



# Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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## JUNE 2017 ISSUE

### **2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **June 1, 2017**

##### **Blood Drive**

5:30-7:00 p.m.

##### **Monthly Social Dinner**

7:00-8:30 p.m.

SCOA Toledo Town

#### **June 20, 2017**

TBLA Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

**June Membership Social** – The TBLA June general membership social will be held on Thursday, June 1, 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). A representative from Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries will be our guest speaker. The entree will be fried chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join your fellow members as we enjoy this meal and meeting. We will also host our TBLA blood drive just prior to the June 1 Social. LifeShare Blood Center will be on hand from 5:30 until 7 p.m. to collect blood from anyone who would like to donate to the blood bank. Other future blood drive dates are tentatively set for Oct. 1, 2017, and Feb. 1, 2018.

**Note: Due to Fourth of July, we will not have a July Social Meeting**

**2018 Bass Unlimited Banquet News!** -- 2018 BU-BAGF Banquet will be held on Friday, April 20, next year! Mark your calendars now!

**The 2018 BU Planning Committee and other volunteer opportunities**—“Many hands make light work!” Anyone interested in serving on one of the 2018 Bass Unlimited Committees 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 [gmoore07@yahoo.com](mailto:gmoore07@yahoo.com) or by phone at 281-798-7131 or 318-256-2495. Ted’s contact information is [tdove@croworld.com](mailto:tdove@croworld.com) and 225-937-0439.

**TBLA Adopt a Road Trash Pick-up was completed on May 13**—A dozen TBLA volunteers made quick work of picking up the litter along the TBLA “Adopt a Road” section of Hwy 191 from Toledo Town to the Lanana Bridge on this beautiful Saturday morning. Afterwards, the group enjoyed a “Thank You” fish fry Saturday night, hosted by Ramona Moore. I encourage you to join the group at our next litter pickup. We conduct a pick up once each quarter and “many hands makes light work” really applies here. The job usually takes less than 2 hours and is a great service to our area. Please come and join us next time. The participant fish fry afterwards is another opportunity to socialize with and meet other members. The next pick up will be announced in a future newsletter.

**The TBLA Board**—Deb Pennington represented TBLA on Saturday, May 13 at the Hemphill Hornet Fishing Team Awards and Sponsors banquet, and John Toliver represented TBLA at the Hemphill High School Graduating Senior’s Awards Program on Tuesday, May 16. Congratulations to the five Hornet Fishing Team Seniors who were awarded scholarships. TBLA is one of the major sponsors for the Hemphill Team as well as the North Sabine and Negreet Fishing Teams.



During National Tourism Week, Gary Moore represented TBLA which was one of four local entities recognized on Wednesday, May 10 by Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser and the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission as “Friends of Tourism” around Toledo Bend. In addition, the Sabine River Authority of La., Toledo Bend Baptist Ministries, and the Sabine Parish Chamber of Commerce were recognized for their part in promoting, growing, and supporting tourism around Toledo Bend.

The board met on Tuesday, May 16 and reviewed the results of the 2017 BU Banquet, key coordinator vacancies for the 2018 BU banquet, and discussed the upcoming annual election of the Board of Directors which will take place in October. If you are interested in serving on the TBLA Board, please contact Ted Dove at 225-937-0439. As First Vice President, Ted is responsible for leading the nomination of new board members. You must be a member of TBLA for one year to be eligible for a Board position.

**Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program** – The TBLA 2016-2017 Lunker Bass Program year ended on May 18, 2017, and we awarded 72 replicas on Sunday, May 21 to the anglers who had entered their fish during this year’s program. The replicas were awarded at the final day of Sealy’s Big Bash Splash event, and we thank Bob Sealy for so graciously allowing us to conduct our award ceremony at this major fishing event on Toledo Bend. We congratulate all anglers who brought the lunkers in to be released back into the Lake alive. A big thanks goes to Dinah Medine, the Lunker Bass Program’s Coordinator, who spends countless hours working with the anglers and the TBLA certified weigh stations throughout the year. We now have seven Official Weigh Stations for the Lunker Program: Toledo Town and Tackle and Buckeye Landing on the Louisiana side of the Lake and Huxley Bay Marina, Holly Park Marina, Keith’s Toledo Bend Tackle, Fin and Feather Resort, and Fairmount General Store on the Texas side. We thank each of these businesses for their volunteer support which makes the program possible.



