



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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October Membership Social – The TBLA October general membership social will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016, 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). The main entree will be fried fish prepared by TBLA members. Please bring appropriate side dishes and desserts. This is our annual membership meeting, finalizing voting for new board members, a review of the past year, a second blood drive with Life Share, and door prizes. Come and enjoy meeting your fellow Toledo Bend Lake Country members.

TBLA Blood Drive on October 6 – Life Share Blood Center will hold another blood drive at our October 6th member social so please come and donate if possible. They will set up and be ready to go at 5:30 p.m. and take donations throughout the meeting. If you plan to donate, be sure and eat a good lunch and take in plenty of liquids during the day. Let's make this another successful drive. Rhonda Dean will be coordinating this activity.

Cypress Bend Fall Golf Package Raffle, a real deal – We have only sold 3 raffle tickets for the Cypress bend weekend golf package. This package is left over from the BU auction. It includes a 4-person golf suite for two days and two rounds of golf per person with cart provided. The package expires on Dec. 30, 2016. Tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale through Oct. 6 when the drawing will be held at our social.

Board Member Nominations/Election – 1st Vice President Gary Moore, the Election Committee Chairman, will accept nominations for new Board members through September 30th as per our By Laws. Five Board positions will be available: four positions which are annually elected and the vacancy created by the resignation of Scotty Lucas. Two incumbent board members have chosen not to run Kathy Little and Dayna Yeldell. We presently have three new nominations (bios below) and two incumbents who are running. Given that we have five board positions open and five nominees, the board will recommend the following to be elected by acclamation at the Octobers social. For more information, contact Gary at (318) 256-2495 or gmoore07@yahoo.com

Nominees are: Incumbents John Toliver and Bill Galligan

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6, 2016
Member Social
7:00 p.m. at SCOA
Toledo Town

October 16, 2016
Board of Directors
6:30 p.m. at SCOA

Eddie Pastureau – I was born and raised in Edgard, La., in St. John Parish on the banks of the Mississippi River. I graduated from LSU with a BS degree in Art Education and a minor in Social Studies. I taught high school for seven years, worked for National/Pan Am Airlines for four years, and worked for and retired from DuPont Chemical after thirty years. We moved to Toledo Bend in April 2012 and have been a Lake Association member since that time. My wife of 24 years, Gina, works as a nurse at Fresenius Dialysis in Many. I am teaching DeSoto school kids in the Talented/Gifted Art Program for my second year. We have four children and eight grandkids.. I have always been involved with clubs, groups, associations, etc., that needed help with my "God-Given" artistic talents. I am "on, around and using" the Lake for fishing and learning all aspects of nature. I have done a good deal of research on problems with lake-invasive species and other issues we have experienced here on Toledo Bend. I believe in providing "service" not "authority" when I take on volunteer activity. Thanks again for believing enough in me to ask that I may become a board member.

Bruce Rogers – I was born and raised in southwestern Illinois and attended college at the University of Pittsburgh. I graduated from Pitt in 1980 with a BS degree in Chemical Engineering and a Petroleum Engineering minor. After accepting a position with Marathon Oil Company, I moved to Lafayette, LA, where I met my wife, Denise, who is 200% Cajun. I worked in several different Engineering functions at Marathon over the years, but ended up specializing in Deepwater Completions. While in Lafayette, I started fishing several of the Oilman's Tournaments, which is how I became familiar with Toledo Bend. After 20 years with Marathon, it was time for a change, and I took a job with BP in Houston, TX, in their Deepwater Group. It wasn't long after working in Houston that I realized I needed an escape from the big city. Buying a camp on Toledo Bend was the perfect solution, which we did in the Palo Gaucho area. BP had a 9/80 work week, which allowed us to come to the camp every other week for a 3-day weekend. I worked several Engineering Team Lead Positions with BP until the Deepwater Horizon accident occurred. I was asked to join the response team as an Engineering Team Lead, where I led teams responsible for the capture and burning of the crude oil before it entered the water, the killing and cementing of the well after the capping stack had been installed and finally, the re-entry and permanent abandonment of the well. Shortly thereafter, I accepted a position with BP as the Deepwater Area Engineering Authority, where I had the responsibility of reviewing and approving BP's Deepwater projects worldwide. After 35 years in the oilfield, I decided it was time to retire and just enjoy life on Toledo Bend.

