



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 15, 2017

TBLA Adopt A Road
Litter Pick-up
7:00 a.m.
SCOA Parking Lot

July 18, 2017

TBLA Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.

August 3, 2017

TBLA Monthly Social Dinner
SCOA Toledo Town
7:00 p.m.

July Membership Social – the social is canceled due to the Fourth of July Holiday, but we hope you are celebrating our Nation’s birth with family, friends and neighbors somewhere around our beautiful Lake!

The TBLA **August** general membership social will be held on Thursday, **August 3, 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). The entree will be lasagna. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join your fellow members as we enjoy this meal and social on August 3.

TBLA Adopt a Road Trash Pick-up planned for Saturday, July 15th -- Our next TBLA “Adopt a Road” litter pick-up on Hwy. 191 from Toledo Town to the Lanana Bridge is scheduled for Saturday, July 15th. Water and trash bags will be supplied. Please wear a reflective safety vest or bright colored shirt. We will meet at the SCOA building at 7:00 a.m. to beat the heat. After a brief safety meeting, road segment assignments will be made, and we will then get underway. These pick-ups usually can be completed in less than 2 hours if we have a dozen or more volunteers. Please come and join us. A fish fry for the participants, which will be held Saturday evening, is an added bonus, and an opportunity to socialize with and meet other members. The time and location of the fish fry will be announced at the Pick-Up. Please sign up with Deb Pennington at 2debpennington@gmail.com or 318-315-2448.

The TBLA Board – The Board met on June 20th and concluded the bid process for the future supplier of our Lunker Program replicas by selecting Mr. Scottie Lucas, the current provider, to provide our replicas for three additional years. We owe Scottie a big thanks for the great job that he has done for TBLA in the past, and congratulations to him for being the successful bidder for this very important TBLA program going forward.

As I wrote last month, the upcoming annual election of the Board of Directors will take place in October. If you are interested in serving on the TBLA Board, please contact Ted Dove at 225-937-0439. As First Vice President, Ted is responsible for leading the nomination of new board members. You must be a member of TBLA for one year to be eligible for a Board position.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – We now have seven Official Weigh Stations for the Lunker Program: Toledo Town and Tackle and Buckeye Landing on the Louisiana side of the Lake and Huxley Bay Marina, Holly Park Marina, Keith’s Toledo Bend Tackle, Fin and Feather Resort, and Fairmount General Store on the Texas side. We thank each of these businesses for their volunteer support which makes the program possible. We currently have 3 Lunkers in the 2017-2018 Lunker Bass Program.

TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners

Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
5/26/2017	ATI SX Calvary 20 ga O/U Walnut	831	Ken Pellerin
6/2/2017	Savage Axis II w/ Scope 308 Black	346	Dwayne Lewis
6/9/2017	Remington 870 Express 20 ga pump birch	974	Eddie Pastureau
6/16/2017	Marlin 336 30/30 Birch	167	Cullen Hoffpauir
6/23/2017	Henry 22 Blue H001	170	Jimmie Belgard

Annual TBLA/SWCD Youth Fish Fest was held June 3rd – The 8th Annual Toledo Bend Lake Association /Sabine Soil and Water Conservation District Youth Fish Fest was held June 3, 2017, at Cypress Bend Park and **It Was All About Young Anglers**. On Saturday, June 3, 2017, it was easy to spot these young anglers on the Park piers, lake banks, and even the beach at the Eighth Annual TBLA/Sabine SWCD Fish Fest.



Pre-registered anglers enjoyed a free day of fishing at Cypress Bend Park. The Fest was open to school-age children in kindergarten through 12th grades for the school year 2016-2017. Youth from Louisiana and Texas were eligible to fish. Anglers who catch one of the largest three fish in the categories of bass, bream, catfish, white perch (crappie), turtle, and other win a rod and reel combo and a medal. Anglers provided their own fishing equipment and bait. All anglers checked in at the registration table to pick up a TBLA/Sabine SWCD turquoise Fish Fest t-shirt which had to be worn during the tournament and receive their SRA bright blue ditty bags full of cups, pencils, pens, Mardi Gras beads, wacky suckers, visors, sun shades, and plastic baits. Fishing began at 7:30 a.m. and hopeful anglers had to be in the weigh-in line by 11:00 a.m.

