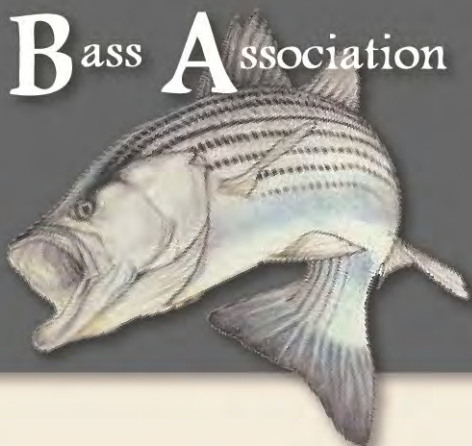


# Tennessee Striped Bass Association

**GET HOOKED!** }  
October 2013



} *Greg Dee,  
with his new personal best*

# Letter from the Prez

*Greetings Fishing Friends,*

*The Fall fishing season has arrived. This last month, East TN lakes and rivers have had an aggressive drop and flows. TVA has been trying to get back to their target lake levels after our above average spring and summer rain falls. The water movement has been good for our fishing, causing schooling and feeding activity. The water temps have been dropping and mixing allowing surface activity, another way of locating the fish.*

*October is a wonderful month to be out on the water. The fish are moving from the deep waters of the lakes to the shallow head waters of creeks and rivers. Planer boards, one of my favorite methods of live bait fishing, become effective. The waterways will have less traffic and the scenery will become the best of the year. Seeing the fall colors of the trees reflecting on the water is a spectacular bonus, along with the heart pounding excitement of a fish blowing up on surface bait.*

*The September Fish Fry was another fun event for TSBAers. I hope you attended, and if not, enjoy the pictures included in this newsletter and at [http://tnstripedbass.com/index.php/nggallery/fish-frys/fish-fry-2013?page\\_id=599/](http://tnstripedbass.com/index.php/nggallery/fish-frys/fish-fry-2013?page_id=599/). The fish fry event was our September meeting, so please make note that the next meeting at Bass Pro will be on October 21.*

*I am hoping the fall season will be enjoyed by all that can find the time and motivations to get out there and GO Fishing!*

**—— Doug Steffe, TSBA President**

# Fishing Regulations

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## LOOK FOR THE NEW REGULATIONS FOR 2013 FISHING SEASON ON UNBRELLA RIGS

New fishing licenses are required to fish starting each March 1<sup>st</sup>. It is each fisherman's responsibility to know the rules and stay legal. NO FISHING ZONE runs July 15<sup>th</sup> until September 15<sup>th</sup> on Cherokee Lake. Changes are normal in the management of our fishing each year, and those changes become effective on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Each body of water may have exceptions you need to be aware of before exposing yourself to a fine. There are some seasonal striped bass CREEL AND SIZE limit changes that take place April 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. Go online to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) or pick up a 2013 Fishing Regulations book at sporting stores or TWRA offices. Wearing life preservers are required below the dams and a good habit anytime on the water for personal safety.

— Ezell Cox

## Fall to Early Winter Fishing Expectations

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Lake mixing and turnover is complete with no significant thermocline by around the first of November. October is a transition month with much striper migration to bait fish sources on the upper end of reservoirs & major shallow coves. Top water action is common, with catch and release almost always successful with the temperature dropping into the 50's. Gulls start to show up around the first part of November to help locate the bait and stripers. Get the planer boards & umbrella rigs out.

A great way to find the right places to look for fish is from past history. Look at the last few years of information available on fishing websites, articles, pictures, and magazines. Many times the best clue is to find the largest baitfish concentrations that will seek out the warmest most stable temperatures with nutrient rich water that is normally murky.

— Ezell Cox

# Scenes from the TSBA Fish Fry Grainger County Park September 21, 2013

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## Fish On!



## Cast Net Competition



*Lloyd Mallone (3rd), Dennis Bryant (1st), & Eddie Dills (2nd)*



# TSBA Members' Photo Page



*Cody Reinitz*



*Ezell Cox*

Would you like to see your fishing pictures in our newsletter?  
Send them to [jeneddie@comcast.net](mailto:jeneddie@comcast.net).





DARRELL GROSS AND Jack Higday landed these hefty striped bass to win the Norris Lake Striper Club Tournament held last weekend on Norris Lake.

