



Toledo Bend Lake Association

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FINGERLING RELEASE

June 2, 8 am-11 am,
Cypress Bend

TBLA SOCIAL

June 3, 7 pm, SCOA

TBLA TRASH PICK-UP

JUNE 12, 7am, SCOA

BLOOD Drive

JUNE 23, 10 am-2 pm,
SCOA

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Membership Update-TBLA Social June 3 - We are pleased to announce that the **first TBLA Social of 2021 will take place Thursday, June 3 at the SCOA Building, TTown at 7:00 pm.** The doors will open at 6:00 pm and Bass Unlimited Posters and TBLA Merchandise (Caps, Tees, Visors, Towels and other TBLA Gear) will be available for purchase before the meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm with a fish fry dinner. TBLA will provide the fish, hushpuppies, fries, and drinks. We ask that our members bring a side dish or dessert if possible. We will have a brief meeting following the meal and should be adjourned by 8:30 pm. Please join us as we get together and reunite with fellow members and friends. It has been too long!

Covid restrictions and mandates are finally diminished to a level where we can resume most of our normal activities at TBLA, and June will be a very busy month for us. In addition to the Monthly Social on June 3, there is a Fingerling Release on June 2, a Trash Pick-Up on June 12 and a Blood Drive on June 23. Details for all of these events are contained here in the newsletter. We hope that you will support TBLA and the community by participating in as many of these activities as possible.

TBLA is a volunteer non-profit organization and without members who generously donate their time and financial support, we could not fund or support the Lunker Program, grants, scholarships, fingerling stockings, and local school fishing programs on your behalf. We thank all of our members for everything that you do to support TBLA and the Toledo Bend Community.

Fingerling Release June 2 - TBLA will distribute 50,000 Florida Bass fingerlings for release into Toledo Bend on Wednesday, June 2 at the Cypress Bend Park Marina. We will begin distributing bags of fingerlings at 8:00 am to TBLA Member Volunteers who will release the fingerlings into the Lake at the release points of their choosing. If you are not a member for 2021, you can join or renew at the Fingerling Release and participate after signing up. Members can pick up fingerlings by boat or vehicle beginning at 8:00 am. We will provide two bags of fingerlings per person or a maximum of four bags per boat or vehicle. You will need to bring a container such as an icebox or bucket to safely hold the air and water filled bags of fingerlings for transport to your release point on Toledo Bend. Instructions will be provided to help the volunteers select appropriate release points which give the small fish their best chance of survival. You can pick up the fingerlings without exiting your vehicle. Any fingerlings that have not been distributed by 11:00 am will be released by LDWF to complete the distribution. Normally we are finished by 10:30 am.

Trash Pick-up June 12 - There will be a TBLA Trash Pick-up on Saturday, June 12. The Trash Pick-up will begin at 7 am to make the most of the coolest time of the day for this project. We will be picking up trash along the TBLA Adopt a Highway section on Hwy 191 from Hwy 6 to the Lanana Bridge. Twelve to fifteen volunteers are needed for the Pick-up. In the event of rain, the Trash Pick-up will be rescheduled with information posted on Facebook and the TBLA website. We will meet at the Toledo Town SCOA parking lot for sign-in and a safety briefing at 7:00 am. Please contact Deb Pennington at 318-315-2448 or Gary Moore at 281-798-7131 to sign up ahead of time or just show up if you can make it at the last minute to help the group with this pick up. If we have at least a dozen volunteers, we should be able to cover our area in less than two hours. It will take less time with more volunteers. We really need more than the faithful 5-7 volunteers that show up for every pick-up. Please pitch in and help us to **Keep Sabine Clean.**

LifeShare Blood Drive June 23 - We will sponsor a LifeShare blood drive on Wednesday June 23, from 10 am to 2 pm. in the SCOA, TTown Parking Lot. Blood donated through TBLA benefits all of us in the event of an emergency. Please consider donating your precious life-saving blood.

Poster and TBLA Merchandise Sales -We will be selling TBLA/BU Merchandise at the Monthly Socials going forward or you can purchase these items online and **pick them up at the next monthly social.** You can also purchase BU Posters at the Socials. Please call Mike or Carolyn Scheurich with any questions that you may have regarding the poster sales at 225-892-6848. We hope you will help support TBLA by purchasing some of these items.

