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Port Bay Club Newsletter

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Dear Port Bay Club Members,

Hello everyone. I hope everyone had a pleasant summer. Hunting season here at Port Bay is just around the corner. Teal season opens next week! I'm looking forward to a great season. Fishing (at least with my level of skill) has been slow in Port Bay and Swan Lake, but while the freeze and all the rain we got in the Spring and early Summer messed up fishing, the lower salinity seems to have really spurred the production of grass in the bay and marsh. Hopefully lots of hungry ducks will show up this season!

Update on the Locker Room Project:

We had great participation on the locker room project. About 45 members purchased about 50 lockers. That provided around \$76,000, which was the goal for the project. Thanks for all those who participated. We have ordered the building and are in the process of preparing the old

kitchen slab for the building. We are in the process of setting up inspections for the slab and for the building process so that we can qualify the building for windstorm insurance. As soon as those inspections are lined up, we can schedule a delivery date for the building. When we first ordered the building, we were told that due to shortages of building materials, delivery may not occur until December, however, last time I talked to the building manufacturer, they indicated that they could schedule delivery and erection of the building within a matter of weeks of requesting delivery. Hopefully, that holds and that would allow us to get the building erected well ahead of what we thought would be possible a few months ago. However, given where we are in the process, it is highly unlikely that the locker room will be fully outfitted and complete during this hunting season.

Fly Fishing Tournament Canceled for This Year:

The annual Port Bay Fly Fishing Tournament had been tentatively scheduled for October 2. Due to the relatively late notice for this event, it appeared turnout was going to be low, so the event has been canceled for this year. We will continue to try to have the tournament in October in future years because the weather is cooler and more consistent. We will provide more notice in the future for this event.

Hunting Season is Almost Upon Us:

Teal season starts September 11 and runs through September 26. Duck season runs November 6-28 and December 11-January 30. Jeremy and his team are in the process of dressing blinds for teal season now. I am looking forward to a good season and I hope I get to see many of you down at the club this year.

Welcome New Members:

Join me in welcoming aboard Matt McManus and Tom Copa. Welcome aboard guys! I hope to see you and your family down at the club soon!

As I have stated in prior newsletters, rebuilding membership to pre-Harvey levels is a high priority. We have made great progress, adding a total of six new members so far this year. If you know of someone who might be interested, please let Nathan Allen or me know. Also, we are continuing to look for opportunities to have events for potential new members throughout the state of Texas. If you have any ideas or suggestions for potential new member events, please let me know.

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