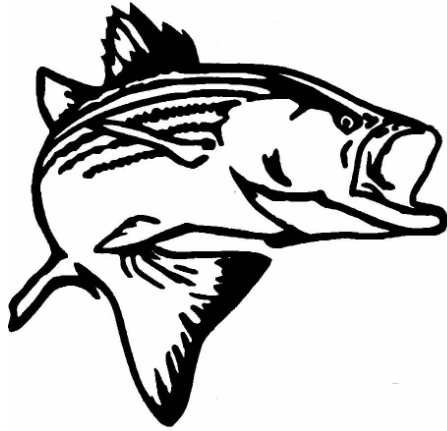


**Catch  
The  
Striper  
Fever!**

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

**September  
2007**

**Please Join Us !**

**September 29 2:00 p.m.**

**Fish Fry**

**Anderson County Park  
on Norris Lake**

**Good people, food, fun, prizes!**

# President's Letter

While fishing with a friend recently, I got to experience being at the right place at the right time. We spent about 5 hours on the water, with limited success for most of that time. It seemed that the fish were just not going to bite, and we had tried about everything we knew to do. It was getting late, and the fish should have already showed more activity than they had. When we decided to pull our baits through one last spot before giving up, it started happening. The fish turned on for about 30 minutes, and it was fast and furious for a short time. After catching several good fish and losing two or three others, they stopped. It seemed that they stopped about as fast as they started. The moon was just coming up, and the sun was just going down as all this took place. I don't fully understand and probably never will understand what triggers these feeding frenzies, but I like being there when it happens. It seems that with stripers it takes a lot of patience and willingness to wait until the dinner bell rings. It may not be very appealing to some folks to fish for 5 hours and catch for 30 minutes, but that brief period is worth the wait. The next time you're out and you know that there are fish in the area, just hang in there. It could be just a few minutes until you are getting a good workout.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to the Fish Fry. We are having it a little later in the month of September this year, and hopefully the weather will have cooled down a little. As usual, there will be cast net contests and instructions, as well as lots of food and prizes. Also, this is a time when you will get to rub shoulders and swap fishing stories with some of your fellow striper fishing friends. I hope that you will plan to bring the entire family and enjoy the afternoon of September 29<sup>th</sup> with us at Anderson County Park.

Looking forward to October, we will be receiving nominations for the 2008 Officers and Directors. The election is at the November meeting, but nominations will be taken in October. Try to attend these meetings if you can.

Good Fishing,  
John Seiber  
TSBA President



April and Eddie Coward - 20 pounds  
(John Seiber's daughter and grandson  
fishing with him on July 26)

## **Minutes of the August Meeting**

John opened the meeting and turned it over to Jim Negus. Jim started the meeting off with possession limit rules and explained them and how they were used to enforce serious exploitation. A short explanation is you are only allowed a single limit in possession while in the field. Houseboats, campers, and home freezers are only allowed a 2-day possession limit at one time. Bring a limit in the morning and go back to bring another limit in the same day is illegal. Water quality was the subject of the rest of the meeting. Methods for keeping bait alive and healthy were discussed. Regulating water temperature in the tank without chlorine in the ice, the correct amount of salt added per gallon of water, tranquilizers to calm the bait, filter and change of some of the water to reduce ammonia were talked about. TVA and TWRA have done studies and kept records on the reservoirs since 1990 in the summer months. The records include dissolved oxygen, temperature, secchi, P.H., conductivity, and chlorophyll at depth to 100 feet. Summer stratification of the reservoirs into layers and the thermocline influence on bait fish and the striper were discussed. After the break, drawing for door prizes and the 50-50 drawing were done with Kyle Rutherford winning the 50-50. A reminder and plans for the September 29<sup>th</sup> fish fry were discussed. It starts at 2 p.m. Allan Franklin will give lessons and do the cast net contest with a cast net for the 1<sup>st</sup> place prize. Cash prizes will be awarded for a plug casting contest. There will be a ladies and kids cast net contest if enough interest is shown. Fishing reports for below the dams was poor for the time of year. Allan Franklin suggested pulling planer boards down the river and, when you find a striper interested in your bait, put bait on and lob or toss it into the location the striper was holding. Norris was the only other report. It was considered good, but the fish were roaming and not staying in the same locations as is normal for this time of year.

