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Lakewood Yacht Club Racers Sweep J/Fest Southwest Regatta

Submitted By Marcy Fryday

In the 3rd Annual J/Fest Southwest Regatta, regatta chairman Al Goethe reported that out of the seven J boat designed racing fleets, Lakewood Yacht Club racers placed first in five. One exception to that was the J/24 fleet which was won by Corey Harding on "Happy Dance", earning him the J/24 Texas State Championship Trophy. The other was the J/70 fleet which was won by Bruce McDonald on "Rogue Warrior 2". Of note, this was the first J/70 one-design start on the Gulf Coast.

Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club with the title sponsor being the City of Seabrook, this national regatta was held over the weekend of Oct. 13 - 14 on Galveston Bay. Racers from as far away as Colorado trailed their J/boats to participate in this event. Lakewood had a record 61 boats registered for the regatta, most from out of the Clear Lake/Bay Area. That is an increase from 39 boats racing in 2009, the first year of the regatta.

"Winds were terrific on Saturday; we had just a perfect day of sailing," reported J/Boat founder and designer Rodney Johnstone who, once again, flew in from his hometown in Connecticut to represent the J/boat line, race and coach in the regatta.

Although winds were nearly non-existent on Sunday, Line B where the J/70, J/105, and J/109 boats raced, were able to eke out a race or two. Both lines A and C departed early



Colorful Sails Brighten Galveston Bay During J/Fest Southwest - Photo By Rebecca Collins

from the waters and returned to the clubhouse to look forward to the Awards Ceremony held in Lakewood's ballroom on Sun., Oct. 14, 4 pm.

The five first place Lakewood Yacht Club winners

were the following: J/PHRF, Douglas Shaffer on "Gambler"; J/80, Jay Lutz on "USA 803"; J/105, Bill Zartler on "Solaris"; J/109, Albrecht Goethe on "Hamburg"; and J/22, Casey Lambert on

"Blackburn Marine Racing". Goethe announced that Lambert had a perfect score of 4 bullets.

"Our awesome volunteers really made this J/Fest Southwest Regatta a stellar week-

end," added Goethe. "We had excellent on-the-water race execution and thorough on-land event management which showed our regatta participants a great time and proper southern hospitality!"

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By The Bay

Free Seminar: Advances in Hip and Knee Replacement Surgery

At this seminar, attendees will learn about the latest procedures that help reduce pain, provide a faster recovery and allow patients to keep moving. Free x-rays will be given, limit one per participant.

Wednesday, November 7
7-8 p.m.

San Jacinto Methodist Hospital
Garth Community Room
4401 Garth Road
Baytown, Texas 77521

For more information or to RSVP, call 832-556-6543.

LPRSEA Meets Monday, Nov. 5, 2012

La Porte Retired School Employees Association (LPRSEA) Notice of November, 2012 Meeting. Monday, Nov. 5, 2012. 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting. 11:00 a.m. Lunch and Program. Las Hadas Mexican Restaurant, 204 West Fairmont Parkway La Porte, TX 77571. All retired school employees and those interested in education are invited. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Betty Thompson, 281-470-9600 or email: bthompson58@att.net

Blood Drive Set For November 12th

La Porte Community Church
BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, Nov. 12th, 2012
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
202 South First and A St.
La Porte, TX 77571

For more information, call Betty Thompson, 281-470-9600 or the church office, 281-471-0303 or email: bthompson58@att.net

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Seabrook Rotary Visited By Texas Bottle Bill Advocate



Patsy Gillham, Co-Creator of the Texas Bottle Bill With The Texas Bottlemobile - Photo by Rebecca Collins

Patsy Gillham, co-creator of the Texas Bottle Bill stopped by Seabrook Rotary Club on Thursday, October 18th to talk to members about this important initiative being re-introduced in the upcoming Texas Legislature.

The mission of the Texas Bottle Bill is to establish a deposit/refund program to decrease the volume of aluminum, glass and plastic beverage containers in our lakes and waterways, roadways and public lands. The deposit/refund system will combine financial incentives and convenient redemption centers. This along with curbside collection will ensure the maximum number of beverage containers for recycling. This Texas Bottle Bill will establish a funding base to create jobs locally and throughout the state - especially in the recycling, processing and manufacturing industries. The Texas Bottle Bill will reduce Texans' carbon footprint by increasing the supply of high quality materials for recycling, and help replace the practice of using virgin material to produce new products.

