



Toledo Bend Lake Association

NEWSLETTER

Dedicated to Serving Toledo Bend Lake

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 1031, MANY, LOUISIANA 71449

www.toledobendlakeassociation.com

2022-2023 BOARD OF

DIRECTORS

GARY MOORE

President

GAYNELL GOODEAUX

First Vice President

TED DOVE

Second Vice President

BILL GALLIGAN

Secretary

MIKE SCHEURICH

Treasurer

SUE ARNAUD

WILLIE BLAND

MIKE BOYDSTUN

GERALD MITCHELL

PHIL MEDINE

DEREK MONG

GINGER RICE

UPCOMING EVENTS

TBLA MONTHLY SOCIAL

MAY 4, 7:00 PM

SCOA TOWN

TBLA LITTER PICK-UP:

May 12, 8:00 AM

SCOA TOWN

BASS UNLIMITED

BANQUET:

APRIL 19, 2024,

5:00 PM CYPRESS BEND
MARINA

MAY 2023 ISSUE

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – TBLA’s next Monthly Social will be Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 pm, at the SCOA Building located at 29275 La Hwy 191, just north of Toledo Town. The doors will open at 6:30 pm, and the meal will begin at 7:00 pm. The entrée will be tamales, and we ask that those attending please bring a side dish or dessert to complete the meal. Our guest speaker will be Ted Dove and he will give a report on the Bass Unlimited Banquet. Please ask a neighbor or a friend to join us and we look forward to seeing you at the social. Please renew your membership if you have not already done so.

BASS UNLIMITED BACK A GREAT FIGHTER BANQUET EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS!
Thanks to all who made it possible!

The Toledo Bend Lake Association’s 2023, 20th Annual Bass Unlimited Back-A-Great-Fighter Banquet and Auction was a tremendous success. It was a beautiful evening that defied the early-week weather forecast. The sold-out event began with over 600 guests, sponsors and volunteers browsing items available in both the Silent and Live Auctions, and the raffle drop boxes, while Capt. Steve Stubbe of Mudfish Adventures gave fly fishing demonstrations, and Emcee Ricky Yeldell mingled throughout the crowd.

TBLA President Gary Moore announced the 2023 Glynn Carver Memorial College Scholarship winner, **Katie McClure** of Hemphill High School for \$6000. He also announced the two winners of TBLA Scholarships, Matea Whittington of Zwolle High School for \$3000, and Bailey Strother of Hemphill High School for \$1,000.

TBLA also recognized Dinah Medine, the outgoing Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program Coordinator, who has faithfully served in that capacity for 18 years.

A delicious BBQ dinner was served to the sold-out crowd by Brisket House of Jena, Louisiana in record time, and everyone had plenty of time to enjoy their meals and visit with their friends prior to the auction.

A high point of the evening was the entire audience participating in the singing of the National Anthem, led by Ted Dove.

Auctioneer Kevin McDonald took the stage and kicked off the evening’s main event with the live auction. The first auction item was a “Patriot Package” including a carved cedar American flag local artist Beau McCune, and the enthusiastic bidding set the tone for the entire evening. Several “one of a kind” items were also sold in the live auction during the evening, including a greenhouse, culinary dining experiences, and a custom cypress wood dining table. LSU fans showed up big in the evening when a custom LSU firepit sold for \$3300, and a Scottie Lucas original LSU Toledo Bend Lunker Replica and custom rod and reel by Rick Wriborg sold together for \$2000

To conclude the Banquet, Grand Prize Raffle coordinator Bruce Rogers conducted the live drawing for the first two guns in the 2023-2024 52-Gun Grand Prize Raffle. Tim Achee of Hemphill, Texas, won the Ruger American “Go Wild” 6.5 Creedmore Rifle, and Keith Vasocu of Robeline, Louisiana, won the ATI Cavalry 12 Gauge over/under Shotgun. The night culminated with the “Ginormous Door Prize”, a \$2000 Kamado Joe Grill sponsored by Goldman Marine & Equipment

TBLA thanks the 2023 sponsors, donors, supporters, and volunteers who graciously donated time, merchandise, money, and talents toward making this event a success. Early estimates of the night’s events indicate more than \$100,000 was raised during the evening. These monies are used not only to fund the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass replicas but also college scholarships for deserving students, re-stocking Florida Bass fingerlings into the Lake, assisting High School fishing and 4-H shooting teams, building fish attractors, and many other worthwhile projects around the Lake Area.