Ezell Cox  
TSBA Secretary

**TSBA  
ANNUAL FISH FRY  
& REUNION**

Saturday, September 29, 2007  
starting at 2:00 p.m.

at the Pavilion at  
Anderson County Park  
on Norris Lake

Bring a yummy covered dish.

Cast net throwing lessons,  
contests, and prizes.

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 the left  
on top of the hill.



Wes Adams  
July 26 - 39.5 pounds



Dave  
fishing  
with  
Allan  
Franklin

July 29

11  
pounds



Jim  
fishing  
with  
Allan  
Franklin

July 29

23  
pounds

Jim fishing with  
Allan Franklin

July 29

25 pounds



## Fishing Hot Spots



### **Cherokee Lake: Fair**

Early October will have some stripers that have not left the aeration near the dam. The best fishing will be from Point #14 upstream to Point #26. Baitfish on the surface will have some striper breaks at the right time of day. It is not uncommon to catch stripers to 20 pounds and hybrids to 10 pounds.

### **Norris Lake: Fair**

The stripers have scattered, and if you find them, the bite can be good on some days. The best fishing is from the forks of the river (Point #9) upstream about 10 miles (Point #24 on the Clinch and Point #14 on the Powell). The water quality was better than normal this summer, although the drought caused the lake drawdown to be early.

### **Tailrace and Downstream: Excellent**

It is hard to fish wrong here with the bait and hungry fish plentiful.

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: "striper" Password: "club"

## **October Expectations**

Lake turnover takes place through the month of October in the reservoirs of Tennessee. As the lake is homogenized, stripers will be free to roam the waters top to bottom, bank to bank, and end to end. This sometimes makes stripers difficult to locate because you have to find them on a daily basis. Many times the best clue is to find the largest baitfish concentrations. October is also the start of some surface feeding. Catch and release also becomes an option again. The tailrace fishing and the river-run below them will still be at a premium as the reservoirs are being emptied to their winter levels. The scenery is wonderful on the water this month. The lack of storms, heat, humidity, ski boats, and jet skis is welcome.

### **Speaker for October 15th Meeting**

**Speaker: Bill Ballou**  
**How to build and repair fishing poles**

**Nominations**  
**For Officers and Directors**

**at Shoney's, Hwy. 61 - Norris/Clinton Exit**

## CHANGE OF SEASON IN EAST TENNESSEE

Here in East Tennessee we have some of the best all year long striper fishing available anywhere. We have reservoirs that have stripers and hybrid striped bass with good catch rates all year long. Tailrace and river run fisheries can be accessed and fished in cool water all summer long. A few cold river fisheries are around that hold a few very large stripers all summer if you have a skinny (shallow) water boat to get to them. Stripers that exceed 7 or 8 pounds must find water temperature less than 80 degrees to keep from stressing out and stop eating. From a perfect 57 degrees the stripers are very comfortable 10 degrees either cooler or warmer and can run above the thermocline into hotter water for a short burst to feed. A few other factors like dissolved oxygen, length of stressful time, and current also come into play. Large stripers will actually stay in cool water with not enough oxygen to sustain life when good oxygen is only a few yards up in the water column but above the temperature they desire. When looking for stripers to fish for in the summer, it is a good idea to find the coolest water that holds stripers. Catch and release practices are questionable for 10 pound plus fish when the water temperature is above 80 degrees.

