



## LAKE NORFORK STRIPER CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

July 2022

### July Tournament Results

#### TOURNAMENT DETAILS JULY 21, 2022



Tournament winners (from Left) Roy Rush, Bob Mikolaitis, and Mark Haney's Grandson, Thomas Barton..



David Pauline and Bob Mikolaitis who stepped up to run this tournament with short notice due to Jim W. and Mike J. Illness. THANKS!

Fourteen contestants enjoyed abnormally warm summer weather with very little wind with and high cloudy skies, temperatures in the mid-70s on Thursday morning. Six fish were weighed in at Quarry park ramp.

There were seven boats attending and most had an enjoyable time on the waters of Lake Norfolk. Five of the boats had fish to weigh. First place was shared by Bob Mikolaitis and Thomas Barton with identical 7 lb, 15 oz. stripers. Thomas also won the Rod-and-Reel drawing.

Third place was won by Roy Rush with a 7 lb 5 oz striper.

Our next tournament is scheduled for Thursday, August 18 with the weigh-in at Quarry Park boat ramp. Again., watch for more info on the message board and NEWSLETTER!

I would like to thank the volunteers who helped at the weigh-in by taking photos, recording data, and holding the ticket drawing. Good luck to all.

Jim Wencker, Tournament  
Director

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## 2022 LNSC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

AUGUST 18 – **THURSDAY** - 5:45 am until 10:30 AM at Quarry Park Launch Ramp. Artificial baits **ONLY** allowable for this tournament. Weigh-in time at 10:30AM

SEPTEMBER 16 and 17 – **Friday and Saturday** – 6:00AM Friday until 10:30AM Saturday at Quarry Park Launch Ramp. Live bait or Artificial baits are both allowable for this tournament.

Two weigh-ins will be at the Buzzard Roost launch ramp. Friday at 11:00am and on Saturday at 10:30 am. Live bait or artificial baits are allowed for this tournament. Entry fee is \$20.00 per person and a \$5.00 big fish entry (optional). The single biggest fish weighed in pays out 100% of the big fish entry pot. Each contestant in any boat that has entered the big fish contest must also pay the big fish entry fee. Contestants may weigh up to 3 fish at any time, but no more than a total of 3 fish for the tournament. When the 3 fish limit is reached there will be no culling allowed. Total weight for up to 3 fished weighed in will determine the winners.

OCTOBER 8 - **Saturday** – 6:00AM - 11:00AM at Quarry Park Launch Ramp. Live bait or Artificial baits are both allowable for this tournament. Weigh-in time is 11:00am.

**\*\*NOTE** – The tournament committee is attempting to schedule a **FREE FAMILY TOURNAMENT** but a date has yet to be selected. We would like to have member volunteers to help plan and hold this event. Please call any board member to offer your assistance.

### HELP NEEDED!

The club needs help at our tournament weigh-ins. Only an hour or so of your time would help a great deal. Logging result, photos, etc. Thanks!

Be sure to watch the message board for tournament up-dates and/or changes due to weather or other unforeseen changes. To enter call or email Jim Wencker at 870-421-02-720. Email: [gp\\_wen@suddenlink.net](mailto:gp_wen@suddenlink.net)



## JULY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,  
Hope you are all staying well and comfortable during these hot days.

It sounds like club fishing activity has picked up lately, with good reports mainly from the dam area..  
As usual, every year is a little different and poses its own challenges.

This year is no exception.

The high water has some folks backing off, but the action can still be very good.  
As we continue into the summer months, expect most of the Stripers to again be in the dam area.  
Keep an eye on those DO and water temp reports for a guide to depths and areas.

As I write this the latest tournament went off well and as planned.  
Our long time tournament Director, Jim Wenker has been having some health issues, so we had volunteers carry on for him, thanks guys for doing it

Which brings up an issue that our club is facing.  
The years keep rolling along, and as we all age, there is attrition in the leadership of our club .  
It is important that we keep on supporting the folks who have been active in the working of our club for such a long time.  
It is also important for the membership to step up, and those that are willing and able to take on the responsibility to help keep things moving along smoothly.  
And also that we have back-up for the duties of the officers when they are unable.  
In my case, Ron Burk stepped up and has done a great job of carrying us on, to that I am very grateful.

