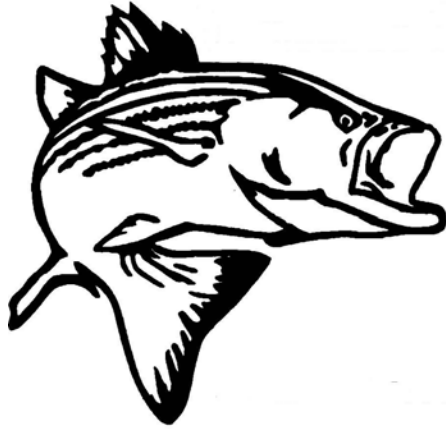


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***Tennessee
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**November
2009**

George Good on the Cumberland River



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello,

Well as the year winds down, we are getting ready to plan for 2010. At our next meeting we will be voting on our new Officers and Board of Directors. At the December meeting, we will be planning for our meetings and events in 2010. There are a few things that I wanted to accomplish this year that we were not able make happen. Taking kids fishing from the Boys and Girls Club, having a lake clean up day, and a better way to get members together for open fishing days are 3 things we will try to have a better strategy for in the up coming year. I encourage you to come to the next couple of meetings and share your ideas for meeting topics and events you would like to see happen next year. If you can't attend, please e-mail me with your ideas of what you would like discussed at meetings or events you would like to see scheduled.

Lastly, I would like to give thanks to Ezell Cox for his passion and hard work behind the scene to help protect our Striper Fishery in East Tennessee. Ezell has spent numerous hours over the last few months writing letters, and on the phone with TWRA to get us the correct amount of Stripers stocked in Cherokee. Not only is he a pretty good fisherman, but a great negotiator as well. Ezell, we appreciate your efforts!

Tight lines and see you on the water!

Erik

*As in the past, there will not be a Newsletter in December.
The 2010 Dues/Membership form is available..*

OCTOBER 2009 QUESTION OF THE MONTH

HOW CAN WE IMPROVE THE FISH FRY?

One person wrote that the event is perfect, but I still think we can find a few subtle ways to make it better. Currently there is a thread on the "GENERAL DISCUSSION" section of the new website that will let members vote on which day they would like to have the 2010 FISH FRY, Saturday or Sunday. Each TSBA member that has registered on our website can vote on this poll. Please vote and share your opinion with the entire club. This is a secret vote, every registered member can only vote once but can change his or her vote if they chose in the future. As of 10/21/09 the vote was Saturday (4) and Sunday (1).

I will make a couple of suggestions for the membership to consider.

#1 If we had at least two people volunteer to be photographers this would enable them to capture pictures from different angles. One of the nice things I have learned about using digital cameras is that I might take 100 pictures and only keep the best 20-40, or less some times. It is nice to not have to be selective like we used to do with film cameras so shoot a lot of pictures and be selective after you shoot a bunch.

#2 We used to cook hot dogs for the kids. Nothing complicated, just grill the dogs and have buns, mustard, ketchup and maybe relish available. If we had a volunteer to do the grilling and setup this might be popular with the kids.

I'm sure that if we all think about past FISH FRY events we could all think about something that could be done a little differently. The thread about how to improve the 2010 FISH FRY will stay on the Fishing Reports Forum for some time so please post your comments or suggestions.

Minutes of the October Meeting

The Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc. met at the Clinton Shoney's (I-75 exit 122) at 7:00 pm on October, 19, 2009. There were the usual order-what-you-want dinner and discussions from around 6:00 to 7:00pm. There were 21 people in attendance.

Bob Leach told us that Granger County Park where we had this year's Fish Fry was building a new pavilion. It appears to be about 50% larger and will have restrooms. It looks like we will have a nice location for next year's Fish Fry.

The discussion for the meeting was presented by Ezell Cox. He announced that the TWRA had reconsidered their position on stocking stripers in Cherokee Lake and will be putting some in for at least the next several years. Historically TWRA has put around 75,000 hybrids and 75,000 stripers into Cherokee. For 2008 and 2009, they put in 85,000 hybrids each year and no stripers. The logic was that hybrids did much better in the lake than stripers and they were going to let it become a hybrid only lake. There was considerable objection to that plan. Some of it based on emotion, some on the fear that it would increase the fishing pressure on the remaining lakes with a good steeper population and some on the desire to be able to have at least the possibility of catching a good steeper on Cherokee. The TWRA has considered our concerns and has modified their policy. For 2010 they will stock 150,000 hybrids and 20,000 stripers with the possibility of adding an additional 25,000 hybrids if they are available.

