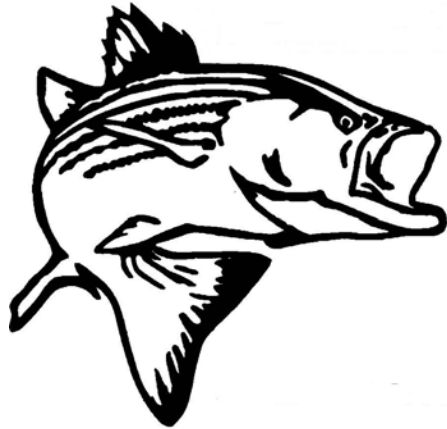


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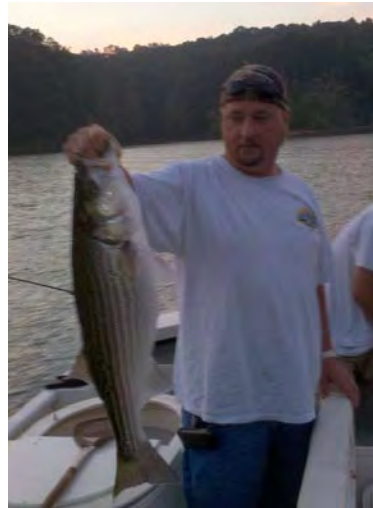


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Doug Steffe holding a 43 inch long, 44 pound whopper he caught this past summer.



Member Allan Franklin submitted these three photos. Allan, pictured above left, is holding a fish he caught below Melton Hill Dam. Above right is Darrel Gross with a nice sized fish. Pictured bottom right is Foster, a friend of Allan's, who is holding his very first striper.

Minutes of the September 2011 TSBA annual fish fry

Everyone gathered at Grainger County Park to enjoy a wonderful afternoon with friends and members. It was a great turnout with over 100 people in attendance, including members from as far away as California. Some members took advantage of the chance to trade their old tackle and boating equipment. Several TSBA members stepped up to the plate to share their special talents with the club. Bill Ballou was kind enough to give demonstrations on fishing reel repair. Sammy and Lloyd were on duty preparing the fish, while many others contributed side dishes that quickly filled the serving tables. Before the big feeding frenzy, there was live music preformed by Doug Steffe and his group. Everyone found it quite entertaining. Men and women alike enjoyed participating in the cast net throwing contest. Fortunately, Allan Franklin and Ezell Cox retired early from the net competition, giving everyone else a sporting chance at winning the contest. It was a very fine dinner and such a good atmosphere all afternoon.



It just wouldn't be a TSBA meeting without door prizes, and the crowd was not disappointed. Doug Steffe held the door prize drawing and just about everyone won something.

Allan Franklin held the 50/50 drawing and there were two winners of \$50 each. Allan reminded us that it was Wayne Beeler's birthday and presented prizes to the cast net winners. Doug closed the meeting thanking everybody. Once again this event proved to be a great time of fellowship with lots of good food to boot. TSBA thanks everyone for their participation.



Many members were gracious enough to share their time and talents to make this TSBA long-standing tradition an enjoyable event for everyone. Bill Ballou, pictured above left, gave a reel repair demonstration. The sign-in table was staffed by Becky Steffe and Annette Nichols, pictured middle left. It wouldn't be much of a fish fry without our out-of-this-world chefs Lloyd Malone and Sammie Robinette, pictured below left. A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to everyone who worked to help host this function.





Two other enjoyable aspects of the fish fry were the tackle-swap and the live music provided by Doug Steffe's band. Pictured above is Allan Franklin inspecting a rod. Pictured below, the band is warming up before their performance.





The cast net throwing competition is the highlight of our annual fish fry event. We had a strong turnout of competitors this year. It was a close competition in the men's event with just half an inch difference between the winning casts. Pictured above left are judges



Becky Franklin and Bud White comparing notes. The winners of the women's competition, pictured from left to right are Janine Johnson, third place; Lynn Clapsaddle, second place; Becky Franklin, first place. The winners of the men's competition, pictured from left to right are Bill Ballou, third place; Kyle Rutherford, second place; Wayne Beeler, first place.





