



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14, 2018

**Adopt A Road Trash Pick up
SCOA Toledo Town,
7:00 am-10:00am**

AUGUST 2, 2018

**Monthly Membership
Social,
SCOA Toledo Town,
7:00 pm**

July Membership Social – Due to the Fourth of July, we **will not** have a JULY Membership Social. The next Membership Social will be on Thursday August 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sabine Council On Aging (SCOA) facility, Highway 191 North of Toledo Town. We will have a meal, and the entrée will be Hamburgers. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us on August 2.

The TBLA Board of Directors – The Board met on June 19th and approved a grant request to fund two Artificial Reef/Fish Attractors in conjunction with Texas Parks and Wildlife per year for 5 years. The Board also approved the funds to support Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries in the construction of a large Artificial Reef, the location yet to be finalized. The next TBLA Board meeting will be on Tuesday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Toledo Town SCOA building.

TBLA Adopt A Road Trash Pick Up - We have a volunteer trash pick-up scheduled for Saturday, July 14. We will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the SCOA building parking lot to assign road sections and we will be picking up trash on Hwy 191 from Toledo Town to the Lanam Bridge. With a good turn-out, we should be done in 1 -2 hours. Bring water and dress for walking in tall grassy areas. Trash bags and hi-vis vests will be provided.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – We are off to a good start for the 2018/2019 Lunker Program year. We already have ten fish in the new year's program. Unfortunately, we have had three other fish that would have qualified for the Lunker program that could not be stabilized and released alive. Please be prepared to care for one of these fish should you be fortunate enough to catch one. We recommend that you take your Lunker to one of our qualified weigh stations as soon as possible. Immediately is best because minimizing time in the livewell is critical to reducing the stress on one of these large fish. Second, be prepared to stabilize the fish if it is floating on its side in your live well. Most of the larger fish caught throughout the hot weather months are caught in deep water, that is water greater than 15 feet deep. When they are landed and placed in a livewell, the difference in depth and the subsequent hydrostatic pressure that is exerted on the fish's air bladder is lower in the shallow water of the livewell. The result of this is that the fish cannot float itself upright in the livewell until the air pressure in its swim bladder is allowed to equalize to its livewell surroundings. If you notice the fish floundering on its side and if this condition is not corrected, more times than not, the fish will not survive an extended time in the livewell. The experts tell us to keep a set of weighted "fin clips" in your boat which you can attach to the fish's bottom fins and these weighted clips will allow the fish to float upright in a stable position and give the fish a much better chance for survival. Third, always carry some extra ice with you in these hot months so you can reduce the temperature of the water in your livewell by 10 degrees or so by adding enough ice or frozen ice water bottles to the livewell (the equivalent to about 8-10 lbs of ice is usually about right for most livewells. Do not over-do it with the ice or you can shock the fish with too large of a temperature decrease.) Immediately start re-circulating your water in your livewell through your aerators at maximum rate and do so continuously until you can get the fish to a weigh station. (Do not continuously add hot surface water by pumping more into your livewell after the livewell is full, but **do re-circulate and aerate** the water that is in the livewell continuously once you have added ice to cool the water.) Again, please get your fish to a weigh station where it can be stabilized as soon as possible.

Also, we encourage everyone to practice catch and release for all black bass caught on the Lake, regardless of the fish's size. That two or three pounder that you catch and eat may have been one of the pure strain Florida fingerlings released in the Lake by TBLA, LWF or TPW with the genetics that could allow that small fish to be a Lake record someday!

Safety Awareness for the Lake – The summer months are big swim months and boating months for everyone using the Lake. Let’s make sure that we do not allow small children in or around the water, or on board a boat, or around the boat house unless they are wearing a life jacket. It only takes a second for a little one to wiggle away from us or to disappear into the water where you might not get them back in time to save their life. Also consider learning CPR. It could save a life if the worst happens!

2018/2019 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 .

2018/2019 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
05//25/18	ATI Cavalry 20 ga. O/U shotgun	709	Mike O'Brien
06/01/18	Savage Axis II .308 rifle	253	Cade Durio
06/08/18	Remington 870 Express 20 ga pump shotgun	637	Joe Cicardo
06/15/18	Marlin 336 30/30 rifle	928	Matthew Brady
6/22/18	Henry .22 rifle	863	Keith Nabours

Fingerling Release Completed – TBLA purchased 50,000 Florida bass fingerlings, and with the assistance of 65 TBLA members and members of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, they successfully released the fingerlings throughout the Lake on June 6. Thanks to all that participated.



Toledo Town 191, HWY 6 Intersection Improvement Project is Completed Linda Curtis-Sparks and members of the TBLA Board celebrated the completion of the Toledo Town 4-way intersection beautification project by snapping a picture under one of the signs that have now been placed along with flower beds and seasonal flags in each corner of the right-of-way of the intersection. TBLA largely funded the project, and the Tourist Bureau coordinated the construction while SRA-La provided labor and equipment to complete the project. Thanks to all that contributed to the completion of the project.



Many Community Center Upcoming Events –

Movies in Many (free admission, cokes and popcorn \$1.00 each)

- July 7- Jurassic World 7 p.m.
- July 21- Ferdinand The Bull 7 p.m.
- Aug 4- The Legend of Tarzan 7 p.m.
- Aug 18- Titanic 7 p.m.

Music in Many (ticket prices vary)

- Sept 22-Jerad Bridges Band 7 p.m.

TBLA Membership -Thank You!

We thank you for paying your 2018 TBLA membership!

You can also help TBLA by asking a neighbor or friend to join us at TBLA.

Please use this form to sign them up!

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2018 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 2018 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 on the Join Us page of the TBLA website at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.

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