After talking about all this hot weather and water stuff it is time to change the season to fall. YES, YES, YES, I am ready - no more BIG pleasure boats, ski boats, jet skis, with all the kids back in school and the fishermen / hunters mostly off the water. Although it makes the stripers a little harder to locate on a daily basis, the enjoyment is so much greater. The harvest season is a wonderful time of year until about December. The days are comfortable with cool mornings and nights. The stripers can go anywhere in the system they want to go. Of course, they can find comfortable water temperature anywhere and will go to where the bait fish are the most abundant. Top water action is not uncommon as early as late September or early October in the reservoirs. Bait becomes very easy to catch and keep for the next day's trip. The gulls and other fish eating birds return to show you where to fish through the cold months of the year. The birds make a living at it so the stripers will be feeding on the same bait as the birds. The rivers and tailraces will still have some stripers but will change some of their habits the colder the water temperature gets. Sometime in December, the warm water discharges at the steam plants begin to hold enough bait to attract big game fish. Catch and release of the stripers will almost always be successful this time of year.

Ezell Cox



Daniel Hall with daughter Erica and grandson Jake  
Fishing Norris on August 5  
Weights were 21, 17, and unknown

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

IF STRIPERS/HYBRIDS WERE NOT AVAILABLE,  
WHAT WOULD YOU FISH FOR?

Club members and guests were asked to name a first and second choice. Twenty fishermen responded with the following choices for first and second choice.

### FIRST CHOICE

Two stated that they would just QUIT!

The other 18 would fish for:

Any fish	1
Bass (L & Smallmouth)	7
Muskie	4
Walleye	4
Bluegill	1
Cat	1

### SECOND CHOICE

This time a total of four stated that they would QUIT!

The other 16 would fish for:

Any fish	1
Crappie	6
Muskie	4
Walleye	3
Trout	1
Any fish	1

Jim Blazier

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Judy Walker - August 17 - 25 pounds  
Lake Cumberland, KY



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Dan Wilson - 13 lb., John Wilson - 25 lb. - August 11



## **2007 TSBA Calendar**


*Please attend TSBA events and join us at the meetings.*  
Monthly meetings will be held at Shoney's Restaurant, 2405 Andersonville Highway. Get off I-75 at Exit 122 (Hwy. 61 - Clinton/Norris), head east. Shoney's will be on the left.

September 29 TSBA Fish Fry, Anderson County Park  
October 15 Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM  
- Nominations for Directors and Officers  
November 19 Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM  
- Election of Directors and Officers  
December 17 Board of Directors Meeting  
- Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7PM



Dan Wilson, Jason Russell, John Wilson - August 11


  
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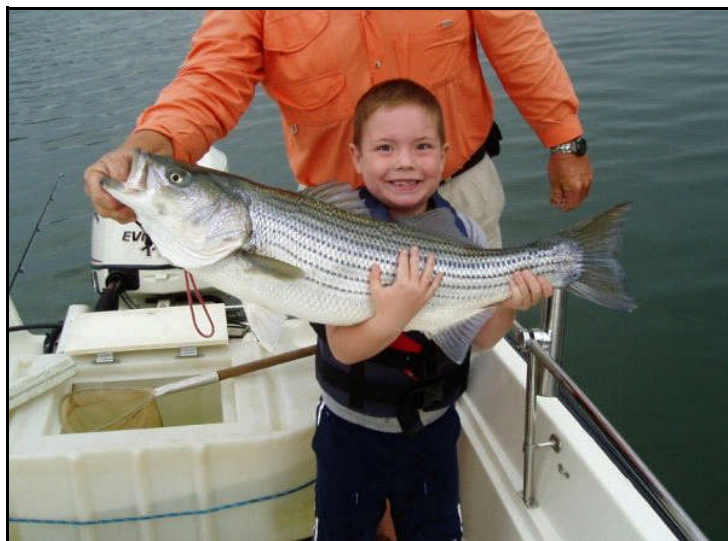


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Brandon  
 Davis  
  
 August 26  
  
 20 lb.

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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\_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://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***

***Knoxville TN 37933***

Note: All members must sign and submit this membership application with the 2008 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.



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