

# Tennessee Striped Bass Association

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August 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

Just a few months ago I was looking forward to summer. It's finally here with the infamous east Tennessee heat and humidity. My wife and I recently spent a few weeks traveling up the California coast, with some side trips to a few national parks. One that we'd never visited before is Joshua Tree NP, which is southeast of LA. It's in the Mohave and Colorado Deserts. It actually got hotter there than we've had so far in TN, but as you probably have heard the humidity there is amazingly low. I've felt much hotter working in the yard here at home than when we were there with triple digit temps.

Remember that we're awarding prizes for contributors to the newsletter and our fishing forum. Details are in the TSBA forum and previous newsletters.

Mike (Stump) Smith of TWRA will speak at our August 18 meeting. Mike will share with us the results of the 2015 stocking program for stripers, hybrids and other species of interest in area lakes. He is one of the main reasons that we have the striper fisheries we have here in east Tennessee. Come hear what he has to offer us.

On July 25th we held our Watts Bar tournament. We had ten members participate. All the boats caught fish and everyone had a great time. There are still two more tourneys this year. Try to come if at all possible. It's a great way to get to know more members, as well as learn and share information about striper fishing.

On Saturday, Sept. 26 we will hold the annual TSBA Fish Fry at Granger County. We'll finalize plans for the event at our August meeting. If you'd be willing to help, please give me a call. We always have great participation at the fish fry, so block the day with your family and have some fun with us.

Our next meeting will be at Puleo's Grill (110 Cedar Ln, just east of the I-75/Merchants Rd. exit) on August 18, with dinner at 6 pm and the meeting at 7 pm. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

# 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, Below Melton Hill Dam
- Sept. 19 Cherokee Lake
- Nov. 21 Norris Lake



My friends boat is docked at Kellys Island, Lake Erie

# TSBA Tournament

# July 25

We launched below Melton Hill Dam and had 4 boats in the water before 1st. light. Everyone caught fish early, and then the bite just about stopped. Planer boards with large Shad worked well. It was a cool morning with water temperature in the 60's, great for CPR. Thanks to all the boaters for bringing their rigs and participating in the tournament. It was my first trip below the dam so a new learning experience for me. I got to fish with Randy, a great guy. We quickly got 4 boards baited up and out, but managed to lose the first 2 fish. We boated a nice 35.5" fish. If we had landed the first two fish I think we would have beat out Chet and the guy with the nice hat, but that's fishing. 😊



1st. Place... Captain Chet Moore and John May



2nd. Place... Captain Eddie Dills, Larry Nowell, Eric Rauch



3rd. Place... Captain Hal Basdekis, Art Munchow, Larry Scott



# TSBA Tournament July 23



4th. Place ....Captain Randy Jackson, Bob Biscay

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# Tournament Standings 2015

#	Name	April. 25	May. 23	July. 25	Sept. 19	Nov. 21	Totals
1	Eddie Dills	100 + 5	95+5	95+5			305
2	Larry Scott	95 + 5	100+5	90+5			300
3	Bob Biscay	100 + 5	90+5	85+5			290
4	Randy Jackson	100 + 5	85+5	85+5			285
5	Larry Nowell	0 + 5	100+5	95+5			210
6	Ron Gabler	95 + 5	100+5	0			205
7	Eric Rauch	0 + 5	85+5	95+5			195
8	Steve Nichols	95 + 5	90+5	0			195
9	John May	0 + 5	0	100+5			110
10	Chet Moore	0	0	100+5			105
11	Joe Asher	0	95+5	0			100
12	Hal Basdekis	0	0	90+5			95
13	Art Munchow	0	0	90+5			95



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5/1/2015

TN Striped Bass Association  
 c/o Bob Biscay

Re: Letter of Appreciation Donation

Dear Bob:

On behalf of *Shelter Animals Rescue Group*, we would like to thank you for sponsoring our 2015 Paws for Life Gala with your donation of: Fishing Basket and Cash donation. Your support will open many new opportunities for these animals in our program and the Oak Ridge Animal Shelter, as well as help those in the community who might not be able to afford medical care for their four legged friends. The sponsorships and donations of items from the 2014 and 2013 Paws for Life Gala provided a transport van to the Oak Ridge Animal Shelter, which is invaluable to the future of the shelter and the community. Your donation will provide for the ongoing rescue and placement of many homeless animals and medical assistance to those in the community who are unable to pay for spay/neutering shots and some general surgery expenses.

Your contribution is not solely a charitable contribution, but is also an advertising opportunity. Without the support of people like you, we will not be able to reach our goals. Please visit our Facebook page and see the benefits of your donation in action during the year:  
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Thank you once again for your generous support of our organization!

