

Toledo Bend Lake Association

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TBLA MEMBERS SOCIAL:

TBA

TRASH PICK-UP:

JUNE 12,7am

SCOA, TTown

LifeShare Blood Drive:

JUNE 23, 10am-2pm SCOA, TTown

MAY 2021 ISSUE

Membership Update – Normalcy may be in sight, BUT IT IS NOT HERE YET! We had hoped to have our first Social in May but the Louisiana Covid Restrictions are still prohibitive for us to conduct a Social at this time. Although Texas is pretty much open, Louisiana continues to mandate capacity limitations for public gatherings that will not allow us to meet at the SCOA at our normal meeting attendance levels. We are hoping that these restrictions will be eased in the next 30 days so that we can have a meeting in June. We will send out a meeting notice as soon as we can conduct our first Social of 2021, but for now, the restrictions continue to limit our options. Covid or not, the Lake has been very busy, with spring fishing in full swing. We hope all of you have been able to enjoy the weather and the fishing.

We still have 123 memberships that have not been renewed for 2021. Please renew your memberships if you possibly can so that TBLA can come out of Covid with a strong foundation to return to our normal level of community service and funding of grants and scholarships.

There is a membership/renewal form at the end of this Newsletter for that purpose or you can do this on-line. Maintaining our membership is a challenge in this environment but it is extremely important for the ongoing health of TBLA. We thank those of you that have already renewed or joined TBLA for 2021, and hope that all of our members will choose to renew as soon as possible.

TBLA is a volunteer non-profit organization and without members who generously donate their time and financial support, we could not fund or support the Lunker Program, grants, scholarships, fingerling stockings, and local school fishing programs on your behalf. TBLA needs your membership support as we work through another difficult Covid year. Please support us by renewing your membership for 2021 as soon as possible.

TBLA Board of Directors – The Board met on 4/20/21 and agreed to dates for another Trash pick-up and LifeShare Blood Drive. We also put plans in motion for holding a fish fry at our first Social as soon as Covid restrictions will allow. The Board also agreed to fund a TBLA Scholarship of \$2000.00 in addition to the Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship. We also funded \$2500.00 for LDWF Enforcement Division's, "I Got Caught Wearing My Life Jacket" tee shirt program.

<u>The Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship</u> —The Scholarship Committee has completed their selection process and will announce the winner in next month's newsletter. We want to thank all of the students that submitted applications for the Scholarship. After reviewing all of the applications, you could not help but be impressed by this group of students. They are our future and we wish them the best as they chase their dreams.

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Trash Pick-up Volunteers Needed – There will be a TBLA Trash Pick-up on Saturday, June 12 at 7 am. We will be picking up trash along the TBLA Adopt a Highway section on Hwy 191 from Hwy 6 to the Lanana Bridge. TBLA volunteers are needed for this community service opportunity. In the event of rain, the Trash Pick-up will be rescheduled with information posted on Facebook and the TBLA website. We will meet at the Toledo Town SCOA parking lot for sign-in and a safety briefing. Please contact Deb Pennington at 318-315-2448 or Gary Moore at 281-798-7131 to sign up ahead of time or just show up if you can make it at the last minute to help the group with this pick up. If we have at least a dozen volunteers, we should be able to cover our area in less than two hours. It will take less time with more volunteers. We really need more than the faithful 5-7 volunteers that show up for every pick-up. Please pitch in and help us to **Keep Sabine Clean.**

<u>LifeShare Blood Drive</u> – We will sponsor a LifeShare blood drive on Wednesday June 23, from 10 am to 2 pm.in the SCOA, TTown Parking Lot. Blood donated through TBLA benefits all of us in the event of an emergency. Please consider donating your precious life-saving blood.

<u>Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program</u>—We currently have 24 Lunkers entered in the 2020-2021 Lunker Program. The Replicas will be distributed similarly as they were last year at the Cypress Bend Resort in late May. The final date, time and specific location will be communicated as soon as those details are finalized.

Bass Unlimited News—We want to thank Deb Pennington for her leadership as the BU Committee Chairman for the last 4 years. Deb has given her all for TBLA in this role during her tenure, and she has announced that she is stepping down from this role to take a well-deserved break. I really appreciate that she will continue to fill the many other jobs that she tirelessly performs for the organization. I want to thank her for all she does for TBLA and the community. Let's all give her a big "thank you" when we see her. I am happy to announce that Ted Dove has volunteered to take on the BU Committee Coordinator's job for 2021/2022. Please support Ted as he assumes this important role for TBLA.

<u>Poster and TBLA Merchandise Sales</u>—We have one more offsite sales date planned for 2020 BU Posters and TBLA Wearables (caps, visors, tees and towels). You can purchase these items <u>for pick up</u> online, or purchase them in Many on May 1, 10am-2pm in Nichol's parking lot in Many. Please call Mike or Carolyn Scheurich with any questions that you may have regarding the poster sales at 225-892-6848. We hope you will help support TBLA by purchasing some of these items.

52-Gun Raffle News – Thank you for supporting TBLA through the Gun Raffle. We sold all 1000 tickets for the 2021/2022 Gun Raffle due to your support. We just completed last year's raffle on April 9 and drew the first 2 winning numbers on April 16 for the 2021/2022 Gun Raffle. The remaining 2021/2022 winning tickets will be based on each Friday Night's La Pick 3 Lotto winning number and will continue for the next 50 weeks. If you have any questions regarding the 52-gun raffle, please contact Bruce Rogers by phone: 281-543-0184 or email: bruce.rogers@hughes.net.

2020 – 2021 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners				
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner	
03/26/21	Remington 870 Express 20 ga Shotgun	216	Scott Carpenter	
04/02/21	Savage Axis II 30-06 Rifle w/Scope package	185	Harold Fuqua	
04/09/21	ATI Cavalry 12 GA O/U Shotgun	247	Tim Martin	

2021 – 2022 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners				
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner	
04/16/21	Ruger American "Go Wild" 6.5 Creedmore Rifle	625*	Matt McKinley	
04/16/21	ATI Cavalry 12 GA O/U Shotgun	460*	John Minatrea	
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^{*} First 2 guns of the 21/22 Raffle were drawn tickets

<u>Lake Level</u> – The Lake level is important to those with an interest in Toledo Bend. The lake level is approaching 172 msl full pool at the time of this writing. Real time information on the lake's level 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?menuld=28

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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 2021.

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION. Name (including spouse): **Business Name:** Street Address: City, State, Zip Code: Telephone (home): Cell: Email Address: 2020 Dues Please check one: Individual (\$10.00) Couple (\$15.00) Business 1 yr. (\$25.00) Business 10 yrs. (\$200.00) PayPal: Please indicate method of payment: Cash: Check number: Date:

^{*}Make check payable to TBLA or Toledo Bend Lake Association and be sure to mark it as 2021 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.