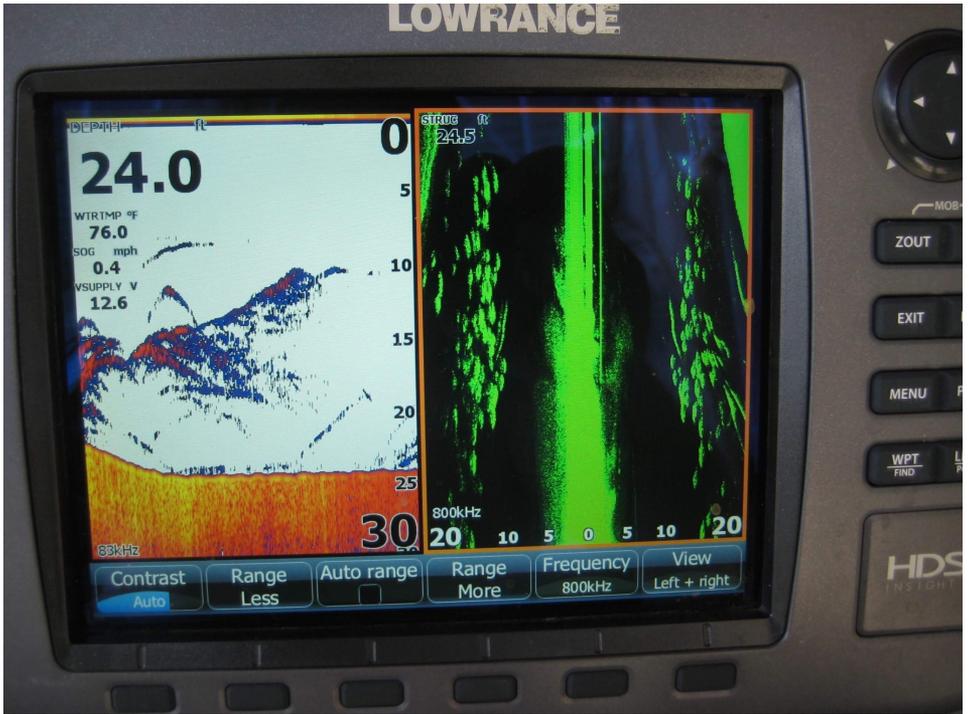
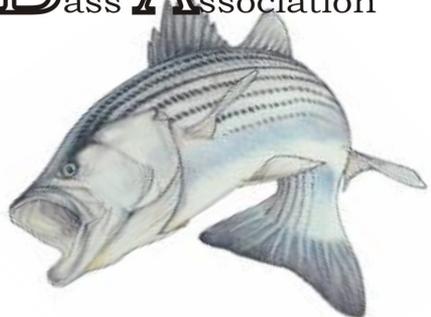


# Tennessee Striped Bass Association

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October 2018



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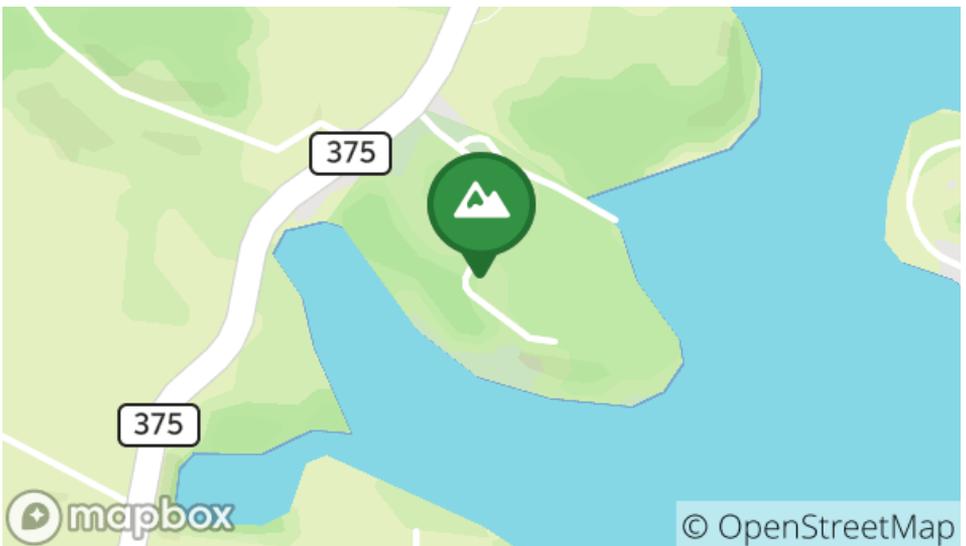
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# Annual TSBA Fish Fry

Please plan to attend our annual TSBA Fish Fry on Oct. 6 at Grainger County Park. We'll eat around 2:00. It's always fun to see folks, especially those from out of town who can't make our meetings.

This year's gathering will feature a cast net contest, door prizes and tackle swap. First prize for the cast net contest is a new 7' radius, 3/8" mesh cast net. Second prize is a bag full of soft drink cans to take to the recycling center. The tackle swap will have lots of seldom used fishing gear folks have collected over the years just raring to be pawned off on some sucker who might actually use it. Door prizes will range from useful to mundane to bizarre. Ain't no tellin' what you might win. So come on down and enjoy an afternoon of camaraderie, food and fun at beautiful Grainger County Park.



