

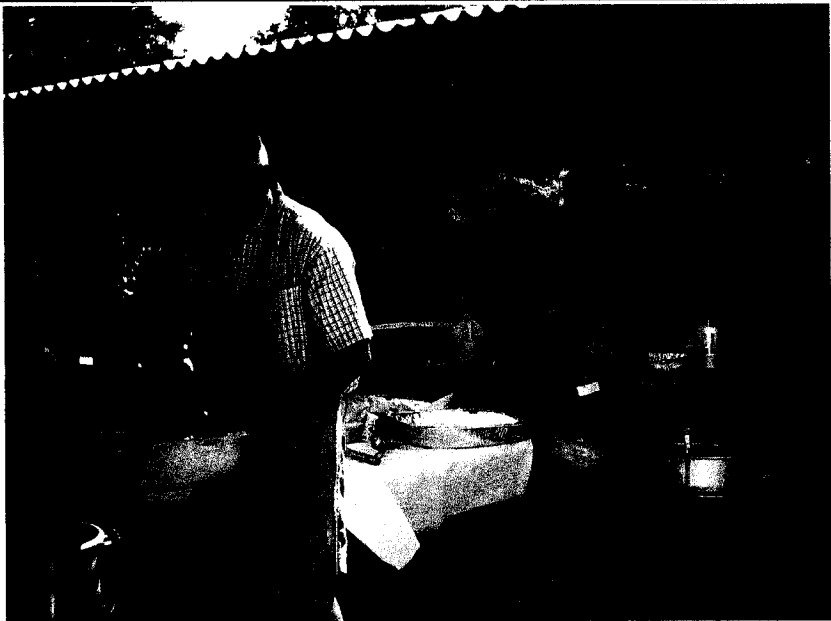
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The
Striper
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T.S.B.A.



*Tennessee
Striped Bass
Association,
Inc.
Newsletter*

**October
2005**



TSBA Fish Fry & Reunion

President's Letter

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Fish Fry, and everyone who was able to help in some way to make it possible. From what I observed, everyone had a great time. And as in all our outings and events, I hope that next year can be bigger and better than this one.

I also want to encourage everyone who can possibly be at the October meeting to do so. This year is slipping away fast, and it is once again time to nominate two people for the Board of Directors. They are to be nominated in the October meeting and voted on in the November meeting, so it is very important for you to be there if you can. It is also important for you to come because we will be discussing our calendar for next year, the number of events, and the places that we plan to go.

In September, our Open Fishing outing was a great success. We had 12 to 15 people who came out to fish, and I think that just about everyone caught some fish. I got the opportunity to fish with Bill Cate and Eric Rauch for the first time. We caught four fish and lost 2 or 3 others that morning. The weather was very pleasant, and we were fishing one of the most beautiful lakes (Norris Lake) anywhere. Our next Open Fishing day is scheduled for October 22, and it has been preplanned for Cherokee Lake. I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to come to these outings. You can learn so much from fishing with someone or just listening at the boat ramp as others discuss what they did or didn't do.

I would also like to welcome our new members to the club. There have been several folks to join recently and I want you to get the most possible from the TSBA. If you have a question about something, feel free to email me or someone else. You can and I encourage you to use the Fishing Reports page on the website. You would be surprised at how much untapped knowledge there is in the TSBA. I think you will be surprised at how many people are willing to help someone new to get started in this sport. If you are not comfortable using email or the Fishing Reports page, don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call someone. You will find some phone numbers listed on the Officers and Staff page of the website. You can call me @ (865) 945-3716. If I'm not there just leave a message and I'll get back to you.

John Seiber

IMPROVE TENNESSEE STRIPER FISHING

By Ezell Cox

I believe that a unified request sent to the right places can, over a period of a few years, significantly improve striper fishing. It will take all of us with the same realistic goal to start asking for the same thing to a group of people that can make these changes in fishing management for Tennessee. I will list some of the people that may have some influence to help us.

This should be one of the easiest requests to justify and get a unanimous vote.

Increase the minimum stocking numbers to 7 stripers per surface acre. This small increase would not be recognized at the hatcheries since T.W.R.A. often trades millions to other states anyway.

Five stripers per acre have been the stocking rate goal since T.W.R.A. began in the 70's. Fishing pressure has grown over these same years to night and day year around. Anglers have improved the ability to catch stripers because of better equipment: Enclosed, heated boats - Marine radio - G.P.S. - Bait tanks - Fish finders - Downriggers.

Catch rates can improve because of communication, although there may be fewer fish: Fishing magazines and newsletters - Striper clubs - Marine radio - Recorded migration history - Instant internet communications - E-mail - Fishing reports - Discussion boards.

Each of these people needs to hear the same song many times from striper fishermen.

