



Toledo Bend Lake Association

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Blood Drive

03/03/21

Trash PickUp

Moved to

03/12/21

MARCH 2021 ISSUE

Membership Update - Covid-19 restrictions continue to impact our efforts to gather socially. Many of our members and the community at large have by now received one or both vaccination doses so hopefully we are moving towards a more normal place as the vaccinations are administered to more and more of the population. We still do not know when we can plan our first social meeting for 2021.

If Covid and two Hurricanes were not enough of a challenge, 2021 decided to try and do 2020 one better with the Deep Freeze of the Century. The Lake Country was blanketed by back to back winter storms that brought record cold into the single digits and record snow and ice accumulations which hung on tenaciously for a week. Large parts of the Toledo Bend area were without power and water for the better part of the week and as I am writing this newsletter, some are still waiting on both power and water to be restored. The water systems that have been restored are under "water boil" advisories until further notice and everyone is scrambling to find busted and leaking pipes as the water is restored. We have had many reports and seen many pictures of collapsed carports, sheds and metal buildings that could not handle the snow loads from the storm. A number of large floating marina docks on the lake were heavily damaged or sunk as a result of these heavy roof loads due to the snow and ice. Sunday we saw air temps return to the 60's and almost 100% of the snow and ice disappeared. The surface temperature of the water at my boat dock in Lanau was 37 degrees Sunday morning but was above 42 degrees by late afternoon. A lot of sun and much warmer air temps are forecasted this week, so the Lake water temperature will rebound quickly and so should the fishing. Normalcy will return, or at least some normalcy, whatever that is. I hope it means no Covid, and plenty of power, water, and good fishing for all of us.

Trash Pick-up Volunteers Needed- Date Has Changed-TBLA volunteers are needed for our Quarterly Trash Pick Up. We have changed the date from February 26 to **Friday, March 12th** at 8:00 am, weather permitting. 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. 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. Please help with this volunteer opportunity.

LifeShare Blood Drive-We have a blood drive scheduled for **Wednesday March 3**, 10am-2pm in the SCOA Parking Lot. Please participate if you can because blood supplies remain low due to the high number of hospitalizations from Covid.

This is the time for all of us to renew our TBLA memberships. There is a membership/renewal form at the end of this Newsletter for that purpose or you can do this on-line. Maintaining our membership is a challenge in this environment but it is extremely important for the ongoing health of TBLA. We thank those of you that have already renewed or joined TBLA for 2021, and hope that all of our members will choose to renew as soon 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. TBLA needs your membership support as we work through another difficult Covid year. Please support us by renewing your membership for 2021 as soon as possible.

TBLA Board of Directors – The Board will not meet until March 2 because of the ongoing recovery efforts from the winter storms.

As I reported last month, because of the continuing and projected future Covid restrictions, **the Board voted to cancel the Bass Unlimited Banquet for 2021.** The Board made this difficult decision after considering all viable options for a 2021 Banquet. We did however vote to conduct some of the fund-raising activities associated with the BU Banquet. I am happy to report that **the Board voted to move forward with the sale of the 2020 BU Posters and to conduct an on-line auction of the original BU Poster painting by Don Edwards. We also agreed to sell the 2020 BU caps, shirts, visors, and towels, and to conduct on-line auctions for several of our items that we planned to include in the live BU auction.** We will pass along the details and dates for the sales and or auctions of the posters and other items as soon as we complete the details for these activities. The board also agreed to fund a Fingerling Release for the spring/early summer of 2021. Details and dates will be communicated as soon as the Release details are finalized. Again, I want to thank all of the board members for agreeing to continue to serve TBLA. If any of our members are interested in serving on the Board in the future, please contact Gary Moore at 281-798-7131.

The Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship – We would like to thank all of the candidates that submitted application packets for the 2021 Glynn Carver Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee is reviewing the applications now. The winner will be announced by the end of April. You can also support this annual scholarship by donating to the Glynn Carver Scholarship Fund. Contact Gary Moore at 281-798-7131 if you have any questions regarding the Scholarship.

2020 – 2021 52-Gun Raffle News – Bruce Rogers has mailed out 2021/2022 Raffle tickets for purchase during the first week of January. If you did not purchase a raffle ticket last year but would like to do so for the new year, please contact Bruce Rogers. At this time we have received payment for 63% of the mailed out tickets. The payment deadline for the tickets that were mailed out is March 12. After that date, any tickets not paid for will be made available for resale. Also, 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.

Check out our first back to back winner, Dwight White. Way to go Dwight, and he did it with two different winning ticket numbers! Bruce has extra tickets so if you want to buy additional tickets, give him a call.

2020 – 2021 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
01/22/21	Ruger 10/22 Walnut Deluxe Rifle	110	Ticket not sold
01/29/21	Remington 870 Express 12 Gauge Shotgun	528	Mac Lyddy
02/05/21	Savage Axis II 270 Rifle w Scope	814	Erns Snyder
02/12/21	Henry Golden Boy 22 Rifle	685	Dwight White
02/19/21	Ruger American 270 Rifle	396	Dwight White

Lake Level - The Lake level is currently 169.22 msl. SRA’s operating plan in February allows them to generate until the lake level reaches 169 msl. This number will go up to 169.5 in March, 170.5 March 1- April 15 and 171 April 16-April 30. The surface temperature on the main lake is running 42-50 degrees at the time of this writing.

Real-time lake level information 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 Engineering Section’s Operating Guide tab at <https://www.srala-toledo.com/page?menuId=28> .

Please help us by paying your dues for 2021 or 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.