



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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MARCH 2016 ISSUE

March Membership Social – The March general membership social will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 3rd at the Sabine Council on Aging (SCOA) facility, Highway 191 North of Toledo Town (29275 Hwy 191 N, Many, LA 71449). The main entree will be pork loin prepared by member Carolyn Dove. Please bring appropriate side dishes and desserts. Jason Brancamp, Toledo Bend area LDWF Wildlife Biologist, will provide information on the fisheries population in Toledo Bend Lake.

Artist and Sponsor for 2016 TBLA's Bass Unlimited – Back a Great Fighter Poster Announced

For the past fourteen years, TBLA has sponsored a poster as part of its annual Bass Unlimited – Back A Great Fighter (BU-BAGF) fundraiser. The posters have become collectors' items and are a highlight of the events surrounding the banquet and poster unveiling gala.

This year Eddie Pastureau, of Toledo Bend, is the artist commissioned to create the 2016 Bass Unlimited – Back A Great Fighter Poster for the Association. Artist Pastureau describes his work as representation and realistic. He paints landscapes, portraits, animals, and still lifes, but enjoys the challenge of most any topic or object. He works in water colors and oils mostly, but has also done a number of pencil drawings.



Artist Eddie Pastureau displays two of his realistic artworks —the tiger and a plantation home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3, 2016
Member Social
7:00 p.m. at SCOA

March 15, 2016
Board of Directors
6:30 p.m. at SCOA

Most of Artist Pastureau's work is on a commission basis. His works have been displayed in restaurants, banks, and galleries in the New Orleans area. He displayed and worked in Studio D'Artiste Gallery in the New Orleans French Quarter, and because of the wide variety in the traffic of clients in the Gallery, his artwork is now in homes in many U.S. States, across Europe,

Japan, and Australia. His work has not been limited to portraits and landscapes, however. He has also painted backdrops and theater sets for St. John Community Theater in Reserve, La., and Loyola University in New Orleans.

Artist Pastureau considers his talent a God-given talent that he recognized at a very young age. He was born and raised in Edgard, Louisiana, a small rural community on the banks of the Mississippi River in St. John Parish. He and his wife, Gina, have four children. After he graduated from LSU with a degree in art education he taught art, history, geography, and coached baseball at Edgard High for seven years, worked for National Airlines as a ramp agent in freight for four years, and spent the rest of his working years as an industrial mechanic for DuPont chemical in LaPlace, La. Upon retirement, he and his wife built a home on Toledo Bend near North Toledo Bend State Park. He has been fishing the lake since 1972, and it was a dream of his to live on the lake after retirement. His addiction to fishing has been rewarded—he now fishes at least 1-2 hours almost every day. Just like with art, trying to catch fish is a humbling and never-ending learning experience.

To pay back the talent God gave him with his art, he teaches private art classes to children and adults while in the area. He compares both art and fishing to the simple things in life where he can witness and experience, in relative security and peace, the world God has granted us no matter who we are and at no cost, contract, or yearly fee. He says, “As I’ve aged, simpler, slower, and more peaceful has been the direction traveled and I am so-o-o thankful for that.

The 2016 poster is sponsored by Interstate Building Materials, highway 171 south in Many, Louisiana. The company was established in September of 2014 with seven employees and initially sold only to contractors. Within three months, Interstate grew to fifteen employees and opened the doors to the public and “Do-It-Yourself market. They currently have five trucks delivering to builders not only in Sabine Parish, but also in East Texas, Ruston, Natchitoches, and as far south as Morgan City.

Owner and President Kyle Martinez, heads contractor sales and management of the company. Kyle graduated from Zwolle High School in 2003, obtained his Bachelors of Business Administration from NSU in 2006, and his MBA from LSUS in 2009. Kyle is very active in our community, serving as parish trustee for St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Zwolle, President of the Sabine Parish Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer of the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission, and board member of Sabine Young Professionals.



