



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2, 2017
Member Blood Drive
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Member Social
7:00 p.m. at SCOA
Toledo Town

February 21, 2017
Board of Directors
6:30 p.m. at SCOA
Toledo Town

March 2, 2017

Bass Unlimited Poster Unveiling
7:00 p.m., Cypress Bend

February Membership Social – The TBLA February general membership social will be held on Thursday, February 2, 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). Our guest speaker will be Scott Debose with the Friends of Fort Jessup. The entree will be red beans and rice. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join your fellow Toledo Bend Lake Association members as we enjoy this meal and meeting.

We will also be hosting our quarterly blood drive just prior to the Feb 2nd Social. LifeShare Blood Center will be on hand from 5:30 until 7 pm to collect blood from anyone who would like to donate to the blood bank.

2017 Membership Renewal – We continue to have a great response to our membership renewal efforts, but we always have those who wait to the last minute. We would like to thank those who have already paid their 2017 dues and encourage you to renew yours if you have not already done so. Also, please ask a neighbor, friend, or fellow Lake Area property, business owner, or Lake user to consider joining TBLA. We always welcome new members, and we have many volunteer opportunities within the organization.

We also need volunteers to help us with Bass Unlimited and other projects. If you are interested in serving on a TBLA Committee, a Bass Unlimited Committee, or simply volunteering to help with one of our projects, please contact myself or Ted Dove. 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.

TBLA Highlights for January – The TBLA Board met on Tuesday, Jan 17th. The Board received grant requests from Hemphill and Negreet High School fishing teams and will be voting on these requests on or before the March Board meeting. TBLA Committee appointments were finalized and the operating budget for 2017 was approved in the meeting.

2017 Bass Unlimited Banquet News – The BU Planning Committee's next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the SCOA-Toledo Town building. Anyone interested in serving on one of the BU committees, please join us at this meeting. For those volunteers that are interested in volunteering to help at the night of the banquet only, we will be asking you to attend the last BU Planning Committee meeting that we schedule before the April 21st banquet.

Bass Unlimited 2017 Poster Unveiling Scheduled for March 2nd – Our 2017 Bass Unlimited, Back a Great Fighter Poster will be unveiled March 2, 2017, in the Cypress Bend Resort ballroom. This year's artist is Don Edwards. Mr. Edwards is one of the most accomplished naturalists, photographers and wildlife artists from Louisiana and this will be his second poster commissioned for TBLA. The poster will also be the fifteenth that we have commissioned for the B.U. Banquet. You can preorder your posters now on the TBLA website or by contacting Rhonda Dean at 520-977-4664. You can purchase or pickup your preordered poster on March 2nd at the poster unveiling.

52-Gun Raffle Tickets Were Mailed out the First Week of November – The 2017 Bass Unlimited - Back A Great Fighter Banquet will be held on April 21, 2017, at Cypress Bend Park Pavilion. Our Grand Raffle Prize will again be a 52-Gun Raffle. Details about this raffle are printed on each ticket. The money that we raise at the banquet and through the raffle will help fund our community and Lake Projects during 2017 and part of 2018. We appreciate your continued support in this effort.

The deadline for returning your ticket stubs and money, or any unused tickets was January 15th. Please return your ticket money and completed ticket stubs or your unsold tickets as soon as possible to: Bruce Rogers, 70 Northstar Lane, Many, La. if you have not already done so. If you have questions regarding the 2017 Gun Raffle, contact Bruce by Phone: 281-543-0184 or Email: bruce.rogers@hughes.net.

Bass Unlimited Donations for the BU Banquet – Donation Sheets (aka Blue Sheets) for Bass Unlimited prizes and donations should be submitted, either in person, via mail or emailed to Denise Rogers, who is the Data Coordinator this year. Her contact number is 281-744-0724 and email address is denise.rogers@hughes.net. Hard copies can also be mailed to 70 Northstar Lane, Many, LA 71449. Please be sure that your donation sheets are filled in completely.



