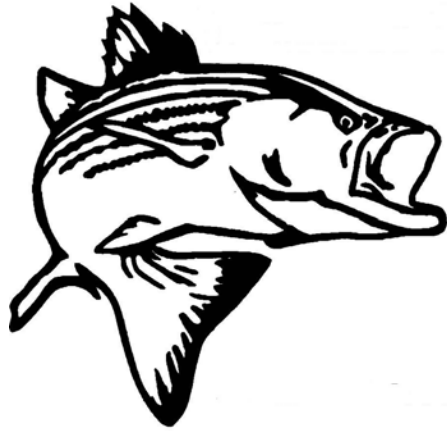


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Cory Malabey's dad catches his first striper, an 18-pounder

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello, everyone,

I would like to start by apologizing to everyone for not having a June newsletter. The person we have hired to help us publish the newsletter had some work-related issues last month that took up all of her free time, and she was not able to help us out. As some of you know, we have had to outsource this process to a non-club member who is doing this as a favor and for a small fee. So far, she has done a great job with this, and I appreciate her help. If anyone in the club is interested in taking on this project in the future, please let me know. This current issue has more pictures and information than the previous issue as it is two months combined.

As we get into the summer, please remember to be conservation-minded when fishing the lakes. Stripers will not go back if caught in water temperatures above 80 degrees in the summer. So please catch your limit and call it a day, or head to one of the tail races that have much cooler water.

Just as an FYI to everyone, TWRA will conduct a study in August concerning the no-fish zone placement in Cherokee Lake. They have enlisted our help to catch several fish in the no-fish zone. Our goal is to show them that the stripers still congregate along the borders of the no-fish zone and that the fish have zero chance of survival if caught during the summer months. The biologists are being extremely helpful in keeping the no-fish zone in place; it has been several years since a study has been completed, and they want to validate that there is still a large population of stripers seeking refuge on the aerator lines during the hot summer months.

I would also like to thank Alan and everyone who showed up for the kids' fishing day. Many fish were caught and the kids had a great time!

Hope you had a great 4th of July!

— *Erik Engebretsen*

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:

engebretsenrik@yahoo.com

We usually put the newsletter together around the end of the month, but send your information any time and we will work it in.

Minutes: TSBA May Meeting

Rather than hold our monthly meeting as usual on May 22, we decided to have an on-the-water demonstration of using planer boards on Cherokee Lake. Eight members met at the Granger County Park boat ramp on Saturday afternoon at 2 pm.



Erik called the meeting to order at about the same time that our speaker, Todd Asher arrived.

Todd explained how planer boards were constructed and what rigging was needed to use them effectively. He then gave us a demonstration on how to set and fish with them. He also discussed how he uses planer boards in both river and lake situations.



Those of us present enjoyed a nice afternoon of fellowship. As always, we learned something about striper fishing.

— Eric Rauch, Acting TSBA Secretary



TSBA's 2010 Striper Bowl

The Club's annual prestigious tournament was held Saturday, May 9, on Cherokee Lake, kicking off and finishing out of Grainger County Park. Sixteen members and guests fished for the coveted Traveling Trophy and to raise funds for the Kids' Day event. We had sandwiches and the traditional cake at the sign-in, with the tournament starting at 3 p.m.

The weather was sunny with crisp, low temperatures around 70 degrees, with a constant wind and chop. This made for a challenging day. Most participants fished in calmer waters behind bluffs and islands, while some braved the rock and roll white caps of open waters.

Several fish were caught with a tough decision on what size to keep for the weigh-in (no culling rule). The contest ended at 8 p.m. with most making it back in time. Due to time management and an unfamiliar boat ramp, however, several nice fish could not be recorded for local Mike Allen and new member Jackson Beverly. They both were all smiles from a great day of fishing, with no bad feelings on their missed opportunity. Next year will be different, they vowed.

It was a GOOD day for all, with \$240 raised for Kids' Day 2010. Thanks to all who participated!