TBLA Memorial Donation - The Board of Directors would like to give special recognition to Christina Babcock and the Hillside Campers from the Hillside RV Park in Fairmont, Tx. This group has made a memorial donation to TBLA in honor of one of their neighbors, Mr. Chris Brown. In the letter that accompanied the donation, Christina wrote, "Recently our neighbor at Toledo Bend was lost to Covid. He loved the Lake and we would like to make this \$500 memorial donation to your program in his name-Chris Brown, from Hillside RV Park in Fairmont. Thank you for your care of our lake-HillSide Campers." We are very humbled to receive this donation on behalf of Mr. Brown, and it speaks to the impact that he had upon his neighbors as well as to the impact that Toledo Bend has on all of us who are a part of the Toledo Bend Lake Community.

TBLA Awards College Scholarships - TBLA has awarded two college scholarships to area students. The 2021 Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship for \$3000 has been awarded to Logan Williams of Shelbyville High School. Logan plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall and will be studying to earn a veterinarian degree. Logan was very active in many community and school organizations including FFA, Beta Club, JCC/Young Ambassadors, UIL, the Shelbyville Military Marching band, Five Sports Ensemble, and Student Council and is the Class Valedictorian.

The TBLA Board also awarded a TBLA Scholarship for outstanding achievement for \$2000 to Autumn Griffin of Hemphill High School. Autumn plans to attend Stephen F. Austin and seek a degree in biology with the goal to ultimately earn a degree in medicine. Autumn's extracurricular activities included the National Honor Society, Senior Class Secretary, Yearbook staff, Cheerleader Captain, varsity volleyball, varsity basketball, and FFA. Autumn is also the Class Valedictorian at Hemphill High School.

Congratulations to these two outstanding students, and all of the scholarship applicants.



Photo captions: (1) Curt Carver and TBLA President Gary Moore present Logan Williams (center) with \$3000 Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship. (2) TBLA President Gary Moore presents Autumn Griffin with \$2000 TBLA scholarship for outstanding achievement.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program - The 2020-2021 Lunker Program ended on May 16 with twenty-five Lunkers entered into the program between May 2020 and May 2021. The fiberglass replicas of these fish will be distributed similarly as they were last year at the Cypress Bend Resort in late June. The final date, time and specific location will be communicated as soon as those details are finalized. We congratulate all of the Anglers that caught Lunkers in this year's program. I would like to mention a few significant catches within this group of fishermen. We want to congratulate Brandon Rannekliev who caught the largest Lunker in this year's class which weighed 12.41 pounds and was the winning fish in the 2020 Sealy Big Bass Splash on Toledo Bend, July 11, 2020. Let's congratulate Bernard Fruge of Noble who caught an 11.43 pound Lunker on August 1, 2020 and a second Lunker weighing 12.35 pounds on August 22, 2020. We also want to recognize Jason Courville who caught his seventh Lunker Program Bass, tying Darold Gleason for the most caught by an individual in the Lunker Program.

2020 – 2021 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.

2020 – 2021 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
4/23/2021	Mossberg 500 12 Ga Shotgun	092	Ray Kovacs
4/30/2021	Ruger American 30-06 Bolt Action Rifle	196	Clinton McNeil
5/7/2021	Mossberg Patriot 300 Win Mag Rifle w/ Scope Package	698	Tinna Bergeron
5/14/2021	Ruger 10/22 Rifle	643	Christi Desormeaux

Lake Level - The Lake is above full pool at 172.77 msl at the time of this Newsletter. Toledo Bend has been above 172 except for a very brief period since April 1. Heavy rains predicted this week could push the level above 173. Please pay close attention to your boats and other items that may be stored in your boat houses or in your yards. We often see boats and other property floating freely in the Lake under these conditions because they were not secured properly. Please exercise caution while boating under these hazardous conditions because there are many floating logs and other shoreline debris in the lake due to the high water.

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>

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 2021

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION.

Name (including spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone (home): _____

Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2021 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 2021 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.