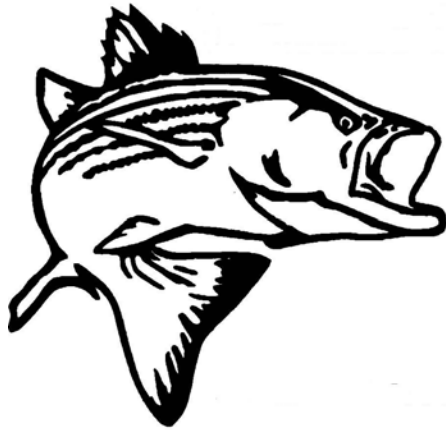


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***Tennessee
Striped Bass
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Newsletter***

**January
2010**

**A great catch and release photo from Cory Malabey. This big'un
[Cory's personal best] will live to fight another day!!**



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas, a great New Year and I hope you were able to catch a few fish at the end of the year.

I am excited again about the presentations your Board of Directors have set up for this year. We have speakers lined up to talk about everything from winter time fishing techniques, using artificials for stripers to how to dissect new waters and a representative from Lowrance to teach us how to better use our graphs. I am most excited about two meetings that will be different from years past. First, in March Alan Franklin will do a presentation on bait keeping and how to locate bait, we will then go to the parking lot and he will give cast net throwing lessons. Make sure to bring your favorite net to this meeting. Second, in June we will have a meeting on the lake. We will have several people lined up to show how they rig their boats, how to set out a spread when live bait fishing, show some of the tackle and techniques used and then have an opportunity to fish in the afternoon with some of these guys. I feel this will be a great day for the beginner and the long time fisherman to pick up some new tricks.

The club is also looking into purchasing a lap top and projector to help with presentations and to help show pictures at events like the Fish Fry. We are also tossing around the idea of recording the meetings and putting snippets of them on the web site for all to view.

Lastly I would like to remind everyone about a few things when posting on the web site. We have made it clear that we want members to post reports on their fishing trips. We also have made it clear that we don't expect you to give away the lake you are fishing on or give away your favorite spots. We want everyone to feel comfortable sharing pictures or a recap of your experience on the water. We will start deleting post made by anyone criticizing someone for not being specific about where fish were caught or being argumentative on our web site. I apologize for the negative tone, but I want everyone to feel safe if they want to brag a little by showing a picture of their trophy fish and not have to worry about what other members might say if the location is not posted. Keep the pictures coming as we all enjoy looking at the success of our fellow club members!

Tight lines and see you on the water!

Erik Engebretsen

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS

The Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc. met at the Clinton Shoney's (I-75 exit 122) at 7:00 pm on November 16, 2009. There were the usual order-what-you want dinner and discussions from around 6:00 to 7:00pm. There were 17 people in attendance.

There was no formal speaker for this meeting. There was a general discussion of winter fishing methods. There was a great degree of consensus considering that most people there don't agree on much of anything. The general feeling was in cold water conditions:

1. Slow down
2. Watch for gulls and signs of surface feeding
3. Pull u-rigs to find fish in feeding areas. If they are hitting them keep it up.
4. Don't just pull in a straight line. Turning will speed and raise one side and slow and lower the other side.
5. If you are over fish try downlines moving slowly and possibly with smaller bait than in warmer water
6. Stop and just let bait sit either below a bait school or just in it

In December there is no formal Club meeting. The Board of Directors meet to discuss the past year, plan the upcoming year and discuss general club business. Anyone is welcome to come and participate.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TENNESSEE STRIPED BASS ASSOCIATION, INC.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc. was held on Dec 21, 2009 in Clinton, Tennessee. The Directors present were, Bill Ballou, Keith Shannon, Todd Asher, Eric Rauch, Wes Adams, Erik Engebretsen and Cory Malabey.

The meeting was Chaired by Erik Engebretsen.

Club Treasurer Doug Steffe reported on the club finances. The period of 9/24/2008 thru 10/17/2009 the Club had received \$6484.00, spent \$4896.77 and had a remaining balance of \$1587.23. This is combined with a carryover balance from 2008 to total \$4356.00.

The Club has 187 family Memberships, 8 Sponsors, 11 Honor Members, and e-mails 69 of the Newsletters.

Doug Steffe suggested that some of the money be used to buy a projector for around \$400 that could interface with a computer for use at Club meetings and also a small laptop computer for about the same price for use with the Club records. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize Doug to get costs and make a purchase recommendation at the January meeting.

