



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 5, 2017

TBLA Monthly Social Dinner
SCOA Toledo Town
7:00 p.m.

Blood Drive
SCOA Toledo Town
5:00-7:30 p.m.

Oct. 17, 2017

TBLA Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.

October Membership Social – The TBLA October general membership social will be held on Thursday, **October 5, 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). This is also our annual Membership and Board of Directors election meeting. More details are provided below in the newsletter. We will also be conducting a blood drive starting at 5:00 p.m. and we encourage everyone who can give blood to do so. Ricky Yeldell and his TBLA helpers will be frying fish, fries, and hushpuppies for the meal. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join your fellow members as we enjoy this meal and conduct our Annual Membership Meeting on October 5. Also, we will be selling 2017 Bass Unlimited Back a Great Fighter tee shirts, hats, visors, and towels at the October Monthly social.

The TBLA Board Election- The annual election of the Board of Directors will be conducted at the October Members' Social Meeting. Four of our current Board members' terms expire and must be filled. Gary Moore and Mike Scheurich are seeking re-election to the board to fill their expired terms. Ted Dove's and John Toliver's terms also expire, and they are not seeking re-election to the board. During the nomination period, two TBLA members expressed interest in serving on the Board. Ted Dove, First Vice President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee, interviewed and confirmed that the two candidates are eligible to serve on the Board. They are Ms. Willie Bland and Mr. Bobby Ward. Below are brief bios for Ms. Bland and Mr. Ward.

Willie M. Bland - TBLA Board of Director Candidate (3-Year Term 2017/18 – 2019/2020)

Willie and husband Ronnie reside at 238 Sunny Acres Drive, Hemphill, Texas, and also have a home in Port Neches, Texas. Ms. Bland retired 3 years ago from Allstate Insurance in Beaumont, where she worked 16 years as a Sales Producer and Office Manager. Ronnie retired from Motiva Refinery in Port Arthur after 41 years of service. Willie has 3 stepchildren, 2 daughters, one son, and 4 grandchildren. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Groves, Texas. She is an active community member of Sabine County her hobbies are baking and making wreaths. She and Ronnie have been very active members of TBLA since 2013.

Bobby L. Ward – TBLA Board of Director Candidate (3-Year Term 2017/18 – 2019/2020)

Bobby and wife Linda have their lake front home at 20 Canterbury Road in Zwolle, which is the retirement home of Bobby's parents who retired to the lake in 1972. Bobby and Linda met while attending LSU and have two daughters. Bobby's career was in the oil and gas industry and included stints as a pilot of both seaplanes and other "high end" aircraft for an offshore pipeline company. During one of the declines that the oil and gas industry went through, he transitioned to business development and customer relations eventually ending his career as a domestic and international business development manager for a concrete pipe coating company. Linda and Bobby enjoy family trips and boating with their children and grandchildren and have become actively involved with TBLA after becoming members in late 2015. Per Bobby, "It is important for me to help ensure that the lake and surrounding communities continue to thrive. I support the goals and activities of TBLA and offer my services to serve on the Board of Directors."

The TBLA Board of Directors- The Board met on September 19th and voted to approve a \$3000.00 grant to LA Wildlife and Fisheries to fund a new artificial Reef at the Cypress Bend fishing Pavilion and conduct a study of the impact of this Reef. The Board declined to fund a scholarship request for a doctoral candidate who would be working on reservoir related research due to the probable lack of direct Toledo Bend content or application.

TBLA Volunteers will be participating in the Sabine Parish Trash Bash- TBLA members will be working along with other Sabine Parish residents in a Parish-wide clean –up day on **September 30th**. We encourage all of our Members to participate in this big event. Details are below:



The Sabine Parish Leaders Against Litter are planning the Sabine Parish Trash Bash for September 30th from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. TBLA volunteers, civic groups, sports teams, churches and concerned citizens will meet together to pick up the trash on the roadsides throughout the Parish.

This is a great opportunity to show Parish pride for the beautiful area that we live in.

TBLA volunteers will meet at the SCOA – Toledo Town parking lot at 8:00 a.m. For more information, or if you have a group that would like to participate, contact Deb Pennington at (318) 315-2448.