The results, featuring Keith Shannon as the 2010 Striper bowl champion:

1st TW Keith Shannon, 18.26 lbs (big fish 9.36 lbs)
2nd Ezell Cox, TW 15.62
3rd Dennis Bryant, TW 13.38
4th Allan Franklin, 13.15
5th Bud White, 9.36

—- *Doug Steffe*

Raises Funds for Kids' Day



Charles Ramsey and grandson



The cake!



First: Keith Shannon; Second: Ezell Cox; Third: Dennis Bryant



Eight of the 16 fishermen and the "late" fish



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ATTENTION: JULY MEETING

July 19 Monthly Meeting, will be held at the Flatwater Grill in Oak Ridge. Dinner to start at 6:00 in the bar area with the meeting to follow at 7:00. The subject of the program will be the 2010 Striper stocking conducted by Mike Smith of TWRA.

<http://www.theflatwatergrill.com/>

Fishing Regulations

New fishing licenses were required as of March 1. It is each fisherman's responsibility to know the rules and stay legal. Changes are normal in the management of our fishing each year, and those changes become effective on March 1. Each river or lake may have exceptions you need to be aware of before exposing yourself to a fine.

Go on line to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency at www.tnwildlife.org or pick up a 2009 Fishing Regulations book at sporting stores or TWRA offices.





Wayne Beeler (above) fishing below Melton Hill Dam on June 25 with Mike Davis (not pictured)



Fishing on Melton Hill on May 19 with Bill Ballou

Editor's Note: captions contain the information sent to the newsletter editor.



Cory Malabey with a recent catch



***Captain Chet Moore, fishing on Cherokee Lake, caught this 16-pound
striper after a lot of pole bending***

April 2010 Question of the Month

With this question of the month, we asked members to share with us what type of fish/depth finder they currently have on their boats, and why they purchased that particular model. We also asked what type they'd consider purchasing if upgrading. We had 15 responses with a large majority of us owning a Lowrance unit. In all, 13 use the Lowrance brand, two use Hummingbird, one uses Eagle, and one uses Garmin

With the new HDS units by Lowrance, it appears many of us bit the bullet and invested in one. When Bill Carson, a representative for Lowrance, spoke to us at a monthly meeting, he said Lowrance would no longer offer updates for older units, only for the HDS. This is something to keep in mind when you decide to upgrade your unit to a Lowrance.

Some responses to the question:

"I currently have a Lowrance HDS5 with the lake insight. The only reason I have this is because my wife bought it for me for my birthday. I think she likes me. — Cory Malabey

"I just installed a Lowrance HDS-8 with Insight and also the LSS-1 unit. They are pretty cool. I still have a Lowrance X97 that is linked with my trolling motor and a Garmin Fishfinder 160 that's mounted into the dash. I bought the HDS/LSS units because I wanted an upgrade from the X97 and decided to get the top end rather than wish I did so a year from now. Plus I took back the Christmas present my wife got me and had some cash to play with so it wasn't quite as bad as it would have been. Somehow I kept out of the dog house on this one." — Eric Rauch

"I currently have a Hummingbird 997 si and I like it very well." — Jason B.

"I am still using an "antique" Eagle. I plan to purchase an HDS with Lake Insight in the future but I am still reading comments on the web about Lowrance service issues since they are under new ownership. Lowrance has a great history and I hope they maintain their service in the future to a high standard like the previous ownership did." — Jim Blazer

Submitted by: Cory Malabey

TSBA Nostalgia: Good Days and Bad Days

By John Seiber (reprinted from April 2006)

Some days we get to go fishing, and some days we get to go fishing and catching. We all like fishing and catching best, but I guess everybody has a shutout day from time to time.

I try to get something positive from every fishing trip, and usually I can do just that. Right about now someone is asking, "How can you call a day positive when you didn't catch a fish or get a bite for that matter?" Even though you don't catch a fish on a certain trip doesn't mean that you can't learn something while you are there. If you are observant and take a few notes (keep a journal), you can begin to see what works and what doesn't work.

I like to document each trip with information like water temperature, weather, moon phase, time of day, time of moon rise, moonset, sunrise, sunset, water clarity, and, of course, what time of day the fish were caught. In regards to the weather, I like to record if a front has just past, is approaching, or whatever. This is kind of like taking notes while in class; it helps you remember the details and gives you some valuable data to refer back to. Also, don't be afraid to ask questions.

