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Port Bay Club Newsletter

September 1, 2019

Dear Port Bay Club Members,

Exciting news – **We have broken ground on the new lodge and kitchen/dining hall!**

Our contractor, STBP, has brought in heavy equipment and fill dirt. The construction plan calls for the contractor to excavate down a couple of feet and then build an elevated pad to place the slab on. Things are moving fast – as I write this, they have completed excavating the subgrade and have built a 3-3.5' pad according to plan. The next step is to install some of the plumbing and pour the slab, and they will do some work on the parking lot while the heavy equipment is on site. Below are a few photos from the groundbreaking and construction. We urge you to come down and see for yourself. It's quite impressive.



It was a long road to get to this point. Following the Annual Meeting, we solicited loans from two banks. In the end we picked Cadence Bank, but the loan process took a very long time, and we could not break ground until the loan was finalized. Now that we are past that, it is full speed ahead on the construction. With the delay required to finalize our loan, completion is now expected in late March 2020.

Don't forget that even while the construction is going on you can stay at the club. The Manager's Residence has 3 rooms and 8 beds, plus a shower and kitchen. Additional toilets are in the CRR and Alan installed an extra outdoor shower beside the CRR.

If you do decide to stay, **please do not forget to pay upon departure.** We are charging the daily rate (without meals). Also, as a reminder, if you stay off premises and still use the club there is a usage fee. Of course, the club can use the income, and this is the only way that Rhonda and Miguel can receive their tips, and they deserve it for their hard work.



Raised pad for the slab and prepping the site.

Financials:

Financially, we are doing well. Many of you took advantage of the discount to pay your full assessment, which puts us in good shape as we start construction. Of course, our spend rate is about to take off but we are in line with our pro-forma financial projections.

If you haven't paid your dues and at least the first installment of your assessment, please give this your attention. The future of the club depends on everyone meeting their financial commitment.

As of last week, we had a little over \$700,000 in our Corporate and Operating Accounts. Expenses and income are in line with our budget projections. The latest financial report is attached at the end of this newsletter.



Artist's Rendering of the Proposed New Lodge

Upcoming Events:

There are a few upcoming events, both at the club and around town:

Eric B. Nelson Memorial Event: Bo Fennel has organized a memorial on **Tuesday, October 1** to long-time member and avid sportsman Eric Nelson, who passed away this past year. As you may remember, we organized a fund in his memory dedicated to the rebuilding of the club. Please plan on attending to honor Eric's life and contributions to the club.

On a sad note related to Eric, we learned that Anna, Eric's widow, passed away recently. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Camp Aranzazu Annual Fishing Tournament: During the 2017-2018 hunting season immediately following Harvey, Camp Aranzazu provided significant support to the club by offering lodging at the camp for our hunters, even though they had been hit hard by the storm as well. Camp Aranzazu holds an annual fishing tournament to raise money to send kids to camp each summer. This year the event will be on **Saturday, September 28**. We encourage everyone to consider participating – we fielded a couple of teams last year and did well! We will send out the brochures and details separately.

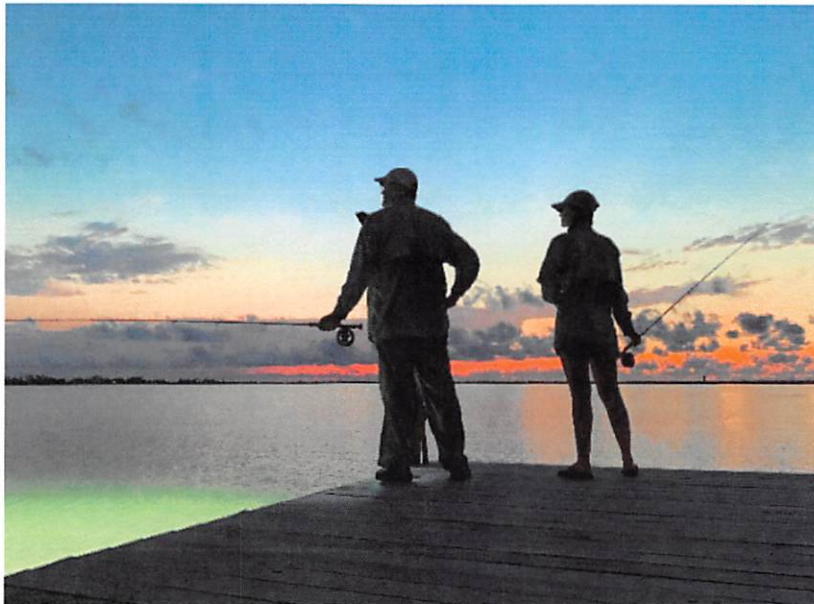
Here are reports from a few recent events:

2019 Annual Fishing Tournament

The Annual Club Fishing tournament was held on June 15th. Participating anglers faced tough conditions with wind and heat. Jonathon Clarkson's team rose to the challenge and swept almost every category – trout, redfish, and stringer.

As usual, John Kisalus won the largest released trout. Everyone had a great time and Alan and Miguel cooked their famous 'Trump Tacos' for dinner.

