



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1, 2016 **Member Social**

7:00 p.m. at SCOA
Toledo Town

September 20, 2016

Board of Directors
6:30 p.m. at SCOA

September Membership Social – The TBLA September general membership social will be held on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016, 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). The main entree will be jambalaya and white beans prepared by Gary Crabtree. Please bring appropriate side dishes and desserts. Our speaker will be Rebecca Triche, Executive Director of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation.

TBLA is an Affiliate Member of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation – The Louisiana Wildlife Federation (LWF) is the Bayou State's leading organization of sportsmen and conservationists with 24 state and local affiliated clubs and 9,600 members. It represents a broad constituency of hunters, anglers, campers, birders, boaters and other outdoor-oriented citizens.
<http://www.lawildlifefed.org/default.cfm>

The goals of the LWF are to conserve the natural resources of Louisiana, with particular emphasis on fish and wildlife and their habitats, to protect the rights of Louisiana citizens to enjoy these resources in accordance with sound, scientifically established resource management principles, and to accomplish this primarily through education and advocacy.

Any Louisiana organization that has a primary interest in the conservation of the renewable natural resources of the state and the quality of the environment, and subscribes to the basic purposes of the LWF "To restore, preserve, develop, and increase the birds, fish, game, forestry, wild flowers and all other wild life resources of the state....." as stated in the LWF Charter, may apply for affiliation. As an Affiliate Member, TBLA supports these goals and purposes.

TBLA Board Actions

Board Member resigns – Scottie Lucas a TBLA Board member since 2012 has informed us of his resignation effective August 17, 2016. Scottie underwent back surgery on August 9 and stated: "Although I am healing well, I still have some restrictions that limit my ability to drive far distances and the like. In lieu of missing any more meetings, I felt this was in the best interest of the TBLA Board of Directors. I look forward to a continued relationship with all of you and the organization."

Scottie has been a valuable member of the Board and we very much appreciate his dedication and time. Scottie has blessed TBLA with his talents as the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass replica taxidermist/wildlife artist who produces the numerous lunker bass replicas we award each year. Anglers who have received these replicas provide numerous compliments as to the quality of the replicas. I suspect producing 81 replicas in 2014-15 and 139 in 2015-16 didn't help his back a whole lot. We hope Scottie will be able to continue producing replicas for us after recuperating from his surgery. Thank you, Scottie, for your dedication to TBLA and we all wish you a successful recovery.



Board Member Nominations/Election – 1st Vice President Gary Moore, the Election Committee Chairman, will accept nominations for new Board members through September 30th as per our By Laws. Five Board positions will be available: four positions which are annually elected and the vacancy created by the resignation. Two incumbent board members have chosen not to run. We presently have three new nominations and two incumbents who are running. To serve on the Board, a person must be a member in good standing for one year. Please let Gary know if you want to nominate yourself or someone else to serve on the Board. We need board members with good ideas and ways of doing things. For more information, contact Gary at (318) 256-2495 or gmoore07@yahoo.com The October Newsletter will include short resumes of each nominee, if provided. Election will be by mail-in ballot, electronic ballot, and a ballot brought to or completed at the October 6th meeting.

TBLA Blood Drive on October 6 – Life Share Blood Center will hold another blood drive at our October 6th member social which is also our annual fish fry and board member election, so please come and donate if possible. They will set up and be ready to go at 5:30 p.m. and take donations throughout the meeting. Let's make this another successful drive. We need a coordinator for this blood drive. Please contact President Toliver if you are willing to do so. We will have door prizes at this meeting as well.

2017 Bass Unlimited Committee Members & Coordinators needed – BU Coordinator Deb Pennington still needs volunteers for the committee and especially someone to volunteer as a Coordinator for some of the subcommittees. A successful BU-BAGF depends heavily on member volunteers and coordinators. Working on the committee is an enjoyable endeavor and we hope many of you will step up and help. Call Deb (318) 590-2349, to volunteer or have questions.

2016 BU Grand Prize Gun Raffle Weekly Winners based on the Friday, Louisiana Pick Three Lottery drawing – Weekly winners: **7/29/16 ticket #241** not sold; **8/5/2016 ticket #298**, Robert Quinters, Many, LA, Ruger American blued 270 rifle; **8/12/2016 ticket # 055**, Nora Lewis, Robeline, LA, Wealdy & Scott 12 gauge shotgun; **8/19/2016, ticket #414**, Harlan Leach, Florian, LA, Marlin 336 30-30 wood blued rifle. Grand Prize Gun raffle winner names are posted weekly on the TBLA web site.



Hemphill Hornets Bass Club sophomores Noah "the Legend" Sowell and Trey "the Reel Deal" Proctor, qualified for the Costa Bassmaster High School National Championship tournament on Kentucky Lake. The Lake's 15" length proved to be a challenge. However, they caught plenty of fish under that length. They didn't make the top 12, but represented the team well, had fun and gained a wealth of knowledge from their awesome boat captain and coach for the week, Brandon Baker. Congratulations Noah and Trey.

John Trammell, a Bass Club angler who tragically lost his dad and little brother in a house fire, received a signed jersey from Ish Monroe and other pro anglers. Local pro, Dave Mansue gathered tackle and equipment from sponsors to give to John, who lost everything including all his fishing equipment in the fire.

TBLA sponsored the Hornets this year, by providing \$500 for jerseys and \$2,000 for college scholarships.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – At present we have 15 lunkers registered in the 2016 – 2017 Lunker Bass Program. At this time last year, we had 26 fish registered.