There was then a general discussion period covering tips and hints led by Ezell. Here are some of the points covered:

- It is about the time of year to watch for gulls feeding in groups on the surface. As the water cools in the fall, bait fish move from the cooling shallow water to more open water. Schools of stripers will push them to the surface to feed and that attracts flocks of feeding gulls. It is a good time for u-rigs under flocks of diving gulls.
- If you are fishing downlines or pulling boards put out one line with 17 pulls of line (about 35 ft) and 3 split shot. It works.
- If you are over a nonrocky bottom and there are fish on the bottom that won't hit, put on a barrel sinker and bait, let it drop to the bottom and rip it up as high as you can lift.
- If you are over fish that won't hit, try chumming. Take some shad, let them die and or almost die and dump them in. It can sometimes start an immediate and widespread feeding frenzy.

October is the month we nominate the new members for the Board of Directors and Club officers for the upcoming year. There will be 3 opening positions on the Board and the nominees were:

Todd Asher
Eric Rauch
Cory Malabey

The officers all agreed to serve for another year. They will be:

President –Erik Engebretsen
Vice president- Jim Blazier
Treasurer – Doug Steffe
Secretary – Dick Vornehm

This slate of Directors and Officers will be voted on at the November meeting

For the November meeting we would like to have an open general discussion of how you plan to fish for the rest of the year and early next year. (Where, how, with what). Bring things for show and tell if you want and let's see if we can all help each other have a great end of the year and learn and try a few new things. This is really the point of the club and we probably don't do something like this often enough. I have noticed in discussions before or after meetings when one person opens up a little then someone else adds something and pretty soon some valuable information gets shared. You don't have to share your number one best secret spot, but there are probable a lot of things you have done for years and think are common knowledge but to someone else it would be new.

Dick Vornehm

November 16th Meeting

Speaker: Member Discussions on Winter Fishing

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

December 21st Board of Directors' Meeting

Jason Pickens with a 35#



Wes Adams Monster Striper



Kyle Rutherford, Jr. and Sr., with nice Norris Stripers



Ben Clift



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.

Creel Limit Changes: Effective 11/1 thru 3/31 the limit is one fish up to 36 inches on Norris, Boone and Watts Bar.

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.

Remember umbrella rigs when you find concentrations of gulls.

John Harmerling, new TSBA member, with a nice 41 inch September Striper



Corey Maleby's 28 #



21# caught with Corey



19# caught with Corey



Eric Rauch with a nice Norris Striper



Corey Maleby and a 35#



Bill Brown with a 40

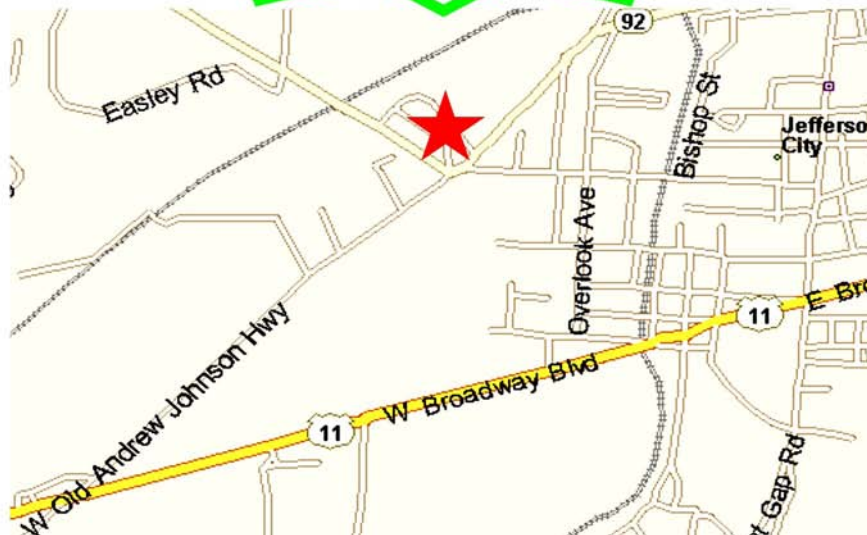


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2009 TSBA Calendar

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.

- 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
- January 18 Monthly Meeting @ Shoney's

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Todd Asher with 17#

Joe Asher with a 29# on
the same trip



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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.

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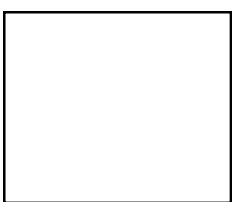
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**November 16 Meeting at Shoney's
Officer and Board Member Elections**