Now for a few statistics and facts from this year’s Lunker Program. The 72 Lunkers represented the third largest number of fish registered in the program’s history. There were 65 bass weighing between 10.00 and 10.99 lbs., 5 bass in the 11 lb. class, and 2 fish in the 12 lb. class. The largest fish weighed 12.37 lbs. Ten previously tagged fish were caught for a second time and released alive. One angler caught two Lunkers on the same day which has never happened before. In addition to the Lunkers caught this year, the largest fish weighed in the April 2017 Bassmaster Elite Tournament (9 lbs. 10 oz.) was a previously caught and tagged Lunker. We learned of another previously tagged Lunker caught by a second Elite Angler pre-fishing for the Elite tournament. Two of this year’s lunkers qualified for the top 100 fish caught and registered on Toledo Bend Lake.

Now the 2017-2018 Lunker Year has started with a bang! Two lunkers were caught in this past weekend’s Big Bass Splash, but more impressive was the fact that the winning fish in the tournament, which weighed 10.86 lbs., was also a **PREVIOUSLY TAGGED AND RELEASED TBLA LUNKER!** This means that the largest fish weighed in this year’s Bass Elite Event on Toledo Bend and in the Toledo Bend Sealy Big Bass Splash were both previously tagged TBLA Lunker Program Fish! No doubt that the program is working! Check the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program Facebook page to see photos of the anglers and their big fish.

**2017/18 BU Grand Prize Gun Raffle Weekly Winners** – Congratulations to the latest Grand Prize Gun winners. The Louisiana Pick 3 number for Friday, April 28, 2017, was 211. Wilfred Schexnaydre of Prairieville, LA, was the winner of a Remington 870 Express 12 ga. pump shotgun. The Louisiana Pick 3 number for Friday, May 5, 2017, was 052. Shonda Comeaux of Lake Charles was the winner of a Ruger American 30-06 rifle. The Louisiana Pick 3 number for Friday, May 12, 2017, was 482. Cathy Richard of Many was the winner of a Mossberg Patriot 270 rifle with a scope. The Louisiana Pick 3 number for Friday, May 19, 2017, was 969. Jim Franklin of Lake Jackson, TX, was the winner of a Ruger 10/22 Deluxe Walnut rifle.

**TBLA Volunteers showed up big for the Sabine Parish 5th Grade “Take A Kid Fishing” event, May 3-5** – For the three days, 16-20 TBLA volunteers, led by member Tim Dean, spent their mornings at Cypress Bend Park, assisting the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff in conducting their **Aquatic Education Program**. Sessions on fishing, spin casting, fish identification, bass fishing, aquatic invasive species, and boating safety were conducted for approximately 375 fifth graders from Sabine Parish schools. TBLA volunteers helped the kids learn how to cast and fish. I want to thank all of the volunteers that gave their time with these kids as they enjoyed a day experiencing and learning about Toledo Bend.



**Annual TBLA/SWCD Youth Fish Fest coming up on June 3rd is fully subscribed** – The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Toledo Bend Lake Association /Sabine Soil and Water Conservation District Youth Fish Fest will be held at Cypress Bend **and all slots have been filled through preregistration.** The Fest is open to school-age children in grades K - 12. Participating Youth from Louisiana and Texas are allowed to cast their rods and poles at the Park at no entry charge, courtesy of the Sabine River Authority (SRA). Anglers must provide their own fishing equipment and bait. Youth and volunteers are treated to a complimentary t-shirt, provided by TBLA and must wear the shirt while fishing.

**Local Community Events**

**Movies in Many** – on Saturday, June 3, “Deep Water Horizon” will be shown at the Many Community Center (Sabine Theatre) at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 17, “Sully” will be shown at 7:00 p.m.

**Lake Country Music Show** – On June 10, “2Country4Nashville” will be performed at the Many Community Center. The Lake Country Music Show continues to be presented at the Many Community Center on the fourth Friday of every month at 7 p.m. The next show will be Friday, June 23 at 7:00pm.

**Safety Awareness for Lake Homeowners** -- We received a safety notice from The SRA regarding the potential danger of electrical shock hazards on or around boat houses and docks. This advisory was recorded by the father of a teenage girl who died from electrical shock while swimming around the family’s boat dock on Smith Lake, Alabama in 2016. The attached link will take you to the interview with the girl’s family. <http://wiat.com/2017/05/18/parents-of-teen-electrocuted-on-smith-lake-work-to-spread-warning-of-electric-currents-near-docks/>. Please listen to the interview and take the advice offered to prevent a similar incident on Toledo Bend.

**Toledo Bend Reservoir** – Daily Lake levels may be found at: <http://www.srala-toledo.com/>. The Lake level is currently approximately 171.38 ft. msl. and as I write today, Monday May 22, we have received 3” of rain in the last 12 hours and it continues to rain.

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*If you have questions or comments relative to the contents of this Newsletter, please contact me at [gmoore07@yahoo.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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