



Toledo Bend Lake Association

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1, 2019

Monthly Membership Social
7:00 pm

SCOA Toledo Town

August 9, 2019

TBLA Litter Pickup
7:00 am SCOA Toledo Town

AUGUST 2019 ISSUE

August Membership Social – Our Membership Social will be held on Thursday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sabine Council on Aging (SCOA) facility, Highway 191 North of Toledo Town. Our guest speaker will be “The Legend,” Harold Allen. If you are interested in bass fishing or the history of Toledo Bend and would enjoy spending time with one of the guys who was in from the beginning, then make your plans to attend this meeting! The entrée for our meal will be hamburgers. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us.

Committees and other opportunities- TBLA is a community service organization relying on volunteer labor and support to accomplish its many projects. Projects are being planned or executed weekly and the need for volunteers is ongoing.

Recently, Projects Committee Chair Bruce Rogers and his crew have been installing new fishing regulation signs along with new Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program signs at boat ramps along the Louisiana shoreline. They have a few more signs to install and could use another pair of hands.

Gary Moore is chairing the Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship Committee and is in the process of fleshing out the guidelines and procedures for that scholarship. There is a need for one- or two-Members at Large Committee members there.

We currently have a vacant TBLA Board Member position. Gaynell Goodeaux chairs the Board Nomination Committee and needs a Member at Large to serve in the search for Board Candidates.

Social Committee Chair Carolyn Dove and her Committee do a wonderful job of providing our entrée in addition to setting up and breaking down the facility for our Membership Social each month. Extra hands would make those tasks flow more easily.

Although the 2020 Bass Unlimited-Back A Great Fighter Banquet is several months away there is always activity on that Committee as well and Deb Pennington always has an opening for volunteers.

Anyone interested in serving on any of our 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.

TBLA Trash Pick-Up – The third quarter trash pick-up for 2019 is scheduled Friday, August 9. Volunteers should assemble at the SCOA facility on Hwy 191 at 7 AM on that morning to receive supplies and instructions. If you have a favorite litter getter pickup tool, feel free to bring it. Tools, bags and safety vests will be available for participants. With a decent turnout of volunteers, the job is usually done in an hour or so. Please come out to participate in this worthwhile project.

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>

TBLA Board of Directors- The TBLA Board met on July 16, 2019. Bruce Rogers reported that 6 new fishing regulation signs and 10 new Lunker Bass signs complete with posts and hardware had been purchased and received. One sign of each type has been installed at Pleasure Point Park, Cypress Bend Park, Lanan Landing, San Miguel Park, Blue Lake Landing (Hwy 3229) and Solan's Boat Launch. The remaining four Lunker Bass signs are on hand and will be installed at selected landings on the Texas side of the lake. The Board approved the purchase of five more pairs of signs to be installed at additional ramps on the Louisiana side of the lake. The Board is in communication with Texas Parks and Wildlife regarding additional signage projects on the Texas side of the lake.

Treasurer Mike Scheurich reported TBLA's membership total to be at 500 with 320 family memberships, 112 individual memberships and 68 business memberships. Our membership continues to be strong but we always welcome new members. If you have friends, family or neighbors that may be interested in becoming members, invite them to our next Membership Social. We would enjoy meeting and welcoming them into our Association.

The large fiberglass bass statues that adorn Sabine Parish are very popular with visitors and residents alike. Many people take pictures of their families standing beside the giant fish. The Board has agreed to sponsor the refurbishment of one of those statues that will be displayed in the Town of Many. We look forward to seeing the finished product soon.

Gary Moore brought a report on our recently established Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship. We hope to bring this project online next year to provide a deserving local high school student with a significant scholarship to be applied toward their expenses in pursuit of higher education.

The Board voted to make changes to our Bass Unlimited-Back A Great Fighter Banquet and Poster Unveiling format. Traditionally, the Poster Unveiling has been a separate event held at Cypress Bend Resort. At the event the current year's poster has been unveiled and the original art, the number one poster and other artworks have been auctioned. In recent years, attendance of the Poster Unveiling compared to the cost of the event, has raised some concerns regarding the profitability of the event. These concerns coupled with thoughts regarding ways to streamline the entire banquet process led to discussions about combining the two events.

Subsequently, the Board voted to move the Poster Unveiling event into the banquet format so that the two events become one. It is hoped that this change will not only streamline the banquet process but provide an opportunity to elevate the 2020 Bass Unlimited-Back A Great Fighter Banquet to a level befitting TBLA's 50th Anniversary next year!

Fish Care-By law, legally caught fish become the property of the angler and the angler may decide whether to keep or release those fish. If the angler chooses to keep those fish, then arrangements should be made in advance to ensure that the fish make it to the table in good condition. Such arrangements likely include having an iced container to keep the fish fresh until such time as they are stored at home. If anglers choose to release some or all their catch, then arrangements should be made in advance to ensure that the fish remain in good condition following release. In this case, such arrangements should include the knowledge and equipment to keep the fish healthy until and after they are released.

Information regarding fish handling and livewell care, along with catch and release information in general is too plentiful to receive fair treatment in this publication but the topics are worthy of our time spent educating ourselves regarding them. Fortunately, the legwork has been done by experts in the field of fisheries management and is available to us at no cost.

The Inland Fisheries Division of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department covers these topics well on their website. The link to their *Catch and Release Tips* is <https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/fishing/freshwater-fishing/catch-release-tips>. From there you can also explore the following links and more:

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/catchrelease/bassconserve.phtml>

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/catchrelease/livewell.phtml>

There is much useful information on the website that will be useful to anglers in their effort to wisely use our fisheries resources.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program

Kaleb Lasyone of Dry Prong, LA caught Lunker Number 1 for the 2019-2020 season. Kaleb’s fish weighed 10.69-pounds and was weighed in at Buckeye Landing on July 2, 2019. This lunker was previously tagged. It was first caught by Stephen Remedies on April 24, 2015 when it weighed 10.22-pounds.

Lunker Number 2 was caught on July 3, 2019 by Timothy Guidry of Sulphur, LA. Timothy’s fish was weighed in at Buckeye Landing and weighed 10.15-pounds.

Patrick Green of Leesville, LA weighed in Lunker Number 3 at Buckeye Landing on July 5, 2019. Patrick’s fish tipped the scales at 10.33-pounds.

Buckeye Landing recorded Lunker Number 4 on July 5, 2019. Sidney Matthews of Florien, LA caught the 10.63-pounder

George Herr of Many, LA weighed in a 10.13-pound Lunker Number 5 at Keith’s Toledo Bend Tackle on July 11, 2019. George’s fish had been previously caught by Kyle Alexander on February 15, 2019 when she weighed 10.41-pounds

Lunker Number 6 was caught by Scott Eastman of Lake Charles, LA on July 21, 2019. Scott’s fish weighed 11.48-pounds when he registered it at Fin & Feather Resort.

Congratulations to these fine fishermen!



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2019 – 2020 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.

2019 – 2020 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
06/21/19	Savage Axis II 308 rifle with scope package	525	Scooter Hiller
06/28/19	Remington Express 870 20-gauge shotgun	323	Darrell Schexnider
07/05/19	Marlin 336 30/30 rifle	293	Troy Roberie
07/12/19	Henry 22 rifle	214	Mike Phillips
07/19/19	ATI Calvary 12-gauge O/U shotgun	649	Mike O'Brien

Community Center Upcoming Events -

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

- August 10 – Aquaman
- August 24 - Mary Poppins Returns
- March 21 - Aladdin

Music on the Square at Historic Fisher Opera House – August 31, 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.