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UPCOMING EVENTS

BU PLANNING MEETING

April 4, 6:30 PM

SCOA TOWN

BU POSTER UNVEILING:

APRIL 6, 7 PM

SCOA TOWN

BASS UNLIMITED

BANQUET:

APRIL 21, 5:00 PM

CYPRESS BEND MARINA

APRIL 2023 ISSUE

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – The 2023 Bass Unlimited Poster Unveiling and Auction will take the place of our Monthly Social for April. The Poster Unveiling will be held at **Cypress Bend Resort** on Thursday April 6, at 7:00 pm. Finger foods will be served and a cash bar will be available followed by a live auction. We look forward to seeing you at the Poster Unveiling. More details follow on page 2.

TBLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – The Board met on March 21 and finalized the 2023 Glynn Carver Scholarship Award Winner and agreed to also award two TBLA Scholarships. The winners of the Scholarships will be announced at the Bass Unlimited Banquet. The Board also voted to appoint Mike Boydston to fill the Board Seat vacated due to the passing of Bobby Crawford. We want to welcome and congratulate Mike as he assumes this role for TBLA.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES- The Scheduled trash pick-up on March 10 was postponed due to rain and we will reschedule the next Pick-up sometime in May. The date will be posted when it is finalized.

The BASS OPEN will be here April 13,14, and 15. Bass needs volunteers for various events and activities but particularly to help carry fish from the weigh-in to the release boat. Please call me if you would like to help BASS with this large tournament. Gary Moore 281-798-7131.

Sabine Parish Fifth Grade Aquatic Education Classes will resume this year hosted by LA Wildlife and Fisheries. Approximately 100 fifth graders each day will attend these classes at the Cypress Bend Pavilion/Marina, 8-noon on April 3,4, and 5. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. If you are interested and available, please contact Tammy Mong at 318-315-1269. TBLA will be providing lunch to the volunteers each day.

BASS UNLIMITED NEWS- The Bass Unlimited Planning Committee will next meet on Tuesday, April 4, at the TTown SCOA Building at 6:30 PM. We hope that all committee chairpersons can attend. We need a small army of volunteers to make BU successful. If you are interested in getting involved in BU for the first time, please attend this meeting or contact Ted Dove at 225-937-0439.

BANQUET TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW -Tickets are still available but there are a limited number for the BU Banquet which will be on April 21, 2023. If you want to attend the banquet, you should reserve your tickets now before they are sold out. Contact Gaynell Goodeaux at 337-842-7814 to reserve your tickets.

GLYNN CARVER SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE –Applications for the Glynn Carver Scholarship were due on February 1. We had twenty-one applicants and the Scholarship Committee Members made their recommendation to the Board at the March 21 BOD Meeting. The winner will be announced at the Bass Unlimited Banquet on April 21. We want to thank all of the applicants for their time and effort spent completing their Essays. We had an outstanding group of applicants this year and their applications were very impactful.

TOLEDO BEND LUNKER PROGRAM- We continue the fast start to the 2023 bass fishing season as the Lunker numbers increase weekly. We now have forty-three Lunkers entered in the 2022/2023 Lunker Program. Thirty-eight of those Lunkers have been caught since January 1. These fish include a new lake record fish which weighed 15.67 pounds, caught by Mr. Bill Cook of Houston, Tx. Cody Pitt has landed three lunkers in this year’s program, one of which weighed 13.38 pounds, Pat McFatter caught a 14.02 pound fish, and Tater Reynolds has caught two Lunkers over 12 pounds. The weather and moon phase has slowed the Lunker Fest down for the last 2 weeks but it is due to increase again as the April Full Moon approaches.

52-Gun Raffle News – The 2023-2024 Gun Raffle tickets have been distributed to those that bought tickets last year and approximately 85% of those tickets have been purchased. Bruce does have tickets available now if anyone wants Gun Raffle tickets. You can pay by check and send to the address on the ticket or by credit card at toledobendlakeassociation.com. If you pay online, you do not need to return the tickets stubs, as Bruce Rogers will fill out the stubs for you. 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.

