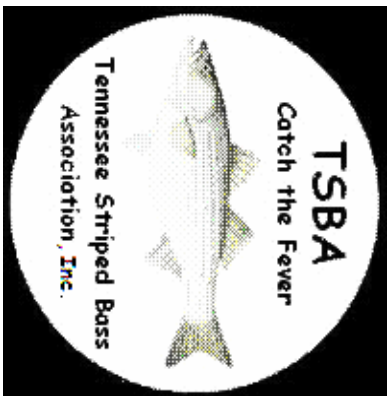
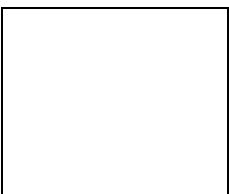


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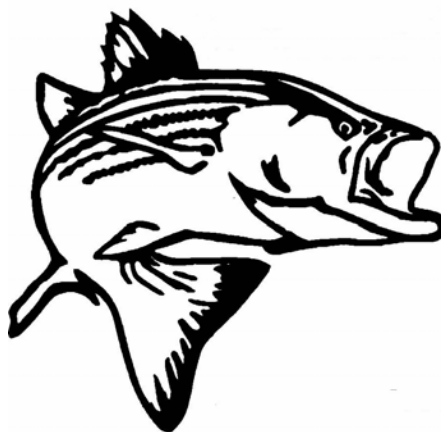
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**June
2009**

Save the Date

Saturday, June 13

**Kids Fishing Day Cherokee Lake
Grainger County Park
Pavilion**

Sunday, September 20

**Fish Fry, Granger County Park Pavilion
on Cherokee Lake**

President's Letter

By the time you receive your newsletter, the Kid's Fishing Day will have passed, if you missed it, make plans now to attend the fish fry in September. Grainger County Park is an excellent venue for this with plenty of cover and a large amount of space for the kids to run a round.

I want to give you an update on the web site. It seems as if the site has been infected by a virus that we have no cure for. All of the reports that were on the site have been lost forever. I want to give a huge thank you to Keith Shannon for volunteering to build us another site that will be a little more up to date. We have learned a few lessons with the loss of our current site that we plan on correcting as we move forward. I believe the new site is targeted for completion around August. Keith has been gracious with donating his time to build this as it has cut into his fishing time. Once this is completed, please be sure to pass on your thanks to Keith or make him an offer to take him fishing to make up for some of his lost time on the water.

I wanted to remind everyone of our speaker for August. Umbrella rig fishing has really taken off in Tennessee. Mac Farr is a guide on Lake Lanier in Georgia who specializes in using these rigs and building them. He will be there to discuss his strategies on using these rigs and probably will have some merchandise to sell if you are interested. Mac gives a great presentation and you will not want to miss this one!

One more reminder that open fishing days will start in June. John Butler has done a nice job organizing these events. Quite a few people have asked for these to return so we have a better chance of meeting fellow club members and learning new tips and techniques for fishing. It would be nice to have great participation for these events from some of us that have been around awhile to help the newer anglers hone their skills. Your participation would also be appreciated just to make some new friends. I hope to see everyone at some of these events.

Tight lines and see you on the water,

Erik Engebretsen

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

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* 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.

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Referred By: _____

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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)

(Date)

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Minutes of the May Meeting

The Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc. met on May 18, 2009 at the TWRA Fish Hatchery in Clinton, TN. The Club supplied pizza and drinks for a group of about 28 people. We ate and visited from around 6:00pm to 7:00pm and then had our monthly meeting.

The speaker for the evening was Mike Smith. He is the manager of the Clinton Hatchery and is a huge source of information on striper habits and culture. This meeting is intended to correspond with the hatching of striper fry and we can usually see brood stock fish and fry in the tanks. Mother nature conspired against us this year. There were no stripers. They had just finished a run of walleye and sauger and were going the next day to get their second round of striper brood fish.

The hatchery is the primary East Tennessee source for stocked fish. They raise at least 10 species. Some they release in our area and some they trade to other states for additional species. (They recently traded some extra striper fry to Kentucky for 1500 10" muskie to put in Melton Hill.)