Cypress Bend Fall Golf Package Raffle, a real deal – We have only sold 3 raffle tickets for the Cypress bend weekend golf package. This package is left over from the BU auction. It includes a 4-person golf suite for two days and two rounds of golf per person with cart provided. The package expires on Dec. 30, 2016. Tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale through Oct. 6 when the drawing will be held at our social.

The following information is from the Toledo Bend Citizen's Advisory Committee August Newsletter:

Sabine River Authority Louisiana (SRALA) Update: At the June 23, 2016 SRA Board of Commissioners Meeting, the Board approved an **Encroachment Policy and Procedures** document. This document governs how the SRALA will handle encroachments on Louisiana leaseback lands that may have occurred in the past, if SRALA permitting procedures were not followed. **If you believe that you may have a structural encroachment that was not properly permitted or believe someone you know has one, please contact Carl Chance at the SRALA at 318-256-4112 or carl.chance@la.gov.**

SRALA has set up procedures for obtaining authorization to register existing residential encroachments upon lands owned by SRALA. Below are the Instructions for Submitting an Application for Authorization to Register Existing Residential Encroachment. The application for registering existing residential encroachments can be obtained at the SRA of Louisiana office. This application, as well as the instructions below can also be viewed on the TBCAC website at www.tbcac.net.

Instructions for Submitting an Application for Authorization to Register Existing Residential Encroachment

Authorization to register existing encroachment must be obtained for improvements upon SRALA lands. Typically, these encroachments occur within the leaseback area. In most instances, SRALA will authorize an existing encroachment through the issuance of a permit. SRALA recognizes, however, that some lending institutions may require a different authorization, such as an easement or right-of-way. SRALA will work with applicants in meeting requirements of lending institutions, but additional documentation and fees may apply. In no circumstance will SRALA convey a fee interest to authorize an encroachment.

These instructions for submitting an application for authorization are provided only as a convenience to assist applicants in preparing an application. When completing an application, all Applicants should fully review and become familiar with the SRALA Board of Commissioners' "Policy for Administering the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) – Encroachments" (dated May 2016) and applicable rules and regulations. These rules and regulations are contained in the SMP and any additional rules and policies as adopted by the SRALA Board of Commissioners. The SMP is posted on the SRALA website at www.srala-toledo.com.

1. Encroachments are unpermitted habitable buildings, or other permanent or temporary structures or improvements, including sewer facilities, located on or attached to SRALA lands.
2. To be eligible for a permit, the encroachment must have been in existence prior to August 1, 2014. When submitting an application for permit to register an encroachment, an Applicant must provide documented proof that the encroachment was built prior to August 1, 2014.
3. These instructions apply only to SRALA's issuance of a permit, right-of-way or easement for encroachments related to residential use.
4. Applicant must be the adjacent landowner to SRA's property where the existing encroachment is located.
5. To apply, an Applicant must: (a) fill out the entire application and sign it; (b) review the terms and conditions accompanying the application and sign; and (c) provide all accompanying information included in the checklist below. SRALA will not process any applications that are incomplete or that are missing required documentation.
6. Once filed, it will take some time for SRALA to make a determination. All permits to register existing encroachment must be approved by the SRALA Board of Directors, and in some cases SRALA will need to provide advance notice to, or receive approval from, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
7. A permit, easement or right-of-way to register an existing encroachment will be issued for the length of the useful life of the structure, and may be assigned upon approval by the SRALA Board of Directors, and will transfer to the heirs, legatees and devisees upon the death of the holder.
8. Transfers of a permit will follow the same procedure for a new permit. SRALA may waive said requirements in its discretion related to the transfer of a permit.
9. In some cases, SRALA may be unauthorized to grant an application unless other local, state or federal agencies, including but not limited to FERC, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer, approve of the encroachment. Upon review of the application, SRALA will make a determination of which approvals may be necessary, and Applicant will be responsible for obtaining all such approvals; however, SRALA will interface with FERC on the matter if the SRALA determines that FERC approval or notification of the authorization of the encroachment is required. Applicant is also advised to contact the local floodplain administrator.
10. In addition to the one-time fee for reimbursement to SRALA for the cost of the survey and filing fee, any additional cost to SRALA associated with issuance of a permit, easement or right-of-way will be passed on to Applicant.
Application Version 1.0 Page 5 of 5 June 2016.
11. **Questions should be addressed to SRALA's Shoreline department at the address above (15091 Texas Hwy. Many, LA 71449 or by phone (318-256-4112).**

Toledo Bend Reservoir: Date/Time: 8/23/2016, 5:30:00 AM; Lake Level: 170.40' MSL; Current Flow: 174.00 CFS; Generator 1: Run 13 hrs. 8am. to 9pm.; Generator 2: Down; Spillway Gates: ALL GATES ARE CLOSED
Daily Lake levels may be found at: <http://www.srala-toledo.com/>

"Movies In Many" at the Sabine Theater – Sat. Sept. 10, 7 p.m.; "Concussion," Sat. Sept. 17, 7 p.m.

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If you have questions or comments relative to the contents of this Newsletter, please contact me at jtoliver@soft-spec.com or call me at 318-256-2401. John Toliver, TBLA President

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION

Name (include spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2016 Dues – Please check one: Individual (\$10.00) Couple (\$15.00)

Business 1 yr. (\$25.00) Business 10 yrs. (\$200.00)

Please indicate method of payment: Cash Check Number * PayPal Date _____

*Make check payable to: TBLA or Toledo Bend Lake Association and be sure to mark it as 2016 dues. Bring to our meeting or mail to: Toledo Bend Lake Association, P.O. Box 1031, Many, LA 71449. You can also pay your membership dues through PayPal by clicking on the Pay Now icon on the Contact/Join Us page of the TBLA website at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com