There are many, many years of fishing experience in our fishing club, and a lot of this knowledge will be shared if you just ask. I guess to sum it up, each time I hook up the boat and head out, I'm attending striper school. Whether catching or just fishing, I can still be acquiring valuable knowledge for a future trip. When you can put it all together (fishing, catching, and learning), you can have a fabulous day.

My Experience Using Yamaha Ring Free

By Jeff Jolly

I now use 'Ring Free' in all my engines along with Star-brite ethanol fuel stabilizer. I have 6 boats/ motors, plus several other small engines and it has lowered my fuel related problems.

Why Ring Free? Yamaha has recommended Ring Free in both 2 and 4-stroke engines for a reason. Today's fuels are changing; engine operational patterns and applications change from boat to boat. Carbon deposits are a reality in all internal combustion engines. Many customers are bargain hunters when it comes to purchasing fuel and oil for an expensive investment. Many of the bargain gas stations will also look for cheaper fuel, which in turn means cheaper fuel additive packages in order to increase their profits on fuel sales. These cheaper additive packages will leave deposits.

Ring Free: Yamaha recommends the use of "Ring Free" in all of its out-board models (2-Stroke and 4-Stroke). "Ring Free" has proven to be an excellent fuel system and combustion chamber cleaner. For continuous use, maintain 1 oz of "Ring Free" to 10 gallons of fuel. "Ring Free" may be used as a shock treatment for engines that have never run this product before. Shock treatment level is 2 oz to every gallon of fuel. On 4-stroke models, after the shock treatment, the engine oil **MUST** be changed due to possible oil dilution. On 2/4 stroke models, after shock treatment, the spark plugs should be changed due to possibility of plug fouling occurring from the carbon deposit loosening. Fuel Conditioner/Stabilizer: Yamaha's Fuel Conditioner/Stabilizer is another excellent product to use on a continuous basis.

Today's fuels are constantly changing from season to season and area to area. These changes range from volatility levels to oxygenate packages. It is also possible that the fuel purchased at the pump may not meet the rated octane level. Fuel degradation time may vary from season to season and area to area. This degradation does not vary between octane levels. The degradation time is established by the amount of time the fuel has sat between the blender and the final use in the combustion chamber, and the amount of time it takes your customer to use a tank of fuel. For this reason Yamaha recommends the continuous use of fuel conditioner/stabilizer.

For continuous use, add 1oz of fuel conditioner/stabilizer to every 2 gallons of fuel. For storage purposes more than 3 months, use 1 oz to every 1 gallon to ensure the fuel system is properly protected. Have the customer fill

the fuel tank prior to his last usage for the season and add the proper amount of fuel conditioner/stabilizer. Use the boat for the last time. When finished, top off the fuel tank with gas and the proper amount of stabilizer for the additional fuel added. If the fuel has degraded, there is nothing that will "recondition" the fuel. Once it is bad, it is bad. The fuel conditioner/stabilizer will slow down the degradation process. It does not prevent degradation.

Combustion Chamber Cleaner: Yamaha's Combustion Chamber Cleaner is a good shock treatment for older engines that have never used "Ring Free." This cleaner is to be used directly from the can into the intake tract of the engine. The engine must first be brought up to operational temperature. Run the engine at fast idle and spray the appropriate amount of cleaner into the intake tract. For best results, spray at least 10 seconds for every 100cc of engine displacement. Evenly divide the time of spray for multi-cylinder models. After the engine has been sprayed turn the engine off and let it sit between 15 and 60 minutes depending on the severity of carbon build-up. Do not let sit longer than 60 minutes with combustion chamber cleaner in the cylinders. After the appropriate amount of time, start the engine and run under a medium load. Do not accelerate hard for at least 10 minutes. If a repeat application is required, follow the same procedures. After the shock treatment, replace the spark plugs on 2/4 stroke engines. On the 4-stroke engine, replace the engine oil and filter after treatment, due to possible oil dilution.

Note from Jim Blazier: A lot of Jeff's articles remind me of Charlie from the Farm Bureau Insurance commercials when Charlie says "experience is something you get--just after you needed it."



