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Striper  
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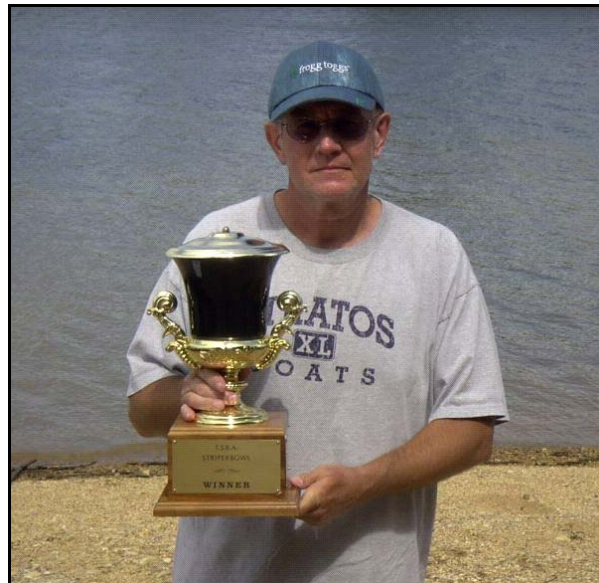
# TSBA.



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

**June  
2006**

**StriperBowl Winner 2006  
Dennis Bryant**



# **President's Letter**

## **Family Day Event**

It seems like only yesterday when we were trying to fish the Kingston tournament and fighting the wind and snow. Well, here it is summertime and the insulated coveralls and all the winter gear have been put away, and for most of us the fishing is much more enjoyable. It seems that many of our events have come and gone and others are fast-approaching. One in particular is the event scheduled on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and called "Family Day". This is an event where we are encouraging everyone to bring a family member to the Open Fishing / Picnic event. We have reserved a pavilion at Anderson County Park, to have a small picnic / cookout around 12 Noon after a morning of fishing on beautiful Norris Lake. The thinking behind this is to create some lasting memories with a close relative and other members of the TSBA. If your spouse doesn't like fishing, then maybe a son or daughter or grandchild could be your fishing partner that day. I'm not sure what kind of response we will get on this, but I'm hoping for a good turnout and hope that everyone will enjoy this get-together.

We will be meeting at about 6-AM at the launch ramp at Anderson Co. Park. Some may want to put in and start from there or may choose to trailer to another site. But the plan is to meet back at the park around 11:30 or 12 and have lunch together. We will have drinks and food available, but will need some volunteers for preparation. (Maybe the family member who doesn't like to fish will be interested in helping prepare lunch.) If anyone has a favorite dessert or something that they would like to bring or would like to contribute in some way, that would be great. I look forward to seeing you there, and don't forget to bring your bait, because you probably won't be able to catch any there.

## StriperBowl 2006

I would also like to congratulate our 2006 StriperBowl winner, Dennis Bryant. For those of you who were able to fish that day, you know that the weather was not very accommodating. The day started off with rain and wind, and although the rain finally stopped, the wind never let up. Dennis was able to navigate in the swells that day and come away with a 29 lb. catch and the StriperBowl trophy.

Good job, Dennis!

One other thing is, please keep sending in those fish pictures. I get lots of comments on the website, people really enjoy the pictures that you send in. You can give as much or as little information as you would like to be posted on the website.

*John Seiber*



John Seiber

April 22, 2006

Watts Bar

## **Fort Loudoun Tournament July 8, 2006**

This tournament will be held at the Fort Loudoun Dam in Lenoir City, Tennessee. Registration will begin at 5:30-AM with a 6-AM starting time and weigh-in will be at 11:30-AM. Early registration will also be taken at the June club meeting. This will be a two-fish weigh-in either striper or hybrid. The entry fee will be \$11.00 with \$1.00 going to the winner's award. The remaining \$10 will be paid back 100% to the top three finishers in these amounts (1<sup>st</sup> Place 50%) (2<sup>nd</sup> Place 35%) (3<sup>rd</sup> Place 15%). Trailering will be allowed for those who wish to launch someplace else, but the cut-off time for weigh-in is 11:30-AM. This is a closed tournament for the TSBA members and their guests. If you bring a guest who does not join the club, they will be asked to sign a liability waiver form.

For those not familiar with this area, I suggest that you use extreme caution fishing below dams. This can be a hazardous area for those not experienced in fishing tail waters. Also, for those not as familiar with fishing this area, bait can usually be caught at the dam in the Little Tennessee River just downstream from the Fort Loudoun Dam. All this will be covered in a short meeting just prior to the tournament. I hope that you can attend this outing. Also plan to attend the June club meeting and listen to the presentation by Allan Franklin on fishing the boils. This I'm sure will include some safety tips and some very useful information that you can apply to this tournament.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at:  
[jseiber@tennstripedbass.com](mailto:jseiber@tennstripedbass.com) or (865) 414-5417.

