



Toledo Bend Lake Association NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2019 ISSUE

May Membership Social – Our Membership Social will be held on Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sabine Council on Aging (SCOA) facility, Highway 191 North of Toledo Town. Our guest speaker will be Villis Dowden, Inland Fisheries District 10 Biologist Manager with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The entrée for our meal will be chicken enchiladas. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us.

At this point, the Newsletter would typically move on to a new topic. This month it seems appropriate to go back and emphasize the “potluck” aspect of our Membership Social. We should all be proud of and grateful for the excellent attendance that we see at our meetings. Hopefully, we will continue to grow and increase our ability to do good works for the Lake area. However, along with high attendance comes heavy traffic in the serving lines at mealtime. Folks at the back end of the line have had to do some serious dish scraping to get a serving in recent months. If you can, please bring a side dish to accompany the entrée. We would like to see everyone enjoy a good meal in addition to the great fellowship that we have each month.

Blood Drive–Lifeshare Blood Center’s mobile crew will be at our May 2, 2019 Membership Social. TBLA has a long-standing commitment to our “Endless Blood Drive” project. In the interest of increasing participation in this project, the TBLA Board of Directors has agreed to provide an incentive to donors. Each donor will be given a ticket and entered in a drawing for a \$25 Gift Card. The winner will be announced before the meeting concludes. The crew is usually ready to receive donors at 5:30 PM so that you may finish your donation before the Social begins. All eligible donors are encouraged to join us in this worthy effort. Give the gift of life!

The 2019 BU Planning Committee and other volunteer opportunities – The 2019 Bass Unlimited-Back A Great Fighter Banquet is nearly upon us. While most slots have been filled at this time, there is always a need for volunteers at this event. This is the biggest project of the year for TBLA and the primary funding source for all our other lake and community projects. We have a fantastic group of workers in place and they will do a fine job regardless of the overwhelming amount of effort required. Do not let that fact convince you that they need no help! Many hands make light work and this committee would appreciate any assistance that you may provide.

Anyone interested in serving on one of the 2019 Bass Unlimited Committees should contact me Gaynell Goodeaux, or Deb Pennington. I can be reached any time by email at ricky115@gmail.com or by phone at 318-315-1382. Gaynell’s contact information is nedgoodeaux@gmail.com and 318-256-0501 or 337-842-7814. Deb can be reached at 2debpennington@gmail.com and 318-315-2448.

All TBLA members are urged to attend the banquet, if possible, and invite friends and neighbors. We encourage everyone to join us at the banquet as well as at each monthly social as we strive to keep Toledo Bend a wonderful place to live. Remember, it will be Mother’s Day weekend so if you can bring your Mother to the banquet, Come On! If you are a Mother, “persuade” someone to bring you! Either way, we hope to see you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2, 2019

Monthly Membership Social
7:00 pm
SCOA Toledo Town

May 10, 2019

Bass Unlimited Banquet
5:00 pm-10 pm
Cypress Bend Pavilion

Sabine Parish Schools Fishing Clinic- Every fifth grader in Sabine Parish will be taught fish identification, boating safety and baitcasting during this Clinic. Students will also be given an opportunity to fish. If you can assist with this large project, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the proper staff members. Ricky Yeldell, 318-315-1382, rickyv115@gmail.com

Lake 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 http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uy?site_no=08025350 This information is updated every fifteen minutes.

The Sabine River Authority's guidelines for opening and closing the spillway gates appear in their *Operating Guide Rule Curve* document. This document can be found at <http://www.srala-toledo.com/page.aspx?menuId=28>

Boating Safety – Severe weather is a concern when planning any outdoor activity but especially so when heading out on a lake the size of Toledo Bend. Winds that would be ignored by boaters on smaller waters can be very dangerous here. Regrettably, stories of capsized boats are not rare on our home lake and some of those stories end tragically.

Basic boating safety guidelines are often ignored by experienced boaters since we believe that our experience alone will see us through any situation. We may trivialize things like kill switches, personal flotation devices, and bilge pumps because it has been so long since we have needed them, if ever. Conversely, the uncomfortable feeling that a less experienced boater often feels when afloat may cause them to “over prepare” and that can serve them well when a crisis arises, and safety equipment is needed. All boaters should remain diligent regarding boating safety and preparedness. Disaster rarely comes with a warning. Be prepared, be safe!

One of the most basic lessons in boating safety classes is the need for a float plan. This refers to planning your trip in advance and sticking to that plan. The saying goes, “Plan your float and float your plan.” In conjunction with that planning, it is important to share your plan with someone before you launch your boat. When bear hugging a stump in an isolated area of the lake, even the most experienced boater will be glad that someone knows where they are.

