



The Rebel Yell



A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels - One of the Oldest Scuba Clubs in Texas - Established 1958

December 2010

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Danny Bouska, Webmaster/Newsletter
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – December 1, 2010

Meeting Time
6:30pm Social
7:15pm Meeting

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Upcoming Events Calendar

Dec	1	Monthly Membership Meeting
Dec	11	Christmas Party
Jan	5	Monthly Membership Meeting
Jan	29-30	San Marcos River Outing
Feb	2	Monthly Membership Meeting
Feb	26-27	Arctic Dive and Wine & Cheese Outing
Mar	2	Monthly Membership Meeting

President's Report

My fellow Diving Rebels,

Congratulations to the elected officers for the 2011 Diving Rebel Board of Directors. Please allow me to present the new Board.

President: Danny Bouska

Vice-President: Mark Estill

Treasurer: Kelly Barentine

Secretary: Rita Simpson

Activities Director: Tina Caron

Senior Board Members: Marcus Greenberg and Sherry Hammond

Junior Board Member: Cory Bailow

On a personal note, it with some surprise, and a heavy heart, that I am writing my last President's letter. With the way things go in the Club, I would have been expecting to have to recruit my replacement. Well, not so, and I find myself experiencing more of the "new" that has been my mantra these last few years; new direction for the Club and my own future.

I don't think there is any doubt that I have tried my best to help the Club progress. I built on what I learned from leaders before me. Some I gleaned knowledge of what worked well and others, what not to do. I had a goal of newness for the Club and I believe did well in stepping toward that vision.

We've been to the most new dive locations in any Club member's memory, had a new meeting format and agenda, had several new games introduced to meetings and parties. More new speakers have graced us with their presence with a myriad of topics over the last 3 years. We made more money in the Chinese Auction than any year in the history of the Club – for three years in a row. And, I tried to address our collective need for improvement in our skills and encouraged each of us to be better divers.

I have certainly enjoyed being President of the Diving Rebels and now a new President and new adventures await.

Leaving one of my most loved jobs,
Keith

Rebel's Dive on November 20th, Virtual Diving that is!

The Diving Rebels descended on Forth Worth Omnimax theater the afternoon of November 20th to do virtual diving by watching the "Under the Sea" IMAX film. A total of 11 members came to the event (10 were on time and got to watch the movie - what time does it start Mark S.?). It was one of the better IMAX films we have seen and was full of colorful reef and marine life shots! Made us all wish we were the lucky photographers! After the movie, we reconvened at Caro's, a fine little place the Johnny knew from his old 'hood. Great food and fun was the fare of the day there. Next time, you should join the fun too!



What to Expect at Upcoming Events/Outings!

December 11

Christmas Party: Held on the shores of beautiful Lake Arlington in the Richard Simpson Park Building, 6300 Arkansas Ln. There will be music, raffle prizes, good food, a gift exchange and more. Mark your calendar now for our end of the year event.

January 29-30

San Marcos River Dive: Want ocean quality visibility, and 73 degree water in Texas during the month of January? Make plans to attend this outing and experience a fun and enjoyable "drift dive" in the San Marcos River.

February 26-27

Arctic Dive and Wine and Cheese Festival at Lake Murray near Ardmore Oklahoma. Dive if you dare, but come out and enjoy great food, bring your favorite wine and cheese to enter into the contest for the best or bring your worst wine and cheese to enter into the contest for the worst! Either way, this outing is a lot of fun!

March – December 2011

Let the board know where you want to go diving. Coordinate an outing or two or coordinate meals. Become active in YOUR DIVE CLUB!

DIVING REBELS Fall Fashion Frenzy

All good things must come to an end, even those summer days we dive for! Fellow Rebels it is time to show your Diving Rebel pride even in those not so balmy months. Your Rebel Board has worked up a small sampling of items to look at for purchase that will aid you in demonstrating your Rebel pride. Be sure to come to the December 1st meeting and view new Rebel Gear that can be sported about the various diving destinations. If you had your eye on an item from our March Merchandise Madness you still have an opportunity to order those as well. Be sure to bring your cash or check book as a non-refundable deposit will be required before an order can be sent in. We have some really innovative items for you to choose from!