From their earlier striper hatching, they have 4 outside ponds with stripers and 4 ponds with hybrids. They would like to have an additional 5 ponds by the end of this upcoming run. It takes about 60 days to raise a fry to 2 1/2" length preferred for stocking. In our local area they intend to put 100,000 stripers in Norris, 100,000 stripers in Watts Bar and 85,000 hybrids in Cherokee. They are concentrating on stocking the river headwaters in order to promote a springtime river spawning run. So far this year they have raised a total of 6 million fry across all species. They hope to end the year at 10 million total fry.

Mike talked a little about the differences in the lakes around us. This is part of why striper fishing is so interesting. He said: if you pour a bucket of water in the headwaters of Norris it will take 240 days for that water to get to the dam. If you pour a bucket into Watts Bar below Ft. Loudon Dam it will take 2 or 3 days to get to the dam at Spring City. Melton Hill is essentially a cold quick flowing river. The fish will respond to seasonal and weather pattern changes differently in each system. What is working on Norris may not apply somewhere else.

OTHER BUISNESS

We are going to have our first open fishing day on May 30. (I know this has already past but I want you to know that it has happened and we will do it again.) Anyone wanting to fish can bring their boat and fish with someone new or come without a boat and fish in someone else's.

It was suggested that at the Fish Fry this year anyone with fishing tackle, boat parts, trailer parts or any other related stuff, new or used, they want to sell should bring it and we will have a fishing stuff flea market before the meal.

Dick Vornheim,

Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery

Mike Smith of TWRA shows us where our favorite fish are born.



TSBA members enjoy fellowship and share information at the Fish Hatchery. Mark your calendar to make the July meeting at Eagle Bend.



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2009 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.

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| June 13 | Kids' Fishing Day - Grainger County Park-Cherokee |
| June 15 | Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM |
| July 20 | Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
at Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery |
| August 17 | Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM |
| September 20 | TSBA Fish Fry - Grainger County Park-Cherokee |
| October 19 | Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
- Nominations for Directors and Officers |
| November 16 | Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
- Election of Directors and Officers |
| December 21 | Board of Directors Meeting
- Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7PM |



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Norris Dam

The pictures below are courtesy of Doug Steffe. All the rain we received this spring has broken the drought and raised the water levels throughout East Tennessee. These pictures were taken 5/12/09 while the lake was about 4 feet above full pool..



JUNE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What are details of your cast net used for gizzard shad; brand, size and mesh size? Where do you purchase your nets?

Brand

Memphis Net & Twine	14
Betts	8
Super Spreader	2
Old Salt	1
Not Branded	2

Size

7'	7
6'	4
10'	3
8'	2

Mesh Size

5/8"	8
3/8"	8
1/2"	1

Purchased From

Memphis Net	9
Friendly Club Member	7
Bass Pro Shops	4
Betts	1
Wal-mart	1
Gander Mountain	1
Boater's World	1
Other	3

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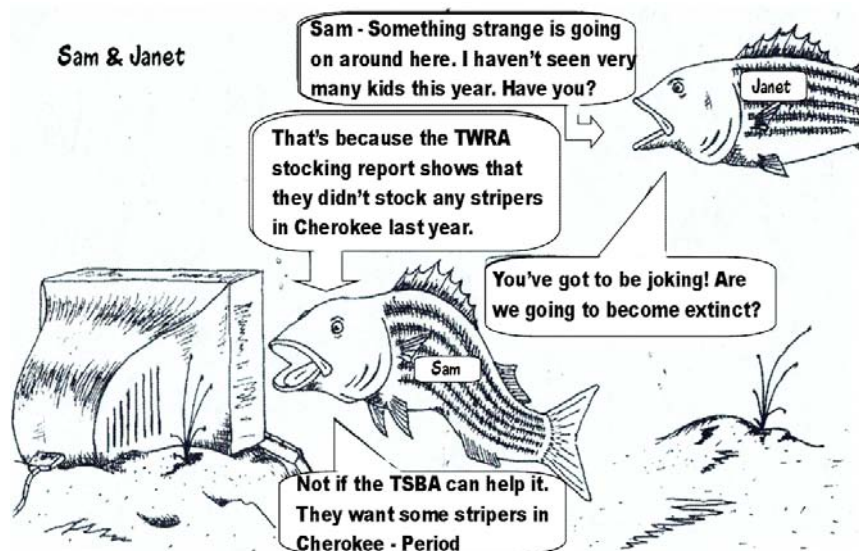
PFDs Below The Dams – A US Coast Guard approved PFD must be worn by each person in a boat being operated within specifically-designated areas below dams. While some types of inflatables are approved for use below dams, you should be aware of the fact that inflatables are much slower to inflate in cold water. Also, if you are considering an inflatable PFD that is in a bag around your waist, please note that it will be much more difficult to get this device around your head while you are floundering in the rapid current – specifically if you bumped your head when you went overboard.

