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AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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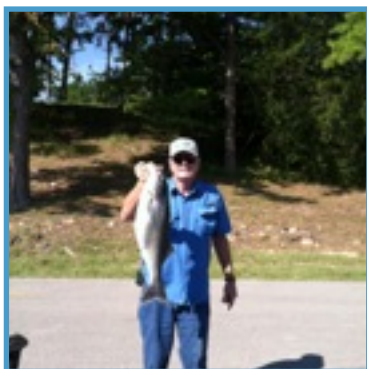
1st Place - Larry Devors (R),
12 lb. 10 oz Striper - pictured
with **Jason Devors - 6th**
place with a 6 lb. 6 oz. Striper



2nd Place - Ron Teter with a
11 lb. 1 oz. Striper



3rd Place - Michael Devors
with a 9 lb. 6oz. Striper



4th Place - Doug Anderson
8 lb. 6 oz Striper



5th Place - John Gerard
6 lb. 11 oz. Striper



7th Place - Jim Shaffer
5 lb. 5 oz. Striper

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2014 LNSC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

September 12 & 13 - 6:30 Fri. to 10:00 Sat. Weigh-ins will be at Quarry ramp. Entry fee for this 2 day tournament will be \$10.00. Live or artificial baits may be used. There will be 3 weigh in times; Fri. at 11:30 to 12:00 noon, Fri. 7:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., and Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This is a 3 fish total weight event. You may weigh a max. of 3 fish. You may fish thru the night (if you want to). Points for up to 3 only. Also there will be a side pot for the heaviest fish. The fee is \$5.00 per person and if one person in the boat enters, all persons in the boat must enter. 100% payback to 1 place only.

October 9 - TH. 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Panther Bay – Live Bait or artificial bait -heaviest one fish wins –points for 1 fish per person. Weigh in time: 10:45 to 11:00am.

To Register for Tournaments, contact:

Tournament Director – Jim Wencker

Phone (520) 260-0290 E-Mail: gp_wen@suddenlink.net

A Sign-up sheet will also be at monthly meetings

Remember to wear your life jackets
and use your Kill Switches

NOTE: Tournament times and locations may change due to conditions or other unforeseen events. Continue to watch the newsletters, website and message board for updates and/or changes.

SEPTEMBER PICNIC COMING

We will be having a club picnic on Sept. 13th after the tournament. Start time will 2:45 pm, with the club furnishing the main dish. Members to bring side dish or dessert.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Zebra Mussels are in Bull Shoals Lake. However, I am told they are not in Lake Norfolk as of today. Let the LNSC help keep it that way. The bottom of this article has suggested ways to help keep the spread of this invasive species.

Much of the information below comes from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

The life span of a zebra mussel is four to five years.[11] A female zebra mussel begins to reproduce within 6–7 weeks of settling. An adult female zebra mussel can produce 30,000 to 40,000 eggs in each reproductive cycle, and over 1 million each year.[12] Free-swimming microscopic larvae, called **veligers**, will drift in the water for several weeks and then settle onto any hard surface they can find. Zebra mussels also can tolerate a wide range of environmental conditions and **adults can even survive out of water for about 7 days.**



Zebra mussel are **Filter feeders** (a sub-group of suspension feeders) are **animals** that feed by straining suspended matter and food particles from water, typically by passing the water over a specialized filtering structure. This filtered matter is the basic food that feeds much of our bait fish in Lake Norfolk. Zebra mussels attach to most **substrates** including sand, **silt**, and harder substrates. Other mussel species frequently represent the most stable objects in silty substrates, and zebra mussels attach to, and often kill these mussels.

How can I prevent the spread of zebra mussels?

- ¥ Remove any visible vegetation from items that were in the water, including the boat, trailer, and all equipment.
- ¥ Flush engine cooling system, live wells, and bilge with tap water. If possible, use hot water.
- ¥ Do not re-use bait if exposed to infested waters.
- ¥ Dry boat and other equipment for at least 48 hours before using in uninfested waters.
- ¥ Examine boat exterior for mussels if it has been docked in infested waters; if mussels are found or exterior is heavily fouled by algae, either clean fouled surfaces or leave boat out of the water for at least 5 days before entering uninfested waters.

