JULY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to Larry Devors for winning his 2nd tournament in a row. His winning fish this time was 8 lb. 4 oz. 2nd place went to Roy Rush. He said it was his first fish of the year. It weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. 3rd place went to Michael Devors with his fish weighing 7 lb. 14 oz. 4th place went to Ron Schneider with 7 lb. 10 oz. and 5th place was Jason Devors with 7 lb. 4 oz.

The Devors’ all caught their fish on Binks spoons. All the others stated they were using swim baits, with one using a flicker shad. The fish were caught from Point 2 to the dam and up to Jordon. The fishing for us slowed down around 7:30 am. The fish moved, and we just couldn’t find them again.

Larry not only won the tournament he also won the rod n reel drawing. Congratulations again to Larry Devors and thanks to all those that helped at the weigh-in.

Thank You, Moose West, Tournament Director
President’s Message

I hope you are all enjoying the summer, and are staying cool & comfortable.

The latest Tournament had a good turn-out, and many weighted fish. The Stripers seem to be steadily moving South, and there are some reports of fish from Float Creek to the dam and part way into Big Creek. Thanks again to Moose for heading them, and for helpers.

Trolling with various methods and baits has been catching fish in the deeper water. Most have been in the 35-50' range over 100' + of water. Others have reported good luck jigging a spoon at those same depths, but near bottom.

Remember, this is a tough time of year for Stripers, and legal fish caught should be kept, preferably on ice in a cooler. If you happen to catch your limit early, why not try some trolling or bottom-bouncing for Walleye? That bite seems to be very good on Norfork, look for fish at 30/40'.

In the last Tournament, John Gerard caught a nice one trolling in 100' of water with a downrigger set at 50', using a longer crank bait in “Clown” color. That says they are also in open water and deeper as well.

Our upcoming meetings should be interesting with some new ideas from your board. One is a “panel” of recent Tournament winners in a “Question & Answer” format. If you are asked to participate, my hope is that you will join me in that.

Our new “Speaker & Event Team” is busy working on interesting speakers and perhaps some group trips and events. If you have questions or comments, see team chairman Gary Goeckerman or one of his group. Keep in mind our “Suggestion Box” at the club meetings, and help us out with your ideas.

Look forward to seeing you at our next club meeting,

Hope to see you at the next club meeting,
Tight Lines, Calm Winds, Smooth Waters,
Ron Schneider
2018 LNSC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

AUGUST 16 THURSDAY 5:45AM - 10:00AM
Weigh in at Quarry Park Launch Ramp. Artificial baits ONLY allowable for this tournament.

SEPTEMBER 14 & 15 (FRI & SAT) 6:00AM FRI - 10:00AM SAT
Live bait or Artificial baits are both allowable for this tournament. Entry fee is $10 per contestant for the tournament and an additional $5 each for the OPTIONAL big fish weighed for the tournament. The single biggest fish pays 100% of all big fish entry fees. Each contestant in any boat that has a big fish contestant must also pay the big fish entry fee. TWO WEIGH-INS AT QUARRY PARK LAUNCH RAMP; FRIDAY – 10:00AM, & SATURDAY – 10:00 AM Contestants may weigh up to 3 fish at ANY weigh-in time but no more than a total of three fish for the tournament. When the three-fish limit is reached, there will be no culling allowed. Total weight for up to three fish weighed will determine the winners.

OCTOBER 6 SATURDAY 6:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Weigh-in at Henderson Campground Launch Ramp. Live bait or Artificial baits are both allowable for this tournament.
Entry fee is $5.00 per contestant.
Are the fish on the move?

I’ve noticed guides fishing the Diamond Bay area, Thumb Point & closer to the dam. The guides I saw today, Tues. 7/17/18, were fishing off points in 50’ – 75’ of water and all were using live bait. I would think jigs/spoons would work also in these areas. I marked fish in all these areas and most were in the 35’ – 50’ range in water ranging from 40’ – 140’. It seemed that it did not matter so much how deep the water was, most of the fish were still 35’ – 50’ deep.

Just a thought, if you cannot catch shad or are not setup to keep them alive, try brim. They are easy to catch in the shallows and easier to keep alive than shad.

Water temperature was 87 degrees. This is always a concern when practicing catch and release. Please keep in mind that an adult striper (20+ inches) is worn out after being caught and then if released in this warm water, its chance of survival are not good. The Lake Norfork Striper Club and the Arkansas Fish & Game Dept. recommend that any striper caught 20” or more is kept as part of your limit. Many times they will swim away after being released but soon pop up dead. What a waste.

