



March 19, 2018

To BucksNag Hunting Club Members:

Dear Members,

Another year has passed and your club management and its Board of Directors are in the planning stages for another outstanding waterfowl hunting experience for the 2018/19 hunting season.

PAST HUNTING SEASON... This year we again enjoyed a safe and enjoyable waterfowl season. Hunting continued to be outstanding, harvesting over 5700 total birds for the season. Overall, use of the club by members and their guests has been good. A number of our members have commented in survey responses that our hunting, food service and staff continues to be top notch. Your comments are taken seriously by club management and the board, so thank you for your responses. All in all, we enjoyed another a great season.

INCREASING MEMBERSHIP DUES - As you are aware, we have had several back to back years of increased expenditures on our house facility, hunting leases and hunting equipment enhancements. These costs have for the most part been needed and necessary and have added significantly to the club. The purchase of the storage building property has added not only additional storage uses, but we built a quality gun cleaning room that was well received and used by all.

Those improvements plus other smaller continuing projects, cost increases in hunting leases & water, and required equipment repair and replacement items are beginning to drain our cash resources. As you know, we have no debt and we have used the \$13,000 or so generated annually in our member raffle to support improvements. To rebuild our cash reserve and continue with quality hunting & improvements or maintenance on our house, a **dues increase of \$300 was carefully debated and approved by the board this month. So, our annual dues will now be \$3300** going forward. The new member initiation fee will remain at \$500. We are confident that this amount will enable us to sustain our hunting leases and property costs.

INCREASING DAILY FEE (ADULTS ONLY) - In addition, our food and house operating costs have continued to increase. To maintain the quality of food service and house usage we have all come to expect, the board has approved an increase in the **daily adult usage fee from \$120 per day to \$140**. The Club has been watching these costs increase over several years and cannot delay an increase any longer. **The daily rate for children will remain at \$50**. Drive in Hunting... The fee for drive in hunters remains at \$75 per adult hunter. While the club discourages drive in hunting as we are not a day hunting organization, it is understood that sometimes it is necessary and warranted.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, REQUIRED DATES ... The Board has decided that, we will continue the membership level at **86** members for this upcoming season. This number is based on consideration of a balanced use of the lodge facilities, available hunting locations, and our recent experience. We currently have an active “waiting list” to join and as you are aware our policy (per our bylaws) is to invite existing members in good standing to renew before any new members are added. The board and club management request that **IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**, please notify Brian Center via email as soon as possible please. **We will close membership renewals on April 27, 2018 and begin admitting new members on or about May 1.**

To renew your membership, you must complete the APPLICATION/AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP, ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER, including accurate contact information and your signature indicating that you have read, understand and agree with the Club Rules. This form should be returned to:

Brian Center, club manager, PO box 382, Garwood, Tex. 77442 or alternatively scan and email to bucksnag@gmail.com. You should also include your check if mailed or request that Brian send you an invoice to enable you to pay by credit card. (Dues' credit card charges will include a convenience fee of \$70 or roughly the 2% it costs the Club.)

CLUB RULES ...The club rules are located on the Club's website at www.bucksnag.com . You are being asked to sign an individual acknowledgement of these rules, as well as on behalf of your guests, as a part of your membership renewal.

If you have comments or suggestions regarding this letter or an interest in participating on a committee, please let Corky Palmer or Brian Center know. Participation is needed

and appreciated. At the recent board meeting, the board re-elected **Corky Palmer** to serve as **Club President** for the 2018-19 season.

The Board of Directors and club management thank you for being a member of the Bucksrag Hunting Club. As a membership hunting club, we all have mutual goals for a safe, legal and enjoyable waterfowl hunting experience.

Best Regards,

Corky Palmer

President