



# Toledo Bend Lake Association NEWSLETTER

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## MARCH 2020 ISSUE

**March Membership Social** – Our Membership Social will be held on Thursday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sabine Council on Aging (SCOA) facility, Highway 191 North of Toledo Town. The entrée for our meal will be chili. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us.

**Please be aware that memberships can be renewed for 2020 at the meeting by mail or online at our website. Soon we will be purging our membership list which is used to mail 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 March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the SCOA – Toledo Town location. Anyone interested in serving on one of the 2019 Bass Unlimited Committees should contact me, Gaynell Goodeaux, or Deb Pennington. I can be reached at any time by email at [rickyy115@gmail.com](mailto:rickyy115@gmail.com) or by phone at 318-315-1382. Gaynell's contact information is [nedgoodeaux@gmail.com](mailto:nedgoodeaux@gmail.com) and 318-256-0501 or 337-842-7814. Deb can be reached at [2debpennington@gmail.com](mailto:2debpennington@gmail.com) and 318-315-2448.

**TBLA Trash Pick-Up** – The first quarterly trash pick-up of 2020 was held on Friday, February 7th. We had a decent turnout for our first litter pick-up of the year and completed the task despite the cold temperature. Thanks to our volunteers for beautifying this section of the highway.

**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/monitoring-location/08025350/>. This information is updated every fifteen minutes.

The Sabine River Authority's guidelines for opening and closing the spillway gates appear in their *Operating Guide Rule Curve* document. This document can be found at <http://www.srala-toledo.com/page.aspx?menuId=28>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 5, 2019**

**Monthly Membership Social**

**7:00 pm**

**SCOA Toledo Town**

**March 4, 2019**

**B. U. Committee Meeting**

**6:30 PM**

**SCOA Toledo Town**

**TBLA Board of Directors**- The Board met on February 18, 2020. Bruce Rogers reported that all the Fishing Regulations/Lunker Bass Program signs have been installed on both sides of the Lake completing all currently planned work on this project.

During conversations between President Yeldell and LifeShare Blood Center, LifeShare made it known that they feel justified in coming to us more than twice per year. The Board is working with LifeShare to increase blood drive participation by our Members. LifeShare has agreed to set up inside the SCOA building in order to reduce access concerns related to their bus. LifeShare will receive donors between 4:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. to reduce congestion of donors. LifeShare is offering a Donor Benefit Plan to our Association. This plan will eliminate up to \$500 of processing fees related to blood and blood components transfused at any U.S. hospital. If we have enough donors to qualify, the plan requires nothing of our Members other than to be a Member in good standing. A flyer from LifeShare regarding this plan has been distributed by a separate email. TBLA will be drawing a name from participating donors to award a \$25 gift card as an incentive to our Members. Considering these changes to our process, the Board voted to conduct four blood drives per year with the first one being held at our March 5, 2020 Social. A one page event announcement appears later in this Newsletter.

**TBLA Board of Directors-** (cont.) You may recall that a poll was taken at our January Social regarding interest in a document shredding event. The Board set a date for the document shredding service to receive documents from our Members. The shredding service will be available on March 8, 2020 from 10 AM-2 PM at SCOA Toledo Town. Members are invited to bring any old records/documents that they wish to have securely disposed of.

**Sabine Parish Fishing Clinic-** For several years TBLA has partnered with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) to conduct a three-day Aquatic Education Clinic at Cypress Bend Park. During the clinic, all fifth-grade students in Sabine Parish will be bused to the park site where they will receive instruction on fish identification, boating safety, bait casting, fisheries biology, and ethical conduct. Each student will also be given the opportunity to fish with cane poles.

This is an excellent program that exposes children to the sport of fishing, with many of the children catching their first fish during the event. This program serves as a gateway not only to fishing but many other outdoor activities and may well be the first chance some of the participants have to learn about fishing and boating.