Birthdays

Dec 14 Gail Jackson
Dec 15 Keith Weber
Dec 20 Susan Banda
Dec 22 Conner Shipe
Dec 22 Brandon Shipe
Dec 23 Kim Alloy

Anniversaries

Dec 3 Linda & Jim Magnuson



A Rebel Welcome to New Members Joining in November 2010

Shari Taylor
Troy Tidwell
Jeff and Debbie Larson

Say "Hi" to Debbie, Jeff, Shari and Troy and give a Rebel Welcome to our newest members!

Don't forget Diving Rebels Caps and T-Shirts
On sale at any monthly meeting!



NATURAL



NAVY &



BLACK



NAVY

Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

Christmas Party 2010

December 11th at Lake Arlington

6300 Arkansas Lane- Richard Simpson Park Building

The Diving Rebels will conclude a great year with a fantastic Holiday Party.

This year, the board has decided to waive the entry fee, but is asking that you bring a toy, school supplies, sandals, tennis shoes, or other type shoes with a \$5 minimum value as your entry fee.

The items will be donated to “Toy’s for the Children”. If you are not familiar with “Toy’s for the Children”, it is an organization founded in 1997 by Jimmy Atkinson (one of our members) and Cam O'Brien (owner of Bay Island Beach Resort, Honduras) and collects toys and other goods and volunteers personally distribute these items to the children and families in Honduras, Costa Rica, Mexico, and elsewhere. TFTC have delivered gifts to over 26,000 children since 1997. The organization is supported entirely by volunteer efforts and they are proud to note that each year provides an opportunity to deliver more items to more children in need. The website is: www.toysforthechildren.org

As this is your party, there are plenty of opportunities for the membership to assist with set up and decorating. After all the fun, please stay and assist with break down and clean up. The more people who stay and help, the quicker this task can be completed.

Other ways you can help are by bringing beverages, ice, appetizers, main vegetable dishes, salads and desserts.

The doors will be open at 4pm for setup with appetizers starting around 5pm, with the main meal targeted for between 6 and 7.

There will be the traditional gift exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift with a \$20 - \$25 value. There will also be numerous prizes raffled off during the evening wrapping up about 11:30pm giving plenty of time to clean up and end by midnight. To buy raffle tickets see Sherry.

Remember to bring your favorite holiday music for the meal and dance tunes!



The Diving Rebels Annual Chili Cook-Off November 6th 2010

Keeping with tradition the event was held at Cedar Hill State Park where it has been held for the past 10 years or maybe longer. Originally scheduled for Saturday the 13th and having to change the date gave us a perfect day. It was a good thing as the original weekend was very cold and rainy.

There was close to 20 or so in attendance along with 6 dogs with most everyone arriving around 3:30 PM. Doug arrived first followed by Keith Weber. Steve Ogden brought an awesome assortment of mammal and reptile critters including a very cool looking Skink. Elizabeth brought Alfredo who is always happy to play with anyone with something to throw. Elizabeth also brought several delicious dishes to snack on.

There were nine chili entries and three entries for the presentation.

The winners are: First Place – Kevin Campbell, 2nd – Steve Herman, 3rd – Danny Bouska, 4th – George Bartulevicz, 5th – Keith Weber, 6th – Kelly Barentine, 7th – Doug Sheppard, 8th – Elizabeth Neumann, 9th – Maurice Sheppard

Kelly Barentine won best presentation.

The rest of the evening was spent devouring the rest of the chili and sitting around a nice warm fire enjoying great friends and conversation until about 10:30 PM.



Photo by Danny Bouska



Photo by Doug Sheppard



Photo by Tina Caron



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