Pictured above are the lucky winners of the prize drawings. The top photo shows Terry Reinitz and Jim Brookes, who split the 50 - 50 drawing. The bottom photo shows Dave Allen, left, as Allan Franklin presents him with a castnet.

Trophy Shots



Ezell Cox sent in some fantastic photos of a fishing trip with fellow TSBA members Kyle Rutherford and Doug Steffe. Above left shows Ezell in the foreground while Kyle Rutherford is handling some serious bent pole action in the background.



***Pictured above is Kyle Rutherford all smiles with a great catch.
Pictured below is Kyle again with Doug Steffe showing off a
double hook-up.***



Outlook for current fishing spots

CHEROKEE LAKE

Lake turnover takes place in October; stripers will be recovering from the stress of summer water conditions. Expect the fish to scatter to any part of the reservoir that holds the most bait and suitable water temperature. You may want to change ends of the lake and go way upstream during and after turnover happens. Watch for top water breaks again. Looking for the large concentrations of baitfish and bait-eating birds is a good way to find stripers/hybrids.

NORRIS LAKE

With the changing seasons, stripers will be free to roam the entire lake at any depth as the lake turnover develops. This makes finding large schools of baitfish, or looking for surface feeding fish, the key to success in catching fish in the month of November. The stripers are no longer stressed so catch-and-release begins to be successful again as the thermocline disappears. **The creel and size limits change on stripers as of the first day of November to 36 inch minimum size and one fish creel.**

WATTS BAR & MELTON HILL

There will be some stripers still below the dams but they will scatter over much of the lake into the major creeks, rivers, and coves where the large concentrations of baitfish are located. There may be some that start to show up around the steam plants by month end. **Watts Bar creel and size limits change on stripers as of the first day of November to 36 inch minimum size and one fish creel.**

— *Ezell Cox*

November Expectations

Lake turnover takes place in Tennessee starting early October in the shallow water; this process continues through the month into the deeper waters and is finally complete by the first of November. The temperature and dissolved oxygen levels will be close to the same at all depths. What this means for fishermen is that the change in water quality conditions now allows the stripers to be found at any depth as they hunt for bait fish.

There will be a significant decline in the number of pleasure boaters out on the water as the cold weather moves in. This can be a very enjoyable time of year to be out on the water. The schools of stripers will be a little more difficult to locate with your fish finder as the stripers will be able to roam the entire water column and use all of the lake from end to end.

The tailraces will continue to draw fish but they will scatter over much more of the lakes and rivers and into the creeks and large coves where the bait is abundant. Prepare to make your cold weather fishing trips safe and successful by planning well and telling someone where you are going and when you will be back.

— *Ezell Cox*

The TSBA web site has been rebuilt by Keith Shannon.
Access it at **www.TNStripedBass.com**, logging in with your
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2011 TSBA Calendar

Please join us at TSBA meetings and events. Monthly meetings are held at the Flatwater Grill at 100 Melton Lake Peninsula in Oak Ridge, Tennessee (<http://theflatwatergrill.com>).

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| Oct 17 | Monthly Meeting: dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.
The Flatwater Grill in Oak Ridge
Topic: Graph reading and using your GPS feature
Speakers: Captain Clay Cunningham, Bill Carson |
| Nov 21 | Monthly Meeting: dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.
The Flatwater Grill in Oak Ridge |
| Dec | No monthly meeting in December. |

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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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(Signature)

(Date)

Enclose a check for \$20.00

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Sharps Chapel, TN. 37866

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The TSBA is a non-profit corporation that supports TWRA & its Striped Bass & Cherokee Bass programs. We come together to provide a unified voice for the Striped Bass & the Cherokee Bass programs in the State of Tennessee. We educate the public & share our knowledge with fellow Striped Bass anglers.

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**October 17, 2011
Flatwater Grill
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Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; meeting at 7:00 p.m.**