Litter travels from all corners of Texas into

our storm drains and waterways until it reaches the Gulf of Mexico. The mission of the Texas Bottle Bill is to stop the unnecessary and improper disposal of valuable resources, and to help create jobs for our communities here in Texas.

As America becomes an increasingly "on-the-go" society, a bottle bill will help to capture the containers of beverages not consumed at home. With over 20 years of experience, bottle laws have helped to recycle an average of 75% of all beverage containers.

Deposits on beverage containers were used for many decades by the beverage industry to ensure the return of their refillable bottles. Deposits work because they provide a financial incentive to recycle and a disincentive to litter.

There are 10 bottle bill states in the U.S. The first one began in 1971. Another 10 states currently have deposit/refund legislation pending. For more information on the Texas Bottle Bill visit www.TexasBottleBill.com.

La Porte Bulldogs Beat Deer Park 20-16

By Keith Schul

The 52nd meeting between the La Porte Bulldogs and the Deer Park Deer did not disappoint last Friday as the Bulldogs pulled off a 20-16 thriller in a sold out Bulldog Stadium.

La Porte overcame an early 13-0 deficit as Deer Park came out firing on all cylinders. The Bulldogs punted after their opening possession. Deer Park used a 90 yard, 13 play four and a half minute drive to get on the board as Deer Senior Running Back Noah Cano scored on a two yard run. Deer Park would miss the extra point after a bad snap. It was Deer Park leading 6-0 with 4:51 left in the 1st quarter.

The Bulldogs would move the ball well on their next drive a 28 run from Junior Running Back Jonathan Lewis got La Porte into Deer Park territory, however again the drive stalled and a 50 yard field goal attempt came up a little short.

As the game moved into the second quarter Deer Park was again on the move and two consecutive La Porte pass interference penalties moved the Deer deep into Bulldog territory. Deer Park again would find the end zone as Junior Quarterback Connor Means ran the option and kept it himself for the seven score and Deer Park was up 13-0 with 8:41 left in the first half.

The teams would trade punts and La Porte would take over at the Deer Park 35 yard line after a great punt return from Senior Running Back Keith Whitely. The Bulldogs changed to a wildcat formation for a couple plays to get down to the 21 yard line. Junior Quarterback Jordan Jackson got La Porte on the board with a beautiful 21 yard pass to Lewis who was wide open in the end zone. However they could not convert on the extra point. It was Deer Park 13 and La Porte 6 with 2:19 left in the 2nd quarter.

La Porte's defense came alive forcing a 3 and out. Whitely again with a great punt return ran it back 94 yards for the touchdown, however a illegal block made it Bulldogs ball at the Deer 30 with the clock running down in the half. La

Porte took a shot at the endzone on a halfback pass and got a pass interference penalty moving the ball to the 20. Then with eight seconds remaining Jackson threw a fade into the corner of the end zone for Junior Hoza Scott. Scott leaped over the Deer defenders and snagged a 20 yard pass with three seconds left in the half. La Porte tied it up going to halftime with a great 5 minute stretch of play. The Bulldogs had 10 penalties for 91 yards in the half, yet were able to claw their way back into it.

The Deer would get the second half kickoff, but Senior Cornerback Ellis Hutchinson would get an interception and keep the momentum on the Bulldogs side. However the Bulldogs were forced to punt. Deer Park got their ground game going with an 11 play drive and connected on a Zane Gonzalez 30 yard field goal to make the score Deer Park 16 La Porte 13 with 5:16 left in the third quarter.

Midway through the 4th quarter and the La Porte offense was moving the ball into Deer territory. The drive stalled and La Porte missed the 31 yard field goal attempt with 4:42 remaining in the game.

Hoza Scott would again come up big. Deer Park ran up the middle on the next play and Scott knocked the ball from the running back's arms, recovered it, and ran it back for the touchdown all in one motion. It was a game changing play and the Bulldogs would never look back on their way to a 20-16 hard fought victory. The Bulldogs had zero penalties in the second half. The running game was impressive lead by the line up front averaged 5.6 yards per carry. On the other side the defense held the Deer to only 3.8 yards per carry after the Deer came into the game gashing opposing defenses.

Another big victory for La Porte in the rivalry over Deer Park. Even more important is another big district 21-5a victory. La Porte and North Shore are the only two remaining undefeated teams in district play.

La Porte will face Channelview this Friday at 7pm at their new stadium in Channelview.

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