We have not had elections for some time, and it is vital that we continue to get fresh ideas and willing helpers to be involved.  
It is my hope that you will all consider how much this club means to you, and how you can contribute to it's on-going healthy future.  
Please help where you can, it is important for the future of your club.

I just want to again thank Ron Burk and all the Board members for carrying on while I recuperate.  
Things continue to go well, hope to see you all soon, and to start giving my own fishing reports.  
Otherwise, continue to get out and report your efforts, for good or bad.  
And make note of the ones others are sharing, info is golden when it comes to tracking Stripers thru the year.

So until next time, stay well and safe, get out and enjoy our beautiful area  
Tight Lines!  
Ron Schneider  
President  
Lake Norfolk Striper Club  
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## Striped Bass Tagging Study on Three Arkansas Reservoirs

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is conducting a Striped Bass tag reward study on Beaver, Norfolk, and Ouachita lakes in 2022-2023. This spring, biologists tagged a minimum of 200 Striped Bass with brightly colored tags (2 tags per fish) per reservoir to help understand the proportion of the population harvested by anglers. These tags have individual numbers that identify the fish and a phone number for you to report your catch.

If you catch a tagged Striped Bass, cut the tags off the fish if you want to release it, and call the number on the tags. The number is **479-295-3765**. You will need to provide information about your catch, including the tag number and general location of your catch. You will be asked to mail or deliver the tags to the AGFC Beaver Lake Office. Once the tags are received, a check will be sent to you as a reward for participating. Thank you for gathering some critical data on Striped Bass to improve the management of this species in Beaver, Norfolk, and Ouachita lakes.



## **LAKE NORFORK STRIPER CLUB 2022 GENERAL RULES**

1. LNSC tournaments will be confined to the boundaries of Lake Norfolk.
2. All U.S.C.G. and A.G.&F. rules and regulations must be followed.
3. Anyone ticketed for violation, during the tournament, will be disqualified and ineligible for club tournaments for 1 year.
4. Anyone breaking the tournament rules as set by the tournament committee will be disqualified and ineligible for tournaments for 1 year.
5. Only LNSC members in good standing, and kids under 16 years old may fish club tournaments. Kids must be registered and pay the same entry fee as adults. Kids compete as equals with adults and are eligible for the same prizes. Professional fishing guides are not eligible to compete.
6. Starting times will be posted for each tournament on the tournament schedule. You may be on the water before official starting time but you may not have a line in the water until the starting time.
7. A minimum of 10 people are needed to hold a tournament. In the event that there are fewer than 10 entrants, the event will be cancelled. In the event a tournament is cancelled, all attempts will be made to hold it one week later.
8. For all tournaments, Stripers & Hybrids are treated equally, ( 20 in. min. length).
9. Entry fee for all one day tournaments will be \$10 per person. The entry fee for the two day tournaments will be \$20 per person.
10. The payback at all tournaments will be at a fixed percentage of the total entree fees. Percentages paid will be rounded to the closest full dollar amount. The rates will be: 20% to the club, 40% for first place, 30% for second place & 10% or remaining funds after rounding, to 3rd place. Payout only be for the places awarded. If no fish are weighed in, all entry fees will go to the club to defray the costs of the raffle prize which is awarded regardless of the weigh-in results.

11. The Rod & Reel drawing will be held at the weigh in. Registered and paid-up entrants must be present at the weigh in to get a ticket for the drawing.

12. All entrants must register with the tournament director no later than 5:00 p.m. of the evening before each tournament, either by e-mail, phone call, or in person.

13. If you register, you *must pay* even if you end up not fishing. Entrants

14. There will be a Point System to determine the “Angler of the Year” as follows:

- \* 10 points for entering a tournament.

