



Toledo Bend Lake Association NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4, 2019

Bass Unlimited
Poster Unveiling
Cypress Bend
Grand Ballroom
7:00 pm

Sabine Parish
Aquatic Education Clinic
Cypress Bend Park
April 29, 30 & May 1
8am-Noon Each Day

APRIL 2019 ISSUE

April Membership Social – There will be no Membership Social in April. Instead, we will conduct our Bass Unlimited Poster Unveiling as detailed later in this Newsletter.

Please be aware that memberships can be renewed for 2019 at the meeting by mail or online at our website. Soon we will be purging our membership list which is used to mail our newsletter. We do not want anyone to miss out on news related to the Association, so we urge everyone to renew their membership as soon as possible.

The 2019 BU Planning Committee and other volunteer opportunities – Our next Bass Unlimited Banquet Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for March 27th, 6:30 p.m. at the SCOA – Toledo Town location. Anyone interested in serving on one of the 2019 Bass Unlimited Committees should contact myself, Gaynell Goodeaux, or Deb Pennington. I can be reached any time by email at rickyy115@gmail.com or by phone at 318-315-1382. Gaynell's contact information is nedgoodeaux@gmail.com and 318-256-0501 or 337-842-7814. Deb can be reached at 2debpennington@gmail.com and 318-315-2448.

Lake Level – The Lake level is important to those with an interest in Toledo Bend. Real time information on the matter can be found online at http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uy?site_no=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?menuId=28>

Boating Safety/Ethics – April is a busy month on Toledo Bend, and there will be many anglers on the water competing for a spot to catch a nice bass or a box full of crappie. Regardless of the immense size of the Lake, there are enough anglers to result in crowded conditions in certain areas from time to time. When this occurs, we should be mindful that we are fishing public water and that we should not expect to have it to ourselves.

Regrettably, conflicts do occasionally arise, and the possibility of hurt feelings, or worse, does exist. This situation is not unique to Toledo Bend, it is at least a state-wide concern, so much so that the Louisiana Legislature has seen fit to enact legislation to address such incidents.

A June 2017 Press Release from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries provided information on a case made by local Agents on Toledo Bend which resulted in the issuance of a citation for harassment of persons lawfully fishing. The Press Release stated, "*Harassment of persons lawfully fishing brings a up to a \$750 fine and 90 days in jail. The harassment of persons lawfully fishing regulation provides that it is unlawful to disturb any hunter, trapper, or fisherman who is engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal or who is engaged in the process of taking, with intent to dissuade or otherwise prevent the taking, or to prevent such person's enjoyment of the outdoors.*"

Common courtesy and old-fashioned manners should be enough to prevent such citations being issued. Anglers and boaters are urged to respect one another while afloat as well as at all other times.

Sabine Parish Aquatic Education Clinic-For several years TBLA has partnered with Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) to conduct a three-day Aquatic Education Clinic at Cypress Bend Park. During the clinic, all fifth-grade students in Sabine Parish will be bused to the park site where they will receive instruction on fish identification, boating safety, bait casting, fisheries biology and ethical conduct. Each student will also be given the opportunity to fish with cane poles.

This is an excellent program that exposes children to the sport of fishing, with many of the children catching their first fish during the event. This program serves as a gateway not only to fishing but many other outdoor activities and may well be the first chance some of the participants have to learn about fishing and boating.

Tim Dean has been TBLA's Coordinator for this program in recent years. Tim has done an excellent job but will be passing the torch to Tammy Mong following this year's event. The event requires quite a few volunteers to make it successful and more help is always welcomed. If you would like to be involved in helping the next generation become interested in wholesome outdoor recreation, give me a call and I will see that Tim or Tammy contact you. (Ricky Yeldell 318-315-1382)

Bass Unlimited Poster Unveiling



Gerald and Vicki Mitchell to sponsor Bass Unlimited Poster

By: Ramona Moore

Toledo Bend Lake Association (TBLA) is pleased to have Gerald and Vicki Mitchell sponsor the 2019 Bass Unlimited poster. Gerald and Vicki are owners of the Brisket House in Jena, Louisiana, where they work together in their restaurant and catering business.