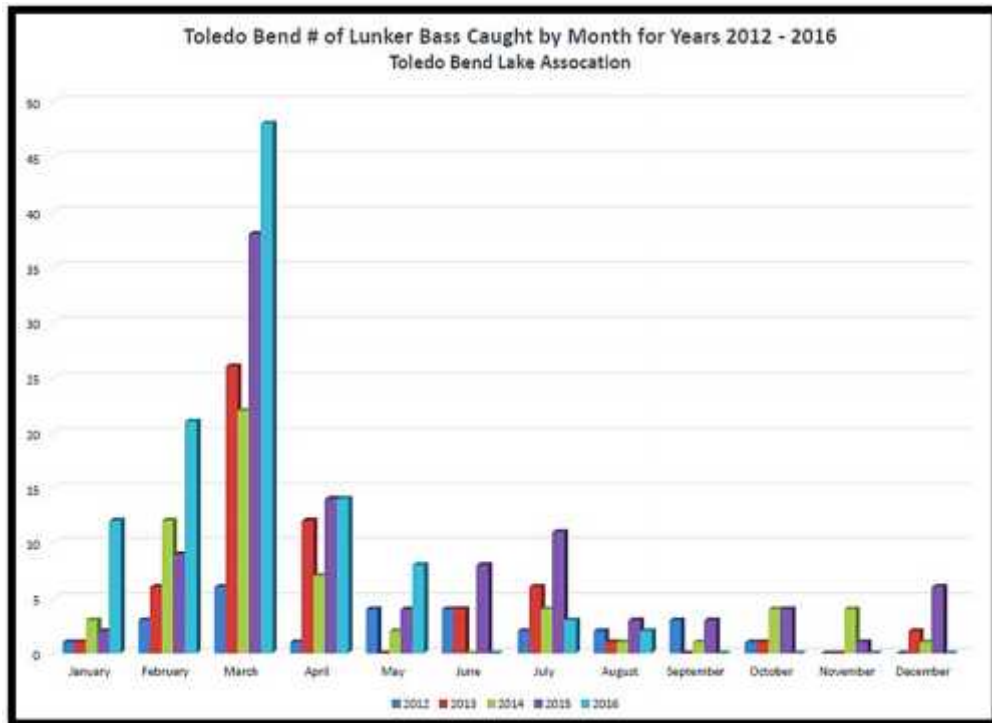
TBLA’s Quarterly “Adopt a Road” Trash Pick Up

Set for Feb 4th – TBLA has adopted Highway 191 from Toledo Town to the Lanana Bridge and agreed to keep the litter picked up along the roadway. Our next volunteer trash pick-up day will be Saturday, February 4th at 1:00pm. Volunteers will meet in the Toledo Town SCOA parking lot for a brief safety/coordination meeting and trash bag distribution. Please contact Deb Pennington at 318-315-2448 if you can help with the pick-up. A fish fry will be held the evening of the Feb 4th at 5:00 pm for those that participate. The location for the fish fry will be announced during the trash pick-up. The trash pick-ups are usually completed in less than two hours if we have 12 to 14 volunteers. It will take less time if we have more volunteers. Boots and gloves are recommended. All TBLA members are encouraged to help with this project to Keep Sabine Clean!

2016 BU Grand Prize Gun Raffle Weekly Winners – based on the

Friday, Louisiana Pick Three Lottery drawing – Weekly winners were: **Week 37 12/16/2016**, CZ720 20 ga. shotgun, Juanell Faulk, Lake Charles, La; **Week 38, 12/23/2016**, Ruger American blued 22-250, Nicci Barilleaux, St. Amant, La.; **Week 39, 12/30/2016**, No winner; **Week 40, 1/6/2017**, H&R Handi-Rifle 45-70 camo, Zach Dubois, Kaplan, La.; **Week 41, 1/13/2017**, Ruger 10-22 wood/blue carbine, Richard Bagwell, Zwolle, La.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – As of Friday evening, January 20th, we have 30 lunkers registered in the 2016 – 2017 Lunker Bass Program. At this time last year, we had 50 fish registered. Check the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program Facebook page to see photos of the anglers and their big fish. Check out the following graph. The best time to catch a big one is coming up.



Toledo Bend Reservoir – Daily Lake levels may be found at: <http://www.srala-toledo.com/>

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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 2017 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 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