2022 – 2023 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
2/24/23	Ruger American 270 Black	581	Tim Martin
3/3/23	Henry 22 Rifle	429	Pam Harris
3/10/23	ATI Cavalry 20 Ga O/U Shotgun	940	Steve Hayes
3/17/23	Tristar Viper 12 GA Semi Auto Shotgun	044	Ronnie Bison

SRA/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 <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?menuId=28>.

The published operating plan for Toledo Bend /SRA Joint Operations allows for managing the lake level by power generation to a lake level of 168.5 in January, 169 in February, 169.5 in March, 170 through April 1-15. The Lake Level is currently 169.78’ MSL.

SRA News - The Sabine River Authority of LA (SRA-LA) is considering a long-term contract for the annual sale of 600,000-acre feet of water from Toledo Bend. Negotiations for the out- of- state sale are preliminary, and a proposed contract outlining the parameters of the sale is currently under review by attorneys for SRA-LA and the Texas group involved. The most recent SRA-LA Board of Commissioners meeting included a discussion of the proposed sale with representatives of Aqueduct Partners, the firm negotiating the contract. A commitment from SRA-LA is necessary to move the project forward. The commitment is only the first step in getting a signed contract. A contract would also require the approval of the Police Juries of all Parishes along Toledo Bend plus those that are part of the Sabine River watershed below Toledo Bend, plus the Department of Natural Resources and other Louisiana state agencies with final approval required by the Governor. We will keep members informed of pertinent information as the details of the contract are known. TBLA representatives have been assured by SRA-LA that a copy of the proposed contract will be provided once the law firms involved reach mutual agreement on terms. SAR-LA also plans to hold a public comment meeting so stakeholders of the area have a chance to comment.

BU POSTER UNVEILING- The 2023 BU Poster Unveiling will take place on Thursday April 6. Bass Unlimited 2023 posters can be pre-ordered now. See page 3 of this newsletter for an order form. The 2023 Poster unveiling is scheduled for 7:00 pm at Cypress Bend Resort. We hope you can attend.

TBLA has commissioned artist Angela M. Osborn to create the 2023 Bass Unlimited Back-A-Great-Fighter poster. Angela is a local artist from Many, and her work can be seen in Sabine Parish at the Sabine Theater, Many Town Hall, Living the Dream Fishing Guide Service and Zwolle High School. She graduated from NSU with a degree in Fine Arts and has worked professionally as an artist with a focus on murals, commercial art and Louisiana landscapes. This year’s poster, sponsored by Community Bank of Louisiana, is titled “Richard’s Day Off” in honor of Angela’s uncle, an avid fisherman of Toledo Bend and major supporter of her artistic endeavors.

TBLA will be hosting the Poster Unveiling on Thursday, April 6, in the Ballroom at Cypress Bend Resort. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with a cash bar and finger food. The framed original painting and #1 poster as well as artwork by Don Edwards and Eddie Pastureau will be auctioned by professional auctioneer Kevin McDonald. The signed and numbered posters can be pre-ordered now, and Angela will be present to personalize posters the evening of the event. This event is open to the public.

POSTER ORDER FORM

To purchase the 2023 poster, please complete this form and return it with a check to TBLA, PO Box 1031, Many, La. 71449. Make checks payable to TBLA.

NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	
TELEPHONE:			
EMAIL:			

Please indicate if you prefer a framed or unframed poster with the number of each type you are ordering and any preference for poster number(s).

QUANTITY	TYPE	PREFERRED NUMBERS	PRICE
	UNFRAMED		\$20 EACH
	FRAMED		\$40 EACH
	GICLEE ON CANVAS	NA	\$200 EACH
	<i>Giclee's will be framed with a brass name plate</i>		

Only unframed posters can be mailed. Please add \$11.00 to your total cost for up to 3 posters ordered per order form.

If you wish to request a personalized message on your poster from the artist, this form must be in the hands of the Poster Coordinator by Monday, March 6, 2023.

Print your requested personalization message below:

Poster Coordinator: Carolyn Scheurich (225) 892 – 6848, TBLAPOSTER@gmail.com

TBLA DUES – Your annual TBLA dues are due now for 2023. Please renew your memberships now if you have not already done so. You can also help TBLA by asking a neighbor or friend to join us at TBLA. Please use the form below to sign them up or to renew your membership for 2023.

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION.

Name (including spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone (home): _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2023 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 2023 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.