournament where we added weight to your catch if you fished with someone who had never been in your boat before. Also, we counted both your top striper and hybrid. Finally, this tournament was "By the Boat" so that all anglers in the boat got credit for the catch regardless of who actually landed the fish. Unfortunately, the weather was very hot which limited the turnout. The top three stripers were: 18/12 caught by Reid Tong and Mark McComber; 16/03 caught by Bill Cate, Janine and Dave Johnson and 13/00 caught by Allan Franklin and Daryl McDaniel. Allan's boat was the only one that landed a hybrid which weighed-in at 7/09.

The top three members in the overall standings are Allan Franklin at 47/03; Bill Cate at 34/10, and Janine Johnson at 32/01. The final tournament will be below Melton Hill Dam on Saturday, August 20. It will be quite difficult for anyone to overtake Allan's huge lead, but anything is possible.

To date a total of 56 different anglers have participated in at least one TSBA tournament this year which isn't too bad. Next year, we will make some changes to assure that the race is much tighter and more exciting. We will definitely have at least one New-Buddy tournament as that was well received. The primary objective is to have fun and to meet new people. I know that I have personally enjoyed all of the tournaments even if I don't catch anything.

Please make every effort to join us below Melton Hill Dam on August 20th as we will have a good time. The details of the tournament will be posted on the website just before the event. We will start at first light if they are not releasing any water at that time and weigh-in around 10:00 AM.

Bob Leach

July 9-10, 2005

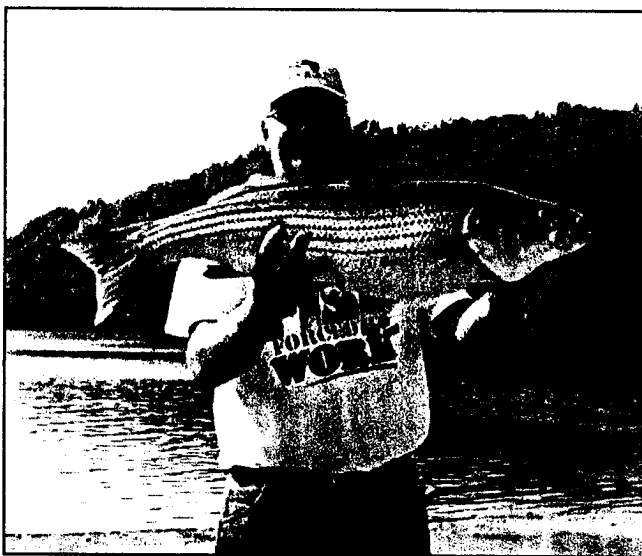
Cherokee Tourney Winners

Reid Tong

Janine
Johnson

Allan
Franklin

(right to left)



Fishing Hot Spots



Cherokee Lake: Poor

The best fishing will be within a few miles of the dam. Pulling artificials on downriggers and jigging spoons will catch more fish than live bait this month. Most of the time, hybrids can be released. Please do not kill more than your limit of stripers after September 15 in the oxygen bubbles by trying to release them.

Norris Lake: Good

Most of the stripers will be near the dam. Point #9 downstream and in Big Creek and Cove Creek. Artificial bait on downriggers works great. Nighttime still offers a lot of good fishing.

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

Tailrace and Downstream: Excellent

Four common methods of fishing below dams all work well.

1. Run up into the boils and lob live bait into the boil and drift downstream.
2. Cast heavy jigs into the boils or cast into schooling fish anywhere you find them.
3. Use side planer boards against the bank with live bait going with the current for miles downstream.
4. Fish with live bait and a heavy sinker placed near the bottom and go with the current until you find feeding fish.

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"

September Expectations

Early September is much the same as August in the reservoirs. The larger stripers will be in the old river channels near the dam, below the thermocline, trying to find enough cool water with dissolved oxygen in it to survive. The stripers are stressed more than any other time of year so catch and release is not possible if it exceeds 20 to 25 inches (4 to 8-pounds) depending on the reservoir. As the cold water is released through the dam, the funnel effect can cause the thermocline to go very deep late in the month so fish can be caught in excess of 100 feet. Cool water tailrace fishing will continue to be at its best for the entire year. Some of the tailraces may struggle to have a successful catch and release of the larger fish. Wear your life jacket below the dams. It may save you \$200 in fines or even your life.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

Question of the Month

How often do you use the TSBA website?

