

# Tennessee Striped Bass Association

Get Hooked !

May 2016



**Monthly Meeting First Monday** at Puleo's Grill, 110 Cedar Lane off Merchants Rd. at I - 75

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## TSBA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

On April 17 a dozen or so of us participated in our first 2016 TSBA fishing day on Cherokee. It was an absolutely beautiful day with little to no wind, clear skies and comfortable temperatures (at least after the 1<sup>st</sup> hour or so). I want to thank Art Muchow for coordinating the event and bringing the lunch for us. His burgers and dogs, beans, chips and cookies were right on target after a great morning of striper fishing. Below is a picture that shows the wide age range of our participants.



Our next club outing is planned for the Clinch below Melton Hill dam in July. Try to come and join us.

Allan Franklin shared his wealth of knowledge regarding catching live bait at our April meeting. He also conducted a bait net casting session in the rear parking lot. Several members got a lesson in proper net casting techniques from Allan and now will be much more successful catching bait.

Don't forget that our annual TSBA Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Granger County Park.

Our next meeting will be on May 2nd at Puleo's Grill (110 Cedar Ln, just east of the I-75/Merchants Road exit). Dinner is at 6 pm and the meeting is at 7 pm. Our speaker will be Ken Cutsinger. Ken will discuss how to keep you trophy catch in proper condition if you want to take it to a taxidermist. He will also answer questions about his role as a TWRA Game Warden.



TSBA. Fishing day  
2016. Ron with a nice  
fish

## Members Photos



Larry Scott

Ron Gabler



# Creel and Size Limits

## CHEROKEE LAKE

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

## NORRIS LAKE

### **Striped Bass**

April 1–October 31: 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

November 1–March 31: 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

## WATTS BAR

### **Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:**

April 1–October 31: 2 per day in combination

November 1–March 31: 2 per day in combination, only one may be a striped bass.

### **Striped Bass:**

April 1–October 31: 15 inch minimum length limit. November 1–March 31: 36 inch minimum length limit

**Hybrid Striped Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit

## MELTON HILL

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:** 2 per day in combination, including Clinch River upstream to Highway 61 bridge in Clinton.

**Striped Bass:** 32–42 inch PLR; only one fish may be over 42 inches

**Hybrid Striped Bass:** 15 inch minimum length limit



## 2016 Meeting links

January Speaker: Ezell Cox Topic: Winter fishing tips

<https://youtu.be/u70F-rTdoOw>

February Speaker: Keith Shannon Topic: Keeping bait alive

<https://youtu.be/UemqyFIN7Vs>

March Speaker: Eric Burnett Topic: Outboard motor maintenance



# Outlook for current fishing spots

## **CHEROKEE LAKE**

Catch and release is still successful, as the striper/hybrid may still be feeding at the water surface in the mornings through most of June. Hybrids are more tolerant of the warm water conditions than the stripers. The bait-eating birds will indicate where the striper/hybrid are going to be at the buffet also to eat. The early spawning season is complete and the larger stripers have started their slow migration back downstream. Best locations to fish in past years have been from point 21 downstream to point 1.

## **NORRIS LAKE**

Excellent fishing can be found in the Loyston/Lost Creek area around point 19 upstream to point 29 and also downstream of point 15 on the Powell River side. Choice locations in general will be on the inside bends of the river and in front of the major coves with creeks feeding into the river including places such as Cove Creek, Big Creek, Cedar Creek, Davis Creek, Mill Creek and Lost Creek.

## **WATTS BAR & MELTON HILL**

Many of the stripers have moved upstream to the discharge at the dams. Put your sinker and hook close to the bottom with plans to lose a few for the most catches. Pulling side planer boards down the banks can also catch fish for miles downstream.

It is the law, and a good one at that, which requires boaters to wear life preservers below the dams in the tailrace. Life preservers are required below the dams and are a good habit anytime on the water for personal safety

— **Ezell Cox**



Justin Rose

Ron Whilden





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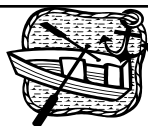


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- \* You'll develop a network of "striper friends."
- \* You'll learn new methods to improve your striped bass fishing effectiveness.
- \* You'll be able to call officers for fishing reports.
- \* You'll be able to attend monthly meetings with informative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