



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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November Membership Social – The TBLA November general membership social will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016, 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 entree will be Beef Bourguignon with garlic mashed potatoes prepared by Cypress Bend Resort Chef JonVincent Bell. Please bring appropriate side dishes and desserts. Mathew Couvillion, President of the Sabine Parish Chamber of Commerce will be our speaker and bring us up to date on Chamber programs and projects. Come and enjoy meeting your fellow Toledo Bend Lake Country members.

2017 Board of Directors and New Officers – TBLA has a new Board of Directors and new officers as a result of last month's annual meeting. We need to give a big thanks to John Toliver, outgoing President of TBLA. John has served as President of TBLA for the past 4 years. John served the maximum two terms as President allowed by TBLA's by-laws and he is now passing the torch to new President Gary Moore. Please join me in congratulating and thanking John for his successful tenure. John will be the first to tell you that he could not take personal credit for most of the good things that have happened to TBLA and the Toledo Bend community, but he should not deny that his leadership was invaluable to the organization in these past two years.

As John departs his office, TBLA has nearly 500 memberships, and 1000 members and we have seen the lake designated by Bassmaster's Magazine as the #1 Bass Lake in the country for an unprecedented two consecutive years. TBLA's Lunker Bass Program was a significant factor in this designation, and John was front and center representing TBLA, the lake, and pushing positive publicity and discussions whenever possible to help tell the Toledo Bend story. John's communication efforts had a lot to do with Toledo Bend's selection as the Number One Bass Lake. Under John's watch, TBLA also took an active role in growing future fisherman for the Lake by sponsoring local High School fishing teams in Sabine parish and Sabine County. We are financially in good health, despite the difficult economic circumstances of the past 24 months in our local area, and well positioned to continue the mission of TBLA for the future. John did a great job of leading the organization, so please thank him when you get a chance.

At last month's annual membership meeting, a new slate of TBLA Board of Directors was elected and a new slate of officers was elected by the new Board at the October 18th board meeting. Kathy Little and Dana Yeldell's 3-year terms ended and they did not run for re-election. Please thank Kathy and Dana for their tireless service on the Board. They were always offering great ideas and insight to the board as we worked to move TBLA forward. Bill Galligan and John Toliver's terms expired and they were re-elected to the board. John chose to fill the remaining one year term vacated by Scotty Lucas, who resigned from the board, one year short of his full 3-year term. We are pleased to welcome the following new board members who were elected to 3-year terms: Bruce Rogers, Eddie Pastureau, and Ricky Yeldell.

The new TBLA Board of Directors met on October the 18th and elected the following officers for the next 12 months: Bill Galligan re-elected as secretary, Gaynell Goodeaux re-elected as treasurer, Rhonda Dean re-elected as second vice president, Ted Dove elected as first vice president, and Gary Moore elected as president.

Additionally, Board member Russel Wheeler submitted his resignation to the board, due to relocation. Because Russell's resignation was received after the October election, the board nominated and elected a replacement to fill the remaining year of his 3-year term. Russell was the

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3, 2016

Member Social

7:00 p.m. at SCOA
Toledo Town

November 15, 2016

Board of Directors
6:30 p.m. at SCOA

only current Texas resident serving on the BOD and we were able to find another Texas-side member to fill his position. We are pleased to introduce Mike Scheurich as the most recent addition to the BOD. Other Board members who continue to serve their 3-year terms are Phil Medine and Deb Pennington. Please thank those who have served and congratulate those who will be serving for the next year as board members and officers.

As your new president, I would like to introduce myself. I am Gary Moore, born and raised near Atlanta, Ga. I received a degree in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech in 1978 and moved to Bossier City, La. to start a career in the oil services industry with Halliburton. Ramona and I were married in 1981 and we have three grown children, two grandchildren and a third on the way. We have owned property on Toledo Bend since 1998. I am retired, and Ramona and I have lived on the lake since 2014. I am an avid bass and crappie fisherman and duck hunter. I joined TBLA in 2013 and was elected to its BOD in 2014. Catching a double-digit bass from Toledo Bend is on my bucket list. I truly am jealous of those of you that have accomplished this milestone.

