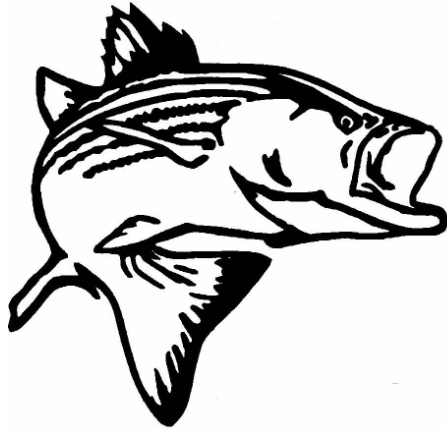


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***Tennessee
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**November
2007**

**Look Inside
for
More
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Pictures!**

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President's Letter

Hi Everyone,

We had a great meeting this month, and Bill Ballou did a great job giving his presentation. I think everyone learned something, and if they never want to build a fishing rod, they gained some knowledge about repairing them. We also were taking nominations for the 2008 officers, and as some of you know, I chose not to accept the nomination for president again for 2008. I have really enjoyed the past three years serving as president, but I feel it's time to let someone else contribute in that office. I hope that everyone will welcome and support the next president as you have me. I look forward to the next year, and will continue to support the club in other ways. I will be working with Janine on printing the newsletter, and will continue to work maintaining the website and fishing reports page. I will also be available for support to the new officers next year.

I would like to close this month's letter by saying thank you to the members of the club for allowing me to have the experience of being president for the past 3 years. I also want to thank everyone for their participation in making the club successful. There were a lot of folks who volunteered to either speak or provide a speaker for the meetings and many other things that has made my job a lot easier. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting next month, and I look forward to seeing you on the water soon.

Good Fishing,

John Seiber
TSBA President

Billy Reid
October 1,
2007

Fishing
with Randy
Boger



Earl
Marshall
Sept. 12,
2007

Kyle & Elaine Rutherford
Norris Lake, Sept., 2007



More About The Drought

Last month I wrote a little article for the newsletter discussing the ongoing drought in East Tennessee. As a follow up to that article, I've taken a couple of pictures which visually indicate how serious the conditions have become. The first picture was taken from the picnic area in the TVA park next to the boat launch just south of Cherokee Dam. It shows just how far the water has dropped. Also, please note that the swimming area is completely dry. The yellow line in the picture is the floating boundary separating the swimming area from the rest of the lake. The only problem now is that it's not floating. Most of the buoys marking the "No Boats" zone are high and dry.

The second picture was taken from the north shore of Cherokee Lake just north of the dam near the primitive boat launch. Most members probably are unaware of this launch which is good as it's not a very good place to launch your boat. The dead tree in the upper left-hand part of this picture is what I normally call the "Lone Tree Island." It's the first island you encounter on the left-hand side of the lake after you pass the dam going upstream. When the lake is full, all you see of this island is the tree as everything else is under water. The problem now is that it's no longer an island. Instead it's a very large peninsula. To give you a better perspective of its size, I parked my truck over 400' from the lone tree, and I could have parked it another 300' from the tree if the sand was more solid.

Even the old-timers who have fished Cherokee for many years have never seen the lake this low in mid-October, and it's going to get worse before it gets better. This is the normal dry season for East Tennessee, so things probably won't improve for a couple of months. Let's all hope for a very wet winter and spring so all of the East Tennessee lakes and reservoirs will get back to normal next year.

Bob Leach







Fishing Hot Spots



Cherokee Lake: Good

Early and late day often have breaking fish, so keep something to cast handy. December is the time to look for gulls. Look for large concentrations of bait fish because the stripers will come to them. Normally, the best fishing is around mid lake (Points 10 to 20). Bait is easy to catch in all the large coves.

Norris Lake: Good

The fish are not as big as past years but are growing and seem to be healthy. The best fishing will be near Hickory Star to Straight Creek Marina (Points 22 to 29 on the Clinch side and Points 12 to 16 on the Powell side).

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.

Tailrace and Downstream: Fair

As the weather cools, the steam plants will become more productive.

