



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3, 2017

TBLA Monthly Social Dinner
SCOA Toledo Town
7:00 pm

August 15, 2017

TBLA Board Meeting
6:30 pm

August Membership Social – The TBLA **August** general membership social will be held on Thursday, **August 3, 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). The speaker will be Willis Dowden with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries. The entree will be Gumbo. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join your fellow members as we enjoy this meal and social on August 3.

TBLA Adopt a Road Trash Pick-up was held on Saturday, July 15th – Sixteen TBLA volunteers completed the quarterly litter pick-up on Hwy. 191 from Toledo Town to the Lanana Bridge. We had some new faces and thanks to all who participated. The pick-up took less than two hours. The volunteers and their guests also attended a fish fry Saturday evening hosted by Ramona Moore.

The TBLA Board — The Board met on July 18th. We were updated on progress of the Hwy 6/Hwy 191 Intersection Beautification Project. The Tourist Bureau continues to work to obtain all required permits and documentation. We continue to make progress towards filling key coordinator vacancies for the upcoming Bass Unlimited Banquet committee. We are in need of a beverage coordinator, an audio coordinator, and a photographer for BU 2018. If anyone is interested in serving in any of these roles, please contact Deb Pennington at 2debpennington@gmail.com or 318-315-2448. The Board also approved an amendment to the by-laws regarding signature authority required for TBLA checks. Ted Dove informed the Board that we have two potential nominees for board positions which must be filled in the upcoming October election. Nominations for the Board must be completed by July 31. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Ted 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 – We currently have seven Lunkers in the 2017-2018 Lunker Bass Program. After only one lunker was registered in the month of June, we had four entered into the program in July.

While we hope to see as many fish entered into the program as possible, there are reasons to hope for low numbers of Lunkers landed and entered into the program during the hot weather months when the water temps are routinely eighty to ninety-five degrees. A large fish caught in these hot months will typically not survive an extended stay in a live well nor tolerate any mishandling. Anglers must take extra measures to make sure that a fish survives the ordeal of being landed from deep water, placed in a hot water live well and transported to a weigh-in site. There are a few things that the experts agree will give a Lunker its best chance to survive the process:

- 1) If your live well is not functioning, weigh the fish in the boat, snap a quick picture and release the fish immediately where it was caught. You will not get a replica in this case, but you can rest well knowing that you did the best thing you could do to save a Lunker for the future.
- 2) Minimize the time that the fish is kept out of water.
- 3) Minimize the time that the fish is held in a livewell.
- 4) Run the live well aerator pumps at maximum continuous speed.
- 5) **Stop fishing and transport the fish to a weigh-in site as soon as possible.**

If the water is above eighty degrees, cool it down 10 to 15 degrees by adding frozen water bottles to the live well water (this takes some optimistic pre-planning to have the bottles on board, but many tournament anglers do just that when they know they will be fishing a hot water event). Also many tournament anglers are prepared to use fin clips or “fizz” a fish that has been caught from deep water. Most

recreational anglers are not prepared to do these things. Our weigh stations are often required to “fizz” and/or add fin clips to Lunkers in order to stabilize them before they can be released. Because most anglers are not trained or prepared to deal with deep water swim bladder issues, it is imperative that the fish be taken as quickly as possible to a weigh station where it can be placed in cool oxygenated water, and an expert can handle the fizzing or any other measures required to stabilize it. We recently had a fish submitted to us that had been confined to a boat live well for almost eleven hours with no measures taken to manage the swim bladder issues. In most cases, a fish subjected to this treatment would have died, but fortunately, this fish was stabilized, and released successfully. **Please let’s give these big fish a fighting chance to survive and hopefully live to be caught again.** We would rather someone release a Lunker immediately where caught than to have someone mishandle it for the sake of entering it in the Lunker Program.

There are other basic measures that should be taken, and you can read about those in one of our Lunker brochures, or for tournament fish care recommendations, go to the following website:

https://www.bassmaster.com/sites/default/files/bassmaster2011/imce/KeepingBassAlive_guidebook%20comp.pdf

The new Lunker Program brochures have been updated and are being printed. We will be distributing the new brochures as soon as possible.

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, Ted Dove, or Deb Pennington. I can be reached any time by email at gmoore07@yahoo.com or by phone at 281-798-7131 or 318-256-2495. Ted’s contact information is tdove@croworld.com and 225-937-0439. Deb can be reached at 2debpennington@gmail.com and 318-315-2448.

Local Community Events

Movies in Many – on Saturday, Aug. 5, “The Secret Life of Pets” and on Saturday, Aug. 19, “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” will be shown at the Many Community Center (Sabine Theatre) at 7:00 p.m.

Lake Country Music Show –Aug. 25th will be the date for the August Lake Country Music Show 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 7:00 p.m. through the end of August.

Safety Awareness for the Lake – Safe Boating is every boat operator’s responsibility. Please make sure that if you are boating on the water at night, you have properly functioning running lights and recognize that your depth perception is greatly altered at night. Please operate at reduced, safe speeds at night to allow proper reaction time in the darkness.

TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
6/30/17	ATI SX Calvary 12 ga O/U	958	Douglas Fontenot
7/7/17	Ruger American 308	279	Jerry Brice
7/14/17	Mossberg Patriot 30-06	708	NO WINNER
7/21/17	Remington 870 Express 12 ga Camo	688	NO WINNER

Toledo Bend Reservoir – Daily Lake levels may be found at: <http://www.srala-toledo.com/>. The Lake level is currently approximately 171.61 ft. msl. , and we had approx. 6 inches of rain in the last 24 hours in the midlake area.

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If you have questions or comments relative to the contents of this Newsletter, please contact me at 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: _____

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 _____

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