Kyle Martinez, Owner and President of Interstate Building Materials, 2016 Bass Unlimited - Back a Great Fighter poster sponsor, views this year’s poster.

Joshua Garcie, Vice President of Interstate Building Materials, has also taken an active part in running the business. He greets customers as they come through the door and assists them in meeting their paint, plumbing, or electrical needs. He graduated from Zwolle High School in 2003, studied electrical engineering at NSU, and is married to the former, Brittany Sepulvado.

Kyle and Joshua are grateful for the work done by TBLA and the many members that they can also call customers. Kyle stated that not everyone has the opportunity to make a living in their home parish; and he and Joshua are very grateful for the support they have received from everyone in the community. Interstate is honored to play a small part in helping TBLA build a better Toledo Bend.

The Poster Unveiling is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016, in the Grand Ballroom at Cypress Bend Resort on beautiful Toledo Bend Lake. Kyle Martinez, a representative of the poster sponsor, Interstate Building Materials of Many, Louisiana, along with Artist Pastureau will be attending this function where he will personalize the numbered and signed posters. The sponsors and artist also plan to attend the Bass Unlimited – Back a Great Fighter Banquet and Auction on Friday, April 15, 2016. The unveiling event is open to the public and has no admission charge. Light refreshments will be served and a cash bar is available.

The first numbered framed poster as well as the framed original artwork from which the poster was created will be auctioned by Professional Auctioneer Kevin McDonald, beginning at 7:30 p.m. In addition to this year's poster, items that are auctioned will include two (2) pieces of original art by previous Bass Unlimited artists—Noah Bounds and Ron Kidwell.

The 2016 Poster can be ordered now. Unframed posters sell for \$20 each and framed posters sell for \$40 each. They will be available for pick up at the Poster Unveiling. Order forms are available online at the TBLA web site www.toledobendlakeassociation.com. To order your poster, make a check or money order payable to TBLA and send it to the following address. Bass Unlimited of TBLA, Poster Coordinator, 2655 Pilcher Rd, Many, LA 71449

For Poster collectors who want to add the same numbered poster to your collection, indicate on your check the poster number you want to reserve for pick-up after the Unveiling. Collector-specific numbers are guaranteed available until Thursday, March 24, 2016. If you would like your poster personalized, enclose a note with the wording you prefer.

Unframed posters from some previous years are still available and may also be viewed on line. The cost is \$15 each. To have posters mailed, add \$8 to the cost of the poster(s) to cover shipping and handling, regardless of how many posters you order. For more information about TBLA or pre-paying for a poster and having your poster personalized and ready for immediate pickup after the Unveiling Auction, contact the Poster Coordinator at 318-590-0599 or check the information on the TBLA web site.

Bass Unlimited – Back A Great Fighter Banquet tickets are now available and can be obtained by contacting Gaynell Goodeaux at 318-256-0501 or Dayna Yeldell at 318-315-1002. Tickets must be purchased prior to the banquet—no tickets will be sold at the door—and admission will be open to ticketed patrons only.

“52 Gun Raffle” tickets reminder – If you do not plan to buy or sell the two raffle tickets we sent you in early December, please return your tickets so that someone else can sell them. Please send your checks made payable to TBLA or your unsold tickets to: Bill Galligan, Grand Raffle Coordinator, 30 Lawson Lane, Many, LA 71449. If you need more time to sell your tickets and/or need additional tickets, please call Bill at (318) 590-0975. Thanks for your support.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program update - The 2015-2016 TBLA Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program runs from May 18, 2015 through May 19, 2016. As of February 22, 2016, 64 lunker bass, weighing 10 lbs. or greater, have been registered in the program. This is 35 more lunkers than were registered at this time during last year's record-breaking 81 registered lunkers. Check the big fish out on our Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Facebook our page. Better yet, get out there, catch your own lunker, register it and get your photograph on Facebook, as well as a free replica at the Toledo Bend Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash on May 22, 2016. Last year 63 lunkers were caught between Jan. 24 and May 17, the peak of the season.