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2 pixs of Bud White fishing with Mike Allen and son Markus Allen.



Fred and Joe fishing with Ezell



Doug Steffe says it's never too cold to Striper fish.



Tom Elmore in action.

Todd Ascher fishing with a serviceman home on leave!! Great idea.



NOVEMBER 2009 QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

WHAT BRAND AND SIZE BAIT TANK DO YOU CURRENTLY USE? IF YOU BOUGHT A NEW TANK, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

A total of 24 members answered the questions with the following results.

	Current:	Next tank
Creek Bank	7	11
Ron Vest (Super bait Tank)	6	8
Blue Water	3	1
Masterflow	3	1
Homemade	3	1
Grayline	1	1
Liv-N-Well	1	1

This question is a repeat of the JANUARY 2007 QUESTION OF THE MONTH. We also had 24 responses at that time with the following results.

	Current:	Next tank
Ron Vest (Super Bait Tank)	8	11
Homemade	6	1
Livewell (on boat)	4	1
Baker	2	0
Blue Water	2	8
Creek Bank	1	2
Grayline	1	1

The Vest tank was the clear leader in 2007 but in 2009 the Creek Bank tank has moved from last choice to first choice. I also noted that in 2007 no one reported using a Masterflow tank but in 2009 3 members reported that this is the tank they are currently using. I am not trying to promote any of these tanks but based our member responses Creek Bank must be making a very good product. I have observed over the past few years that our club members tend to be very "brand loyal" and are willing to voice their opinions about the equipment they use very strongly. If the tank of choice has changed so strongly in two years there must be some very good reasons. I don't have a Creek Bank or Vest tank. I currently have a

Blue Water tank because it was the best fit for the limited space in my boat but if I decided to buy a new tank I would talk to club members and ask to see their tanks before making my next purchase.

Tank size: Our members reported using many different size tanks but three sizes were listed as the most popular 30 gal. (8 ea.), 40 gal. (5 ea.) and 60 gal. (6 ea.).

Some links to tank companies.

http://creekboats.com/tank_home.htm

<http://www.masterflowbaitsystems.com/>

<http://www.bluewaterbaittanks.com/>

<http://www.graylinebaittanks.com/>

The Ron Vest (Super Bait Tank) website was not on line when I searched the web for links.

Jim Blazier

Fishing Hot Spots



Cherokee Lake

Condition: Good

Location: Spread out all over with a good number of fish near Hwy 25 Bridge. Fish are hitting top water baits. Birds are diving on the schools of shad driven up by the stripers.

Bait: Live Shad and Top Water

Norris Lake

Condition: Slow

Location: Stripers may be found farther upstream in the creeks. Use alewife and gizzard shad near the surface on drift lines or downriggers to 30 feet. Cast artificials into the breaking fish.

Notes: Fish are going back and there is some top water action. Bait, as always, is impossible to catch. Bring bait with you.

Watts Bar Lake

Condition: Fair

Notes: Fish near the Kingston Steam Plant in the warmer water. Remember to keep your boat within the buoys where designated in the Fishing Regulations.

Melton Hill Lake

Condition: Fair

Location: Bull Run Steam plant or the Upper Clinch is the place to try with gizzard shad and cut-bait. Top water baits are definitely an option.

FEBRUARY EXPECTATIONS

.Wintertime patterns are expected in all reservoirs as long as the temperature remains well below 50 degrees. Slow catch rates will be on the mid lake and downstream sections. Winter kill off of small bait fish may start to develop as soon as the water temperature drops. The stripers and gulls may occasionally work the surface together. Normally the best fishing is near the large concentration of small baitfish in the main channels, 20 to 40 feet deep. The next few months is when the records have been and will be broken. The steam plants are the premium places to fish until the water warms up in the spring. Skipjack have been the choice bait for most of the past records and trophies; however, the most abundant forage fish will catch the most fish even if they are smaller bait. Planer boards, balloons, sinkers, bottom fishing and artificials all work at the steam plants while the high concentrations of baitfish and all types of game fish are there.

Cory Malabey and a cold 26 lber.



Don Owens and his personal best at Williams Creek



New Member Fred England, fishing with Ezell Cox, caught and released this hog on Norris Lake this past December.