## Question of the Month

How fast does your boat go?

Answer: 30 members responded 25 mph to 65 mph.

Information from the 2005

### T.W.R.A. Boating Accident Statistical Report

1. The number of serious injury accidents was 87 resulting in 108 injuries.
2. The leading age group of operators involved in an accident was 36 through 40.
3. The holiday weekend of July 4 was the period of highest reported accidents.
4. The number of boating fatalities for 2005 was 10.
5. The body of water with the most PWC accidents was Norris Lake with 8 accidents.
6. Accidents per body of water:

Cherokee	7
Norris	14
Fort Loudoun	7
7. Boating under the influence arrests - 73.

### Law Enforcement Summary

The total number of boating enforcement officers was 183 full-time and 49 part-time. That's why we need to be the eyes and ears for the T.W.R.A. Please report violations if you see them because they need our help. 1-800-831-1174

## Comparable Instincts

When turkey or deer see, hear, or smell you, they will alert and do what it takes to be in charge of their own control and safety. All wild animals including birds and fish do the same with a few exceptions like the Alaska lemming that self-destruct by the thousands. Even the most intelligent warm-blooded animals, humans, like to be in charge of the control and safety of their family, friends, and loved ones except the suicide bombers. I guess the intelligent part already made the exception. That is just what it takes for the species to survive generation after generation or end up like the extinct do-do bird that had no fear of humans. We are looking for those dumb fish.

Fish are more difficult to view in many of their habits, so sometimes it is easier to observe other animals and birds than do a comparison analysis. What happens when I thump the boat or my dog barks? Sudden, loud noises will cause a quick response from fish, birds, or animals to find escape routes and methods. Birds fly away, deer run away, and the fish swim away from things that scare them. Can noise attract fish? Some think so because some fishermen take a boat paddle and do a soft thump, thump, rhythm on the bottom of the boat while they fish. When we apply this thought to other life, it normally applies to curiosity or something that causes a food source to become available. I don't think fish have the curiosity that deer have but will use noise they are familiar with to take advantage of a food source. Gulls follow the prop wash of your boat to pick up bits of damaged bait fish. At the Eagle Bend fish hatchery,

the young fish learn quickly that the sound of a tractor coming is going to blow food into the ponds and they gather at the edge to feed. The familiar, continuous noise that fish hear causes them to do one of three things. Transducer and trolling motor noise cause them to ignore and maybe shy away slightly. Noise that is associated with food attracts them; and sudden, loud noise causes them to quickly flee away from the noise.

Fish are much more aware of their surroundings than we would give them credit for. Most fishermen have caught fish at night when it is so dark that we cannot see anything. Unlike some animals, fish do see in color and we don't want to compare the way we see things from under water. It would be like me trying to compare my eyesight to that of an owl, falcon, or antelope in their environment. When it is feeding time, trout raised in a pond will follow you around like a hungry puppy dog by sight. Fish also have a lateral line that is super sensitive and makes them aware of any movement in the surrounding water.

Smell or taste as it may be in fish should be realized for its importance. Most avid fishermen have tried or heard of chumming. It does work to attract fish just like carrion attracts vultures from long distances.

The next time you wonder about what fish do and why, try comparing them to other animal's habits. At least the analysis paralysis will take your mind off the slow bite.

*Ezell Cox*

## Fishing Hot Spots



### **Cherokee Lake - Good**

Stripers will not go back well in July. Catch your limit and quit. Released fish will not survive for the most part. Hybrids are more tolerant of the warm water and can often be caught in schools in shallow water. They can also be released normally without mortality. The no fishing zone is in effect again starting July 15. The humps and islands near the dam up to Point #21 normally become excellent.

### **Norris Lake - Fair**

Point #26 on the Clinch and Point #14 on the Powell to the dam. Most of the stripers will move into the main channel out of the shallow warm coves. Down lines and downriggers work well over marked fish.

### **Below Fort Loudoun & Melton Hill Dams - Good & Improving**

The law is you must wear your life jacket in these dangerous waters. Put your sinker and hook close to the bottom with plans to lose a few for the most catches. Pulling side planer boards down the banks can also catch fish for miles downstream.



## July Expectations

The migration downstream toward the dam has started in the reservoirs. The stripers will be a little easier to locate as the temperature in the coves and creeks pushes them into the deeper, cooler main channel. The thermocline will continue to get deeper with the fish staying just below it, and surface feeding in the reservoirs is over until October. A good topographical map now becomes a great fishing tool. The tailraces will continue to improve. They will be a good place to find some action while also still allowing successful catch and release in the hot summer. Working the "boils" will become very effective in July. It is your life and money, so remember to wear your life jacket at the dams. It is the law also.