TBLA Board of Directors actions – The Board addressed the following at the February 16 meeting:

- Approved the TBLA/Bass Unlimited Foundation Cooperative Agreement to be sent to the Foundation for approval and signature.
- Agreed to explore hosting the Louisiana Wildlife Federation 2017 annual meeting at Toledo Bend.
- Agreed to commit TBLA participation in the ‘Louisiana Adopt A Highway’ program by committing to pick up trash along LA Highway 191 north from Toledo Town to the Lanana Bridge on a quarterly basis (Harry Walker to be coordinator). Other groups have committed to adopting LA 191 south to Cypress Bend exit, LA 6 east to the Parish Trash Collection center, and LA 6 west to Pendleton Bridge.
- Agreed to sponsor a TBLA Blood drive in the near future.
- Agreed to purchase Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Weigh Station photo backdrops with the TBLA logo and specific weight station logo specifically for each weigh station.
- Heard a grant proposal request to consider funding a TBLA college scholarship for a graduating senior Sabine Parish Louisiana 4-H Club member (\$500 - \$1,000).
- Heard a grant proposal request by Toledo Bend Baptist Resort Ministries to fund the children’s activities at the BASS Elite Tournament (\$2,500 - \$3,000).

Notes from the SRA/LA Public Relations Committee Meeting – February 11, 2016

- *Water Sales* - No water sale agreements are currently in progress.
- *Power Generation* - The current power generation agreement expires in April, 2018. Negotiations are underway among the SRA/LA, the SRA/TX and Entergy Corporation to reach agreement on a new power generation contract. The SRA/LA will provide the committee periodic updates on the progress of the negotiations.
- *Status of the 2nd Generator* - The second of two power generation units has been inoperable for several months. Negotiations are underway among the SRA/LA, the SRA/TX and Entergy Corporation to determine whether to repair the generator or to replace critical mechanical components.
- *SRA Permitting Process* - Carl Chance, SRA/LA IT Director discussed the current permitting package that is given to anyone requesting a permit for structures to be built on leaseback property. The package has been simplified to make the application process more user-friendly for the landowners. Carl invited further suggestions on improving the permitting package.
- *New Encroachment Policy* - The new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) operating license required the SRA/LA and SRA/TX to submit a written Encroachment Policy that outlines the procedure for dealing with encroachments on SRA leaseback property. The draft Encroachment Policy for SRA/LA has been posted for several weeks on the SRA/LA website at www.srala-toledo.com. Scroll down near the bottom of the home page and click on “Encroachment Policy”. The policy will be available for review and public comment until March 10, 2016. *All landowners and other interested parties should review the draft policy and make any comments by the March 10 deadline.*

Toledo Bend Lake level was 171.87 ft. msl. and receding at 9:30 a.m. Wed., Feb. 24, 2016. SRA is presently running Generator 1 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until further notice. Generator 2 is still down. All spillway gates are closed. I recorded 4” of rain in my rain gauge over Monday & Tuesday. The water is 58 degrees in 5 ft. of water under my boat house in our bay a mile south of Pendleton Bridge.

If you have any questions or comments relative to the contents of this Newsletter, please contact me at jtoliver@soft-spec.com or call me at 318-256-2401. John Toliver, TBLA President

2016 TBLA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES REQUEST

We have received 227 membership renewals. Of 375 members in 2015, our records indicate that 148 of you have not yet renewed your membership in Association. Annual dues are \$10 per single; \$15 per couple; \$25 per business. The renewal/ application form with the appropriate membership fee and mailing address is below. You can also renew your membership at the monthly social or online via PayPal at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com. If you have not renewed, please submit your renewal fee now. Thank you for your continued support of TBLA. If you previously paid your 2016 renewal and believe our records are in error, please email Ted Dove TBLA Membership Chair at Ted.Dove@ghd.com he will confirm/ correct our records.

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION

Name (include spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2016 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.