- \* 1 point for each ounce of your total fish weight. Applies only to your largest fish in the single day tournaments. In 2 day tournaments, points will be awarded for up to a maximum of 3 fish total.

- \* Points will be awarded according to placing in the top 5 for each tournament: 10 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place; 8 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 6 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 4 points for 4<sup>th</sup> place; and 2 points for 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Rules and/or dates may be subject to change by the tournament committee if needed. Check the tournament schedule for more information. Decision of the judges is final.

If a storm approaches, play it safe and get to shelter. Use your own good judgment.

Jim Wencker, Tournament director: [gp\\_wen@suddenlink.net](mailto:gp_wen@suddenlink.net) or 421-6379.

For those fishing in the tournaments, be sure to watch the message board and your incoming emails for potential changes in weigh-in locations and/or fishing hours. There may be late changes during these high water years with ramps and parking areas impacted by the high water.



## ***LNSC FISHING REPORT INCENTIVE PROGRAM***

Your submitted fishing reports have been a very important feature of club membership. They are greatly appreciated by all. Thanks to all anglers who have, and continue to share this valuable information.

For 2022 the program details are as follow:

A quarterly special drawing will be held for each reporting period. **Drawing prize:** A choice of new Rod & Reel or \$75 cash.

Participants do not have to be present to win.

### **Reporting Periods are:**

- A. January 1 to March 27, Drawing at the March 28th meeting.
- B. March 28 to June 26, Drawing at the June 27th meeting.
- C. June 27 to Sept. 25, Drawing at the Sept. 26th meeting.
- D. September 26 to Dec. 5. Drawing Dec. 6th at the Christmas dinner.

### **PROGRAM RULES:**

- 1. 15 maximum reports eligible per period. (more appreciated).
- 2. Report date must be no later than one day after fishing date.
- 3. Area fished
- 4. Water depth where fish were hooked
- 5. Depth fish were at when hooked
- 6. Catch kept or released
- 7. Fishing method (bait, trolling, spooning, etc.)
- 8. Bait/lure used
- 9. Time of day & general lake conditions.
- 10. Your Name.
- 11. Pictures optional –Always appreciated by members. (pictures of lures also appreciated.

**Note:** Only one report per boat allowed, but multiple angler's, when named, shall be credited with the report. Reports when no fish are caught also count and are greatly appreciated.

# WHITE RIVER BORDER LAKES PERMIT

## RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

**Missouri and Arkansas** recognize the sport fishing and resident commercial fishing licenses of the two states on the flowing waters of the St. Francis River that form a common boundary between the two states. A sport-fishing licensee or legally exempt resident of either state abides by the regulations of the state issuing the license. The agreement does not apply to tributaries, bayous and backwaters of the St. Francis River.

A White River Border Lakes License (WRL) is available for a \$10 annual fee. This license allows holders of a valid resident license from either state to fish all waters of Bull Shoals, Norfolk and Table Rock lakes without a fishing license from the other state. The permit is valid for impounded waters (the waters between Beaver Lake Dam and Houseman Access in Arkansas are excluded). Trout may not be taken with this license. Anglers younger than 16 do not need to buy this license to fish in Missouri waters. Anglers are required to abide by the fishing regulations of the state where they are fishing. The only differences in regulations are:

- On Table Rock Lake, spotted bass must be at least 12 inches long to keep (Arkansas) or at least 15 inches long to keep (Missouri).
- On Lake Norfolk, anglers may take up to three stripers and hybrids and 25 white bass of any size per day in Arkansas, except for striped bass, which must be over 20 inches. In Missouri, anglers may take an aggregate of up to 15 stripers, hybrids, white and yellow bass. Striper minimum length limit is 20 inches, and only 3 stripers may be included in the 15 fish combined total.