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Fishery Biologist 800-332-0900, 423-587-7037

Bob Nichols, T.W.R.A. Region 4 Manager
(same phone as above)

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800-624-7406

Bobby Wilson, T.W.R.A. Biologist
(same phone as above)

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The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission holds meetings to hear from the fishermen on recommendations. Lobby and tell them what you want; invite them to go fish with you.

William W. (Bill) Cox (2001-2007),
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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, 36 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. Click on the link: TWRA Region 4, Water Quality.

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.

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"

**Look on the website
"Calendar" for latest
updates.**

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.

Bill Cate &
John Seiber

Sept. 17

Norris



John Seiber
& Eric Rauch

"A Double"

Sept. 17

Norris

Minutes of the September Meeting

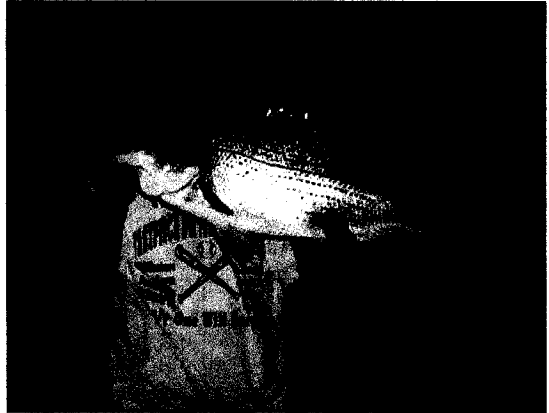
Thank you to all who participated at the TSBA Fish Fry & Reunion and made it a success. We had lots of great food, good people, and an entertaining time with the contests and prizes. There were 68 people who attended this year.

An open fishing day on Norris was scheduled for September 17 at 6:30 a.m. at Anderson County Park.

Nominations for TSBA Directors will be accepted at the October monthly meeting. Elections for Directors will take place at the November monthly meeting.

Dave Johnson, TSBA Secretary

Wes Adams
Sept. 17
12 lb. Hybrid



Reid Tong
Sept 5
Norris
17 lb.

October 17th Monthly
Meeting at Shoney's
Featured Speaker:
Chet Moore

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Fish Fry Pictures - September 10, 2005



Lots and
lots of
Food

Frisbee



Football

Prizes





Fish Fry Net-Casting Contest

One of the highlights of the 2005 fish fry was the net-casting contest. This year we separated the contestants into two groups. The first group was all men between the ages of 17 and 69. The second group was kids 16 and under, ladies, and old-timers 70 years or older. The objective of the contest was to cast your net over and completely encircle a wooden target on the ground. Each contestant had two chances at increasingly long distances. The winners and their prize money were as follows:

	Group 1	Group 2
First (\$25)	Ezell Cox	Phil Baker
Second (\$15)	Allan Franklin	Janine Johnson
Third (\$10)	Jeff Cate & Bob Samar	Tom Samar





Judy
Walker
Sept. 11
Norris

Christie
Mowery
29 lb.
Sept. 7



Janine Johnson
Sept. 17 - Norris

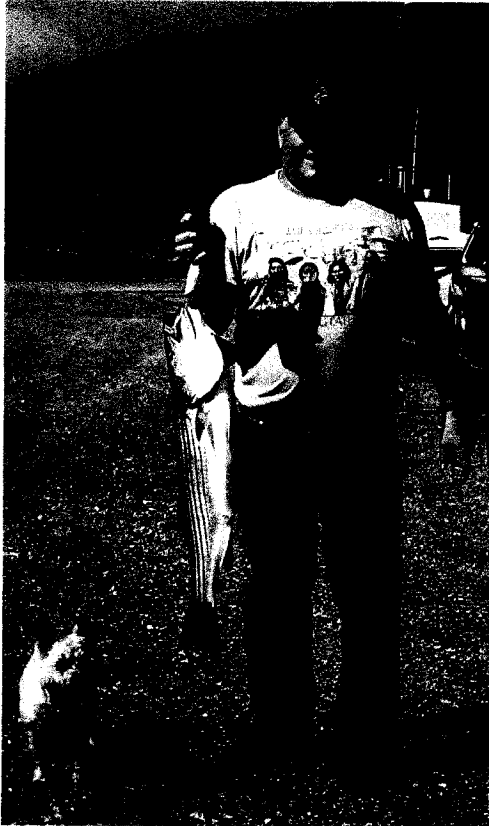


Scruffy

Earlier in the year, I was fishing on Norris Reservoir with Ezell Cox and his dog, Scruffy. If you have ever been in the same boat with Scruffy, you know that he is an extremely alert watchdog; and he frequently is the first one in the boat to realize that a line has gone down. When this occurs, Scruffy literally leaps into action. He is all over the boat trying to get the best vantage point to watch the striper being fought. He yelps, growls, and barks especially when the fish breaks the water. He really wants that striper. Actually watching Scruffy in action is quite entertaining in itself. This prompted me to think that the club might get a kick out of watching Scruffy go through his antics. In August, my son came in from Arizona

and we went out with Ezell and Scruffy on Norris. This time I came equipped with my video camera. We did manage to catch several nice stripers and I got some great footage of Ezell's striper dog. We are going to show this at the October 17th monthly meeting at Shoney's and you really want to be there to see this video.

