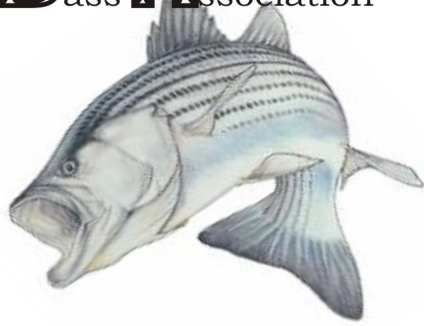


Tennessee Striped Bass Association

Get Hooked !

February 2017



WOW 43 lbs.

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

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

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February President letter

February is upon on us and it looks like more seasonable weather is here to. I hope everyone got a chance to get out and fish over the last few weeks and enjoy the very mild temperatures and great fishing conditions!

January's meeting was an open meeting discussing the 2016 December BOD meeting along with discussion on the coming year 2017.

February 6th is the next club meeting which will be held at the usual place, Puleos Grille Merchants Dr., dinner is at 6pm and meeting starts at 7pm. Our guest speakers for the February meeting will be James Everett and Michael Hick from the TVA River Forecast Center. They will be discussing the When, Where, and Why TVA releases water throughout the TVA system.

With winter here so are the cold water temps. Boater safety is more important than ever with these cold temperatures. Here are a couple of key points to help keep you safe while on the water.

Try to fish with another person whenever possible, wear a life vest at all times, and be sure your boat is in top running condition. Keeping a set of battery jumper cables in the boat is a nice insurance policy to have also. If your starter battery dies a lot of times you can still "jump off" on one of your trolling motor or bait tank batteries. Also, be sure that someone who isn't on the fishing trip knows roughly where you're planning to fish and when to expect you home. That way, if you do have a problem they will know where to start looking. If at all possible pick and chose when you catch your bait. Throwing a net in below freezing temperatures can allow ice to form on your boat deck quickly without notice.

New licenses for 2017 go on sale this month February 18 . Remember that you need a new license effective March 1.

Remember 2017 is upon us, Memberships must be renewed to receive the newsletter. Please help to support TSBA by renewing now.

David Powell

TSBA President

Cover photo; David Powell out with friend Josh, Nice fish 43 lbs.

RETIRING PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As I wrap up my 3rd year as TSBA President, I want to thank all of you who have made my job much easier: Our officers including David, Art and Keith; our Board of Directors; and others who took on important responsibilities to keep the club strong. In particular I want to thank Cory Malabey and Bill Ballou who coordinated our speakers in 2016 and have agreed to continue in that role in 2017. Also, thanks to Bob Biscay who has edited our newsletter for the last few of years and Jim Blazier for printing and mailing copies to those who don't get email. And of course I want to thank Art Muchow who has served us as Treasurer and assumed the important function of Membership Coordinator. I'd fill the page if I named everyone who has helped out so I'll stop there.

As we move on to 2017 I want to encourage all of our members to be as actively involved in club events and affairs as possible. That's the best way to get to know each other well. I've learned over the years that the best way to get something out of any organization is to become involved and help make it strong. Our meetings are important, so try to get to as many as possible. Also, volunteer to help when the opportunity comes about. The more people we have who participate, the more meaningful our club will be.

It's been a pleasure serving the club. I look forward to continuing in my new role as Chairman of the Board of Directors. In that role I want to ask all of you to let us know what we can do to continue to make TSBA a better club and enhance attendance at our meetings. We are here to serve you.

Eric Rauch

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.

Paypal Payments can be sent to: tennstripedbass@gmail.com

Members Photos



Brother Asher out catching Stripers with Joe Asher.

Some guy named Ron lands his seaplane, I guess he was looking for Norris lake.



Correction to the Jan. issue on page 8 the photo captioned Ryan Kummer should have been Mitchel.