While bank fishing, 110 youth anglers certainly face challenges, but the smiles on their faces and the thought of winning a new rod and reel combo outweighed the obstacles. Fifty three of the competitors weighed in 8 bass, 11 catfish, 18 turtles, 5 other fish including freshwater drum and shad. Large stringers of bream were caught, but anglers were only allowed to weigh in their largest catch in each category. No crappies were weighed in.



Emcee, Mr. Chris Pearce, of the Sabine SWCD opened the awards ceremony by thanking the TBLA, numerous sponsors, volunteers, and Fish Fest coordinators Mrs. Becky Anderson, SRA and Mrs. Anita Manshack, SWCD. Mrs. Gaynell Goodeaux, TBLA Treasurer addressed the crowd, thanked them for attending, bringing their children, and invited interested individuals to join the TBLA. John Toliver, TBLA Past President, served as the tournament photographer.

All division winners (1st – 3rd) received an engraved medal, a rod and reel combo, and their name in the record book. Door prizes included rod and reel combos, tackle boxes, caps, spot lights, swim noodles, pocket knives, gift certificates, beach bags, water bottles, inflatable beach balls and rafts, cricket cages, and other fishing tackle. There were enough door prizes donated to provide one for every angler.

There is no doubt that every parent, grandparent, and volunteer enjoyed watching our young anglers have a great fishing day on beautiful Toledo Bend Lake.



SRA Commissioner and TBLA member, Mr. Ned Goodeaux enjoys helping the youth anglers identify fish and weigh their fish. Little did he know he would be removing a fish hook from a boy's leg via the fishing line method. Ned did it expertly, showing parental concern and compassion, calming, comforting, and assuring the young man that he knew what he was doing and it would not hurt. Our TBLA hero deserves a special thanks, because this young man was not part of Fish Fest, just enjoying a day of fishing.

The 2018 BU Planning Committee and other volunteer opportunities—"Many hands make light work!" Anyone interested in serving on one of the 2018 Bass Unlimited Committees or interested in volunteering to help with one of our other projects, please contact myself, Ted Dove, or Deb Pennington. 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. Deb can be reached at 2debpennington@gmail.com and 318-315-2448.

Local Community Events

Movies in Many – on Saturday, July 1, "Moana" and on Saturday, July 17, the Wannabes will be shown at the Many Community Center (Sabine Theatre) at 7:00 p.m.

Lake Country Music Show – July 28th will be the date for the July Lake Country Music Show at the Many Community Center. The Lake Country Music Show continues to be presented at the Many Community Center on the fourth Friday of every month at 7 p.m. through August.

Safety Awareness for Lake Homeowners – The Fourth of July is nearly here, and fortunately this year, we have had plenty of rain and the area is not experiencing dry conditions so fire danger is relatively low. However, the danger of injury from the fireworks that go along with the Fourth of July Holiday is as real as ever and a bottle rocket shot into the wrong area around a house can cause a fire. There are always reports of serious injuries from the mishandling of fireworks this time of year. Please make sure that all children and youths are adequately supervised by an adult and avoid mixing drinking and fireworks. Make sure you choose a safe area for using fireworks and never point fireworks at anyone or at the house or any other structure. Accidents are never intentional, but you cannot get a finger or an eye back once it is destroyed by a firework, accident or not! Please insist on safe handling of fireworks this Holiday at your house.

Toledo Bend Reservoir – Daily Lake levels may be found at: <http://www.srala-toledo.com/>. The Lake level is currently approximately 171.84 ft. msl. I received approximately 4.5 Inches of rain in the last 7 days as a result of the Tropical Storm and it was pretty much a non- event for the lake other than aggravating winds and rain that made fishing difficult for the week.

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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 _____

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