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UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>April 6, 2017</u> Monthly Social Dinner 7:00-8:30 p.m. SCOA Toledo Town

<u>April 21, 2017</u> <u>Bass Unlimited Banquet and</u> <u>Auctions</u> 5:00-10:00pm Cypress Bend Marina Pavilion <u>April Membership Social</u> – The TBLA April general membership social will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sabine Council on Aging (SCOA) facility, Highway 191 North of Toledo Town (29275 Hwy. 191 N, Many, LA 71449). Our guest speaker will be Jackie Conyer with the Sabine Humane Society. Mike McCormick will also provide information regarding the upcoming Sabine Parish Road Tax renewal referendum. The entree will be hamburger steak and gravy. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join your fellow Toledo Bend Lake Association members as we enjoy this meal and meeting.

2017 Bass Unlimited Banquet News

It is almost here! TBLA's Bass Unlimited Banquet will take place Friday, April 21, at the Cypress Bend Marina Pavilion. The event will open at 5:00 p.m., and we will have a meal, drink cup, door prizes, at least 25 drop boxes, 10-12 silent auction items, and 25 plus live auction items. Tickets are still available, but get them soon if you want to make sure you have one. Any available tickets will be for sale at the April 6 Membership Social meeting at a cost of \$50.00.

The drop box raffle items are highlighted by <u>a Wilderness Systems Commander 120 Kayak, a Cajun</u> <u>Fryer by R&V Works, an LSU tail gating package, gardening packages, "Date Night" package,</u> <u>boating packages, a camping package, fishing packages and numerous resort and hotel gift</u> <u>certificates from Shreveport to Houston.</u>

The silent auction will include pallet art, a number of wildlife prints including one previously sold out BU poster print by JoAnn Cason, wood carving art and more.

The live auction will include 4 card games, and there will be two previously sold-out, signed and numbered BU Posters by Don Edwards and Judy Wong. There also will be additional Art work by Mr. Edwards, a signed and numbered Rodrigue "Blue Dog" print, two custom wood carvings, five firearms including a Henry Golden Boy and a Henry Silver Golden Boy, 2 Wilderness Systems Ride 135 Kayaks, Louisiana Opal Jewelry, a custom fire pit, numerous guided fishing trips, golf packages, rod and reel packages, a Costa Del Mar Package and more. We are excited about the event and want to thank everyone who has donated to or sponsored the event. Please plan to attend, invite your friends and neighbors, and buy your tickets soon before we sell them out. BU Tickets are on sale now, and you can reserve your seats or a table by calling Gaynell Goodeaux at 318 256 0501.

<u>2017/2018-52-Gun Raffle – Please return any unused/ unwanted tickets as soon as possible so</u> we can sell them to someone who wants to participate in the gun raffle.

Please return all unused or unsold tickets now to Bruce Rogers. For the raffle to be successful, we need to sell all 1000 of the tickets that were printed and distributed to our members for the raffle. If you received tickets from us back in November or December, and you have not paid for them, not sold them, and do not plan to sell or use them, please return the unused tickets as soon as possible or please turn in your money from any ticket sales and completed ticket stubs to: Bruce Rogers, 70 Northstar Lane, Many, LA 71449. We hope you will sell or purchase your tickets, but if not, we will do our best to sell them to someone else who may want to participate in the raffle. If you have questions regarding the 2017/2018 Gun Raffle, contact Bruce by Phone: 281-543-0184 or Email: bruce.rogers@hughes.net. Bruce does have gun raffle tickets available for sale if you are interested in buying tickets for the upcoming 2017/2018 52- gun raffle which starts April 21.

The BU Planning Committee's next meeting will be Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. - The BU committee will meet in the SCOA-Toledo Town location. Anyone interested in serving on one of the BU committees, please join us at this meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested in serving on the Bass Unlimited Committee or interested in volunteering to help with one of our other projects, please contact myself or Ted Dove. I can be reached any time by email at <u>gmoore07@yahoo.com</u> or by phone at 281-798-7131 or 318-256-2495. Ted's contact information is <u>tdove@craworld.com</u> and 225-937-0439.

TBLA Highlights for March

The 2017 TBLA Bass Unlimited--Back a Great Fighter Poster Unveiling was held on Thursday, March 2, at Cypress

Bend Resort. This event was a great success and we want to thank this year's poster sponsors- Toledo Town Hardware and Supply for helping to make this possible. We want to thank Mr. Don Edwards for creating a great painting this year which he titled "Toledo Bend #1." We also want to thank the past two years' poster artists, Eddie Pastureau and Noah Bounds for providing additional original paintings that were auctioned along with Mr. Edwards painting to raise funds for TBLA. The signed and numbered 2017 posters can be purchased now by contacting Poster Coordinator Rhonda Dean at 318-590-0599.



Poster Sponsors Sabina and Rick Rowe of Toledo Town Hardware and Supply, are shown with artist Don Edwards, and Ben and Myra Smith, Auction winners of the 2017 TBLA Bass Unlimited signed poster #1 titled "Toledo Bend #1."

<u>The TBLA Board met on Tuesday, March 21</u> and approved a grant request from the Hemphill High School Fishing team. TBLA now provides sponsorship to three local area high school fishing teams.

2017 Membership Renewal, Please check your records! We still have a number of members who have not renewed their memberships. We would appreciate anything that you can do to renew as soon as possible. Please check your records and renew if you have not already done so. Also please ask a neighbor, friend, or fellow Lake Area property or business owner, or Lake User to consider joining TBLA.

2016 BU Grand Prize Gun Raffle Weekly Winners – based on the Friday, Louisiana Pick Three Lottery drawing – Weekly winners were: Week 47, 02/24/17, no winner.; Week 48, 03/3/2017, Rem 870 12 ga 3 ½", Bill Domingue, Many, La.; Week 49, 03/10/2017, Henry H004 22 Golden Boy, Bill Dodds, Lake Charles, La.; Week 50, 03/17/2017, Ruger American Blue,.30-06, Darren Dubois, Kaplan La..

<u>Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program</u> – As of Wednesday, March 22, we have 63 lunkers registered in the 2016 - 2017 Lunker Bass Program. At this time last year, we had 121 fish registered. Check the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program Facebook page to see photos of the anglers and their big fish. The best time to catch a big one is now!

<u>**Toledo Bend Reservoir**</u> – Daily Lake levels may be found at: <u>http://www.srala-toledo.com/</u>, The Lake level is currently approximately 169.45ft msl.

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If you have questions or comments relative to the contents of this Newsletter, please contact me at <u>gmoore07@yahoo.com</u> or call me at 281-798-7131 or 318-256-2495. Gary Moore, TBLA President

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION

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