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, 2016 until April 1, 2017. 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, 2016 until April 1, 2017. 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

Enjoying Striper Fishing on Cherokee Lake My Story - By Hal Basdekis

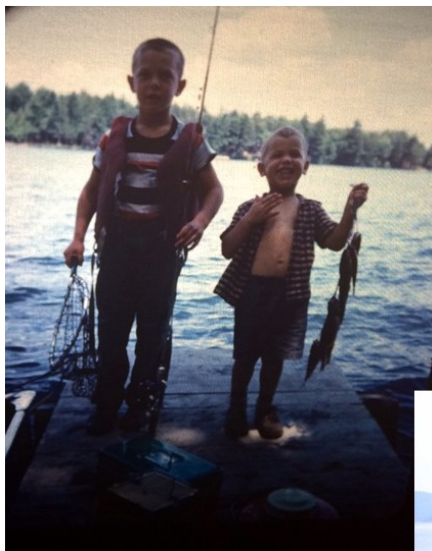
I have lived on Cherokee Lake for 11 years and retired last year. I am truly enjoying Striper Fishing on Cherokee Lake. As a young boy I enjoying fishing in New Hampshire (Picture #1 - I am on the right, my brother next to me). As an adult I fished only a few times with my two boys. My younger son (Phil) seemed to enjoy fishing and taught fishing at summer camp. The first year on Cherokee Lake I never fished. Phil visited the second summer and wanted to go fishing. Since I did not know how to catch fish on Cherokee, Phil talked with the locals at Gilmore Dock. He followed their advice, bought some jigs, and caught some Hybrids. Phil was really excited and had to show me how to catch Hybrids. That afternoon we caught some Hybrids together and I was hooked again on enjoying fishing. (Picture #2)

The guys at Gilmore Dock taught me jigging for Stripers/Hybrids, different jigs to use, and how to top water fish when the Stripers are breaking. Larry Nowell, a TSBA Club member, taught me how to bait fish with shad and fishing with down riggers during the summer months. Attendance at the various TSBA Club meetings has expanded my knowledge to use Umbrella rigs, how to throw a cast net, keep bait alive, etc. I am still not very good at catching bait, so I typically troll with U-rigs or down riggers. I have a lot more to learn. Always look forward the TSBA meetings. If I learn one thing at the meeting, it was well worth attending and greatly increases my enjoyment of fishing.

Besides fishing I always enjoy just being out on the water. Some natural wonders I observed this year include: An Arial fight between an Osprey and Eagle (The Osprey catch a fish and the Eagle tried to get it away from the Osprey. The Osprey did drop the fish and then chased the Eagle away.); Seeing a 5 foot Paddlefish come fully out of water 20 feet from the boat; Watching wild turkeys awkwardly fly from the shore to an island; Watching several large three foot Carp spawning in the middle of lake. (The females were each being chased by four or five males); and seeing a Coyote chasing a Fox along the shore.

The greatest enjoyment is fishing with friends. We have had several fun fishing trips this year and I introduced a few friends to first time Striper fishing on Cherokee Lake. (Pictures #3 through #6).

Striper fishing with Hal



1 The two brothers

Hal with his son Phil



#3 Doug from FL.

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Top left; # 4 Bill from MD. Right; # 5 Steve from FL.

Bottom left; Bill with Walleye Right; Tim from TN.



YOUR 2017 TSBA OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND STAFF

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Tips on Charging & Jumping Batteries

With the cold temperatures here, this is a time of year that batteries usually die. Anytime you charge a battery or jump start a battery, you need to follow safety precautions and proper techniques. When charging or jumping batteries, wrong technique can lead to injuries or damage the equipment. If you are ever unsure about anything, consult the manufacturer's instructions or call a professional.

There are some special considerations that one should always keep in mind before charging or jumping any type of vehicle battery. Unknown to many people, batteries do have potential to explode and/or catch on fire. Typically this only happens in the following scenarios:

- The battery to be charged/ jumped is damaged

- The battery to be charged/ jumped is frozen.

- The battery to be charged / jumped is completely dead and will not hold a charge (old battery)

Thus you should always perform a proper inspection of a battery for damage before charging or jumping. If a battery is frozen, the best practice is to take it to a place that would allow it to gradually rise in temperature. If you know the age of the battery and it is well past its life expectancy, the best practice would be to just replace the battery instead of attempting to charge or jump it.

Cory Malabey

How to Contribute to the Newsletter:

Please send in any pictures or news that you think would interest club members – we are always glad to hear from you. You can e-mail photos and reports to: bcbusy@att.net We usually put the newsletter together around the end of the month, but send your information any time and we will work it in.

TSBA 2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

As a member:

- *You'll receive a monthly newsletter.
- * You'll help support Striped Bass Fisheries & Wildlife Agencies.
- * You'll be informed of new regulations & information that affect striper fishing.
- * 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 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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: 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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