

Toledo Bend Lake Association NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TBLA MEMBERSHIP
SOCIAL:

MAY 5, 7 PM

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TRASH PICK-UP:

JUNE 3, 7 am

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**LIFESHARE BLOOD
DRIVE:**

JUNE 8, 9 am-2 pm

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MAY 2022 ISSUE

Membership Update –Our next TBLA Monthly Social will be Thursday, May 5, 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. TBLA will provide the main dish which will be Zwolle Tamales to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. We ask that those attending please bring a side dish or dessert to complete the meal. Gary Moore will give a review of the 2022 Bass Unlimited Banquet after the meal. We want to thank all who volunteered, sponsored, or participated in the BU Banquet this year. Please join us and invite a neighbor or a friend to come along.

TBLA Board of Directors – We are sad to report that Ricky Yeldell has resigned from his Board position. Ricky and Dayna are moving to Bernice, La. to be near parents and Ricky will be unable to continue as a member of our Board. We will miss Ricky and I want to thank him for all of the time, talent, and hard work that he gave this organization in the many roles that he has served. His wit and wisdom were always on display and we will miss his counsel.

Service Opportunities /Trash Pick-up Volunteers Needed –TBLA will host a volunteer TRASH PICKUP on Friday June 3, at 7 am. Volunteers should meet in the SCOA Parking lot at 7:00 am for a safety briefing and to be assigned in teams of two or three people to sections of HWY 191, between Toledo Town and the Lanana Bridge. Picker tools and safety vests will be available and if we have twelve or more volunteers, we should be able to complete the pickup in 2 hours or less. Contact Deb Pennington at 318-315-2448 for details. Gary and Ramona Moore will host a fish fry on Friday Evening for those that participate and their guests.

The Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship –The Toledo Bend Lake Association (TBLA) has awarded two college scholarships to area students. The 2022 Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship for \$3000 has been awarded to Lexi Ezernack of Zwolle High School. Lexi plans to attend Northwestern State University in the fall and will be studying to earn a degree in Nursing. Lexi has been active in many community and school organizations, including Beta Club, SADD, and Explorers Club. Lexi has also achieved an outstanding scholastic record.



TBLA established the Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship in May of 2019 in recognition of the contributions that Mr. Carver made throughout his life to Toledo Bend and the surrounding communities as well as the pioneering impact that he had on the fishing industry beyond the borders of Toledo Bend.



The TBLA Board also awarded a TBLA Scholarship for outstanding achievement for \$2000 to Karley Martinez of Zwolle High School. Karley plans to attend Northwestern State University and seek a degree in Nursing. Karley has been active in many community and school organizations, including 4-H, FBLA, and Girl Scouts. Karley also has an outstanding scholastic record.

TBLA congratulates these two outstanding students and all of the applicants for the Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship

Bass Unlimited News--

The 2022 Banquet and Auction was a resounding success. The sold out event was TBLA's first banquet in three years, and it was clear from the attendance that the Lake Area was ready to put Covid behind and to celebrate Toledo Bend once again.

The evening began with over 600 guests, sponsors and volunteers browsing items available in the raffle drop boxes, silent auction, live auction, and TBLA merchandise. Emcee Ricky Yeldell mingled throughout the crowd and then Haydn Knight sang The National Anthem which was followed by the invocation. Then the delicious BBQ dinner provided by Brisket House of Jena, Louisiana, was served.

TBLA recognized the lake area Sheriffs and thanked them for their service in our communities.

Auctioneer Kevin McDonald took the stage and kicked off the evening's main event with the live auction. A high point of the evening was the long-overdue recognition of LSU's 2019 championship season by the live auction of the Rodrigue "#1 LSU Blue Dog" print accompanied by an LSU Football signed by Coach Ed Orgeron which sold for \$3,000, as well as a custom #1 LSU Tiger carving that sold for \$6600. Several one of a kind items were also sold in the live auction during the evening, including a She-Shed greenhouse, custom stained glass artwork, a custom made quilt, and a Don Edwards original painting. There was a lot of excitement when the President's Dinner for 8 by Living the Dream's Gloria Thompson sold for \$3000.

To conclude the Banquet, TBLA President Gary Moore conducted the live drawing for the first two guns in the 2022-2023 52-Gun Grand Raffle. Harold Allen of Shelbyville won the Ruger American "Go Wild" 6.5 Creedmore rifle, and Ed Patterson of Longview won the ATI SX Cavalry 12 gauge Over/Under shotgun. The night culminated with the "Ginormous Door Prize" that was won by Gladys Dowden of Many.

TBLA thanks the 2022 sponsors, 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 teams, artificial reefs, and many other worthwhile projects around the Lake.

TBLA is grateful to everyone for making this Banquet an event to remember and we hope that you put Friday, April 21, 2023, on your calendar for next year's banquet.



TBLA crowd arrived to visit and browse the raffle items.



The Hemphill Hornets fishing team were valuable help.



Thank You TBLA volunteers and attendees!



Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program- 32 Lunkers have now been released in the 2021-2022 Lunker program. We will begin the new program on May 22. The Lunker distribution date will be in early June. The exact location, time and date will be communicated as soon as the details are finalized.

2022 – 2023 52-Gun Raffle News – 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.

2022 – 2023 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
4-22-22	Ruger American 6.5 Creedmore Rifle in “Go Wild” Camo	101	Harold Allen
4-22-22	ATI Cavalry 12 Ga O/U Shotgun	988	Ed Patterson

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 <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 level is currently varying between 171 and 172. The bass spawn is mostly over and the post spawn is underway. The Lunkers are still being caught fairly shallow. Go catch you one.

TBLA Fingerling Release-We will conduct a fingerling release in early June. **Only TBLA active members will be able to participate. Please pay your dues if you have not already done so.** We will release the details and time of the release as soon as the hatchery gives us a firm date for the delivery of the fish.

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 2022.

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION.

Name (including spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone (home): _____

Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2022 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 2022 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.