<https://www.agfc.com/en/resources/licensing/fishing-reciprocal-agreements/>

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

**Fishing Tackle:** When one enters Missouri waters, you must obey the Missouri fishing regulations. One important issue is the use of tackle. In Missouri you may NOT use an Alabama or Umbrella rig with more than 3 hooks attached. You may use one with more wires attached, but they cannot have hooks.

Be sure to acquire a copy of Missouri fishing regulations before you fish in Bull Shoals, Norfolk, or Table Rock in Missouri.



# Identification of Striper, Wiper, White Bass, and White Perch

Similar appearances, varying length and creel limits, and the recent appearance of the aquatic nuisance species, the white perch, make proper identification of the striped bass, striped bass hybrid (or wiper), white bass, and white perch very important for Kansas anglers. White perch have become established in Cheney and Wilson reservoir and Kingman State Fishing Lake. White perch are capable of out competing native fish for food and space. Therefore, anglers are prohibited from moving white perch from one body of water to another. The following information will aid in the identification by providing distinguishing characteristics of each species. Individuals in a species and differing water conditions may impact the ease of identification and close examination may be needed. There is no daily creel limit on white bass or white perch. Creel limits on wipers and striped bass is 2/day statewide, check your regs for combined/aggregate limits at some lakes.

## STRIPED BASS



Back of tongue has TWO tooth patches

Common to reach and exceed 20 pounds



Slender bodied, less than one-third length

Spiny and soft dorsal fins not connected, both fins do not pop-up when spiny dorsal manually erected

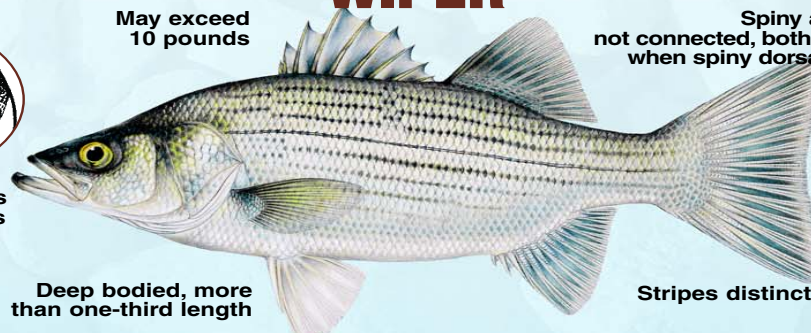
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## WIPER



Back of tongue has TWO tooth patches

May exceed 10 pounds

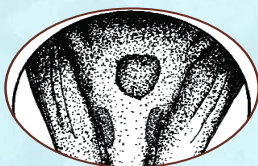


Deep bodied, more than one-third length

Spiny and soft dorsal fins not connected, both fins do not pop-up when spiny dorsal manually erected

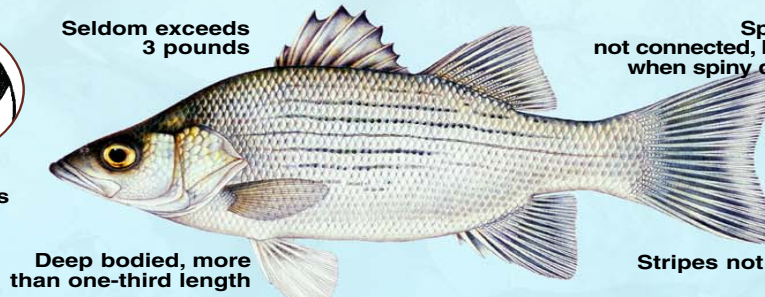
Stripes distinct

## WHITE BASS



Back of tongue has ONE tooth patch

Seldom exceeds 3 pounds



Deep bodied, more than one-third length

Spiny and soft dorsal fins not connected, both fins do not pop-up when spiny dorsal manually erected

Stripes not distinct

## WHITE PERCH

Seldom exceeds 1 pound



Deep bodied, deepest part just in front of or at the beginning of the spiny dorsal fin

Spiny and soft dorsal fins connected, both fins pop-up when spiny dorsal manually erected

No distinct stripes





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**MONDAY, July 25, 2022**

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