Gerald is an avid outdoorsman and lifetime member of Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS). He has worked in the marine business, owned his own bait business, and even fished the BASS circuit for a while. Vicki spent 38 years working with John Deere and has held various positions in the church and community.

They now have a home on Toledo Bend and love fishing together and entertaining guests. Gerald enjoys participating in local fishing tournaments.

The Poster Unveiling Gala and Auction will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, in the Cypress Bend Resort Grand Ballroom. The public is invited, and the doors open at 6:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a cash bar. Gerald and Vicki plan to attend the unveiling where the 2019 original artwork, as well as the first numbered framed poster, will be auctioned by professional auctioneer Kevin McDonald. Linda Boren, this year's artist, will be available to sign and personalize posters. Additionally, two pieces of original art, by previous Bass Unlimited artists Don Edwards and JoAnn Cason, will be auctioned the night of the Gala.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program

Sean Kinnon of DeQuincy, LA caught a 14-pound Lunker and weighed it in during the Fort Polk Bassmaster Open Tournament on March 2, 2019. Sean's fish is Lunker number 25 of the season.

Chance Vicknair of Hemphill, TX caught a bass weighing 10.43 pounds on March 8, 2019. Chance's fish was previously tagged as a Lunker. The fish was weighed in at Fin and Feather Resort and is Lunker number 26 for the current year.

On March 8, 2019, Cody Pitt of Many, LA weighed in a 10.52-pound bass at Fin and Feather Resort that upped the Lunker total to 27. This is Cody's second Lunker of the year. He also caught a fish weighing 11.49 in January!

Lunker number 28 was caught by Tyler Wilkerson of Negreet, LA on March 8, 2019. Tyler's fish tipped the scales at 10.53 pounds and was weighed in at Buckeye Landing.

David Burton of DeRidder, LA weighed in Lunker number 29 of the season at Buckeye Landing on March 9, 2019. David's fish weighed 10.01 pounds.

On March 13, 2019, Bryan Hargiss of St. Louis, MO caught a fish weighing 11.14 pounds and weighed it in at Toledo Town and Tackle. Bryan's fish is Lunker number 30 for the season.

Darren Burns of Lake Charles, LA brought in a 10.27 pound fish on March 20, 2019 and weighed in at Fin and Feather Resort. Darren's fish is Lunker number 31 of the season.

Lunker number 32 was caught by Robert Prejean of Sulphur, LA on March 20, 2019. This 10.02 pound fish was weighed in at Fin and Feather Resort.

Fin and Feather Resort weighed Aaron Ray's 10.26 pound Lunker number 33. Aaron Ray is from Princeton, LA.

On March 20, 2019, Richard Gautreaux of Gonzales, LA weighed in Lunker number 34, tipping the Holly Park Marina scales at 10.07 pounds.

Congratulations to all!



Sean Kinnon, 14 lbs.



Chance Vicknair, 10.43 lbs.



Cody Pitt, 10.52 lbs.



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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
03/01/19	Henry 22 rifle	445	Roderick Campbell
03/08/19	ATI Calvary 20 gauge Over/Under shotgun	286	John Slaughter
03/15/19	Remington V3 12 gauge shotgun	261	Bill Galligan
03/22/19	Mossberg Patriot 308 rifle/scope package	539	Jim Franklin

Community Center Upcoming Events -

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

April 6 - Rooster Cogburn

April 20 - Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Music in Many (ticket prices vary)

April 13 – Brandy Roberts

Other Local Entertainment & Events -

Live music at Gilligan's Crawfish & Grill, 44 Spring St, Many, LA.

All nights are BYOB. There is a small cover charge for the band.

April 6, Gus Johnson & River Katz

April 13, Richard LeBouef

April 20, Kevin Young & Rose Down Rockers

April 27, Leroy Thomas & The Zydeco Road

Music on the Square at Historic Fisher Opera House – April 27, Starts at 5 p.m.

Now is the time to renew your TBLA Membership for 2019.

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 2019.

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION.

Name (including spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone (home): _____

Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2019 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 2019 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.