Tammy Mong is the Coordinator for this year's event which is scheduled for April 20-22. The event requires quite a few volunteers to make it successful and more help is always welcomed. If you would like to be involved in helping the next generation become interested in wholesome outdoor recreation, give me a call and I will put you in touch with Tammy. (Ricky Yeldell 318-315-1382)

**2019 – 2020 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](mailto:bruce.rogers@hughes.net).

<b>2019 – 2020 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners</b>			
<b>Date of Award</b>	<b>Guns</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Winner</b>
01/24/20	Ruger American .308 rifle	242	Willie Mitchell
01/31/20	Mossberg Patriot 30-06 rifle with scope package	223	Dennis Bickford
02/07/20	Remington 870 Express Camo 12-gauge shotgun	189	Ted Dove
02/14/20	Ruger 10/22 Walnut Deluxe rifle	293	Troy Roberie

### **Community Center Upcoming Events -**

#### **Movies in Many** (free admissions, cokes and popcorn \$1.00 each)

March 14- "Aladdin"

March 28- "Spiderman: Far From Home"

#### **Music in Many** (ticket prices vary)

March 7 – Choupique Concert

March 13 – Many High School Band Spring Concert – 7 p.m. Admission: Adults \$6, School Age Children \$2, Veterans Free.

### **Lunker Bass Program**

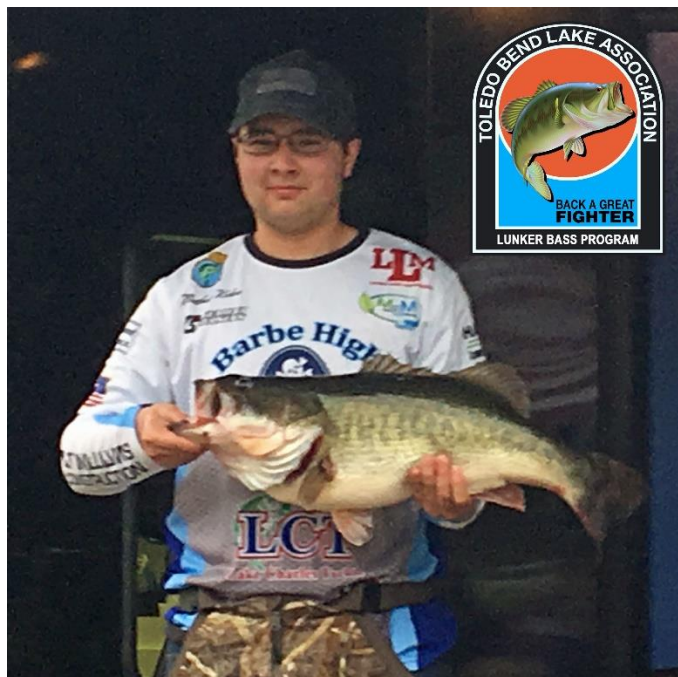
On January 26, 2020, Matthew Kahrs caught a 10.9-pound bass during the Mossy Oak Fishing Bassmasters High School Series Tournament. Matt is a member of the Barbe High School Fishing Team. Matthew's fish is Lunker number 12 for the 2019-2020 season. Nice job, Matthew!

Stephen Johnston of Hemphill, TX caught a 10.7-pound fish on January 30, 2020 and weighed it in at the FLW Tournament at Cypress Bend. Stephen recorded lunker number 13 for the current season. Congratulations!

Roger Johnson of Vidor, TX caught lunker number 14 for this season. Roger's fish weighed 10.1 pounds and was weighed in at Cypress Bend during the Bass Champs Tournament. Congratulations, Roger! (photo unavailable)

This season's lunker number 15 was caught by Justin Glover of Zwolle, LA on February 20, 2020. Justin's fish weighed 10.44 pounds and was weighed in at Fin and Feather Resort. Congratulations on a nice fish!

Lunker number 16 of this year weighed 11.16 pounds and was caught by Dayton Trichel of Provençal, LA on February 22, 2020. Dayton weighed in at Buckeye Landing. Congratulations, Dayton!



Matthew Kahrs, 10.9 pounds.



Stephen Johnston, 10.7 pounds.



Justin Glover, 10.44 pounds.



Dayton Trichel, 11.16 pounds.



# Share The Luck

## DONATE TODAY

### Toledo Bend Lake Association Inside

Thursday, March 5 • 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM



**Your blood donation** will be provided to someone fighting cancer, sickle cell, a surgery patient, or an accident victim.