Sound Signaling Device – All boats are required to have some means of making an “Effective Sound Signal”. Whistles, air horns and bells are common examples.

Lights – All boats operated between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility are required to display the appropriate lights. These should have been standard equipment on any boat purchased from a dealer. The most common lighting for a fishing-type boat operating at night is a combo light with red on the left side and right on the right when facing the boat. Each displays a 120 degree light pattern that’s visible for one mile. Also, a white light, visible for two miles, must be displayed where it can best be seen. Only the white light is required if the boat is anchored.

In addition to the above, the best advice is to use common sense and remind yourself that the most important aspect of the trip is that no one gets hurt. The second thing is that everyone has a good time. Both of these goals can be achieved with a little effort. Use your head and don’t do anything that you’ll regret for the rest of your life.

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Fishing Hot Spots



Cherokee Lake - Good

Stripers will not go back well in July. Catch your limit and quit. Released fish will not survive for the most part. Hybrids are more tolerant of the warm water and can often be caught in schools in shallow water. They can also be released normally without mortality. The no fishing zone is in effect again starting July 15. The humps and islands near the dam up to Point #21 normally become excellent.

Norris Lake - Fair

Point #26 on the Clinch and Point #14 on the Powell to the dam. Most of the stripers will move into the main channel out of the shallow warm coves. Down lines and downriggers work well over marked fish.

Below Fort Loudoun & Melton Hill Dams - Good & Improving

The law is you must wear your life jacket in these dangerous waters. Put your sinker and hook close to the bottom with plans to lose a few for the most catches. Pulling side planer boards down the banks can also catch fish for miles downstream

Accidents – All accidents involving property damage in excess of \$2000 (to one boat or both) must be reported to the TWRA within ten days of the incident. Immediate notification of any boating accident involving death, disappearance, or serious injury must be made to the TWRA and an accident report must be filed within 48 hours. These forms are available online at www.tnwildlife.org. Giving assistance is required as long as such action will not endanger the operator, any passengers or the vessel.

Guides – Before a person can carry persons for hire on the navigable waters of the United States, an appropriate license must be obtained from the Coast Guard

No Wake Zones – All boats operating within 300 feet of a commercial boat dock or any other area marked as a “No Wake” zone must do so at a slow “No Wake” speed. “No Wake” is defined as a boat traveling at or below idle speed.

Personal Flotation Devices or PFDs

* All children 12 years of age or under are required to wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD if the boat is under way. This is not required if the boat is anchored, moored or aground.

*You must have one wearable PFD, of the appropriate size, on board for each person in the boat or being towed.

* Each PFD must be readily available and it must not be hidden below deck or stored in plastic bags. They should be worn or close at hand where they can be reached quickly in an emergency.

*Each PFD must be US Coast Guard approved and bear the approval label or stamp

*Each PFD must be in good condition and be of the appropriate size for the person intended to wear it. The straps must be firmly attached and there must not be any rips, tears or holes which would affect its operating efficiency.

*Ski belts are not on the list of approved flotation devices

*All boats 16' or longer (except canoes and kayaks) must be equipped with one “Type IV” throwable PFD in case someone falls overboard. Common devices are cushions and rings. These devices are not designed to be worn.

*Some inflatable PFD devices are acceptable to wear provided they are US Coast Guard approved. All “Type V” devices must be worn to be legal. These devices are not approved for persons under 16 years of age unless it's specifically stated on the label. Also, routine maintenance is required

Boating & Fishing Safety 2009

Spring and warm weather are finally upon us and most of you have come out of your winter cocoons and started fishing for your favorite quarry – the striped and hybrid bass. This is the favorite time of the year for many anglers as the weather is great and so is the fishing. However, there is much to do to prepare for the upcoming outdoor fishing activities. One important item not to overlook is to be sure that you are up-to-date on the latest fishing regulations and safe boating practices. The following is a short summary of the various rules and regulations which all of you should know for both your safety and the safety of your passengers.