9 members responded not at all primarily because they do not have a computer.

9 members responded everyday multiple times.

6 weekly.

3 monthly.

Use the TSBA website because it has many features besides Fishing Reports.

Minutes of the July Meeting

Mike Smith of TWRA gave a complete report on stocking fish in East Tennessee lakes. We were happy to hear that the Norris quota was met successfully even with complications at the hatchery. Commercial fishing is trying to open Cherokee Lake, Norris Lake, and Watts Bar Lake to gill netting. TSBA is opposed to it, and members will be attending the commission meeting in Nashville on July 20.

There is good fishing this time of year below Fort Loudoun Dam and Melton Hill Dam. The no fish zone at Cherokee Lake is in effect between July 15 and September 15. Do not release fish on Norris or Cherokee. They will not survive. Catch your limit and go home.

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

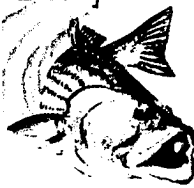
The Annual TSBA Fish Fry & Reunion is scheduled for September 10, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Anderson County Park. There will be cast net lessons, contests, and prizes.

Remember to use the "Fishing Reports" on the website to help out other club members with places to fish.

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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Kids & Fishing

The sport of striper fishing is especially important to almost all of the members of our club or we probably wouldn't be in the TSBA. On many occasions, we have talked about how important kids are to the future of striper and all types of fishing. I was reading a copy of the July 12th **USA Today** and an article on the habits of today's kids caught my eye. The title of the article was "**Childhood pastimes are increasingly moving indoors**". As I think most of us know, being a kid isn't what it used to be. When I was growing up in a small town in Indiana, my friends and I were almost always outdoors. During the summer, you were home only to eat and sleep. Now, you have to push most kids out the door so that they can get some exercise. Today, childhood is spent mostly indoors, watching television, playing video games, and surfing the Internet. **The fundamental nature of American childhood has changed in a single generation.** The unstructured outdoor childhood - days of fishing, baseball, basketball, exploring, bicycling, treehouses, and "be home for dinner" has all but vanished. Here are some startling statistics that **USA Today** presented in the article comparing the decline in outdoor activities from 1995 to 2004. The numbers represent the percentage of 7 to 11 year-old kids taking part in traditional pastime activities:

Activity	1995	2004
Bicycling	68%	47%
Swimming	60%	42%
Baseball	29%	22%
Fishing	25%	18%

The drop from 25% to 18% for fishing represents a 28% decline in a period of less than 10 years. This is something that we should all ponder on and not just for fishing. Evidently, it's more fun to play a video game than to go outside and fish.

Bob Leach

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

Take the time to come out and enjoy
yourself with good people,
excellent food, and lots of fun.

Saturday, September 10, 2005
starting at 2:00 p.m.

at the Pavilion at
Anderson County Park on Norris Lake



Lots of Door Prizes

Pot Luck

Bring a yummy covered dish. If you don't have the opportunity, be sure to come anyway. There is always more than enough for everyone!

Games

Cast net throwing lessons, contests, and prizes.

Directions

Take I-75 to Route 61 (Clinton Exit 122). Go East to Park Road. Turn left and take Park Road to its end at Anderson County Park. Go to the pavilion on top of the hill.

* Camping available

Letter from the Secretary

WELL, DO YA?

Do you live to work? I've been there and done it, so don't feel like the Lone Ranger.

Break out of that mold and live. Go camping, hunting, or fishing maybe! How about visiting the lakes of Eastern Tennessee. If you need information, check out "Fishing Reports" on the TSBA website. If you don't see what you want, post a request for information. While you're at it, check out our sponsors. They can and will make your visit pleasurable. Maybe it's food - then you don't want to miss the TSBA Fish Fry on September 10 at Anderson County Park on Norris Lake - lots of good food, contests, door prizes, and fish talk.