Respectfully,

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*Cindy Biscay, Board Member*

*Thank you & Much!*

*To sit with a dog or a cat on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring - it was peace. -Milan Kundera*



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# 2015 Meeting links

January *Ezell Cox and Mel Cook* Topic; Bait Tanks

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

March *Jay Girardot & Doug Steffe* Topic; Umbrella Rigs

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

April *Keith Shannon* Topic; Keeping bait alive/ bait tanks

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

May *Allen Franklin* Topic; Catching bait / Cast net throwing

<https://youtu.be/m6EJrzE9nqM> (outdoor) <https://youtu.be/BP72nx6jDSU>

June *NA.*

July *Jim Negus* Topic; Lake temperatures and dissolved Oxygen,

*Zebra Mussels* <https://youtu.be/L-AqzDop8VQ>



# Hot Spots Reprinted from August 2013

## **CHEROKEE LAKE**

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

*Catch and release is not recommended so please go prepared to keep and quit fishing for striper / hybrid in late summer.* The large amount of rainfall this year is cause for concern about survival of the largest striped bass on Cherokee.

Summertime is stressful for the larger striper and even hybrids when cool water refuge cannot be found. Also the larger reservoirs have stratified water that won't allow dissolved oxygen to mix below the thermal cline so many of the striper / hybrids find the coolest water at the deepest part of the reservoir in the fore bay of the dam where there is oxygen injected in the summer. The best fishing will be the lower ¼ of the lake near the No Fishing Zone and most downstream of German Creek.

## **NORRIS LAKE**

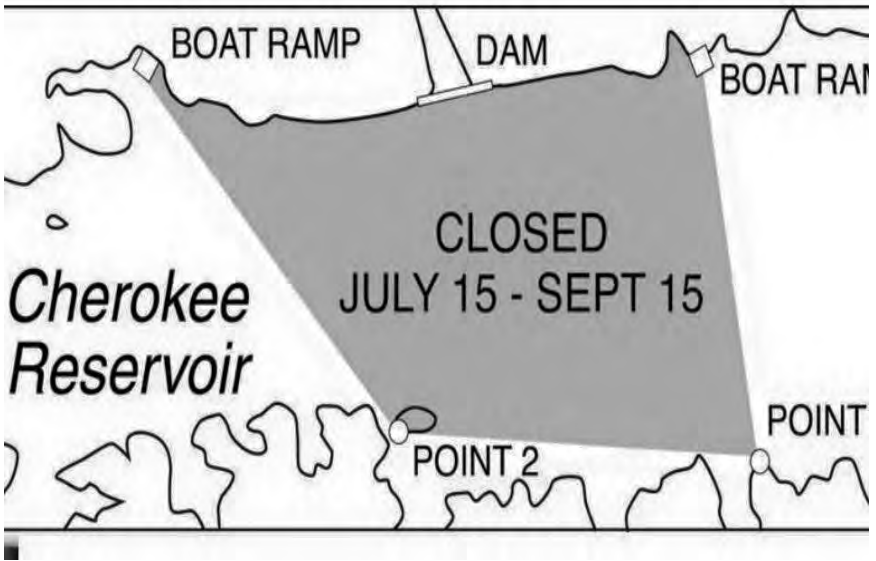
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Best fishing can be found in the Loyston/Lost Creek area around point 19 downstream to the dam. The Powell River side is good downstream of point 12 at Davis Creek. Find the large schools of bait fish and the deep schools of striper are easy to find with good fish finders.

## **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. Pulling side planner boards down the banks or casting can catch some of the trophy stripers Watts Bar is known for. As the upstream tributary lakes are now full and cool water flow at the tailrace begins, the striped bass will move out of the warmer lake water. Top water bite can be outstanding all the way into late summer. Catch and release works good until the water temperature exceeds 72 degrees. Catch and release is not always successful in late summer. The fish in Watts Bar & lower Clinch Watts bar have contamination warnings so should not be harvested.

—— **Ezell Cox**



#### SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

A closed fishing zone will be in effect from Jul 15 through Sept 15. This zone is enclosed by lines from the boat ramp at the south end of the dam across the lake to Point 2, from Point 2 to Point 3, and from Point 3 back across the lake to the TWRA boat ramp at the north end of the dam.



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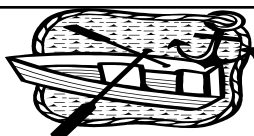
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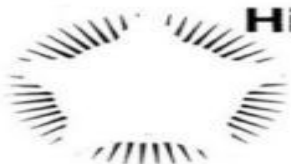
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- \* You'll develop a network of "striper friends."
- \* You'll learn new methods to improve your striped bass fishing effectiveness.
- \* You'll be able to call officers for fishing reports.
- \* You'll be able to attend monthly meetings with informative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

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