



THE BUCKSNAG HUNTING CLUB
RULES AND REGULATIONS
2017-18 HUNTING SEASON
GARWOOD, TEXAS

*Club membership dues are \$3000 per individual. Memberships may be corporate or personal. **Initiation Fee** – \$500 is a one-time fee for new members only.*

A \$50 late fee will apply to membership renewal payments received after May 1 each year.

A member must be present any time the membership is used. Unless otherwise notified by the Club's Board, the following apply:

1. *The Club will be open each day of teal and regular waterfowl season. The exceptions to this schedule are:*
 - *The Club will be closed for hunting on Thanksgiving Day*
 - *The Club will be open for hunting on the day following Thanksgiving, but no dinner will be served on Thanksgiving night*
 - *The Club will be closed for hunting on Christmas Day*
 - *The Club will be open for hunting on December 26th but no dinner will be served on December 25th*
 - *The Club will be closed for hunting on January 1st for New Year's Day*
 - *If a member(s) want to book a hunt when the club is scheduled to be closed, it will be determined by the Club Manager provided there are five (5) or more hunters or other considerations.*
2. **Reservations (subject to change):**
 - a. *Reservations should be made via the Club's online reservation system. If issues occur or changes need to be made, contact the Club Manager at the BucksNag office at (979) 758-3019 or preferably via email at **bucksnag@gmail.com**.*

- b. Reservations may be made when the Reservation System opens in August, as announced. We ask that you please exercise judgment and think of the other members needs when making reservations. Also note the cancellation requirements.
- c. Room assignments are on a first-come, first-served basis.
- d. **In 2017, the Board decided to restrict room reservations to one room per member for the Friday evenings of opening teal and duck season. This also applies to the Friday evening of the closing weekend of duck season.**
- e. **In addition to items d, above, due to the fact that many members historically want to book hunts on opening & closing weekends (teal, duck, goose & Sandhill crane) and the change of combined seasons (duck season split), reservations for those other weekend dates are limited to 2 (two) rooms per named member, unless space is available near the targeted date. If the club is not fully reserved at two weeks prior to these days, the room restriction maybe lifted at the discretion of the Club Manager.**
- f. Groups with special needs should so advise at the time of booking or sufficiently early enough to accommodate.
- g. Any reservations of 4 (four) or more rooms require a 2 (two) week advance cancellation period.
- h. The Club allows for whole club reservations as follows:
 - 1) The Club offers whole club booking for all 30 hunters reserved in advance or as approved by the Club Manager.
 - 2) When the club is booked, the member will be responsible and billed for 30 people. A **2 (two) week advance cancellation period will apply as noted in f above, if 4 or more rooms are booked.**
 - 3) The whole Club can be booked on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday nights (ie; weekday hunts).
 - 4) The whole Club cannot be booked for more than 2 days in any one week.
 - 5) The Club cannot be booked with the purpose of making a profit on the hunts by charging more than the Bucksrag charges unless it is a non-profit fundraiser and is approved in advance by the Bucksrag Board.
 - 6) The Club offers whole club booking outside of hunting season if 15 or more reservations are paid.
- i. **Cancellations** should be made ASAP to allow other members access to the rooms. To avoid being billed for the room & board and guide fee reservations, cancellations must be made at least 7 days before the scheduled arrival for reservations on any date. Room reservations of 4 rooms or more are subject to a 2 (two) week advance cancellation period. If a late cancellation can be filled by the waiting list, no charge will be incurred by the cancelling member. Otherwise, the member will be billed for the number of persons for which reservations were originally made plus appropriate guide fee(s). This is a membership courtesy rule. Automatic Club reservation system email reminders 8 days in advance are in place.
- j. Members are responsible for both their and their guests' dogs' behavior while at the Club including addressing excessive or late night barking. It is always best to check with the Club Manager before bringing a dog. Further, dogs are not allowed in any rooms at any time and for any reason. No exceptions.