Ricky Yeldell – I was born and raised in Bastrop, LA, by two wonderful parents who introduced me and my brother to the outdoors and all forms of outdoor recreation. Along the trail to earning the rank of Eagle Scout, I developed an interest in wildlife management and natural resource conservation. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management from Northeast Louisiana University. I am a retiree of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries following a 38 year career. I held various positions there in the wildlife division and the information and education division but the majority of my time was spent in the Inland Fisheries Division where I retired as a Biologist Manager. I first fished Toledo Bend in 1972 and fell in love with it as most anglers did. I worked at Toledo Bend on temporary duty for several years and took a permanent position here in 2000. I have quite a bit of "skin in the game" when it comes to Toledo Bend and my interest and concern for the wise management and development of the lake area run very deep.

Toledo Bend Lake Association Trash Pick-Up October 7th – The TBLA quarterly trash pick-up has been scheduled for Friday, October 7th. TBLA volunteers will be picking up the roadside trash along Hwy 191, between the Toledo Town intersection and Lanana Bridge (both sides of the road). Volunteers please meet at the ice machine at Toledo Town and Tackle at 7:30 a.m. If you are available to assist in helping to keep our area beautiful, just show up behind the ice machine to pick up trash bags and water, and to receive your area assignment. If you have friends or family that would like to help, we welcome all participants.

Please be sure to wear highly visible colors, safety vests, lime green Bass Unlimited shirt, etc. Safety of our volunteers is our First Priority. Long pants, boots and gloves are suggested, and bug spray should be considered. If you have a "grabber" or other pick-up stick, you will find it very helpful. As sweet as we all are, rain will melt us and cause us to reschedule. But we will brave a light mist. Hope to see you there. Deb Pennington, Coordinator.

2016 BU Grand Prize Gun Raffle Weekly Winners – based on the Friday, Louisiana Pick Three Lottery drawing – Weekly winners: **Week 21, 8/26/2016**, Remington 870 20 ga. full size synthetic shotgun, Ray Blauvelt ticket #173; **Week 22, 9/2/2016**, H&R Handi rifle 35 Whelen camo, Marty Manuel, ticket #324; **Week 23, 9/9/2016**, H&R Pardner pump 12 ga. 28" synthetic shotgun, Chuck Cuccia ticket #934; **Week 24, 9/16/2016** Henry H004 22 Golden Boy Rifle, Garland Treme ticket #497. Grand Prize Gun raffle winner names are posted weekly on the TBLA web site.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – At present we have 18 lunkers registered in the 2016 – 2017 Lunker Bass Program. At this time last year, we had 28 fish registered. Check the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program Facebook page to see photos of the anglers and their big fish.

The Sabine River Authority (SRA) – would like to inform public and private property owners adjacent to Toledo Bend Reservoir, there will be environmental consultants from CRA doing studies along the shoreline for FERC license compliance. These consultants will be accessing the shoreline from the water and from land. The SRA requests your assistance and understanding while this work is being completed. This work should begin sometime around Sept. 26th and be completed within 45 days. If you have any questions, please call Carl Chance or Ronny Cole at 318-256-4112.

Toledo Bend Reservoir: Date/Time: Sat. 8/24/2016, 5:30:00 AM; Lake Level: 168.24 ft. MSL; Current Flow: 6950 CFS; Generator 1: Run 24 hrs. Generator 2: Down; Spillway Gates: ALL GATES ARE CLOSED
Daily Lake levels may be found at: <http://www.srala-toledo.com/>

From President John Toliver – This is my last newsletter as President of TBLA. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving and representing you as your president for the past two years. TBLA is the best organization I have belonged to throughout my life and career when it comes to fulfilling its mission and the members who support it. Toledo Bend has been named the #1 Bass Lake in the Nation by Bassmaster Magazine for two years in a row and the Association has played a significant role in

making that happen. Your next newsletter will come from a newly elected president at the Oct. 16 Board meeting, and I look forward to serving another year on the Board. Thanks to all of you for supporting me, the board and TBLA.

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If you have questions or comments relative to the contents of this Newsletter, please contact me at jtoliver@soft-spec.com or call me at 318-256-2401. John Toliver, TBLA President

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION

Name (include spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2016 Dues – Please check one: _____ Individual (\$10.00) _____ Couple (\$15.00)

_____ Business 1 yr. (\$25.00) _____ Business 10 yrs. (\$200.00)

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