TBLA is grateful to everyone for making this Bass Unlimited Banquet an occasion to remember and we hope that you will put Friday, April 19, 2024, on your calendar for next year.

Congratulations Scholarship Winners !



Katie McClure



Matea Whittington



Bailey Stother



Thank You BU Volunteers !



The 2023 Bass Unlimited Poster Unveiling and Auction took place on Thursday April 6

The 2023 Poster Unveiling was also a great success. The event was well attended and we raised \$6700 for TBLA from the auction of the original Poster painting by Angela Osborn, the number one Poster, an original painting by Eddie Pastureau, and two giclee's by Mr. Don Edwards.

Local artist Angela M. Osborn's painting "Richard's Day Off" made a big splash among TBLA Bass Unlimited poster collectors and the general public. We want to thank Eddie Pastureau and Don Edwards for donating art for the auction. TBLA also thanks Community Bank for taking on the Poster Sponsorship this year, Cypress Bend for donating their Grand Ball Room to host the event and many other sponsors that made this a very successful evening. We also want to thank our BU Poster Coordinators, Mike and Carolyn Scheurich for their time and talent that made the entire Poster Process successful. You can purchase a signed and numbered poster by using the order form that is attached at the end of the newsletter.

Poster Sponsor Community Bank's Sr Vice President J.J. Blake and President Jayce Simpson accepting Poster #2.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITES -TBLA will conduct their quarterly Adopt-A-Road litter pick-up on Friday, May 12. TBLA has committed to pick up trash along Highway 191 from the Toledo Town corners, North to the Lanana Bridge. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Sabine Council on Aging on Highway 191 at 8:00 AM, where safety vests, trash bags and location assignments will be provided. Contact Deb Pennington at 318 325 2448 if you would like to volunteer for this event or you can simply show up on the morning of May11. This activity should take about one and a half hours to complete if we have 10 or more volunteers.

FINGERLING RELEASE UPDATE-We will conduct a fingerling release in early June. The date has not been finalized. We will notify the membership as soon as we have the exact date for the release.

BASS OPEN VOLUNTEERS -Thanks to those volunteers that helped cook (especially Glen Ortego) and serve a meal for "Meet the Pro's" event that was held at Siloam Baptist Church on Saturday, April 8 in conjunction with the BASS OPEN.

FIFTH GRADE AQUATIC EDUCATION - Thanks to the 17 volunteers led by Tammy Mong who assisted LDWF with the Sabine Parish Fifth Grade Aquatic Education Classes on April 3 and 4. The third day was canceled due to weather. But the event was successful in large part due to the TBLA volunteers that helped with this important event.

TOLEDO BEND LUNKER PROGRAM- The big fish continue to show out on the Lake this spring. We now have 54 Lunkers entered into the 2022/2023 Lunker Program. These fish include a new lake record fish which weighed 15.67 pounds, caught by Mr. Bill Cook of Houston, Tx and now 2 other fish over 14 pounds!

52-Gun Raffle News – All of the 2023-2024 Gun Raffle tickets have been sold! Thanks for everyone’s support that bought the gun raffle tickets. Please contact Bruce Rogers by phone: 281-543-0184 or email: bruce.rogers@hughes.net. If you have any questions regarding the newsletter.