BUI – It is unlawful for anyone to operate a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The legal blood-alcohol limit in Tennessee is 0.08 which is the same as it is for driving a motor vehicle. Also, you should be aware of the fact that all persons operating a boat have given their “Implied Consent” for a sobriety test. State law requires that blood-alcohol levels be determined for all operators involved in an accident where death or serious injury occurs. Don’t drink and drive a boat, car or a truck.

Young Operators – Persons under the age of twelve years of age may not operate a powered boat of more than 8.5 hp unless accompanied by an adult who can take immediate control of the boat. All persons born after January 01, 1989 must have in their possession a TWRA-issued card showing proof of successful completion of the TWRA-approved boating safety exam if operating the boat alone. If the accompanying adult was born after January 01, 1989 then he/she must have the boating safety certificate onboard.

Reckless Operation – Reckless operation of a boat is defined as any act which endangers life, limb or property. Here are some examples of this very serious violation.

- * Operating a boat in a swimming area
- * Riding on seat backs, gunwales, transoms or pedestal seats above idle speed
- * Excessive speed in a crowded or congested area or during restricted visibility
- * Operating an overloaded boat

Owner’s Responsibility – The owner of a boat may be responsible for any injury or damage done by his or her boat whether or not they are present. This does not hold true if the boat is used without the owner’s consent.

July Expectations

The migration downstream toward the dam has started in the reservoirs. The stripers will be a little easier to locate as the temperature in the coves and creeks pushes them into the deeper, cooler main channel. The thermocline will continue to get deeper with the fish staying just below it, and surface feeding in the reservoirs is over until October. A good topographical map now becomes a great fishing tool. The tailraces will continue to improve. They will be a good place to find some action while also still allowing successful catch and release in the hot summer. Working the “boils” will become very effective in July. It is your life and money, so remember to wear your life jacket at the dams. It is the law also.

June 15th Speaker

**Allan Franklin
“Fishing the Boils”**

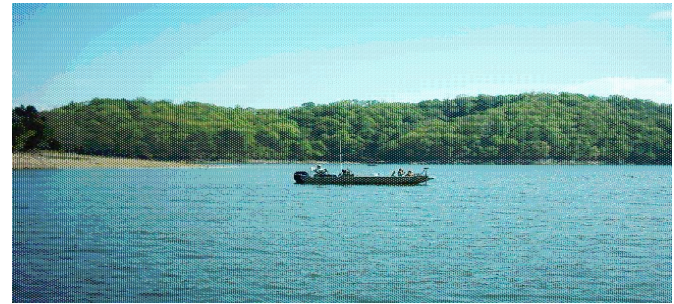
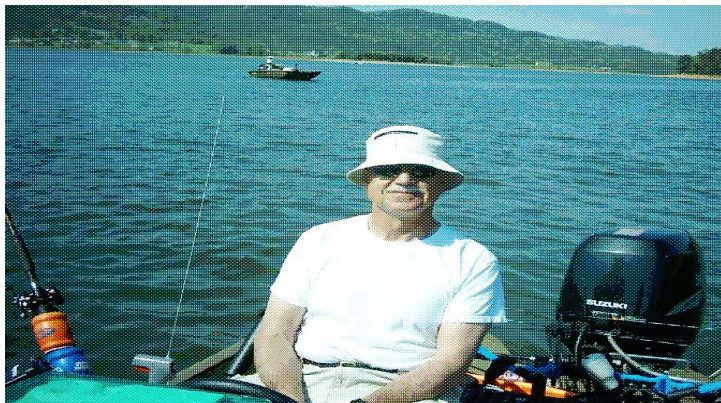
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July 20 Meeting @ Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery

**August 17 Meeting @ Clinton Shoney’s—
Speaker Mac Farr on “Umbrella Rigs”**

April Striper Bowl

Here are some more pictures from the Striper Bowl, courtesy of Janine Johnson. To fully appreciate the beauty of our lakes, these pictures are best viewed on a computer. **Contact Doug Steffe to sign up for receiving the newsletter via e mail.**



Useful Web Site

I'm sure everyone has their favorite fishing knot. But if you want to see some great animation on how to tie other fishing knots, check out this public site.

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