



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 5, 2017

Member Social

7:00 p.m. at SCOA
Toledo Town

January 17, 2017

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

March 2, 2017

Bass Unlimited Poster
Unveiling

January Membership Social – The TBLA January general membership social will be held on Thursday, January 5, 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 a representative of The Sabine Young Professionals. The entree will be pork tenderloin. Please bring a side or dessert and join your fellow Toledo Bend Lake Association members as we kick off the New Year.

2017 Membership Renewal – We have had a fantastic response to our membership renewal efforts, but we still have a number of members that have not yet renewed. We would like to thank those that have already paid their 2017 dues and encourage you to renew yours if you have not already done so. Also, please ask a neighbor, friend, or fellow Lake Area property owner to consider joining TBLA. We always welcome new members, and we have many volunteer opportunities within the organization.

We are currently updating our committees. If you are interested in serving on a TBLA Committee or the Bass Unlimited Committee, please contact myself or Ted Dove. I can be reached any time by email at gmoore07@yahoo.com or by phone at 281/ 798 7131 or 318/ 256 2495. Ted's contact information is tdove@croworld.com and 225/ 937 0439.

TBLA Highlights for December

Thanks to all of our members for your support and involvement with TBLA in 2016. We are truly blessed to live, work and play around Toledo Bend, where friendships are abundant and meaningful, and where people respect this great resource and work to protect it and enhance life around it. No other lake in the country has been rated higher as a bass fishery by BassMaster Magazine for the last two years. It would not be a stretch to say that Toledo Bend's number one ranking goes well beyond bass fishing. Thanks to all of you for helping make that a reality.

The TBLA Board approved and subsequently sent a letter to Toledo Bend Joint Operations, SRA LA, SRA TX, and FERC stating our support for the recommendations made by TBCAC regarding the proposed Drought Contingency Plan for Toledo Bend Reservoir.

The Joint Operations responded to the TBCAC comments on the FERC required Drought Contingency Plan, and accepted TBCAC's minor recommendations, but did not accept the major change recommendations relative to the critical levels required to trigger water usage curtailment. On Dec 15th or before, the SRA's will submit their recommended version of the DCP to FERC with the minor changes they accepted, along with their response to TBCAC. FERC will then review and make further changes, if warranted. TBCAC will be responding further to FERC.

2017 Bass Unlimited Banquet News

Bass Unlimited 2017 Poster Unveiling Scheduled for March 2nd

Our 2017 Bass Unlimited, Back a Great Fighter Poster will be unveiled March 2, 2017, at Cypress Bend Resort. This year's artist is Don Edwards. Mr. Edwards is one of the most famous wildlife artists from Louisiana and this will be his second poster commissioned for TBLA. The poster will also be the fifteenth that we have commissioned for the B.U. Banquet you can preorder your posters starting in February on the TBLA website or by contacting Rhonda Dean at 520/ 977 4664. You can purchase or pickup your preordered poster on March 2 at the poster unveiling.

52 Gun Raffle Tickets Were Mailed out the First Week of November – The 2017 Bass Unlimited - Back A Great Fighter Banquet will be held on April 21, 2017, at Cypress Bend Park Pavilion. Our Grand Raffle Prize for this banquet will again be a 52 Gun Raffle. Details about this raffle are printed on each ticket. The money that we raise at the banquet and through the raffle will help fund our community and Lake Projects during 2017 and part of 2018. We appreciate your continued support in this effort.

Tickets for this raffle were mailed in November to TBLA members and non-members who purchased tickets last year. Please return your ticket money/ticket stubs or your unsold tickets to: Bruce Rogers, 70 Northstar Lane, Many, LA 71449.

We will need your money and ticket stubs from ticket purchases or your returned tickets by January 15, 2017, to give us time to sell any returned tickets before the BU Banquet. If you have questions, contact Bruce by Phone: 281/ 543 0184 or Email: bruce.rogers@hughes.net.

Bass Unlimited Donations for the BU Banquet

Donation Sheets (aka Blue Sheets) for Bass Unlimited prizes and donations should be submitted, either in person, via mail or emailed to Denise Rogers, who is the Data Coordinator this year. Her contact number is 281/ 744 0724 and email address is denise.rogers@hughes.net. Hard copies can also be mailed to 70 Northstar Dr, Many, LA 71449.



TBLA's Adopt a Road Signs are Up!

LADOT installed "Adopt A Road" signs around the area with TBLA's signs located on our adopted section of Hwy 191, from Toledo Town to the Lanana Bridge. Our next volunteer trash pick-up day will be Saturday, February 4th at 1:00pm. Volunteers will meet in the Toledo Town SCOA parking lot for a brief safety/coordination meeting and trash bag distribution. Please contact Deb Pennington at 318/ 315 2448 if you can help with the pick-up. A fish fry will be held the evening of the Feb 4th at 5:00 pm for those that participate. The location for the fish fry will be announced during the trash pick-up. The trash pick-ups are usually completed in less than two hours if we have 12 to 14 volunteers. It will take less time if we have more volunteers. All TBLA members are encouraged to help the Lake Community through this program.

2016 BU Grand Prize Gun Raffle Weekly Winners – based on the Friday, Louisiana Pick Three Lottery drawing – Weekly winners were: **Week 34, 11/25/2016**, Mossberg Maverick 20 ga pump, John Martin, Forest Hill, La; **Week 35, 12/02/2016**, No winner; **Week 36, 12/09/2016**, No winner

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – At present we have 25 lunkers registered in the 2016 – 2017 Lunker Bass Program. At this time last year, we had 36 fish registered. Check the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program Facebook page to see photos of the anglers and their big fish.

Toledo Bend Reservoir: Date/Time: Dec 15, 2016, 5:30 AM; Lake Level: 168.17 ft. MSL; Current Flow: 179 CFS; Generator 1: Shut Down. Generator 2: Down; Spillway Gates: ALL GATES ARE CLOSED
Daily Lake levels may be found at: <http://www.srala-toledo.com/>

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

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION

Name (include spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2017 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

