



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 1031, MANY, LOUISIANA 71449

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February Membership Social – The February general membership social will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 4th at the Sabine Council on Aging (SCOA) facility, Highway 191 North of Toledo Town (29275 Hwy 191 N, Many, LA 71449). The main entree will be Chili prepared by members Kathy Little and Rhonda Dean. Please bring appropriate side dishes and desserts. David Hebert, physical therapist, will be our guest speaker.

2016 TBLA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES REQUEST

Please submit your 2016 membership renewal dues as soon as possible 2016 renewals are due no later than January 31, 2016. While you are making out your check, think of someone you know who enjoys the benefits of Toledo Bend Lake, the #1 bass-fishing lake in our Nation, and ask them to join. The renewal/ application form with the appropriate membership fee and mailing address is on the last page of this newsletter. You can also renew your membership at the monthly social or online via PayPal at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com

TBLA Receives Conservation Partnership Award

TBLA received the 2015 Conservation Partnership Award from the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts (LACD) at its annual meeting in Lafayette on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. President John Toliver accepted the award at the annual banquet on behalf of the TBLA.



John Toliver (center), President of TBLA, accepts the Conservation Partnership Award from Pat Boudreaux (right), LACD Area 1 Vice President, and Donavon Taves (left), Incoming LACD President

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4, 2016
Member Social
7:00 p.m. at SCOA

February 16, 2016
Board of Directors
6:30 p.m. at SCOA

The award plaque states:

CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Presented To

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION

**In recognition and appreciation of the Toledo Bend Lake Association
providing financial and volunteer support to maintain and improve land and water resources
for the benefit of residents and visitors of Toledo Bend Lake.**

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Annual Meeting, Lafayette, Louisiana

January 10-13, 2016

In November, Anita Manshack, Sabine Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Program Assistant, submitted the nomination of TBLA to LACD on behalf of Pat Boudreaux, LACD Area I Vice President. As many of you know, the Toledo Bend Lake Association (TBLA) is dedicated to maintaining and improving the quality of Toledo Bend Lake and the amenities surrounding it. One of TBLA's core values is to: "Promote youth participation to increase interest in outdoor recreational activities in the Lake area." To that end, TBLA partnered with the SWCD to revive and fund the local Fish Fest, a youth fishing tournament that is very popular on Toledo Bend Lake. This Fest was once discontinued due to costs associated with it. It was revamped and supported by other sponsors for a few years before being picked up by TBLA. In 2014, TBLA donated \$1,500 to support the event. They doubled their donation to \$3,000 in 2015 and plan to continue sponsoring the Annual TBLA/SWCS Youth Fish Fest Tournament, providing t-shirts and assistance.

Ms. Manshack states, "Over the last 16 years thousands of children have fished the waters of Toledo Bend Lake at our tournaments. Annually we provide the opportunity to register 150 youth to experience an all-expense paid fun day of fishing thanks to the TBLA. The Sabine SWCD is over-joyed to be the recipient of these funds. As our state funds continue to dwindle we must seek new partners to continue providing funds for our conservation education projects."

Bank of Montgomery, Many, LA Supports Bass Unlimited – Back A Great Fighter Fundraiser



TBLA's Bass Unlimited – Back A Great Fighter Coordinator Ned Goodeaux and Board Member Ted Dove accept a check for \$1,000 from BOM Vice Presidents Linda Guay and Daniel Bennett in support of the upcoming Banquet and Auction fundraiser to be held at Cypress Bend Park pavilion on April 15, 2016.

2016 TBLA Bass Unlimited – Back A Great Fighter Banquet and Fund Raiser

“52 Gun Raffle” tickets reminder – Please send in your money for the two raffle tickets we sent you in early December or return your tickets by January 31st so that someone else can sell them. Please send your checks made payable to TBLA or your unsold tickets to: Bill Galligan, Grand Raffle Coordinator, 30 Lawson Lane, Many, LA 71449. If you need more time to sell your tickets and/or need additional tickets, please call Bill at (318) 590-0975. Thanks for your support.

Bass Unlimited volunteers -- The Bass Unlimited Committee volunteers are hard at work getting everything ready for the 2016 fundraising events: the Poster Unveiling & Auction, 52-Gun Raffle, and Banquet & Auction. If you want to volunteer, please call BU Coordinator, Ned Goodeaux (318) 256-0501 or come to the next BU committee meeting on February 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., SCOA building.

BU Banquet Tickets -- Funds for projects such as the Fish Fest, referred to above, are made possible through donations and TBLA's major fundraiser, the Bass Unlimited—Back a Great Fighter Banquet which will be on April 15, 2016. Tickets will be available on February 1. Ticket coordinators Gaynell Goodeaux and Dana Yeldell will be contacting those who purchased tables last year. If you wish to purchase a table for 8 or individual tickets, call Gaynell at (318) 256-0501 or (337) 842-7814 or Dayna at (318) 315-1002.

TBLA Board of Directors actions – The Board addressed the following at the January 26 meeting:

- Approved a tentative 2016 Budget of approximately \$107,000 depending on funds raised at the Bass Unlimited – Back A Great Fighter fundraiser.
- Approved establishing an additional lunker bass weigh station on the Lake at Keith's Toledo Bend Tackle store next to the Carrice Creek Bridge and public boat ramp on TX Highway 103, west of the Pendleton Bridge.
- Discussed TBLA participation in the Keep Toledo Bend Country Clean - Adopt A Highway program by committing to pick up trash along LA Highway 191 S. from Toledo Town to the Lanana Bridge, if enough members agree to participate.
- Agreed to purchase four additional tables and chairs to be used at SCOA for socials and other events.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program update -- The 2015-2016 TBLA Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program runs from May 18, 2015 through May 19, 2016. As of January 23, 2016, 51 lunker bass, weighing 10 lbs. or greater, have been registered in the program. This is 33 more lunkers than were registered at this time during last year's record-breaking 81 registered lunkers. Check the big fish out on our [Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Facebook page](#). Better yet, get out there, catch your own lunker, register it and get your photograph on Facebook, as well as a free replica at the Toledo Bend Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash on May 22, 2016. Last year 63 lunkers were caught between Jan. 24 and May 17, the peak of the season.

Toledo Bend Lake level was 172.51 ft. msl, at 9:30 a.m. Wed., Jan. 27, 2016. SRA is presently running Generator 1 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until further notice. Generator 2 is down. Seven Spillway Gates are open at 1 ft. and 2 gates at 2 ft.

If you have any questions or comments relative to the contents of this Newsletter, please contact me at jtoliver@soft-spec.com or call me at 318-256-2401. John Toliver, 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 _____

*Make check payable to: TBLA or Toledo Bend Lake Association and be sure to mark it as 2016 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.