2022 – 2023 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
3/24/23	Ruger American 270 Black	414	Jim Tyree
3/31/23	Mossberg 500 20 Ga Pump	638	Tony Liotta
4/7/23	Savage Axis II 30-06 Bolt Action Rifle w Scope Package	582	Douglas McClune

First Two 2023/2024 Gun Raffle Winners drawn at the Bass Unlimited Banquet on Friday April 21– Bruce Rogers conducted the drawing of the first two winners at the BU Banquet and the winners are:

Tim Achee of Hemphill Texas who won a Ruger American “Go Wild “Rifle in 6.5 Creedmore with ticket number 570
 Keith Vasocu of Robeline, La. who won an ATI Cavalry 12 Ga o/u Shotgun.with ticket number 654

SRA/AKE LEVEL– The Lake level is important to those with an interest in Toledo Bend. Real time information on the matter can be found online at <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/08025350/> This information is updated every fifteen minutes. The Sabine River Authority’s guidelines for opening and closing the spillway gates appears in their *Operating Guide Rule Curve* document. This document can be found at <http://www.srala-toledo.com/page.aspx?menuId=28>.

The published operating plan for Toledo Bend /SRA Joint Operations allows for managing the lake level by power generation to a lake level of 168.5 in January, 169 in February, 169.5 in March, 170 through April 1-15. The Lake Level is currently 171.20’ MSL.

SRA News – **As reported in our last newsletter**, the Sabine River Authority of LA (SRA-LA) is considering a long-term contract for the annual out-of-state sale of 600,000-acre feet of water from Toledo Bend. Negotiations of the proposed contract outlining the parameters of the sale continue between the attorneys for SRA-LA and the Texas group involved. A special call meeting of the SRA-LA Board of Commissioners was held on April 13 at Cypress Bend Resort. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information to the Commissioners on “The Operation of Toledo Bend Reservoir and Effects of a large Water Sale” and to allow “Public Participation & Comments.” Due largely to TBLA’s efforts to notify our membership of this meeting, well over 100 individuals were present to hear what Warren Founds, Executive Director of the SRA – LA had to say. Representatives of Aqueduct Partners, the firm negotiating the contract., were also present but did not offer comments. A dozen or so speakers from the public provided input, the most significant of which included Jim Mifflin’s statement about the inadequate and unacceptable content of the Drought Contingency Plan included in SRA’s current Operating License from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, said plan reportedly to be included in the proposed out-of-state water sale contract. TBLA Second Vice-President Ted Dove also put into the record a commitment from SRA – LA to provide the public with a copy of the proposed contract as soon as it is agreed upon by the attorneys for both parties. TBLA will continue to monitor these developments and provide membership with updates as appropriate.

POSTER ORDER FORM

To purchase the 2023 poster, please complete this form and return it with a check to TBLA, PO Box 1031, Many, La. 71449. Make checks payable to TBLA.

NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	
TELEPHONE:			
EMAIL:			

Please indicate if you prefer a framed or unframed poster with the number of each type you are ordering and any preference for poster number(s).

QUANTITY	TYPE	PREFERRED NUMBERS	PRICE
	UNFRAMED		\$20 EACH
	FRAMED		\$40 EACH
	GICLEE ON CANVAS	NA	\$200 EACH
	<i>Giclee's will be framed with a brass name plate</i>		

Only unframed posters can be mailed. Please add \$11.00 to your total cost for up to 3 posters ordered per order form.

If you wish to request a personalized message on your poster from the artist, this form must be in the hands of the Poster Coordinator by Monday, March 6, 2023.

Print your requested personalization message below:

Poster Coordinator: Carolyn Scheurich (225) 892 – 6848, TBLAPOSTER@gmail.com

TBLA DUES – Your annual TBLA dues are due now for 2023. Please renew your memberships now if you have not already done so. You can also help TBLA by asking a neighbor or friend to join us at TBLA. Please use the form below to sign them up or to renew your membership for 2023.

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION.

Name (including spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone (home): _____

Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2023 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 2023 dues. Bring to our Social or mail to: Toledo Bend Lake Association, P.O. Box 1031, Many, LA 71449. You can also pay your membership dues through PayPal on the JOIN US page of the TBLA website at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.