

Tennessee Striped Bass Association

Get Hooked !

May 2015



Monthly Meeting Third TUESDAY at
Puleo's Grill, 110 Cedar Lane off Merchants Rd. at I - 75

TSBA web site <http://tnstripedbass.com/> for the latest news.

TSBA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It is so nice to have winter behind us. Water levels are up in the tributary reservoirs and it shouldn't be too long before the stripers become more predictable.

Professor Keith Shannon gave us an excellent presentation on bait tank chemistry at our last meeting. Keith has made a similar presentation before but we all had an opportunity to learn something new that will help us keep bait longer and livelier, so that our time on the water is more productive. Allan Franklin will be our next speaker. His topic is where and how to catch bait. Weather permitting, he will also demonstrate how to throw a cast net. If you want an opportunity to learn from one of the best, be sure to come to that meeting.

We have not yet settled on a speaker for our November meeting. If there is a subject that you would like to have covered, please let one of your officers or Board members know. We want the topics to be meaningful to our membership and need to hear from you to do that.

Our first tournament of 2015 was held on April 25th on Norris. Water levels precluded us from using the ramps at Hickory Star, so the participants launched from Beach Island Marina. That's a good location if the TWRA ramp above 33 Bridge is loaded with bass tournament boats. I had some problems with the 4-wheel drive on my truck, but we were still able to get in and out. Those of us who participated had a great time, in spite of a bit of rain early. Fishing in our tournaments is a good way to get to know other club members better and to learn from each other. Try to make the next one if your schedule permits. By the way, I want to thank Mel Cook for providing us bait for the tourney. It sure made my job as a boater much easier.

Our next meeting will be at Puleo's Grill (110 Cedar Ln, just east of the I-75/Merchants Rd. exit) on May 19, with dinner at 6 pm and the meeting at 7 pm. Try to join us if possible.

TSBA Fishing Tournaments 2015

Coordinators: Eddie Dills 865 296 3743

Larry Nowell 865 898 9273

April 25	Hickory Star, on Norris Lake
May 23	Grainger County Park, Cherokee Lake
July 25	Watts Bar
Sept. 19	Cherokee Lake
Nov. 21	Norris Lake

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TSBA Tournament

April 25

We launched out of Beach Island around 7:00 am. Word on the dock was Lone Mountain, with the forecast for rain it seemed like a long way to go. Eddie ran a zig-zag course trying to avoid all the logs as we headed upstream. By the time we got to Bear Creek it was raining but the fish were active. Despite the wet start we had a fun time fishing with friends.

Thanks to Mel we all had good bait. Thanks Mel

Steve went to his secret spot (The windmill) and found a few fish ready to play, then the radio went quiet everyone over there must have been enjoying the sandwiches they had, (the rest of us were left to starve)



1st. Place... Captain Eddie Dills, Randy Jackson, Bob Biscay

A nice 31.5" and a 24" fish



2nd. Place... Captain Steve Nichols, Ron Gabler, Larry Scott

A nice pair of 25" fish



3rd. Place... Captain Eric Rauch, Larry Nowell, John May

1st. Place for the most brown fish

The Shelter Animals Rescue Group is a non profit organization dedicated to the rescue, fostering and adoption of shelter animals. TSBA made a donation of \$50.00 to SARG for their annual Paws for Life fundraiser. They had a sold out event and raised over \$15,000. My wife is on the SARG board, their members put together over 100 gift baskets for the silent auction. They wanted to put together a father / son fishing basket. My wife matched our donation and they came up with nice basket, it sold for \$120.00 <http://shelteranimalsrescue.org/index.html>. Thanks Ron ! For your donation



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Tournament Standings 2015

#	Name	April. 25	May. 23	July. 18	Sept. 19	Nov. 21	Totals
1	Eddie Dills	100 + 5					105
2	Randy Jackson	100 + 5					105
3	Bob Biscay	100 + 5					105
4	Steve Nichols	95 + 5					100
5	Ron Gabler	95 + 5					100
6	Larry Scott	95 + 5					100
7	Eric Rauch	0 + 5					5
8	Larry Nowell	0 + 5					5
9	John May	0 + 5					5
10							
11							



Members Photos



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2015 Meeting links

January Ezell Cox and Mel Cook Topic; Bait Tanks

<http://youtu.be/HG9x7CWEQ-Y>

March Jay Girardot and Doug Steffe Topic; Umbrella Rigs

<http://youtu.be/hJpt-ZCNBNY>

April Keith Shannon Topic; Keeping bait alive/ bait tanks

<http://youtu.be/l-gjExqDQQE>



United States Coast Guard Safety

Many folks spend time on the water for enjoyment and relaxation. Subsequently, our Tennessee waterways see more vessel traffic each year. With the increase of recreational boating, the focus has become boating safety. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in Eastern Tennessee is committed to helping those who use motor, sailing or personal water craft learn safety procedures that will save lives, prevent accidents and even help reduce the cost of your boater's insurance. Some examples of the Coast Guard Auxiliary public service include life jacket loaner programs that allow boaters to temporarily borrow life jackets free of charge for their guests, boating safety classes that can reduce the cost of your yearly boat insurance and vessel inspections by a certified inspector (without cost to you) to ensure your vessel meets all the equipment and safety requirements. Vessels meeting those requirements will receive a USCG safety inspection decal that will be displayed on the owner's watercraft. Our classes begin in February and will end in October 2015.

Classes can be accessed by going to our website at:

<http://www.flotilla-12-2-tellico-village.blogspot.com/>

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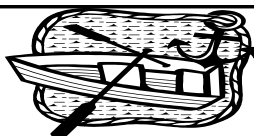
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- * You'll develop a network of "striper friends."
- * You'll learn new methods to improve your striped bass fishing effectiveness.
- * You'll be able to call officers for fishing reports.
- * You'll be able to attend monthly meetings with informative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

Your Name _____

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Address _____

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Phone(_____) _____ # of minor children in family _____

Referred By: _____

Please provide an e-mail address to receive the monthly newsletter:

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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

Simplified Renewal Note: Returning members with no changes to their contact information are not required to fill out the application. Just send a \$20 check to the address above. Be sure to include the member's name on the check. When you send in your check, please provide TSBA with an email address where we can send your club newsletter. 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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