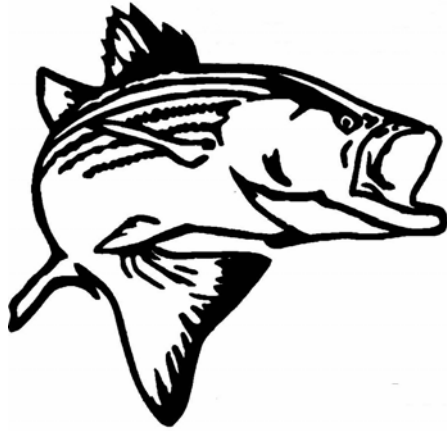


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***Tennessee
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**October
2006**

Take a Look at the Fish Fry Pictures



Bill Kincaid & Sammy Robinette

President's Letter

Paying the price

There are many things in life that have few to no shortcuts available. I believe that being a successful striper fisherman is one of those things that requires a great investment. When I say investment, you can obviously start calculating how much money you have invested in your boat and all the equipment that you have purchased, but that is only a part of the investment required to consistently catch fish. You could have a really nice boat that is rigged with all the electronics, bait tanks, and hardware that money could buy and still not catch fish on a consistent basis. Until I started striper fishing, I had no idea how much there was to learn. I could see how some would not be willing to pay the price of spending time on the water studying this fish's behavior. It can be very frustrating to a new angler who is trying to catch a fish and comes up empty. Many times this results in people pursuing a new hobby or pursuing a different species. In the first stages of my striper fishing, I went through a study period. I read everything I could get my hands on and got a lot of different opinions from different folks. I took every opportunity that I could to fish with different people, and I learned something from most all of them. That still left me with the little bit that they were able to share with me. It was then up to me to go out on my own and start putting the knowledge to use and adding to it with my own experiences. As I wrote in an article some time back, there are times that I go fishing but not catching but still have a productive day because of knowledge acquired. Sometimes the knowledge acquired is telling me that something didn't work; other times something did work. Sometimes I learn that the fish did or didn't move from one place to another. I've developed my own favorite times to fish in regards to weather changes and moon phases, etc. All these things help add to your chances of catching fish, and all these things are acquired by paying the price of putting in your time.

I hope that you can make it to the October meeting, because we will be taking nominations for the 2007 club officers and two Board of Director members. We will also be planning the upcoming tournament that will be held on November 11th.

John Seiber



John Seiber
August 24, 2006 28 lb.

Fish Fry Pictures September 9, 2006





Cast Net Throwing Contest at Fish Fry

We had all levels of experience participating in the cast net contest. For some, it was the first day to ever pick up a net. Some we will just call Old Salts. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cash prizes were paid to each of the two groups.

Youth Under 17 & Ladies

1st Place	Janine Johnson
2nd Place	Phil Baker
3rd Place	Kimberly Baker

Men's

1st Place	Sammy Robinette
2nd Place	Bill Ballou
3rd Place	Ed Baker
Honorable Mention:	Dennis Bryant
	Tom Elmore
	Gary Harris
	Mike Nicol





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.

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.

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: "fish" Password: "hook"

Fish Fry Prizes



THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Everyone with the experiences that come with age has made statements of recall. This is coming from a 59 year old that is active and feels healthy. Most of the memories for some reason are good and favorable to the person talking about the past.

It is easy to remember some periods of our past that we thought were negative but it becomes much harder to remember why. I will try to remember some of the bad. Going to college with no car or extra money to do what all the other students were doing. I also had to study. What could be good about being a Marine in the late 1960's? At that time, the good was a hope to be honorably discharged at the earliest date, alive.

Some of my fondest memories are of all four grandparents and both parents to hear the "good old days" stories. Even though there was a great depression going on, my father was able to find a job with long hours that paid one dollar a week and free room and board. One of my grandparents cut timber then floated it down the Powell then Clinch rivers to Clinton, Tennessee every spring log tide. After selling the logs, he would spend the next two days walking home to Leatherwood. Does this sound like the "good old days?" The way it was presented to me, it was for them.

I guess the exposures we have in our youth are enjoyed because they are new exciting experiences. Our mind also has a way of letting go of the unpleasant times so we have room to recall all of the good ones.

All the redeye and bluegill that my dad took time to help me catch in the creek a few miles from home were big and great eating although we had to eat around the bones. Later I found out Dad didn't even like to fish. Camping in the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming and catching those large brook trout and cooking them in a skillet over an open fire with my uncle and cousins are sure a great memory. The parts that are almost forgotten are those flies that eat you up and having to clean enough large 6 to 8 inch trout for each to get a taste.

After a good but short experience with walleye and crappie fishing, I got interested in those big stripers in Norris Lake about 30 years ago. Yes, you guessed it, "good old days." I had a narrow 14-foot Jon boat and a 9.9 horsepower motor with no trailer. I didn't know how to catch shad or for that matter it seemed like bluegill were the bait of choice. I only knew how to catch the striper during the fall season with bluegill or with a red fin from the bank at the river.

I now have a nice large well-equipped boat, a lot of experience, and all the knowledge available from reading about stripers for my résumé. Looking back to the "good old days," I don't seem to remember fishing trips that caught no fish. In fact, the trips I recall were a lot of catches of big fish.

Right now, these are the "good old days." It may take a few years to realize it. Today is the youngest day of the rest of your life. Enjoy what you are doing with your life today.

*Your fishing friend,
Ezell Cox*

Disabled Sportsmen of America Tournament Results - September 17, 2006

Fish Caught

Allan Franklin	14, 13, 12.7 lb.
Todd Smelser	11.8, 9.10 lb.
Doug Steffe	17 lb.
Chet Moore	10.1 lb.

Thank you to everyone who participated.





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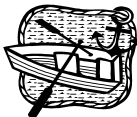
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November 20th
Monthly Meeting

Election of Officers
and Directors

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Minutes of the September Meeting

John Seiber called the meeting to order during the Fish Fry. John recognized two members who are no longer with us, Charlie Greene and Dave Johnson. Bill Ballou showed the special fishing rod he made by hand that he donated to the club to raise money for the Kids' Fishing Day for 2007. Chances are being sold for \$5.00 each. You may choose to purchase several tickets. The rod is worth about \$200.00. We also talked about the tournament for Disabled Sportsmen of America.

Janine Johnson, TSBA Treasurer

More Fish Fry Pictures



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.

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

Cherokee Tournament

November 11, 2006

We will head out of Quarryville Boat Ramp
at 12:00 noon and weigh in at 5:30 p.m.

Entry Fee is \$16.00
\$15.00 goes toward the pot
\$1.00 is for awards



Jack Feimster
30 lbs.
September 14, 2006 Boone Lake



Gary Harris
September 7, 2006 Norris Lake 20 lb.

T.S.B.A. 2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

As a member: *You'll receive a monthly newsletter.

* You'll help support Striped Bass Fisheries & Wildlife Agencies.

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* A copy of the Bylaws can be found on the TSBA website at www.TNStripedBass.com or at the offices of the corporation.

(Signature)

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Enclose a check for \$20.00

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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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October 16th Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Jim Negus, TWRA
Officer and Director Nominations