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: "fish" Password: "hook"

## TSBA Merchandise

If you would like to special order hats, shirts, or sweatshirts, call Cathy Taylor at Kept In Stitches 865-379-8278 or email at [clsbull1@aol.com](mailto:clsbull1@aol.com).



Lisa Osborne turns over  
the StriperBowl  
trophy to Dennis Bryant



## StriperBowl Results

1st Place	Dennis Bryant	18.2 & 11.1 lbs. totaling 29.3 lbs.
2nd Place	Reid Tong	10.6 lbs. total
3rd Place	Allan Franklin	7.9 lbs. total

# Congratulations Dennis!



## **Mountain Lake Marina & Campground**

The Mountain Lake Marina & Campground is strategically located on beautiful Norris lake just 4.5 miles from I-75 exit 128. Mountain Lake is a full-service RV resort and marina with many amenities as shown on their website. Also, it was voted Tennessee's "Campground of the Year" for 2003 - 2004.

### **2006 Summertime Activities**

Starting Memorial Day Weekend and running through Labor Day weekend, there will be a **Happy Hour** from 6 to 8 PM on Friday and Saturday nights - This means discounted beer, free popcorn and music. Double D Band every other Saturday night.

Other activities are listed below:

June 17	50's Dance
July 22	Mardi Gras
August 12	Luau

Paddle Boat Races to be scheduled.

Mountain Lake marina owners, Miles and Jan Owens, have 80'x16' houseboats for rent. These boats are fully-loaded, and they can be rented by the week, Monday-Thursday or for the weekend which is Friday through Sunday. Each boat has 6 private bedrooms, 2 full baths, a leather sleeper sofa, big screen TV, VCR, DVD, Play Station 2, GameCube, satellite radio, CD player, party top Flybridge, 6 person hot tub, tubular slide, marine radio, fully-equipped kitchen, smoothie maker, central A/C & heat, full-size dryer, 2 electric grills and patio furniture.

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Right:

Bob Leach

May 17, 2006

Cherokee  
Lake

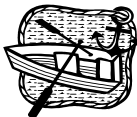


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Cherokee  
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## Minutes of the May Meeting

John Seiber opened the meeting and discussed the opportunity for donating binoculars to the Kids' Fishing Day for the price of \$10.00 per pair. Contact John for further details.

Mike Smith of the T.W.R.A. was the guest speaker. He gave us a history and a run-down on the Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery. Eagle Bend was completed in 1976 at a cost of \$2.1 million. The hatchery covers approximately 100 acres and contains 35 ponds. The water supply comes from a seven-acre storage reservoir filled from the Clinch River. They now raise and stock 15 species of fish. Mike answered many questions from the club members. Mike will also be the speaker at our July meeting for an update on the stocking numbers for the area lakes.

*Dave Johnson  
TSBA Secretary*



Derek  
Gaylor

April 10,  
2006

22.6 lbs.



## **2006 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.

June 10:	Kids' Fishing Day, 3:00 p.m. at Cherokee Dam
June 19:	Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
June 24:	Open Fishing
July 8:	Tournament - Fort Loudoun
July 17:	Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
July 22:	Family Day/Open Fishing
August 21:	Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
August 26:	Open Fishing
September 9:	Annual TSBA Fish Fry & Reunion
September 16:	Open Fishing
September:	Tournament for Disabled Sportsmen of America
October 16:	Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM Officer and Director Nominations
October 21:	Open Fishing
November 11:	Tournament - Cherokee
November 20:	Monthly Meeting - Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM Election of Officers and Directors
November 25:	Open Fishing
December 18:	Board of Directors Meeting, Dinner: 6 PM Meeting 7 PM

**June Speaker: Allan Franklin  
on Fishing Below Dams**



Jim  
Blazier

April 22

Watts Bar  
Lake

Kenny  
Mowery

April 22

Watts Bar  
Lake



Hunter (age 7)  
& Tony Morales

Grandson of  
Dennis & Georgia  
Bryant

20 lb.  
Cherokee Lake  
April 2, 2006

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\* You'll be informed of new regulations & information that affect Striper fishing.

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E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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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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(Signature)

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(Date)

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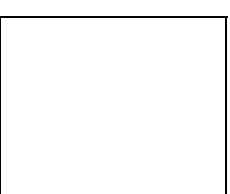
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Note: All members must sign and submit this membership application with the 2006 dues. Yearly dues are due in January each year. New members that sign up in Oct., Nov., or Dec. will get credit for the remainder of that year and the following year.



*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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**Reminder: Kids' Fishing Day**  
**Saturday, June 10, 3:00 p.m.**  
**At Cherokee Dam**  
**(Use the correct size life jackets.)**