Florida Bass Fingerling Stocking Program

TBLA will purchase 55,000 Florida Largemouth Bass Fingerlings to be released into Toledo Bend Reservoir this year. These fingerlings will be delivered to Cypress Bend Park by American Sport Fish on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Distribution of fingerlings will begin at 8 AM and will conclude by 12 PM (as the supply and weather holds out). The fingerlings will be dispensed to **TBLA members only** so that they may release them at locations of their choosing. The fingerlings will be packaged in plastic bags with water and oxygen. Each member will be given a maximum of four bags of fingerlings to ensure that all fingerlings are released in a timely manner. Members will be required to provide adequate containers for holding their bags of fingerlings. Clean ice chests are recommended for this job. The bags will be large. A 48-quart ice chest will hold **ONE** bag. A 120-quart ice chest will hold two bags. Please do not show up without clean containers of adequate size, preferably with lids. The fingerlings will do much better when shielded from the sunlight. **These fingerlings are not cheap shiners that are easily replaced!** They are expensive fish that deserve special care and handling. Printed handling and release instructions will be provided.

Important Points To Remember

- Wednesday, June 5, 2019, Cypress Bend Park, 8 AM-12PM.
- **TBLA Members Only.** Membership Applications will be available on site. Members must sign participant sheet.
- Four bags per member.
- Clean containers large enough to hold bagged fingerlings.
- Lids needed for containers.
- Follow printed instructions for handling and release.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program

Garrett Perkins of Mamou, LA caught a 10.46-pound bass and brought it into Buckeye Landing on March 25, 2019. Garrett's fish is Lunker number 35 of the season.

Brett Trouille of Maurice, LA caught a bass weighing 10.03 pounds on March 30, 2019. Brett's fish was weighed in at Toledo Town and Tackle and is Lunker number 36 for the current year.

On March 30, 2019 Brayden Cruze of Ragley, LA weighed in a 10.72-pound bass at Buckeye that brought the Lunker total to 37.

Lunker number 38 was brought to Buckeye Landing by Craig Broussard of Fulshear, TX on April 1, 2019. Craig's Lunker weighed 10.41 pounds.

John Reber of Bell City, LA recorded Lunker number 39 of the season at Buckeye Landing on April 6, 2019. John's fish weighed 11.12 pounds.

Lunker number 40 was caught on April 16, 2019 by Eddie Jarrell of Evans, LA. Eddie weighed his Lunker in at Fin and Feather Resort.

Congratulations on some great catches!



Garrett Perkins, 10.46 lbs.



Brett Trouille, 10.03 lbs.



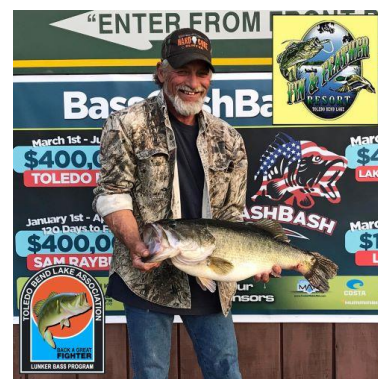
Brayden Cruze, 10.72 lbs.



Craig Broussard 10.41 lbs.



John Reber, 11.12 lbs.



Eddie Jarrell, 11.15 lbs.

2018 – 2019 52-Gun Raffle News – The final 52-Gun Raffle winner for the 2018 – 2019 year is shown below. If you have any questions regarding the 52-gun raffle drawings, please contact Bruce Rogers by phone: 281-543-0184 or email: bruce.rogers@hughes.net.

2018 – 2019 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
04/04/19	Savage Axis II 30-06 rifle with scope	106	Anita Thedford

Community Center Upcoming Events -**Movies in Many (free admissions, cokes and popcorn \$1.00 each)**

May 4 – The Shack

May 18-Pearl Harbor, an early Memorial Day Special

Music in Many (ticket prices vary)

May 11 – Choupique, Admission: Free, donations appreciated.

May 25 – “God Bless America”, Willie Stewart Family & Friends, Admission: Free, donations appreciated.

Other Local Entertainment & Events -

Live music at Gilligan’s Crawfish & Grill, 44 Spring St, Many, LA.

All nights are BYOB. There is a small cover charge for the band.

May 4, Brad Brinkley

May 11, Gus Johnson & River Katz

May 18, Jamie Bergeron & Kickin’ Cajuns

Sale on the Trail

May 3-4

Music on the Square at Historic Fisher Opera House – May 25, Starts at 5 p.m.**Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program Replica Presentations-** Final day of Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash, Sunday May 19, 2019 at 2:00 PM.**Now is the time to renew your TBLA Membership for 2019.**

You can also help TBLA by asking a neighbor or friend to join us at TBLA. Please use this form to sign them up or to renew your membership for 2019.

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION.

Name (including spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone (home): _____

Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2019 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 2019 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.