3. *Meal Service will be provided as follows:*
 - a. *The Club provides bottled water, soft drinks, beer and setups. **Members should bring their own liquor or wine.** It is not provided by the club. Locker space is provided inside the Club's bar area for members' storing of these personal items.*
 - b. ***Dinner** is served at 7:00 p.m. With light hors d'oeuvres beginning approximately 6:00 p.m. If at all possible, the Club Manager or staff should be notified by 10:00 am the day of your scheduled arrival of any changes to the number of guests attending for dinner. This simply saves food waste. The kitchen staff will also save dinner servings for late arrivals, if notified by phone.*
 - c. *A **light breakfast** is provided prior to the morning hunt.*
 - d. *Fresh hot **brunch** will be served following the morning hunt. Guides will communicate expected hunt completion timing with the kitchen staff and update by phone from the field if there are expected delays. Our intent is good hunting followed by good food service.*
 - e. *Room, meals, snacks, soft drinks, beer, bottled water and set-up charges are included in the **\$120** per person per day fee. (If a member brings children under the age of 14, they will be charged **\$50** per child per day.)*
4. *Use of the House - The House and Trailer are intended for the clean comfort and safety of our members and their guests. Please do not allow guns or dogs to be taken into these rooms at any time, including overnight. Also, please report any maintenance or repairs that may be needed.*
5. *Each member and guest must be aware of and comply with the **Bucksrag Club Hunting Rules** and State, Federal and other applicable rules and regulations in effect at the time of the hunt. In addition, each hunter must observe the following field rules. Acceptance of membership constitutes your agreement to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Club:*
 - a. *Sign the club-provided game tag each day to record names, addresses, and hunting license numbers as required by the Federal and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.*
 - b. *Carry in the field: a current hunting license, appropriate waterfowl stamps, and personal identification. This is a member responsibility.*
 - c. *Abide by regulations in effect for steel shot zones.*
 - d. *Load guns in the field only and after all hunters are sitting in place.*
 - e. *Unload guns before leaving the field.*
 - f. *Pick up all expended shells before leaving the field.*
 - g. *Please refrain from touring the prairie without a guide. This is part of our hunting land lease agreements.*

6. *Individuals that do not stay at the Club the night before the Hunt (**the Club is not a day hunting club**) must confirm in advance with Club Manager their arrangements for an early morning arrival. At the board's discretion, driving into the Club in the morning to hunt will be permitted but is generally discouraged. **Such "drive in" hunts will cost \$75 per person for adults and \$50 for children, which includes a full meal following the hunt.** If such hunters are not checked in with the Guides by 5:00 a.m. the guide is paid and released and the member is charged all applicable fees. Appropriate communication with Club Manager &/or guides is important for this to be managed properly, please.*
7. *Each Member is responsible for their guest(s) and is to ensure that each guest is aware of and abides by the rules both at the Club and in the Field.*
8. *Other services will be provided at the Bucksrag as follows:*
 - a. *Limited locker space in the locker, gun cleaning & boot shed for shell and hunting equipment will be assigned by Club Manager. (No guns or shell are allowed in the house or trailer). Limited Dog kennels are outside the House. Dogs are not allowed in the house or trailer.*
 - b. *Bird cleaning (breasting) service is available and, if used, fees are included on each billing statement. Note that this service is optional to the member however, we encourage an ethic of cleaning of all unkept birds that the Club can cook.*
9. *Guide Services will be provided as follows (subject to change):*
 - a. *Experienced guides will be sent with each party and they will have a dog as well as field transportation.*
 - b. *Unless agreed by Club Manager, groups of over 6 hunters may either be split into parties of 6 or take additional guides. If you want to hunt in a party with only your group, please request at time of reservation.*
 - c. *Duck Hunts will generally be limited to 4 hunters if in a blind.*
 - d. *Guides are in charge during the hunt and will escort hunters to the field, set up the spread or decoys with the hunters' help, call birds, and assist in any way possible to provide a safe and enjoyable hunt.*
 - e. *Guide fees are \$200 per guide (subject to change by the Board).*
10. *Invoicing - After each scheduled hunt, itemized invoices will be provided or emailed to the host member:*
 - a. *Invoices are due and payable upon receipt. A late charge may apply to bills not paid within 30 days. Payments by credit card are subject to a convenience fee of 3% or less as is applicable.*
 - b. *All payments should preferably be paid by credit card following the hunt or checks mailed to: The Bucksrag Hunting Club: P.O. Box 381, Garwood Texas 77442. Cash payments to the Club are very discouraged due to security and transportation issues to our bank in Houston.*
 - c. *Questions about invoices should be directed to the Club Manager at 979-758-3019.*
11. *Rules are subject to change by the Board of Directors as conditions warrant and with proper communication & explanation to the members.*