Follow us on Facebook at Sabine Parish Leaders Against Litter.

www.facebook.com/SabineParishLeadersAgainstLitter/

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – We currently have nine Lunkers in the 2017-2018 Lunker Bass Program. If you have a lunker that requires transportation to a weigh station, follow the basic fish care guidelines which you can read about in one of our Lunker Program Brochures or you can read about them and more at the following website: https://www.bassmaster.com/sites/default/files/bassmaster2011/imce/KeepingBassAlive_guidebook%20comp.pdf

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, Ted Dove, or Deb Pennington. 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. Deb can be reached at 2debpennington@gmail.com and 318-315-2448.

The next Bass Unlimited 2018 Banquet Planning Meeting-The next BU meeting will be held Wednesday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the SCOA Building at Toledo Town. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees or volunteering to work at the banquet, please plan to attend this first meeting.

| TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners | | | |
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| Date of Award | Guns | Number | Winner |
| 8/25/17 | Ruger American 270 rifle | 874 | Gary Newell |
| 9/01/17 | Henry .22 Rifle model H001 | 078 | Gerry Lasseigne |
| 9/08/17 | ATI Calvary 20 Ga O/U shotgun | 279 | Jerry Brice |
| 9/15/17 | Remington V3 Semi Auto Shotgun | 971 | Dennis Bickford |

Toledo Bend Reservoir – Daily Lake levels may be found at: <http://www.srala-toledo.com/>. The Lake level is currently approximately 170.2 ft. msl. SRA is generating 24 hours/day with both generators, and the fall seasonal draw down is beginning to happen.

Inquiries have been received from several TBLA members regarding rumors that the Sabine River Authorities of Louisiana and Texas are planning a significant drawdown of the lake in order to repair the spillway infrastructure. The spillway infrastructure below and above the dam were damaged during the record high lake level experienced in March 2016, when all operating spillway gates had to be opened almost to the maximum extent in order to protect the structural integrity of the dam. The rumors of a drastic drawdown range from 159’ msl to 162’ msl. Those drastic drawdown levels are not planned by Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations. The rumors are just that – rumors. On August 21, 2017 there was a meeting of the SRA/LA Public Relations Committee, which consists of Jim Pratt – SRA/LA Executive Director, Warren Founds – SRA/LA Deputy Director, Jim Mifflin – TBCAC President, Gary Moore – TBLA President and Eason Dowden – Realtor Representative. At that meeting, the SRA/LA outlined basic plans for repairs of the spillway. The repairs are estimated to cost approximately \$6 million with funding provided by the two Sabine River Authorities, the Toledo Bend Project insurance companies, the power companies (partners in the project -Entergy and Cleco), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The repair plans and approval by FERC of those plans are currently underway. Final plans and bidding of the project are expected by the end of the year.

Preliminary schedules are estimating approximately eight to ten months to complete the repairs after the project is awarded to the successful bidder. One phase of the repair will require removal of all the rip rap protecting the area directly below the spillway concrete apron, exposing the soil to erosion from a spill. Protecting the project from spills during this time is critical to keep from further damaging the spillway and delaying the completion of the project. Depending on when the repair project gets started and at what stage the operating guide calls for reservoir levels to be at that time, will determine whether or not any change should be made relative to lowering the normal water level. Because the repair project will include a full year lake level cycle, scenarios are being developed to encompass historical inflow and outflow data to help with the decisions of if and when the reservoir would be lowered. Developing lake level scenarios will help determine the possibility of spilling water during those particular months the construction repair is planned.

The final repair project design from Freeze and Nichols Engineering, and their view of the urgency of the repair and period of time for repairs relative to the normal operation of the reservoir will ultimately help determine the need to lower the reservoir water level or not.

SRA/LA will make more detailed information available as they continue to work through the project.

Safety Awareness for the Lake – Stumps are showing, and many are just under the lake’s surface. In the next month, more stumps will begin to show. Please wear your life jackets and use your kill switches as we see the danger from underwater obstructions grow with the falling lake level.

You can help us save money by providing your e-mail address as a means of receiving your copy of the TBLA newsletter. You will receive it quicker and see color photographs. Email it to: TBLA treasurer@yahoo.com. Every newsletter that we send out via e-mail helps to save funds for projects. For membership renewals, it is important to submit the completed form so that we can make sure the information we have on file is correct. If your email address or mailing address changes please let us know immediately. If your email address is rejected we do not have a way of finding out what your new address is.

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 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION

Name (include spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2017 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 2018 dues. Bring to our meeting or mail to: Toledo Bend Lake Association, P.O. Box 1031, Many, LA 71449. You can also pay your membership dues through PayPal by clicking on the Pay Now icon on the Contact/Join Us page of the TBLA website at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.