(Come on down!)

Dave Johnson



Billy
Davis

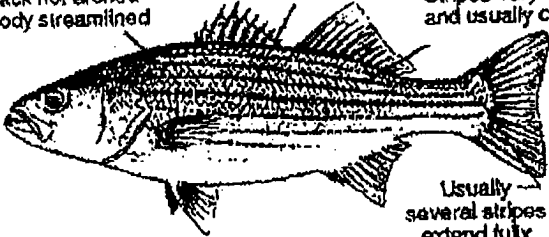
30 lb.

STRIPED BASS (Striper or Rockfish)

Back not arched
Body streamlined

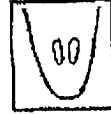
May have some broken
lines in mid-body region

Stripes very distinct
and usually continuous



Commonly exceeds 10 pounds

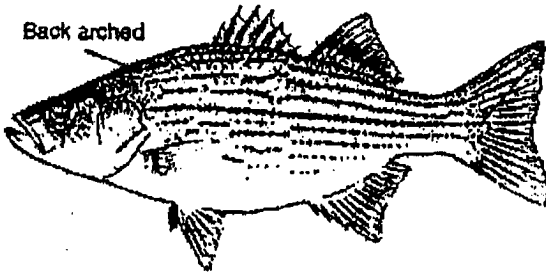
Usually
several stripes
extend fully
into the tail



Tooth patch
on tongue is
distinctly split

HYBRID BASS (striped bass - white bass hybrid)

Back arched



Commonly exceeds 4 pounds

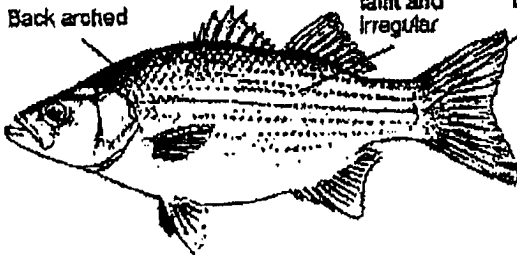
Usually several
stripes extend
fully into the tail



Tooth patch
on tongue is
mostly split

WHITE BASS (STRIPE)

Back arched



Rarely exceeds 4 pounds

Stripes often
faint and
irregular

Generally a
single, faint
stripe (lateral line)
extends into
the tail



Single tooth patch
on tongue



Matt Meyer
20 lb. 2 oz.
while fishing
with Allan
Franklin

Billy Davis

33 lb.



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Items for Sale

We have several fishing items that we no longer use. They are all in like new condition.

MinnKota trolling motor Model 55 AutoPilot - 18 ft. cable, 55 lb. thrust with 54" shaft. \$400.00

2 Penn Fathom Master Downriggers Model 600, 2 red 8 lb. balls. \$370.00 for both

2 Penn Graphite 330 reels - brand new \$65.00 each

2 Penn 6500 ss openface reels 4.71 ratio with fishing line. \$90.00 each

2 Ugly Stick 7 ft. rods - med. to heavy action, Model SP1170. \$25.00 each

6 Southbend heavy action Catfish rods 8 ft. \$25.00 each

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Two 100-gallon propane tanks, garage kept. \$65.00 each

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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.

- August 15:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
August 20: Tournament below Melton Hill Dam
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



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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.

Name _____

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

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Kids Shirts

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

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

Adult Shirts

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

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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- * 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.

P.O. Box 24442

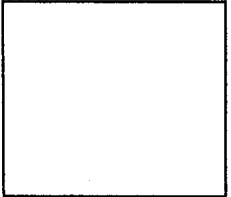
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Note: All members must sign and submit this membership application with the 2005 dues. Yearly dues are due in January each year. New members that sign up in Oct., Nov., or Dec. will get credit for the remainder of that year and the following year.



The TSBA is a non-profit corporation that supports WRA & 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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August 20 - Tournament below Melton Hill Dam