See you on the water.
John Gerard

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**LNSC CLUB T-SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE**

We currently have t-shirts available to order with our Striper Club logo on the back and LNSC as pocket writing on front. I will have all the ordering information including sizes available, and prices available shortly on the message board and at the June meeting. Or, if you are interested in ordering some right away, please email Penny West at beatricew@centurytel.net with size, quantity, color. If shirt is to be shipped to your home, price for **shipping is $6.80**, which will need to be sent in with your payment. Payment can be mailed to the club with a note as to what it is for, or I can take PayPal. Current colors being ordered are: Black, Sport Grey (light grey), Charcoal (dark grey), Pink, White, Carolina Blue (light blue), Sapphire Blue.

**SHIPPING IN US: $6.80 for up to 2 shirts**
LAKE NORFORK STRIPER CLUB
2018 GENERAL RULES

1. LNSC tournaments will be confined to the boundaries of Lake Norfork.

2. All USCG, AGFC, and MDOC rules and regulations must be followed.

3. Anyone breaking the tournament rules as set by the tournament committee will be disqualified and ineligible for tournaments for 1 year.

4. Only LNSC family members and children 18 years old and under (and/or still in High School) may fish club tournaments. Children must be registered and pay the same entry fee as adults. Children compete as equals with adults and are eligible for the same prizes.

5. Starting times will be posted for each tournament on the tournament schedule. You may be on the water 30 min. before official starting time but you may not have a line in the water until the starting time.

6. A minimum of 10 entrants are needed to hold a tournament. In the event, 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 if we meet the 10-entrant minimum.

7. For all tournaments, Stripers & Hybrids are treated equally, i.e. 20 in. min. length.

8. Entry fee for all one-day tournaments will be $5 per person. The entry fee for the two-day tournaments will be $10 per person.

9. The payback at all tournaments will be 100% of the entry money: 50% for 1st place, 30% for 2nd place, 20% for 3rd place. Payout will only be for the places awarded. If no fish are weighed-in (in any category), the entry fee for that category will go to LNSC treasury to help defray the cost of the drawing prize which is awarded regardless of weigh-in results. (No fish weighed in all moneys will go to the LNSC treasury.)

10. The prize 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.

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

12. If you register, you must pay even if you end up not fishing. Entrants MUST pay by the time of the weigh-in. If entry fees are not paid promptly, entrant will be ineligible to fish future tournaments until after delinquent payment is made. NO REFUNDS except for a cancelled tournament. All pre-paid entries for cancelled tournaments will be returned or credited toward the next scheduled tournament, your choice.

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13. There will be a Point System to determine the "Angler of the Year". It is as follows:

- 10 points for entering 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 per placing in the top 5 for each tournament: 10 points for 1st place; 8 points for 2nd place; 6 points for 3rd place; 4 points for 4th place; and 2 points for 5th place.

14. All contestants **MUST BE** in the buoy area to let me know if you have a fish by tournament end time.

15. Tournament committee would prefer/suggest that all contestants wear life jackets and attach kill switch when the main motor is running (not fishing) and/or when used to troll.

Rules, dates, and weigh-in locations may be subject to change by the tournament committee if needed. Check the tournament schedule and message board for more information.

**Decision of the Tournament Director is final. If a storm approaches, play it safe and get to shelter. Use your own judgment.**

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR - Forrest (Moose) West**

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**2018 TOURNAMENT DETAILS TO DATE:**

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Big Fish, Bruce Carlton – 14 lb. 14 oz. Big Fish on Binks Spoon, Larry Devors – 8 lb. 4oz. Total fish for the year - 82 with a total weight of 538 lb.
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 2018 the program will change and be even better for all participants. 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 Pre-Paid Visa Card.

**Reporting Periods are:**

A. January 1 to April 20\textsuperscript{th}. Drawing at April 23\textsuperscript{rd} meeting.
B. April 21 to June 22\textsuperscript{nd}. Drawing at the June 25\textsuperscript{th} meeting.
C. June 23\textsuperscript{rd} to Sept. 22\textsuperscript{nd}. Drawing at the Sept. 24\textsuperscript{th} meeting.
D. Sept 23 to Dec. 6\textsuperscript{th}. Drawing at the Christmas party.

Participants do NOT have to be present to win.

**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 the angler submitting the report shall be credited with the report. Reports when no fish are caught also count and are greatly appreciated.
Norfork Lake is in its summer pattern. Fish are going deeper as the thermocline continues to drop. The thermocline appears to be in the 22 - 30 feet range depending where you are located on the lake.

