

# Tennessee Striped Bass Association

Get Hooked !

January 2017



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*

*As I begin my term as President of the TSBA I want to say thank you to all the members who have worked hard to make the TSBA successful this past year.*

*In December our Board met and discussed several items, as well as elected officers for 2017. Cory Malabey filled my old position as Vice President, Keith Shannon Secretary, Art Muchow Treasurer and Membership Coordinator, Eric Rauch will serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Justin Rose will maintain as our Sponsor Coordinator. Art reported at the BOD meeting that the club currently has \$9142.61 in its bank account.*

*Keith Shannon has volunteered to coordinate 1 tournament this year. It will be a simply format and will be a lot of fun. It will be held in June or July below Melton Hill dam with a finally date to be announced in the coming months. If the club would like to do more tournaments it is open for discussion at the January meeting.*

*We have some great new speakers lined up for 2017 with hope that we can get our meeting attendance back up. However I believe our meetings are more than just a about speakers though. They give us all an opportunity to spend time with friends that all share the passion for this great fish that we chase. Time to share ideas, tell stories, and have fellowship with other people that have one major thing in common that we don't share with most other people in our lives. So with that said I urge and hope that you all will do your best to make the club meetings each month. It is a great time and I for one enjoy seeing everyone that comes.*

*Winter time is a great time to be on the water! Boat traffic is low and the fish are in serious feed mode as they gorge on the weak and dyeing shad. Get out and enjoy some of the best striper fishing of the year, after all winter can be one of the best times to catch the biggest or at least the fattiest fish out there!*

*David Powell*

*TSBA President*

## Winter Time Safety

Winter is coming and the temperatures outside are starting to drop. Those of us fishermen or fisherwomen that fish in the cold, we must be mindful of one very serious health risk...hypothermia. Hypothermia is the lowering of the body's core temperature, commonly caused by getting wet and chilled. As the body temperature drops, damage to vital organs can occur.

Some symptoms of hypothermia are chills, shivering, confusion, loss of coordination, inability to speak clearly, or even loss of consciousness. Hypothermia can be fatal, so it is important to avoid these conditions and get prompt medical treatment if it develops.

The way to prevent hypothermia is to stay warm and dry. Always wear your life jacket and dress warmly but wear layers so you can take clothing on and off as conditions change. Carry extra clothing if there is any chance yours will get wet. Keep your head covered because a significant amount of body heat can be lost from the head. Too much clothing can make you sweaty, setting the stage for chills.

Winter fishing can be some of the best fishing of the year, but falling into the water or not being prepared can turn a great day into a bad one. Without many pleasure boaters on the water, get out and enjoy the lake or river while staying safe and being prepared.

Cory

## Important Reminder ! Dues are due for 2017

It is time to renew your TSBA membership. When you renew, please select email as your preferred method of receiving the newsletter. Those trophy shots look so much better when viewed online! Make the switch this year and see what you have been missing.

# Members Photos



Art and Mike catching fish  
in December on Cherokee.



# Outlook for current fishing spots

**CHEROKEE LAKE...**The stripers/hybrids are in large schools roaming the lower half of the reservoir below the 25E Bridge. The water temperature is around 50 degrees so much of the large concentrations of baitfish have moved into the deep main channel where the temperature is most stable. The metabolism of stripers and baitfish has been slowed by the cold water, making bait easier for the stripers to catch and the feeding times shorter. Find the gulls to be in the feeding zone with breaking fish on the surface being likely. The stripers have completely recovered from the summer stress and are putting on the weight. Catch and release will be successful so we should see some 25 pound stripers in Cherokee by spring pre-spawn.

**NORRIS LAKE...**SIZE (36 INCH) AND CREEL LIMIT (ONE) is in effect from November 1, 2012 until April 1, 2013. Find the large schools of baitfish by locating gulls whether feeding or not, and looking for surface feeding fish. Other bait-eating birds are scarce on Norris, but the gulls and a good fish finder will get you in the right area on the lake. The premium locations will be in or near the main channel where the water is deepest with less change in temperature around mid-lake and downstream. Water temperature will be in the high 40's. Good catch and release practice is successful even with the largest of stripers in the cool waters of the winter months. The best fishing is around the gulls in the large deep coves and main channel.

**WATTS BAR & MELTON HILL...**SIZE (36 INCH) AND CREEL LIMIT (ONE) is in effect on Watts Bar from November 1, 2012 until April 1, 2013. The striped bass bite in the tail race often moves downstream for the coldest months of winter in front of the major coves or where you find the most baitfish. The Kingston Steam Plant often has large concentrations of baitfish, especially if the warm water discharge influences the areas water temperature. The steam plants have not produced the warm water discharge like in past years so the fishing has suffered around them. The baitfish will often find the warmest water. The cooler longer nights will equalize the temperature in the coves and river to allow the bait to use the river more, so look for the sun warmed banks and the gulls. The survival of released fish in the winter months is great. Ezell Cox

## Members Photos

Mike Carter



Larry Nowell



# Members Photos



Nice screenshot Justin



## Members Photos



Having fun fishing !

Ryan Kummer





## **YOUR 2016 TSBA OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND STAFF**

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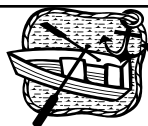


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- \* You'll develop a network of "striper friends."
- \* You'll learn new methods to improve your striped bass fishing effectiveness.
- \* You'll be able to call officers for fishing reports.
- \* You'll be able to attend monthly meetings with informative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

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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](http://www.tnstripedbass.com) or at the offices of the corporation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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

***Mail to: TSBA***

**2954 Lake Forest Circle**

**Talbott, TN. 37877**

**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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