Twenty-three members fished our May tournament with thirteen participants catching at least one fish over 20 inches to weigh in this month’s contest. Fifteen of those entered in the general tournament, also entered the optional Big Fish Pot, which pays 100% of the optional entry fees to the contestant who weighs the heaviest eligible fish weighed in the general tournament.

The largest Striper weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces and was caught by Don KERNS, who won $75 for his First place winning fish entered in the Big Fish Pot and also $115 for First place for his three fish total weight of an even 23 pounds for our May Tournament. Don is one of our most consistently successful members and is always available to discuss what he is doing to be so successful. Come to our next meeting (June 29) and sit down with him. You will be glad that you did!

Second place was taken by Moose WEST with a total weight of 21 pounds, 1 oz. for his three Striper tournament limit. His fish paid him a $69 dividend. His largest fish weighed 7 pounds, 11 oz. He and his wife, Penny, are new members having joined last summer. One or both of them are usually successful with their Striper fishing and in our tournaments. They are on the lake quite often and keep track of ongoing results of others on the Fishing Message Board.

Cliff Day took third place with a three Striper entry weighing 17 pounds, 12 oz. to earn him $46. Cliff’s largest fish weighed 6 pounds, 8 oz.

Bobby DOSHIER barely missed being in the money by 1 oz.! His fourth place finish with three fish weighed 17 pounds, 11 oz. with the largest being 7 pounds, 2 oz. This is very impressive considering this was his first tournament with us and, he could only fish on Friday morning! Oh, by the way, I neglected to mention that he was fishing with Ron TETER as a result of winning the drawing at our last meeting!

Fifth place went to Penny WEST with a total three-fish catch weighing 17 pounds, 8 oz., only 4 ounces back from third place! Her biggest fish weighed 6 pounds, 2 oz.

The proud winner of the Okuma trolling rod and Okuma DX20 line counter reel was John GERARD. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2).
2015 LNSC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

JUNE 18 – THURSDAY - 5:30 am until 10:00 am at Quarry Park Launch Ramp. *Artificial baits ONLY* allowable for this tournament. Weigh-in time is 9:45 – 10:00 am.

JULY 16 – THURSDAY - 5:30 am until 9:30 am at Quarry Park Launch Ramp. *Artificial baits ONLY* allowable for this tournament. Weigh-in time is 9:15 – 9:30 am.

JULY 13 – THURSDAY - 5:30 am until 9:30 am at Quarry Park Launch Ramp. *Artificial baits ONLY* allowable for this tournament. Weigh-in time is 9:45 – 10:00 am.

SEPTEMBER 18 and 19 – Friday and Saturday – 6: am Friday until 9:30 am Saturday at Quarry Park Launch Ramp. *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* biggest 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. Three weigh-ins at Panther Bay Launch Ramp: FRIDAY – 10:00 to 10:30 am AND 6:00 to 6:15 pm, then on SATURDAY – 9:30 to 10:00 am. Contestants may weigh up to 3 fish at any weigh-in time but no more that 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 10-SATURDAY - 6am to11:00am. Weigh-in at PantherBay Launch Ramp with weigh-in at 10:45 – 11:00 am. *Live bait or Artificial baits are both* allowable for this tournament.

TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

1. Register Early
2. Pay with Cash
3. Always watch the message board for any changes in weigh-in times or location change.
4. Know the tournament rules (see the web site).
5. Watch the rather and think safety first!
6. Have fun and enjoy the day on our great Lake Norfork!

MAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS CONTINUED FROM PG. 1

Ron TETER has become a legend in our tournaments. In order to take himself out of the participant pool so as to give other members a better chance to win, Ron is graciously offering his expertise in the next club tournament to the winner of a FREE drawing at each of our monthly meetings this year. Come to our next meeting on Monday, JUNE 29, at EastSide Baptist Church and maybe you will win a trip with Ron in July!

Rain over the last two weeks has swollen the shoreline with a rise in the lake level over the last few weeks. The lake temperature is now in the high 60’s and low 70’s. The shoreline is up in the bushes again but not into the levels that are disruptive to normal operations on Lake Norfork. See you on the lake, soon! Tight lines, Jim W., Tournament Director

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What a weekend for a tournament (rain, wind & rain). Apparently weather did not bother the fish. I do not have the exact count but there were 18 plus fish weighed in as well as many legal fish caught that were not weighed in. Issues with my back kept me off the water. I’ll try my best not to let that happen again. I was helping at the weigh-in Saturday morning and Jim Wencker was doing the official weigh-in. Jim was overwhelmed with buckets & coolers of fish to weigh. What a great feeling seeing all that activity. I think fish cookers and smokers will be going strong. Good eating!