Grainger County Park is located off State Highway 375 slightly north of the Highway 92 split by Wa-Ni Village.

# August Meeting

*Highlights From August's Meeting, Submitted by Eric Rauch*

## **MIKE SMITH**

On August 6, Mike Smith came to our TSBA meeting to report on striper/hybrid stocking for 2018. Mike is the Manager of TWRA's Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery in Clinton, TN which is where most of the striper and hybrids stocked in our area's reservoirs are raised. Across the state of Tennessee, some 931,439 striper and hybrids were released by TWRA earlier this summer. Of particular interest to our club were the following stocking results: Norris received 104,000 striper; Cherokee received 54,000 striper and 41,000 hybrids; and Watts Bar received 197,000 striper. Mike noted that over 2 million fry were produced from only 3 males (those bad boys apparently had big smiles on their faces when they were released!). Only 60 days after the spawn, Mike and his crew were able to stock the resulting 2 ½ inch long striper fry in area reservoirs. Unlike other states that release much smaller fry, TWRA has for many years raised their fry to the larger size to improve survival rates.

Mike pointed out that it is important, especially during the summer, to catch your two striper and then call it a day. While it may look like your fish are going down after being released, studies have shown that mortality is extremely high on striper caught in warm water. Most either end up floating or just sink to the bottom on being released.

It's always a pleasure to have Mike attend our meetings. We wouldn't have a sport without Mike and his crew at Eagle Bend!

# September Meeting

*No September Meeting*

# Outlook for current fishing spots

## **CHEROKEE LAKE**

The seasonal migration away from the thermal trap that the larger fish have been surviving in during the late summer months has begun as the lake turnover & mixing is underway. The water quality remained good enough this summer for great survival of the larger stripers. Good dissolved oxygen & temperatures can be found anywhere so the striper / hybrid will head for the most abundant bait. Catch and Release will also be optional. Top water activity can be noticed on the calm mornings. The largest concentration of bait happens in the upper end of the reservoir and the back of major coves & creeks. The gulls will start to arrive by the end of October & other bait-eating birds will help find the game fish until then.

## **NORRIS LAKE**

Water quality remained great all summer, so survival was excellent. Lake turnover & mixing is well underway, so migration of the stripers from deep water around the lower portion (dam end) of the lake has begun. Bait can be seen on the surface along with breaking game fish feeding in it. Stripers can be found around the most abundant bait in the headwaters of major creeks, coves, and rivers. The low water and flow has allowed the stripers to remain scattered much farther upstream than normal this summer. Good Catch and Release practice now becomes optional. The gulls are expected back to help find the fish at the same time the size and creel limits change on November 1.

## **WATTS BAR & MELTON HILL**

Look for the stripers in front of the major coves or where you find the most bait fish and bait-eating birds. Catch and Release works good in the cool water months. The fish in Watts Bar & lower Clinch Watts Bar have contamination warnings so should not be harvested.

— Ezell Cox

# Creel and Size limits

## **CHEROKEE LAKE**

### **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:**

2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

## **NORRIS LAKE**

### **Striped Bass**

April 1–October 31: 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

November 1–March 31: 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

## **WATTS BAR**

### **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:**

April 1–October 31: 2 per day in combination

November 1–March 31: 2 per day in combination, only one may be a striped bass.

### **Striped Bass:**

April 1–October 31: 15 inch minimum length limit.

November 1–March 31: 36 inch minimum length limit

### **Hybrid Striped Bass:**

15 inch minimum length limit

## **MELTON HILL**

### **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:**

2 per day in combination, including Clinch River upstream to Highway 61 bridge in Clinton. 15 inch minimum length limit

### **Striped Bass:**

32–42 inch PLR; only one fish may be over 42 inches

# Trailer Dolly

Northern Tool sells an excellent trailer dolly to aid in moving the boat in and out of the garage. This dolly has a retail price of about \$160 and you can usually find a discount coupon if you go to their website and let them have your email and home address. Since I like DIY projects I decided to save a little money and modify my current two wheel model myself.

**Ultra-Tow Adjustable Trailer Dolly — 800-Lb. Capacity, With Caster**

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I bought the adjustable height two wheel model a couple of years ago and just recently saw the three wheel model in the Northern Tool Catalog. I started with the \$100 model that I bought for \$80 (with coupon) and added a \$14 caster from Harbor Freight. I think the pictures show the details. I only had to drill one hole since I used the existing hole for the support. The standard two wheel model with the adjustable height ball is good for pulling the boat trailer but adding the third wheel really helps when I am pushing the trailer. Even if you pay \$160 for the dolly you will probably think it is a good tool to help prevent back straining.

*Jim Blazier*



# Club Meeting: Speakers for 2018

## **October 6th:**

Club Fish Fry (no regular club meeting) Fish Fry will be at Grainger County Park, October 6th.

## **November 5th:**

Jay Girardot– Umbrella rigs when and how.

## **December 3rd:**

Board of Directors meeting (no regular club meeting)

## Casting Call

## Newsletter Submissions



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- \* Develop a network of "striper friends."
- \* Learn new methods to improve your striped bass fishing effectiveness.
- \* Be able to call officers for fishing reports.
- \* Be able to attend monthly meetings with informative programs.
- \* Have access to all areas of the TSBA web page.

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