It is an honor to serve as President for the next twelve months, and I hope that we will continue to see TBLA move forward from its current positive momentum. There are a few things that I would like you to know about my perspective of TBLA as I assume this role on your behalf. First, my role as the President is no more or no less important than the many other volunteer roles who are required for TBLA to be successful. None of us can make TBLA successful by ourselves and we all need each other to have a successful, meaningful organization. TBLA is an important organization for the Toledo Bend Lake area. TBLA's success is based on the collective efforts of all its members. We are all volunteers and all of us have the best interest of the Lake and its surrounding community at heart. We may not always agree on all things related to Toledo Bend, but we all are trying to protect the Lake and improve life around it, regardless of our perspectives. I know that our best collective efforts will result in the best results for TBLA and our community.

Good communication and active participation are keys to our continued success and I know I can count on everyone to help us be the most successful in experiencing the best life possible around Toledo Bend, both now and for the future. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Bass Unlimited Banquet and Auction, volunteer a good idea, voice a concern, or express a need, I can be reached any time by email at gmoore07@yahoo.com or by phone at 281 798 7131 or 318 256 2495.

The Board of directors of TBCAC (Toledo Bend Citizen's Advisory Committee) made a presentation at the Oct. TBLA board meeting and has asked TBLA to consider absorbing TBCAC into TBLA. We will have a brief discussion of this potential merge at the November 3rd social. The TBLA Board would like to receive input from our members regarding this issue prior to making a final decision on this matter. Please contact any board member or myself to provide your feedback. This issue will likely be voted on in the November or December TBLA Board Meeting.

2017 Bass Unlimited - 52 Gun Raffle Tickets will be mailed out in first week of November -- TBLA is already planning for our 2017 Bass Unlimited - Back A Great Fighter Banquet which will be held on April 21, 2017, at Cypress Bend Park Pavilion. Our Grand Raffle Prize for this banquet will again be a 52 Gun Raffle. Details about this raffle are printed on each ticket. The money that we raise at this banquet will help fund our community and lake projects during 2017 and part of 2018. We appreciate your continued support in this effort.

The 52 gun raffle was a great success last year. TBLA membership and demand for these tickets have grown. As a result, all 1000 randomly selected tickets will be mailed out to TBLA members and non-members who purchased tickets last year. These tickets will be mailed out the first week of November. Members who did not purchase tickets or sell their tickets last year will not receive tickets this year, unless they are a new member. You also may not receive the total number of tickets that you purchased last year due to the increased demand. There is currently a stand-by list which will be used to sell any tickets that may be returned this year. Please contact Bruce Rogers if you wish to be put on this list for any additional tickets that become available.

After you receive your tickets, please return your ticket money/ticket stubs or your unsold tickets to:
Bruce Rogers, 70 Northstar Lane E, Many, LA 71449. If you have questions, call him or email him at: Phone: (281) 543-0184, Email: bruce.rogers@hughes.net

We will need your money and ticket stubs for ticket purchases or returned tickets by January 15, 2017, to give us time to sell any returned tickets before the BU Banquet. Please call Bruce Rogers if you have any questions regarding the raffle.

2016 BU Grand Prize Gun Raffle Weekly Winners – based on the Friday, Louisiana Pick Three Lottery drawing – Weekly winners were: **Week 25, 9-24-2016**, Ruger American blued 30-06 rifle, Von Champion, Many, LA; **Week 26, 9/30/2016**, H&R Handi rifle 243 youth synthetic, Rhett Lasserre, League City, TX; **Week 27, 10/7/2016**, Ruger M77 HE wood blued 7 mm-08 Susan Cowgill; Hemphill, TX; **Week 28, 10/14/2016**, Remington 870 12 ga. 3 1/2" / 28" barrel, NO WINNER; **Week 29, 10/21/2016**, Ruger American SS 308, Ross Wilhite, Downsville, LA.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – At present we have 21 lunkers registered in the 2016 – 2017 Lunker Bass Program. At this time last year, we had 33 fish registered. Check the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program Facebook page to see photos of the anglers and their big fish.

Toledo Bend Reservoir: Date/Time: Wed. 10/26/2016, 5:30:00 AM; Lake Level: 167.60 ft. MSL; Current Flow: 174 CFS; Generator 1: Running 3 hrs./day from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Generator 2: Down; Spillway Gates: ALL GATES ARE CLOSED
Daily Lake levels may be found at: <http://www.srala-toledo.com/>

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If you have questions or comments relative to the contents of this Newsletter, please contact me at gmoore07@gmail.com or call me at 281 798 7131 or 318 256 2495. Gary Moore, TBLA President

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION

Name (include spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2016 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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