



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7, 2019

Monthly Membership Social
7:00 pm
SCOA Toledo Town

February 8, 2019

Trash Pickup
8:00 am
SCOA Toledo Town

February Membership Social – Our monthly Membership Social will be held on Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sabine Council on Aging (SCOA) facility, Highway 191 North of Toledo Town. Our guest speaker will be Josh Crow of Josh Crow Physical Therapy and Toledo Fitness. The entrée for our meal will be chicken stew. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us.

Please be aware that memberships can be renewed for 2019 at the meeting, by mail, or online at our web site. Soon, we will be purging our membership list which is used to mail out our newsletter. We do not want anyone to miss out on news related to the Association so; we urge everyone to renew their membership as soon as possible.

The 2019 BU Planning Committee and other volunteer opportunities — Our next Bass Unlimited Banquet Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for February 13th, 6:30 pm at the SCOA – Toledo Town location. Anyone interested in serving on one of the 2019 Bass Unlimited Committees should contact myself, Gaynell Goodeaux, or Deb Pennington. I can be reached any time by email at [rickyy115@gmail.com](mailto:ricky115@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 Pickup – The first quarterly trash pickup of 2019 will be held on Friday, February 8. This is the time that we do our part to clean up the Lake area by removing litter from the section of highway that our Association has adopted. Members should meet at the Sabine Council on Aging Facility at 8:00 AM on February 8. Safety vests, plastic bags, instructions, etc. will be distributed at that time. Please try to participate in this event. Our backup date, in the event of rain, will be Friday, February 15.

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 https://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site_no=08025350. This information is updated every fifteen minutes.

The Sabine River Authority's guideline 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>

Canned Food Drive - TBLA is appealing to our members for support of the Sabine Council on Aging's canned food drive. We are attempting to help the Council restock their Emergency Food Pantry. Please bring canned goods to the February TBLA Social Meeting to support this worthy cause.

Blood Drive - The Lifeshare Blood Center crew will be at our February 7, 2019 Monthly Membership Social and expect to start receiving donors at 5:30 PM. All persons wishing to donate blood are encouraged to participate.

Board of Directors Actions-The TBLA Board of Directors met on January 15, 2019. Among other business, the following actions were taken:

- 4-H Grant-A \$2,000 Grant was approved for sponsorship of the Sabine Parish 4-H Shooting Sports-Shotgun Discipline Team.
- Furniture Purchase-In recent months, we have not had enough tables and chairs to meet our needs at our Monthly Membership Socials. The Board approved the purchase of four tables and sixteen chairs in the amount of \$900.
- TBLA Website Update-Our current website has served us well for some time, but it does not work well with smartphones and other mobile devices. The simple fact is that many people use such devices to interact with our modern world, and TBLA is part of that world. We acquire members, raise funds and distribute information online daily. Our website needs to be updated; and to that end, the Board approved an expenditure of \$540.
- Florida Largemouth Bass Fingerlings-The Board approved a minimum of \$25,000 for the purchase of bass fingerlings for the coming season. We plan to make these fingerlings available for our members to release into Toledo Bend Reservoir as has been done in the past. Further details will be provided as they become available.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program –Clint Wade of Huntsville, TX caught a 10.84-pound bass on January 12, 2019, bringing the lunker bass total to 17 for the current year. Clint weighed his fish in at Keith’s Toledo Bend Tackle.

On January 14, 2019, Cody Pitt of Many, LA brought an 11.49-pound Lunker into Buckeye Landing that upped the Lunker count to 18.

Jonathan Edwards weighed a 10.40-pound fish at Fairmount Store on January 16, 2019. Jonathan’s fish is Lunker number 19 for this season. Congratulations guys!



Clint Wade, 10.84 pounds.

Cody Pitt, 11.49 pounds.

Jonathan Edwards, 10.40 pounds.

2018/2019 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.

2018/2019 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
01/04/19	Ruger American 308 rifle	687	Bryan Bruner
01/11/19	Mossberg Patriot 30-06 rifle	567	George Herr
01/18/19	Remington 870 Express 12-gauge shotgun	711	William Loftin

Community Center Upcoming Events –

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

February 2 – Annie, The Musical

February 16 – Beauty and the Beast

Music in Many (ticket prices vary)

February 9 – “Elvis Loves You” Annual Elvis Valentines Tribute - 7 p.m. Admission: Adults \$7, Kids \$5, Veterans Free.

February 23 – Michael Wagley – 7 pm. Admission: Adults \$7, Kids \$5, Veterans Free.

Other Local Entertainment & Events-

Live Music at Gilligan’s Crawfish & Grill, 44 Spring St., Many, LA – February 23, Ethan Wayne. Admission: Small cover charge for the band.

(Excerpted)

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For additional information, contact:

Linda Curtis-Sparks, Executive Director

Sabine Parish Tourist Commission

(800) 358-7802

Celebration Set to Kick-off the Bicentennial of Louisiana’s No Man’s Land

The No Man's Land - Becoming Louisiana Bicentennial Celebration is a collaborative effort between the seven parishes who are historically tied to the geographic area of Louisiana's Final Frontier. Partner members include Desoto Parish Tourist Bureau, Sabine Parish Tourist Commission, Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission, Vernon Parish Tourism, Beauregard Tourist Commission, Allen Parish Tourist Commission, Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana CVB and Cane River National Heritage Area.

The kick-off celebration begins on Friday, February 15th with an official opening ceremony at 10AM featuring remarks from Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser. The Louisiana State Fiddle Champion, Clancey Stewart will perform and an authentic No Man’s Land lunch will be served after the ceremony. Living historians and reenactors will be on hand to demonstrate life on the Louisiana frontier. Local schools and homeschool groups are invited to participate on this day, to reserve your group spot please contact Cane River National Heritage Area at 318-356-5555.

The celebration continues Saturday, February 16th from 9AM to 4PM with living history demonstrations, music and children’s activities. Both event days are free and open to the public. Fort Jesup SHS is located just off Highway 6 near Many, LA at 32 Geoghagan Road. For more information, please contact Sabine Parish Tourist Commission at 1-800-358-7802.

Beginning in the Fall of 2018 and continuing into the Fall of 2021, the No Man's Land Bicentennial Committee will jointly promote the culture, history, art, folklife, natural resources, cuisine, attractions and events of No Man's Land. To learn more about No Man’s Land visit www.VisitNoMansLand.com.

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 (include 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 meeting 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