December Expectations

The thermocline is gone and the temperature is near the same from top to bottom. Expect to find the temperature in the mid 40's unless influenced by springs or steam plants. The bait fish will be in the warmest water they can find; the stripers will be close by. Large baits work well the first half of December, but as the temperature drops, smaller baits are best. Top water baits are normally good the first half of the month. Stripers often push the bait fish to the surface, and gulls become more productive as the month progresses and the temperature begins to drop. Point or bottom fishing is normally effective. Before going fishing, we ask that you take every precaution to prevent hypothermia. Catch and release works great in the winter months.



Randy
Boger
Oct. 1,
2007







QUESTION OF THE MONTH

WHICH FISHING REELS DO YOU USE MOST?

I will probably use this question again--for two reasons.

#1 I should have been more specific and asked for which brand and model of reel. The additional information would be helpful to new striper fishermen that are in the process of selecting their equipment.

#2 There were only 19 fishermen that responded to the question due to lower than normal attendance. It would be nice to have a larger sampling.

The fishermen were asked to give their first and second choice.

First choice responses were:

Ambassadeur 12 (5500, 6000, 6500, 6600 and the 6500 was the most frequent response of those giving a model)

Shimano 2

Diawa 1

Quantum Cabo 1

Bass Pro Casting 1

Penn 320 1

Shakespeare 1

Second choice responses were:

Ambassadeur 8 (5500, 6000, 6500 and 7000 were the most frequent responses)

Shimano 5

Bass Pro spinning 1

Okuma Bait Runner 2

Diawa 27C line counter 2

Mitchell 300C 1

Jim Blazier

November 19th Meeting

Speaker: Wes Adams

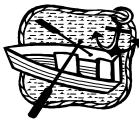
**Election for Officers and Directors
at Shoney's, Hwy. 61 - Norris/Clinton Exit**

**December 17th Board of Directors' Meeting
Everyone is welcome!**



William
Jones
Sept. 28,
2007

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to all TSBA members. Visit the web at: **www.**

TNStripedBass.com

The current password is:

Username: "striper" Password: "club"

Minutes of the October Meeting

Bill Ballou started the meeting with the basics of amateur rod building for your own personal satisfaction. Websites to obtain the materials he uses were (mudhole) and (customrodbuilding). Bill demonstrated how to choose a fast, medium, or slow action rod blank and install the rod seat, handle, eyes and tip. Bill also showed how to replace broken and bent eyes and tips on your old rods to keep from buying new ones. Interesting questions and answers followed.

Chet did the door prize drawing of some excellent gifts. Bill Ballou won the 50 / 50 drawing.

New member Bill Clay started the fishing reports by telling of some funny incidents on his first striper trips with Tom Elmore on Norris. Fishing reports on Norris were excellent on the lower end near the dam. The fish are still 50 feet and deeper which makes them very hard to release alive. The lake turnover should start soon and allow the stripers to be released alive and roam all over lake. There was a reminder on Norris about the 1 fish 36 inch size limit going into effect on November 1. Erik Engebretsen gave a report of fishing on Cherokee with minimal success on hybrids in shallow water above the 25E bridge. Chet Moore said the fishing below Melton Hill was good with some good size and they were going back well. He also said they were breaking in the early a.m. Yellowtails are easy up near the dam before generation. Allan Franklin and Bill Ballou had similar reports from there.

Nominations were opened until the November meeting for two of the director's spots that are coming open for three-year terms. The three currently nominated are Ezell Cox, Allan Franklin, and Erik Engebretsen. The new president of the club will automatically become a director during the one-year term of office.

Nominations for other offices are:

For President - Eric Rauch

For Vice President - Jim Blazer

For Secretary - Ezell Cox

For Treasurer - Janine Johnson

There was a request for input for topics of the month and articles for the newsletters, someone to coordinate sponsor donations to the club for next year, and help with obtaining speakers for next year. Allan Franklin reported a fish kill on the lower end of Cherokee of about 150 to 200 stripers, and added a reminder about not being caught with a striper that falls in the slot limit on Melton Hill.

Ezell Cox
TSBA Secretary

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.

November 19 Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM

- Election of Directors and Officers

December 17 Board of Directors Meeting - Everyone is welcome!

- Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7PM


There will not be a newsletter in December.

It's time to renew your TSBA membership.



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* You'll develop a network of "Striper friends."

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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.



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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