2019 Fly-Fishing Tournament (Report from Mimi Sams)



Fishing has been outstanding off the pier

ROCKPORT, TEXAS

Port Bay Club held its annual fly-fishing tournament Saturday, Aug 3. The Eric Nelson Memorial Fly-Fishing Festival was another huge success with 10 fishers casting for the top prize. Winds were calm in the early morning and picked up as usual throughout the day.

Five fishing teams participated with many fishing the entire 12-hour event. The sun burned the anglers as big storms built up north of the club.

Most teams fished out of areas in or around Copano Bay and one team fished the outside.

Most casters said the fish were very finicky and hard to catch. Two fish were caught on a top water poppers.

Emerson Hankamer and friend, Matt Morris, were guided by Capt. Billy Trimble. Their team Strip N' Rip won the Redfish category with 58.5 inches of redfish. They also pulled through with the most redfish spots from a red that had a total of 9 spots to win the Spot Calcutta.



Emerson Hankamer with an impressive redfish

Matagorda Mafia -1 won the Trout category with 68 inches. Mimi and David Sams caught all of the trout before the sun rose on small chartreuse clouser minnows.

Team ElboNorPol, Bo and Moss Fennell, guided by Capt. Alan Skrobarcek, won the wildcard category with 46.6 inches of various species which included a 12-inch hard head and multiple ladyfish. They also had three reds but were just shy of Hankamer's team total. Each group fished for the total inches of (3) fish Redfish, (5) Trout, and Wildcard categories.

Following the weigh-in, the teams celebrated with margaritas, a toast to their late friend, Eric Nelson and delicious fish tacos prepared by Capt. Alan Skrobarcek and Miguel under the reconstructed CRR.

The Port Bay Club started construction on the main lodge today. Members are excited to have it up and running in full force for next year's tournament.

Results:

Strip N' Rip

Emerson Hankamer & Matt Morris

Guided by Capt. Billy Trimble

Redfish: 58.5 in.

Trout: 15 in.

Wildcard: 39 in.

Redfish Spots: 9

Matagorda Mafia -1

David & Mimi Sams

Trout: 68 in.

ElboNorPol

Bo & Moss Fennell

Guided by Capt. Alan Skrobarcek

Redfish: 57.85 in.

Trout: 61.6 in.

Wildcard: 46.6 in.

Redfish Spots: 2

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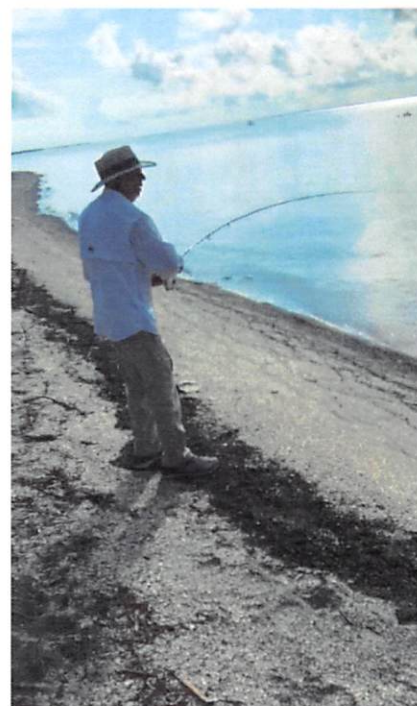
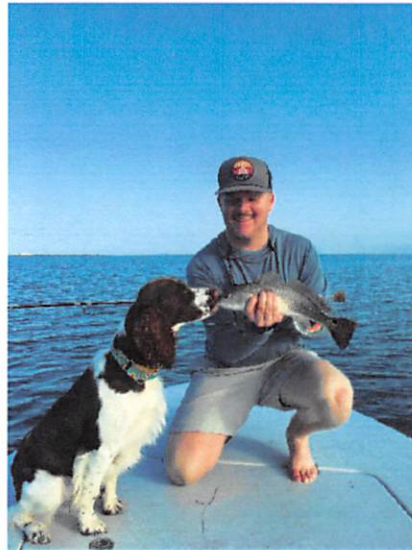
Chris & John Williams

Guided by Julie Williams Redfish: 42 in.

Trout: 14 in.

Redfish Spots: 2

Dilligas Anglers



Tim Harrison reported that he caught two reds and offered no other information!



Thanks to Mimi Sams for coordinating the fly-fishing tournament again this year.

New Members

We welcome three new members to the Club – **Anatoly Kaplan, Phillip Kuebler, and Bryan Kimzey**. With the final construction phase started, we expect an influx of new members. We plan to have several membership events in the next couple of months like the Happy Hour we had back in the spring. If you know anyone who is interested in joining, please refer them to Nathan Allen, our membership chairman.

Duck season is almost upon us. Please make your plans to visit the club and see how the construction is going. Besides the Manager's Residence, we plan to again bring in temporary housing for hunters. We plan to bring in something a little nicer than the Stallion trailer we had last year.

As always, feel free to call or email me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for making things better.

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