Memorial weekend is coming up. If you’re on the lake watch for boat traffic and people involved in water sports. My own experience is there is not a lot of boat traffic until 9:00AM. Parking places at the public ramps will be at a premium. As always, the best time to go fishing is now. Buck Perry said, “you can’t catch fish where fish ain’t”. So, see you where the fish are, on the lake.

John Gerard

Striper fishing continues to be great but as the surface water temperatures rise you have to go deeper to get them. The temps are in the mid 70s now and I am already trolling my swim baits deeper, about 15-20’ and I will soon go even deeper as the fish start showing up deeper. This is not to say that there is not a surface bite, there is, the difference is that the stripers are not staying shallow but are coming up for short periods of time, so keep those top water lures ready. There can even be a top water bite with the temps in the 75-85 range but very fleeting and mostly at night and over 85 they will be forced too deep to come up at all. The stripers are still widely scattered but as the temps rise and the oxygen leaves the deeper water in the upper part of the lake, the stripers have to move down. How rapidly this happens depends a lot on the weather and the amount of runoff into the lake but generally by late July most stripers will be within a couple of miles of the dam. When this happens it is easier to locate schooling fish and spooning becomes a very good option. I think Bink will show a video and answer questions about spooning at our August meeting. If you want to catch stripers this will be a must see.

But, for the next month or so fishing should continue to be good in the mid lake area. I have caught a lot of stripers in June around Blue Lady and the Hand Cove areas.

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I haven't been fishing much around the dam lately because the bite has been so good closer to home, but this is the time that stripers normally hit the surface early morning and late afternoon around the Point 1 area. I don't fish much at night anymore but I have caught stripers in June right out in front of the dam at night trolling swim or stick baits and that bite can continue all summer but you will have to go deeper. And if you like walleye, fishing the couple of hours before daylight along main lake bluffs and points or midway back in the creeks along bluff lines and points can be productive. Around late June I used to go out early and spoon for walleye in 30-35' off of points and then at first light I would move a little farther out into deeper water and spoon for stripers. You will probably start to pick up a few walleye anyway when trolling for stripers. Some walleye will be suspended in open water over bait fish. May and June are also when trolling umbrella rigs can be very effective. Umbrella rigs pull hard and take a lot of fight out of smaller fish, but sometimes when the bite is really tough, they work. I normally rig my umbrella with 4" white shad swim baits with a red eye and a 6" bait farthest out the back. But other colors work, my second choice is the natural shad color. Other fishermen have their own secret colors and baits. If the bite gets tough I might try the Skinny Dippers. I have used them on Alabama rigs but not umbrellas yet. It seems that the wider, bigger pattern of the umbrella rig is more effective this time of year.

As the water temps rise, keeping stripers in the live well is not a good option, I will start to carry an ice chest for the stripers I keep. Also, when the temps get over 85, if not sooner, it is very unlikely that a released striper will survive, especially the larger ones. If you do release a striper it might swim away but if you see it come back to the top five or ten minutes later that will tell you. So as the weather gets hotter I will fish less, can only eat so many stripers. Please do the same, we don't want to waste this wonderful resource we have here.

See you on the water,

Ron

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**MEET NEW LNSC MEMBERS FOR APRIL AND MAY 2015**

1. Dave Atherton from Mountain Home, Arkansas
2. Scott Erickson from Johnston, Iowa
3. Joe Horsley from Jonesboro, Arkansas
4. Mike Jones & Amy Kraft from Mountain Home, Arkansas
5. Ralph Miller from Flippin, Arkansas
6. William Morgan from Cotter, Arkansas
7. Dan Smoke from Bull Shoals, Arkansas
DON KERNS - TOURNAMENT WINNER

Don weighed three fish at 23 lb. even and won the big fish pot with a 9 lb. 4 oz. Striper.

MOOSE WEST

Moose garnered Second place with three fish weighing 21 lb. 1 oz.

CLIFF DAY

Cliff took home third place money with a three striper entry weighing 17 lb. 12 oz.

Bobby Doshier at 4th place, just one ounce below third, at 17 lb.

Penny West took fifth place with a three fish limit of 17 lb. 8 oz.

JOHN GERARD

Our lucky tournament rod and reel drawing winner.

John was unable to fish this tournament, but was on hand to help with the weigh-ins & of course, be ready to take home this nice Rod and Reel.
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Ron Schneider, well know Mountain Home guide and striper fisherman, provided an excellent presentation on fishing for stripers with live bait. Ron covered many facets of his techniques including catching and handling of bait, how to hook the bait, what hooks he likes to use best, Rod set-up, types of line, and more ideas on equipment. Ron gave good details on how he fishes the bait, with various lengths and depths, use of planer boards, etc. Thanks, Ron, it was great!
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Next Meeting
MONDAY- JUNE 29 - 7pm
Eastside Baptist Church

There will NOT be a May meeting scheduled due to the Memorial Day holiday, which fall on the week of our normal scheduled meeting.

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