Striped bass fishing continues to be very good. The best artificial method has been vertical jigging with a spoon. If you are trolling use a large swimbait or an umbrella rig with the same swimmers attached to it. Live bait (threadfin or gizzard shad and large shiners), has been working the best for me. I am catching stripers 40 to 70 feet deep in 45 to 100 feet of water. Most of the fish I've caught over the last week that were 40 feet down have been hybrids. The striped bass has been deeper. Locations for the striped bass have not really changed much since my last report. I am finding them on the main lake as well as in some of the creeks. Channel swings where the water drops off to 80+ feet very close to shore are one of the best areas. Long points where the channel is close are also holding some really good fish. I am finding striped bass from the 62 bridge area all the way down towards and beyond Hudson Point, a little east of the dam.

Largemouth bass fishing has also been good. There is still some good topwater action right before sun up and as the sun is setting. Other times of the day you need to look for these fish on or slightly below the thermocline. Brush piles near the thermocline are also holding some nice fish.

Catfish and walleye have also been biting very well. I have caught some really nice sized channel and blue cats on live shad while fishing for striped bass. Most of the catfish came from 60 to 70 feet deep close to the bottom, especially when I have found deep bait. The same, as above, holds true for the walleye. You will also find nice walleye below the thermocline especially early and late in the day. Crawler harnesses are work very well, as well as, live larger minnows.

Norfork Lake level is holding fairly stable and currently sits at 555.28 feet above sea level. Periodic power generation is occurring to hold the level close to the current normal seasonal pool. The surface water temperature is in the 86 - 90 degree range. The main lake is clear with some of the coves and creeks slightly stained.

Happy fishing and see you on the lake. Lou (Report as of July 14th)

Watch for Lou’s updated fishing reports on http://www.hummingbird-hideaway.com/
The White River system reservoirs of Table Rock, Bull Shoals and Norfork are nationally-known for their high-quality fishing and incomparable beauty.

Looking at a map of Missouri or Arkansas, you quickly notice that none of these lakes lie entirely in either state. Their location on the Missouri- Arkansas state line has caused confusion among anglers about fishing regulations. On Bull Shoals Lake, for example, an angler going from Pontiac to Oakland could cross the state line three times in less than two miles. Of course, fishing regulations change with each crossing.

To simplify matters, the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission have worked cooperatively to streamline regulations on these shared waters, as well as to improve fishing.

One new development should relieve border concerns for anglers fishing these waters. Beginning March 1, 2001, Missouri residents age 16 years and older who fish the Arkansas portions of Table Rock, Bull Shoals, or Norfork lakes will no longer be required to purchase a non-resident Arkansas fishing license. Thanks to a recent agreement between the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission and Missouri Department of Conservation, residents of Missouri and Arkansas who possess a valid resident fishing permit from their respective states may also purchase a $10 White River Border Lakes Permit each year. The permit allows anglers to fish all three lakes in their entirety, saving them more than $20 per year!

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**Alabama Rig Regulations For the State of Missouri**

The Alabama, umbrella and similar rigs may be fished in Missouri so long as they use only three lures or baits. The remaining attachment points can include similar baits so long as their hooks have been removed or other hook-less attractors such as spinner blades are used. This rig is intended to be fished using a rod and reel.

The Alabama rigs we have seen have more than three wires and attachment points. These rigs may be used but only with up to three hooks. (Each bait or lure counts as a hook.) The additional wires and attachment points can be used. However, whatever is attached may not include a hook. You may also clip the extra wires and attachment points off or not use them at all.
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**
- Common to reach and exceed 20 pounds
- Spiny and soft dorsal fins not connected, both fins do not pop-up when spiny dorsal manually erected
- Back of tongue has TWO tooth patches
- Slender bodied, less than one-third length

**WIPER**
- May exceed 10 pounds
- Spiny and soft dorsal fins not connected, both fins do not pop-up when spiny dorsal manually erected
- Back of tongue has TWO tooth patches
- Deep bodied, more than one-third length

**WHITE BASS**
- Seldom exceeds 3 pounds
- Spiny and soft dorsal fins not connected, both fins do not pop-up when spiny dorsal manually erected
- Back of tongue has ONE tooth patch
- Deep bodied, more than one-third length

**WHITE PERCH**
- Seldom exceeds 1 pound
- Spiny and soft dorsal fins connected, both fins pop-up when spiny dorsal manually erected
- Deep bodied, deepest part just in front of or at the beginning of the spiny dorsal fin
- No distinct stripes
Lake Norfork Striper Club
Membership Application

Applicant’s Name ____________________________ Email ____________________________
Mailing Address ______________________________________________________________
Home Ph. _______________________ Cell Ph. _____________________ Date ___________

New Membership $20 - $25 Family - Include with Application. * Annual Renewals are $15 per member and $20 per family.

Membership includes full access to the LNSC website and message board. Members also receive our monthly newsletter via e-mail. The message board and newsletters bring tournament results, club news and continual updates on fishing and water conditions.
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Next Meeting
Monday, July 23rd - 7pm at the Eastside Baptist Church