Bill Ballou and Bud White



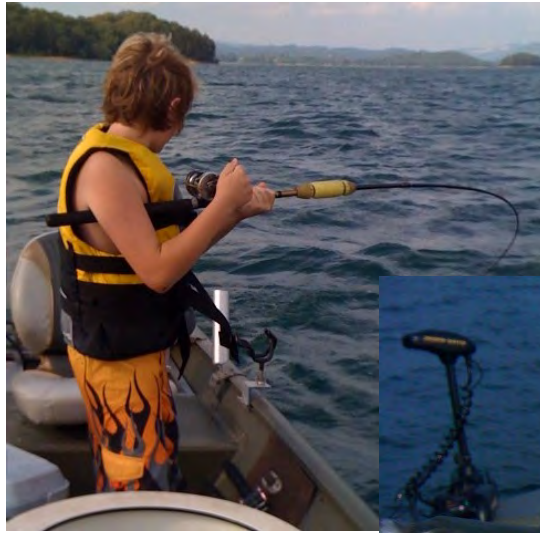
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***Photos on this
page were taken
on Watts Bar
Lake on June 10
& sent in by Jeff
Jolly***





***Alex Cheek (above
and to the right)
reels in a catch at
the 2010 Kids' Day
event***



***Jackson, age 5, reeled in
the fish. He is the grand-
son of Richard Miller***

Tips Help Maintain Trailer Safety

With summer here, all of us are hauling our boats in search of fish. No matter how experienced, we all need to check our trailers on a regular basis to make sure we have a safe trip to and from the water. Below is a reminder of trailer maintenance and a checklist of things we should review before heading out on our search of the striper.

Before towing your boat trailer, review the checklist below each time. In addition, remember that trailer hubs and lights get dunked twice every time you go boating. You need to pamper them as you would your boat – this is an essential element of boat trailer maintenance. Do an occasional inspection by popping off the cap with a screwdriver. If the bearings are dry, add grease. It's simple. Conduct routine maintenance by having a friend or family member occasionally stand behind your trailer and make sure the brake lights, taillights, and turn signals are in good working order. As with your boat, a thorough freshwater wash down of your trailer after each use will extend the life of your hubs and lights. It's also a great boat maintenance idea to invest in a spare wheel, just in case.

Checklist for Boat Trailer Safety

- Make sure the coupler, hitch and hitch ball are of the same size
- Safely secure coupler and safety chains to hitch of tow vehicle
- Properly tighten all fasteners
- Securely tie boat to trailer (winch line is not a tie down)
- Properly tighten wheel lug nuts
- Properly adjust and maintain wheel bearings
- Make sure the load is within maximum carrying capacity
- Properly inflated tires
- Check to see if all trailer lighting is working properly
- Properly adjust and check operation of trailer brakes (if trailer is so equipped)
- Check local/ state regulations on brakes and other equipment that may be required

Tight Lines,

Cory Malabey



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Kyla Howe, granddaughter of Brice Howe, catches her first striper while fishing with Bud White on Cherokee Lake



Not to be outdone by his sister, Gavin Howe hauls in a beauty of a striper

2010 TSBA Calendar

Please join us at TSBA meetings and events. Unless otherwise noted, monthly meetings are held at Shoney's Restaurant, 2405 Andersonville Highway. Get off I-75 at Exit 122 (Hwy. 61 - Clinton/Norris), head east. Shoney's is on the left.

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August 16 Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM
Mike Madalena to speak on finding fish in 'new waters'

Sept. 25 Fish Fry Grainger Park [time to be determined]

Oct. 18 Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM

Nov. 15 Monthly Meeting, Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM

The TSBA web site has been rebuilt by Keith Shannon.
Access it at **www.TNStripedBass.com**, logging in with your
real name to register and your own unique password.



Jeff Jolly shares some photos of action out on the lake



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ATTENTION: THE JULY MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 19 AT THE FLATWATER GRILL IN OAK RIDGE WITH MIKE SMITH OF THE TWRA SPEAKING ABOUT THE 2010 STRIPER STOCKING PROGRAM. Dinner at 6:00 with the program to start at 7:00.