

Tennessee Striped Bass Association

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October 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

Has anyone else noticed how dark it's getting in the early evening these days? The only good side of the shorter days is that I don't have to get up quite as early if I want to be on the water at dawn! I much prefer long days, but that's not going to occur for quite a while.

Remember that we are still awarding prizes for contributions to the newsletter and our fishing forum. See the TSBA forum or previous newsletters for details.

No less than our own Ezell Cox will speak at our October 20 meeting! This will be your chance to pick the brain of one of our very best fishermen. Join us!

The forth tournament of the year was held on Sept. 19th on Cherokee. I was disappointed that I wasn't able to participate this time due to a previous commitment. I talked with several of our members who were able to go and it was another good time. See the information later in the newsletter regarding results.

Our annual TSBA Fish Fry was held on Sept. 26 at Granger County Park. Over 50 people attend. We got lucky on the weather because the rain pretty much stopped just before the event. I want to thank everyone who helped make the fish fry another success, especially the following: Ezell Cox for bringing the fish; Sammy Robinette for coordinating the cooking of the fish and hush puppies; and Larry Nowell for handling registration, memberships and shirt sales. The food was great! I had several people comment on how especially good the fish and hush puppies were (thanks Sammy). Allan Franklin coordinated the cast net throwing contest. Congratulations to our winners: 1st - Sammy, 2nd - Eddie Dills, 3rd - Allan; and our champion in the Women's competition, Becky Franklin. I met several new members and really enjoyed the afternoon. We even got back home to Norris in time to watch the 2nd half of the UT/FL game. I won't comment on that outcome in a public forum like this.

In December our Board of Directors will meet to elect officers and plan the schedule for next year. If you'd like to be a Board member or officer, have ideas for our meetings or have any thoughts on how to improve our club contact one of our officers. We always want and need participation and ideas from everyone.

Our next meeting will be at Puleo's Grill (110 Cedar Ln, just east of the I-75/Merchants Rd. exit) on October 20, with dinner at 6 pm and the meeting at 7 pm. See 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

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T.S.B.A. Fish Fry

Sept. 26

We had a great turnout for the fish fry. The sky cleared up, and it turned out to be a nice day. The fish and hush puppies were very good. There were some great side dishes as well. If you left hungry it was your own fault.



Members getting the fish fryers ready to cook.



Plenty to eat, you better get in line!



Winners in the cast net competition. From left: Sammy Robinette, Allen and Becky Franklin, Eddie Dills.



Catching up with old friends.



Dennis & Georgia Bryant

TSBA Tournament Sept. 19



Fishing was tough out of Granger County Park. The fish were scattered. We managed to locate a few fish early, and ended up with 1 Striper, 2 Hybrids.

Eddie, Larry, and Mike loaded up on Gizzard Shad Friday. Larry was up at 4 am. to check his bait and most of them were dead. We were fortunate Larry was able to get Alewives that morning off his dock.

1st. Place ..Captain Larry Nowell, John May, Bob Biscay, Michael Johnson



2nd. Place.. Captain Eddie Dills,
Larry Scott

3rd. Place .. Captain Randy Jackson
Les Bingaman

Tournament Standings 2015

| # | Name | April. 25 | May. 23 | July. 25 | Sept. 19 | Nov. 21 | Totals |
|----|---------------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| 1 | Eddie Dills | 100 + 5 | 95+5 | 95+5 | 95+5 | | 405 |
| 2 | Larry Scott | 95 + 5 | 100+5 | 90+5 | 95+5 | | 400 |
| 3 | Bob Biscay | 100 + 5 | 90+5 | 85+5 | 100+5 | | 395 |
| 4 | Larry Nowell | 0 + 5 | 100+5 | 95+5 | 100+5 | | 315 |
| 5 | Randy Jackson | 100+5 | 85+5 | 85+5 | 5 | | 290 |
| 6 | John May | 0 + 5 | 0 | 100+5 | 100+5 | | 215 |
| 7 | Ron Gabler | 95 + 5 | 100+5 | 0 | 0 | | 205 |
| 8 | Eric Rauch | 0 + 5 | 85+5 | 95+5 | 0 | | 195 |
| 9 | Steve Nichols | 95 + 5 | 90+5 | 0 | 0 | | 195 |
| 10 | Chet Moore | 0 | 0 | 100+5 | 0 | | 105 |
| 11 | Mike Johnson | | | | 100+5 | | 105 |
| 12 | Joe Asher | 0 | 95+5 | 0 | 0 | | 100 |
| 13 | Hal Basdekis | 0 | 0 | 90+5 | 0 | | 95 |
| 14 | Art Munchow | 0 | 0 | 90+5 | 0 | | 95 |
| 15 | Les Bingaman | | | | 5 | | 5 |

Hi Jim!

It's your long lost editor, Sherry Wehner writing you from Raleigh, North Carolina. We have settled in nicely to our little community here. I really love our life here - things are going so well and all the kids are happy with their new home and activities.

The biggest news of the summer: our 7 year old son Hollis joined a fishing club for children. The man that heads the club has worked with private land owners to let kids visit various ponds and fish them every Saturday morning. A bluegill is worth 3 points, a bass is worth 5 points, and for some strange reason a turtle is worth 10. But anyway - Hollis is all about this fishing thing and he is up and out of the bed like a shot at 5:30 a.m. every Saturday morning.

This past Saturday he caught the club record - a three pound bass. He was beyond thrilled! Evidently there was one really good spot to fish in the pond, which Hollis keyed on as soon as he got there. He caught several bluegill and then this bass. After that (and the sportsmanship of this actually made me cry) he told his Daddy that they should leave the spot and let another kid have a chance. What a fine fisherman.



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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>

August Mike Smith Topic; TWRA Stocking program on area lakes

<http://youtu.be/FFMp299Y9g0> .



Hot Spots (reprinted from 2013)

CHEROKEE LAKE

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

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.

SIZE (36 INCH) AND CREEL LIMIT (ONE) in effect on NORRIS November 1ST until April 1st. 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 1ST until April 1st. Look for the stripers in front of the major coves or where you find the most bait fish and bait eating birds. Pulling side planer 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**

T.S.B.A. Cast Net Competition, Sept. 26, 2015



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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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(Signature)

(Date)

Enclose a check for \$20.00

Mail to: Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc

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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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