



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4, 2017

Blood Drive

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Monthly Social Dinner

7:00-8:30 p.m.

SCOA Toledo Town

May 13, 2017

TBLA Adopt a Road Trash

Pick-up

8:00 -10:00 a.m.

May 16, 2017

TBLA Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

May Membership Social – The TBLA May general membership social will be held on Thursday, May 4, 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). We will review the Bass Unlimited–Back A Great Fighter results with the group. The entree will be enchiladas and tamales. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join your fellow Toledo Bend Lake Association members as we enjoy this meal and meeting. We will also be hosting our quarterly blood drive just prior to the May 4th Social.

LifeShare Blood Center will be on hand from 5:30 until 7 p.m. to collect blood from anyone who would like to donate to the blood bank.

2017 Bass Unlimited Banquet News!— The big news is that we had a highly successful Banquet this year. As I am writing this newsletter, we are still counting the money, but by all indicators, we had a very successful event. We sold all 650 banquet tickets. The meal was provided by Silver Star Smokehouse in Bossier City, and we have received nothing but high praise for the quality of the meal. The evening was highlighted by recognition of Don Cooper and Robert Conyer, who led the first TBLA Bass Unlimited Banquet 15 years ago.



BU founders, Robert Conyer (left) and Don Cooper (right) introduced by Gary Moore at the BUBanquet

after it had spawned this year. This catch is clear demonstration of how the TBLA Lunker Program is working! Jason, who finished second in the Elite, graciously donated the rod and reel used to catch the fish and we auctioned them, along with the signed poster for the high bid for all items sold of \$3000. We owe Jason a big thank you for this generosity.

We had a number of fantastic prizes, including a Cajun Fryer, 3 kayaks, a Don Edwards giclee, a Rodrigue Blue Dog print, five guns, a \$1000 Falcon rod and reel package, Two Burt Fleming wood carvings, a significant amount of Costa gear, a huge fire pit by Jamie Hoffpauir, an original stained glass by Diann Warren, a gourmet “Meal on the Dock” by Gloria and JT Thompson, and numerous other items and gift certificates from our local businesses, supporters, friends and Lake Area guide services which made for a great auction.

The crowd was enthusiastic. The Live and Silent Auctions and Drop Box Raffles all were very successful. The highlight of the Auction was the sale of one of our 2017 BU-BAGF Posters signed by the twelve finalists in the recent BassMaster Elite, Toledo Bend tournament, along with the actual Falcon rod and Lew’s reel that was used by Jason Christie, one of the finalists, to catch the largest fish of the tournament, a 9 lb. 10 oz. bass. Jason’s catch is more significant to us because the fish was tagged almost exactly one year earlier, in April, 2016, with TBLA tag #431, when it weighed 10.32 lbs. The lunker was released a year ago in United Bay and was caught by Jason in United Bay



The crowd was having a great time at sunset.



Negreet High School Bass Club member helping to auction the Don Edwards giclee

We also want to thank all of our member BU Volunteers who donated their time and talent to make this event possible as well as the Hemphill Hornet High School Fishing team, the Negreet High School Fishing Team, the North Sabine High School Fishing Team, and the Sabine Parish Sheriff's Department. We owe a special thanks to Deb Pennington, this year's first time, BU-BAGF Coordinator and her team that led the planning and delivery of this fantastic Banquet on behalf of TBLA. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great event.



2017 TBLA Bass Unlimited – Back A Great Fighter Volunteers

2018 BU-BAGF Banquet will be held on Friday, April 20, next year! Mark your calendars now!

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 or Ted Dove. 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.

TBLA Adopt a Road Trash Pick-up coming up May 13—TBLA volunteers can sign up at the next social to participate in our next quarterly trash pick-up along 191 from Toledo Town to the Lanana Bridge. The participants will meet on Saturday, May 13 in the SCOA Parking Lot at 8:00 a.m. for a safety briefing and assignment of road segments. Trash bags will be supplied. Please wear your safety vest if you have one. A fish fry will be provided following the Trash pick-up for the volunteers on Saturday afternoon. Time and location for the fish fry will be announced at the Pick-up.

The TBLA Board met on Tuesday, April 18—and reviewed the latest proposed plans for the signage and beautification project at the intersection of 191 and Hwy 6 at Toledo Town. We and the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission are still awaiting final approval of the project by LA DOTD.

2017 Membership Renewal, Please check your records! We ***STILL*** have a number of members who have not renewed their memberships this year. We will ***discontinue*** newsletter delivery to all non-renewed members after this newsletter. We hope that all of our members will renew and continue to support TBLA.

2017/18 BU Grand Prize Gun Raffle Weekly Winners – The first 2 guns in the 2017/18 Grand Prize Gun Raffle were drawn Friday Night at the BU-BAGF banquet. The winners were Mike McCormick and Jack Adams. The remaining 50 weekly drawings for the 2017/18 Gun Raffle winners will be conducted every Friday night and based on the Friday Louisiana Pick Three Lottery winning numbers.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – As of Sunday, April 23, we have 68 lunkers registered in the 2016 – 2017 Lunker Bass Program. At this time last year, we had 136 fish registered. Check the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program Facebook page to see photos of the anglers and their big fish.

TBLA Volunteers needed for Sabine Parish 5th Grade “Take A Kid Fishing” event, May 3-5 -- TBLA volunteers are needed to assist in this event from 8 a.m. until noon at Cypress Bend Park. The three-morning sessions are hosted by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff who conduct sessions on fish identification, bass fishing, and boat safety. TBLA volunteers will help the kids learn how to cast and fish. If you wish to volunteer, contact Tim Dean at (318) 590-0599 or (520) 977-4664 or just be there. Wear your TBLA shirt or BU t-shirt and cap.

Annual TBLA/SWCD Youth Fish Fest coming up on June 3rd – The 8th Annual Toledo Bend Lake Association /Sabine Soil and Water Conservation District Youth Fish Fest will be held at Cypress Bend. The Fest is open to school-age children in grades K-12. We will host 151 registered youth from LA and TX compete at the Park at no entry charge, courtesy of the Sabine River Authority (SRA). Anglers must provide their own fishing equipment and bait. Youth and volunteers will be treated to a TBLA complimentary teal-colored t-shirt, provided by TBLA and must wear the shirt while fishing. Numerous prizes will be awarded courtesy of donations by numerous businesses and individuals.

Local Community Events

Movies in Many – on Saturday, May 6, “Fried Green Tomatoes” will be shown at the Many Community Center (Sabine Theatre) at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday May 20 Jurassic World will be shown at 7:00 p.m.

Lake Country Music Show – James Wagley and the Turn Ups will perform at the Many Community Center on the fourth Friday of every month at 7 p.m. They will also bring in guest performers and bands. The next show will be Friday, May 26th.

USDA will conduct a Feral Hog Workshop May 18, at the LSU AgCenter, 1125 W. Mississippi Ave. in Many, LA from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It is limited to 50 participants, so contact Chris Pearce at (318) 256-3406 to make reservations.

Toledo Bend Reservoir – Daily Lake levels may be found at: <http://www.srala-toledo.com/>. The Lake level is currently approximately 170.45 ft. msl.

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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

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2017 Dues – Please check one: Individual (\$10.00) Couple (\$15.00)

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