By Bob Leach



Question of the Month

What is your favorite charity?

In alphabetical order:

1. American Cancer Society
2. Big Brother & Big Sister
3. Boy Scouts
4. Catholic Charities
5. Disabled Sportsmen of America
6. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
7. Kidney Foundation
8. Our Church
9. Red Cross
10. Salvation Army
11. Shriners
12. St. Jude Children's Hospital

I asked this question for several reasons. With the disaster in New Orleans, a helping hand of friendship and support is needed. Secondly, with the holidays approaching a thought beforehand and an act of kindness would be in order. Last month, Todd Smelser from the Disabled Sportsmen of America made me think. Reach out and help someone. You will be the better for it.

Dave Johnson

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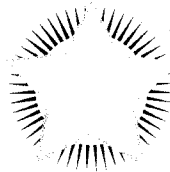
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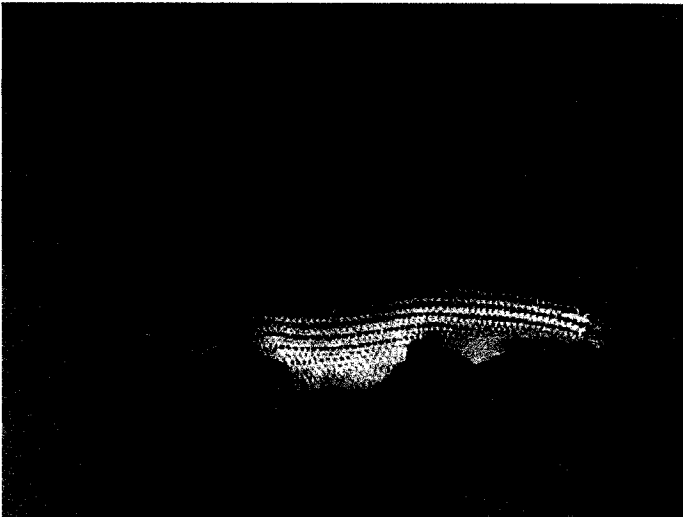
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Billy Davis 44 lb. August 30



Dennis
Walker

Sept.
17

Norris



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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.

- October 17:** Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
Presentation by Chet Moore
- 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

Hickory Star Christmas Classic
Registration Dec. 2 - Tournament Dec. 3 & 4
More info in the next newsletter

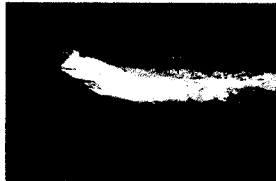


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Bass Pro Store

Undoubtedly, all TSBA members are familiar with the "Bass Pro Shops" headquartered in Springfield, Missouri. They carry a complete line of hunting, fishing and camping gear, and you can purchase their products online at www.basspro.com or you can visit one of their many retail stores. They are in the process of expanding and their newest store will open on November 17 in Kodak, Tennessee. Specifically, it will be located east of Knoxville just off of I-40 at exit 407. This will be a medium-size retail store with just over 142,000 square feet which makes it slightly larger than the Nashville store. It will be open 7 days a week and they plan to employ approximately 200 associates.

In addition to being able to purchase all of your fishing gear, they will have their complete line of boats for sale and a state-of -the-art marine service facility.

This facility will include a seminar room where various local clubs can periodically hold meetings. They can provide speakers to come in and talk to your group. They also plan to use this room to hold classes on a wide variety of subjects. The classes will be held on Wednesday nights and they will last about one hour. A restaurant and a Starbucks Coffee Shop will be located on the premises.

The Bass Pro organization wants to form partnerships with local groups to promote the outdoors and especially conservation. They will provide donations, prizes, and discounts to promote their goals. They are big into getting kids involved as they are their future customers. All requests for the meeting room and any promotional material, including prizes, must go through Marlene Barbour. She can be reached at 865-933-3343 or www.mabarbour@basspro.com. All requests must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of your event.

Personally, I'm excited about having a Bass Pro store nearby as it will be very convenient to be able to get all of my outdoor supplies close to home whenever I need them.

Bob Leach

T.S.B.A. 2005 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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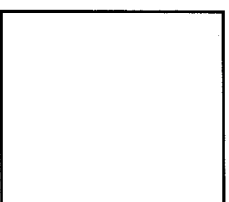
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Note: All members must sign and submit this membership application with the 2005 dues. Yearly dues are due in January each year. New members that sign up in Oct., Nov., or Dec. will get credit for the remainder of that year and the following year.



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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