When your boat is out of the water and the drain plug is pulled, there may still be water in the bottom of your boat or even in your livewell. I suggest pouring in a bucket of hot water with a 10% solution of bleach. Let it sit for a few minutes and flush with fresh water.

Let's keep our waters clean.
John Gerard

CAPTAIN RON'S FISHING REPORT

To repeat myself, this year sure has been different. Fishing has been tough but it seems to be really heating up at last. A lot of fish were weighed in our August tournament. Still no really big ones but there were some respectable ones weighed. That darn Larry won't throw in the towel and he caught a nice 12 pound striper beating me by a pound. He and his crew caught a lot of fish using the Bink's one ounce white many shad spoon. I am still catching a lot of fish myself with the Blue Pearl Skinny Dipper. The stripers are 30' and down but the larger ones are at least 40' down. There is even a top water bite with the smaller stripers, hybrids, and small mouths. I am catching a mixed bag of stripers, hybrids, whites, small mouths and walleye, but by far mostly stripers. That is probably because I am fishing under a lot of the smaller fish. I am also using Alabama rigs again, but I have added an extra one foot leader to the center bait. I recently caught about 40 fish over two days, ridiculous. I caught so many fish that, for the fish time ever, my wrist cramped up reeling in a fish, I had to turn the rod over and reel in with my left hand. How's that for a fish story? But I am not killing fish. Remember what I said about this year being different, I think that between the lower water temps and I suspect good oxygen levels, the released fish are swimming away fast and strong, no signs of weakness, hard to believe after seeing how they normally respond this time of year in the past. I am catching stripers anywhere in the dam area including out in the middle in front of the dam, but I am also finding schooling fish way back in the coves in 30 to 80 feet of water feeding on cornered shad. Find these schooling fish and you should be in for a blast because they are not as likely to leave for awhile. So far this action has been pretty active to at least 9:00 am.



It seems that the timing of everything is lagging usual years and if the oxygen and temps hold the stripers may not go as deep and be as lethargic as some summers. I said almost the same thing last year and we still had a fish kill but this year the temps have been even cooler and we had less high water this last spring. Next month should tell, keeping my fingers crossed, there are a lot of those mid-size fish and if they survive, the fishing will be even better next year.

It has been Chamber of Commerce weather and the bite is on, see you on the water, Ron

Note: At our August club meeting each attending member will get a free ticket for a separate drawing to go fishing with me. Hint, I am hoping to start something here and that other members who are also catching fish will do the same for subsequent meetings. Our club is what we make it.

LNSC in-house Tackle Swap New or Used Items

The equipment you are not using might be just what another member needs.

When? Monday Sept. 22 at 7:00PM – 8:30PM (after short meeting). Setup from 6:30 – 7:00

Where? East Side Baptist Church, Hensley Bldg.

LNSC Sponsors are welcome.

Tackle swapping for cash dollars is the best choice.

- **Fishing Rods**
- **Fishing Reels**
- **Lures of all types**
- **Downriggers and accessories**
- **Boats & accessories**
- **Anything related to fishing.**

Price it and bring it in. You can set up your own little store or go into partnership with other members.

Tables will be set up.

Remember, if you use the term “or best offer” means you will probably take less!!

It will be ok to bring a guest. Tell them to bring cash,

Lots of it.

(This swap is not open to the gen. public)

It was great to see so many members catching fish this month. Most all of the action was in the lower lake, as is usual this time of year. The hot baits seemed to be the Bink's Spoon and swim baits. Hopefully the action will continue and see a productive September two-day tournament. Tight lines to all!

A few more pictures available of member's catches from the tournament



Jack Engesetter



Don Kerns



Steven Reed

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