



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7, 2017

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

Dec. 31, 2017

2018 Membership Dues
should be paid

April 5, 2018

BU Poster Unveiling

April 20, 2018

2018 BU Banquet

December Membership Social – The TBLA December general membership social will be held on Thursday, December 7, 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 ham. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us for the meal as we take this time to celebrate the Holidays together on this evening.

We have identified two local needs for the holidays, and we are asking our members to support those needs in our community that might otherwise go unmet. The SCOA Food Bank has a critical need for non-perishable canned food items. You can support this need by bringing canned goods to the December meeting for SCOA.

We also have identified a local need for toys for children, ages 3-13. We are asking our members attending this month's meeting to help us support this need by bringing a toy, new or used in good condition to the meeting where we will collect the toys and deliver them to the Department of Child and Family Services in Many. We hope everyone has a special Holiday Season and a Merry Christmas. Please attend the social and help us share some hope and cheer with some children and families that will benefit from your giving spirit.

TBLA Recognized as Volunteer Organization of the Year- Tim and Rhonda Dean traveled to Slidell recently to attend a volunteer recognition banquet sponsored by La. Wildlife and Fisheries. Toledo Bend Lake Association received the Most VIP Award for Organization of the Year. TBLA members have been volunteering for over twenty years, assisting with the Sabine Parish Fishing Clinic. Additionally the organization provided funding for the trailer that houses and transports all the equipment for the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Educational clinics which are conducted around the state. We want to thank and recognize all those members that have volunteered over the last twenty years to assist with the Sabine Parish Fishing Clinic for Fifth Graders.



Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – We currently have 12 Lunkers in the 2017-2018 Lunker Bass Program. I have seen pictures of a number of 9 lb class fish that were caught in the last month but the 10 lb fish are proving hard to find. Lake traffic has decreased significantly with the cooling weather and hunting season getting underway. However, this is a great time to catch a lunker as the bass feed up on shad for the winter.

The TBLA Board of Directors-The Board met on November 21 and approved a grant request by the North Sabine Fishing Team to fund tournament scales and weigh-in equipment for the team.

The Board agreed to consider selling TBLA branded insulated tumblers or stainless mugs at this year's BU Banquet.

The Board also began filling committee assignments for the upcoming year. Please contact us if you are interested in serving on one of the following committees:

Public Relations, Board Nominations, Member Support, Social Committee, Program and Speakers, TBLA Projects and Grant Opportunities, Bass Unlimited Banquet, Lunker Bass Program.

The next Bass Unlimited 2018 Banquet Planning Meeting-The next BU meeting will be held Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the SCOA Building at Toledo Town. Please join us to plan this important event. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees or volunteering to work at the banquet, please plan to attend this meeting.

Anyone interested in serving on one of the 2018 Bass Unlimited Committees or interested in volunteering to help with one of our other projects or committees, please contact myself, Gaynell Goodeaux, 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. Gaynell's contact information is nedgoodeaux@gmail.com and 318-256-0501 or 337-842-7814. Deb can be reached at 2debpennington@gmail.com and 318-315-2448.

SAVE THE DATES! We are already hard at work on the 2018 Annual Bass Unlimited Banquet & Auction, Poster Unveiling Ceremony, and Grand Prize Raffle. Put **Friday, April 20, 2018, on your calendar for the 16th Annual Bass Unlimited Banquet** to be held at Cypress Bend Park. That night will also include the drawing for the first two winners of the 2018-2019 -52-Gun Grand Prize Raffle. And prior to that night, TBLA will hold its annual **Poster Unveiling on April 5**, when the public is invited to view the unveiling of the 2018 poster painting and meet the Artist. Pre-orders for the 2018 posters, as well as raffle tickets for the 2018-2019- 52-Gun Grand Prize Raffle will be available for sale beginning in January, on the TBLA website, using your paypal account. BU Banquet tickets will also be available for sale in early 2018 on the website.

TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
10/27/17	Remington 870 Express 12 ga Pump	480	Gary Costlow
11/03/17	Ruger American 30-06 Rifle	642	Stan Reeves
11/10/17	Mossberg Patriot 270 Rifle	604	Craig Broussard
11/17/17	Ruger 10/22 Deluxe Rifle	532	Mike Ortega

Toledo Bend Reservoir – Daily Lake levels may be found at: <http://www.srala-toledo.com/>. The Lake level is currently approximately 167.43 ft. msl.

Safety Awareness for the Lake – Stumps continue to be one of the safety issues regarding the lake, but now that the air and water temperatures are beginning to fall, the lake's cooling waters are more dangerous should you fall out of a boat or dock into the water. Hypothermia is a very dangerous and potential killer and one more reason why we should all wear a life jacket especially this time of year.

TBLA Membership Renewal- Please note that it is time to renew your TBLA annual membership. Please send in your 2018 renewal dues as soon as possible.

You can help us save money by providing your e-mail address as a means of receiving your copy of the TBLA newsletter.

You will receive it quicker and see color photographs. Email it to: TBLAtreasurer@yahoo.com. Every newsletter that we send out via e-mail helps to save funds for projects. For membership renewals, it is important to submit the completed form so that we can make sure the information we have on file is correct. If your email address or mailing address changes please let us know immediately. If your email address is rejected we do not have a way of finding out what your new address is.

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 2018 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 2018 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 on the Join Us page of the TBLA website at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.