Fred England, Paul Stanifer and son caught and released a triple on Norris Lake while fishing with Ezell Cox



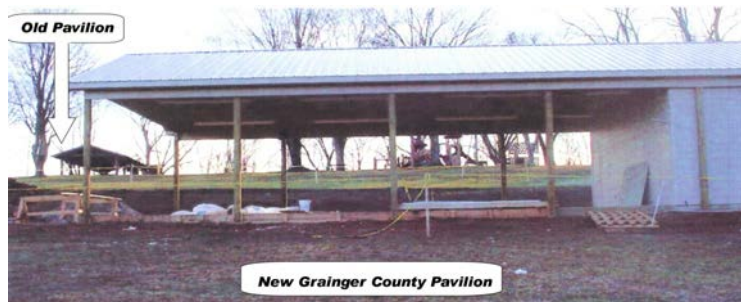
Grainger County Park

As most of you probably know, the TSBA held all of its 2009 outdoor events at the Grainger County Park which is located on the northwest shore of Cherokee lake upstream from the dam. This facility was chosen for the Kid's day, the StriperBowl and the September fish fry due to its location and excellent facilities.

Evidently, this park is quite popular as, in late 2009, they started construction on a second large pavilion which should be done shortly. This pavilion is located between the boat ramp parking lot and the kid's play area as shown in the photo below. One nice feature of this new pavilion is that it has attached restroom facilities. The picnic-table area under the roof is not quite as long as the other pavilion but it's at least 50% wider so it could easily accommodate three rows of picnic tables.

I've been told that you will be able to rent either pavilion or both of them on a first-come, first-served basis. If we are going to use this location again, we should establish dates for our 2010 events as soon as possible and make the necessary reservations.

**Bob
Leach**



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The TSBA meeting agenda was agreed on as follows:

Jan.18 - Keeping bait at home - bring in pictures and drawings of
your home bait tanks to share ideas
Feb.15 – Fishing with plugs – Tim Carter (TBD)
March 15 – Where to find bait and cast net practice/training
April – Bill Carson – Lowrance Depth Finders
May 17 – Fish Hatchery in Clinton
June 19 (this is a Sat.)- On the water how-to (on the lake to be determined)
July 19 –Fish Hatchery in Clinton
Aug 16 – How to evaluate new waters and other tales (Mike Maddelena)
Sept (a Sat to be determined) Fish Fry at Granger Co. Park
Oct 18 – Changing techniques with the seasons – Ezell Cox
Nov 15 – The good old days – Bill Cate and Ezell Cox
Dec 20 – Board of Directors Meeting

Other business:

It was decided that the Club would sponsor a booth at the Fishing Expo in Knoxville in Jan. Keith Shannon will coordinate the effort.

Erik Engebretsen will write a set of rules and etiquette suggestions for the Club web site and post them.

The Striper Bowl will be held at Granger Co Park on May 8 (to be confirmed at the Feb meeting)

Kids Day will be 6/12/2010 at Granger Co Park

Eric Rauch will look into the Club hosting a kids fishing day with Big Brothers/ Big Sisters

Dick Vornehm
Secretary

Starting in January we will be using a new person to assemble and publish the Newsletter. Please e-mail any pictures you want to put in (send anything –we are always glad to have them)to:

erik.engebretsen@chilis.com

We usually put the Newsletter together around the end of the month, but send them any time and we will work them in.



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2010 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.

January 18	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
February 15	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM 'Fishing with Plugs' - Tim Carter
March 15	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM Alan Franklin on Catching and Keeping Bait
April 19	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM Bill Carson from Lowrance
May 17	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM Fish Hatchery Meeting
June 19	Monthly Meeting, at the Lake with Boat/Rigs and Fishing
July 19	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM Fish Hatchery Meeting
August 16	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
September 20	Fish Fry Grainger Park [date to be determined]
October 18	Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM

The TSBA web site has been rebuilt by Keith Shannon. The link to access it is the same [**www.TNStripedBass.com**] but you will need to log in with your real name to register and input your own unique password.

Cory Malabey and his personal best 47 lbs., caught and released to fight another day.



Devon Malabey and a 14 lb. hybrid monster



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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_____

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

P.O. Box 163

Sharps Chapel, TN. 37866

Note: All members must sign and submit this membership application with the 2010 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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Make sure to get your dues for 2010 in as soon as possible and check the calendar for meeting dates in 2010.