



**Port Bay Club Newsletter** 

February 25, 2023

Greetings Fellow Port Bay Club Members,

The sun has set on another duck season. I hope everyone had the chance to get down to the Club and in a duck blind this past winter. The hunting was stellar some days and spotty on others. As the saying goes, you don't know until you go! According to Jeremy, the total duck count was +350 birds compared to the season prior. Along with requisite Pintail, Red Head, and Blue Bill; Widgeon and Gadwall showed up in greater numbers this year.

A huge thank you goes out to Tye, Lisa, and Jeremy for keeping the Port Bay experience first class! All their hard work along with the guides, Miguel, Rhonda, Trey, and Dickey is much appreciated. Their efforts allow us to relax and enjoy what we love to do at Port Bay. It is certainly a team effort year-round, but especially during duck season.

With hunting season wrapped up, it is time to focus on the next best season at Port Bay, fishing! We had great usage numbers throughout duck season, and I hope everyone continues to go down to fish, bird watch, or just relax on the CRR patio. Emerson Hankamer and Levi Goode will once again be hosting the summer fishing



tournament. Scheduled for a later date this year – mark your calendars for the weekend of <u>August 4-6<sup>th</sup></u> for the annual fishing tournament. Stay tuned for more details to come.

## Annual Club Meeting - April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Club

The Annual Club Meeting is set for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Like years prior, we plan to have drinks and hors d'oeuvres Friday night, April 21<sup>st</sup> and the meeting Saturday. Be on the lookout for more information to

come, including an agenda and proxy forms.

## **Dues Notices**

Dues invoices were sent out February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please notify Ed Stewart (epstewart4@gmail.com) or myself if you have not received the emailed invoice. Payment options include a credit card link or check by mail. Please note due are the same at last year. I appreciate everyone's continued support of the Club and timely payment.

## 2022-2023 Duck Season Count

\*Season Total – 1,498 ducks / 5 bird average per hunt

- 1 Black Scoter
- 23 Bufflehead
- 11 Canvasbacks
- 68 Gadwall
- 2 Goldeneye
- 3 Canallard
- 6 Mergansers
- 16 Mottled Ducks
- 187 Pintails
- 566 Redheads
- 10 Ringnecks
- 144 (Scaup) Blue Bills
- 63 Shovelers
- 101 Bluewing Teal
- 63 Bluewing Teal during Teal Season
- 111 Greenwing Teal
- 12 Tree Ducks
- 95 Widgeon
- 15 Coots
- 1 Snow Goose



Thank you to all Port Bay Club members for your continued support of the longest continuously running Hunting Club in Texas. As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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