*A highlight from the archives*

## **2013 TSBA Calendar**

Please join us at TSBA meetings and events. Monthly meetings are held the third Monday of the month at the ***Bass Pro Shops (Kodak/Sevierville), 3629 Outdoor Sportsmans Place, Kodak, TN. Exit 407 off TN I-40.***

**October 21** Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Bill Carson

Topic: Humminbird Fish Finders

**November 18** Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Striper Fishing Tackle

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# Hot Spots

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## **CHEROKEE LAKE**

***(NO FISHING ZONE in effect July 15<sup>TH</sup> until September 15<sup>TH</sup>)***

Catch and release is now possible with good dissolved oxygen at all depths.

[http://www.tnfish.org/WaterQualitySampling\\_TWRA/files/CherokeeReservoirWaterQualityProfileSeptember2013\\_TWRA\\_Negus.pdf](http://www.tnfish.org/WaterQualitySampling_TWRA/files/CherokeeReservoirWaterQualityProfileSeptember2013_TWRA_Negus.pdf)

Top water action is often good, so keep something to cast handy. Stripers/hybrids can migrate to any part of the lake with the temperature and oxygen comfortable everywhere, so look for large concentrations of bait fish, herons, gulls, or breaking fish. Some of the best action is often upstream of the 25E Bridge in the huge schools of bait.

## **NORRIS LAKE**

Catch and release is now possible as the stratified water begins to homogenize top to bottom.

[http://www.tnfish.org/WaterQualitySampling\\_TWRA/files/NorrisLakeWaterQualityProfilesSeptember2013\\_TWRA\\_Negus.pdf](http://www.tnfish.org/WaterQualitySampling_TWRA/files/NorrisLakeWaterQualityProfilesSeptember2013_TWRA_Negus.pdf)

SIZE (36 INCH) AND CREEL LIMIT (ONE) in effect on NORRIS November 1<sup>ST</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Best fishing can be found mid lake and upstream around the large coves & creeks with bait fish abundant. Top water action can be good early mornings & late evenings so take something to cast.

## **WATTS BAR & MELTON HILL**

SIZE (36 INCH) AND CREEL LIMIT (ONE) in effect on Watts Bar November 1<sup>ST</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Look for the stripers in front of the major coves or where you find the most bait fish and bait eating birds. Pulling side planner boards down the banks or casting can catch some of the trophy stripers Watts Bar is known for. Catch and release works good. The fish in Watts Bar & lower Clinch Watts Bar have contamination warnings so should not be harvested.

—— *Ezell Cox*

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## **2013 Meeting Links**

### ***February Meeting Link***

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNz56Jq2VIO&feature=youtu.be>**

Speaker: Todd Asher

Topic: Skipjack Catching and Keeping

### ***March Meeting Link***

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAi3OyUgEyQ>**

Speaker: Tom Blackburn

Topic: Trolling for Striper

### ***April Meeting Link***

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWjsmfzX2Jg&feature=youtu.be>**

Speaker: Keith Shannon

Topic: Catching and Keeping Bait

### ***May Meeting Link***

**[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S\\_-svAvk ... e=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_-svAvk...e=youtu.be)**

Speaker: Mike Smith

Topic: Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery

### ***June Meeting Link***

**[http://youtu.be/IMO\\_JqgbIZA](http://youtu.be/IMO_JqgbIZA)**

Speaker: Alan Colette

Topic: Artificial Baits

### ***July Meeting Link***

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXVpvEsv5mY&feature=youtu.be>**

Speaker: Mike Smith

Topic: TWRA Striper Stocking Summary

### ***August Meeting***

Speaker: Jim Farmer of **[Cast Away Bait & Tackle](#)**

Topic: Trolling for Stripers

For more information on what was discussed, please check out his blog post at **<http://castawayblog.com/2012/06/17/crib-notes-for-striper-trolling/>**.

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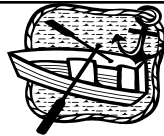
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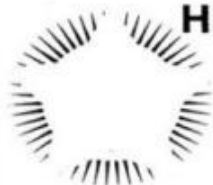
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- \* You'll develop a network of "striper friends."
- \* You'll learn new methods to improve your striped bass fishing effectiveness.
- \* You'll be able to call officers for fishing reports.
- \* You'll be able to attend monthly meetings with informative programs.
- \* You'll have access to all areas of the TSBA web page.

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***Enclose a check for \$20.00***

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The TSBA is a non-profit corporation that supports TWRA and its Striped Bass and 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 and share our knowledge with fellow Striped Bass anglers.

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**TSBA Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, October 21, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m.**