**Contact:**  
**Ricky Yeldell**  
**(318)315-1382**

Donate Feb 26 – March 31  
& receive Share the Luck T-Shirt  
while supplies last.

**LifeShare**  
BLOOD CENTER

LifeShare.org • Text DONATE to 999-777 to receive texts from LifeShare Blood Center

LOUISIANA DONOR CENTERS: ALEXANDRIA 2051 North Mall Drive 318.445.7439 • BATON ROUGE 5745 ESSEN LANE 225.383.7728  
• BOSSIER CITY 1523 Doctors Drive 318.742.4636 LAKE CHARLES 214 Dr. Michael DeBakey Drive 337.436.4932 • MONROE 2909 Kilpatrick Boulevard 318.322.4445  
• SHREVEPORT 8910 Linwood Avenue 318.673.1471  
TEXAS DONOR CENTERS: BEAUMONT 4305 Laurel Street 409.838.5289 • TEXARKANA 4020 Summerhill Road 903.794.3173



Photo caption: Wildlife artist Don Edwards paints artwork for the TBLA Bass Unlimited Poster, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization.

### **Nichols Store to Sponsor Bass Unlimited Poster**

By Ramona Moore

Nichols Store in Many is the proud sponsor of the Toledo Bend Lake Association (TBLA) 2020 Bass Unlimited – Back A Great Fighter poster. Nichols is a fixture in the local community since 1914, with Lauren Moore as the current owner and president. Nichols stores include the Many, Leesville, Coushatta and Winnfield locations. Ms. Moore carries on the legacy left by Debbie Nichols, Debbie's father T.D. Nichols, and her grandfather H. A. Nichols. Nichols has for many years been a generous supporter of TBLA and its fundraising efforts and community service.

As 2020 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TBLA, renowned artist Don Edwards will help TBLA celebrate this landmark as the artist for this year's poster. Widely recognized, naturalist, photographer and wildlife artist, Don Edwards' work captures intriguing and realistic moments in nature. The original painting used for the poster will headline the Live Auction at TBLA's Bass Unlimited Banquet and Auction on April 17 at Cypress Bend Park. For banquet ticket information and to learn more about TBLA's projects and community involvement, please visit their Facebook page or [www.toledobendlakeassociation.com](http://www.toledobendlakeassociation.com).

*Bass Unlimited Posters for 2020 as well as posters from previous years can be ordered through the Toledo Bend Lake Association Online Store at <https://shoptbla.com/>*

*A printable copy of the Bass Unlimited 2020 Poster Order Form Can be found on page 6 of this Newsletter.*



**BASS UNLIMITED**  
 Toledo Bend Lake Association  
 P.O. Box 1031, Many, LA 71449  
[www.toledobendlakeassociation.com](http://www.toledobendlakeassociation.com)  
*'Dedicated to Serving Toledo Bend Lake'*

## 2020 POSTER ORDER FORM

To purchase the 2020 poster, please complete this form and return it with a check to the address above. Make checks payable to TBLA.

NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
TELEPHONE:			
EMAIL:			

Please indicate if you prefer a framed or unframed poster with the number of each type you are ordering and any preference for poster number(s).

QUANTITY	TYPE	PREFERRED NUMBERS	PRICE
	UNFRAMED		\$20 EACH
	FRAMED		\$40 EACH
	GICLEE ON CANVAS	NA	\$200 EACH
	<i>Giclee's will be framed with a brass name plate</i>		

Only unframed posters can be mailed. Please add \$9.00 to your total cost, regardless of the number of posters ordered.

If you wish to request a personalized message on your poster from the artist, this form must be in the hands of the Poster Coordinator by April 1, 2020.

Print your requested personalization message below:

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Poster Coordinator: Carolyn Scheurich (225) 892 – 6848, [TBLAPOSTER@gmail.com](mailto:TBLAPOSTER@gmail.com)

**Now is the time to renew your TBLA Membership for 2020.**

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 2020.

**TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION.**

Name (including spouse): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2020 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 2020 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](http://www.toledobendlakeassociation.com).