



The Rebel Yell



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

November 2010

2010 DIVING REBEL BOARD

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Danny Bouska, Webmaster/Newsletter
Linda Magnuson, Historian

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – November 3, 2010

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

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November Meeting Program

Board of Director Elections
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2010 In Review

Upcoming Events Calendar

Nov	3	Monthly Membership Meeting – Officer Elections
Nov	13	Annual Chili Cook-Off – Joe Pool Lake
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	TBA	Arctic Dive and Wine & Cheese Outing

President's Report

Salute Rebel divers,

We are once again nearing the year-end elections. We have a good slate with contested races for President, Activities Director and Junior Board Member. The ballot will be sent in a separate emailing to members only for absentee or prior candidate consideration. Mark Estill at mestill@earthlink.net will be the absentee accumulator. The email must come from your email on record with the club. The deadline is 5pm CDT Wednesday Nov 3. Provisions for snail mail will be that one needs to speak to Mark for his address and it must arrive at his house in Wednesday's mail. The votes will be counted at the meeting with Mark controlling the ballot distribution so each member gets their one and only one vote. Also see the attached Board Responsibilities sheet for your review.

So we've had some good outings lately. Lake Travis was exceptionally pleasant. The daytime temps were comfortable with the wind blowing and the water temps were bearable at 70 – 100 ft where the visibility was an incredible 20ft by most estimates since it was also very dark; just ask Johnny. And then the most recent pumpkin carving event at Blue Lagoon was one I did not get to attend, but know I missed a fantastic outing.

And don't forget our upcoming events too. The Annual Chili Cook-off is the weekend after the meeting. I'm throwing down my oven mit if anyone cares to take the challenge. I am proud to say I am a three time winner out of my almost 10 years of entering the fray. I am betting other long time members can boast even more numerous victories in this long-standing tradition that is now anchored (and for most of my club tenure) by our beloved Doug Sheppard. Be sure to be watching for the D R Holler when Doug secures the site for the event.

And then there's the Christmas party Dec 11. Plans are for one of more laid back parties with dinner planned about 6pm and appetizers about 5pm. I will have help preparing 2 turkeys (oven baked and roasted). Beyond that we will be having sign-up sheets for member contributions to the feast. Sign-ups for set-up and clean-up will also be passed around. We would like to alleviate the rush to clean up as soon as the raffle is over. So those that plan to stay late can sign up for the clean-up duty – you know one will be me. I met the crew that comes after us last year and they didn't have a lot to do. We talked for a few minutes and I left them pretty much standing around – man! We are good. Certainly not like the ones that left the garbage in the “forbidden fenced area.” So let's plan on coming at a later time and staying 'til the end. The location is the Lake Arlington Room at Simpson Park at the dead end of West-bound Arkansas at the lake (on the left). If you make it to the yacht club you've gone too far.

And lastly, if you haven't been diving lately, what are you waiting for? Plenty of Rebels have been packing air and getting wet, join us.

Going with anyone ready to go overboard,
Keith



What to Expect at Upcoming Events/Outings!

November 13

Our Annual Chili Cook-Off will have your taste buds watering as you taste the wide array of chili cooked by the club members. This event is held locally at Joe Pool Lake and will be coordinated by Doug Sheppard.

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 – 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 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 can have your ordered items available before Christmas if you need them and we have really innovative items for you to choose from!



Birthdays

Nov 9	Johnny Griffin
Nov 12	Steve Herman
Nov 20	Cory Bailow

Anniversaries

Nov 22	Ray & Jeanne Howerton
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Did we miss your special date? If so, it's not in our database. Contact Mark Estill to update your info!

A Rebel Welcome to New Members Joining in October 2010

Susan Banda – Roanoke Tx
Hendrick Gesink – Keller, Tx
Gail Jackson – Bedford, Tx
Tommy Thompson – Ft Worth, Tx

Say "Hi" to Susan, Hendrick, Gail and Tommy 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



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NAVY

Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

Letter from the Treasurer

Diving Rebel Members,

The Board has decided to run its annual Early Bird Renewal Special since we know our fellow Rebels cannot resist sales. What we are offering is roughly a 10% discount if you renew your membership by the end of the December meeting. **Prior to the end of the meeting on December 1, 2010, you can pay dues for 2011 at the following rates: Regular member \$22, each Additional Diving Family Member \$13 and each Non-diving/nonvoting Member \$4.** After this limited time offer, the renewal cost returns to: regular member \$25, each Additional Diving Family member \$15 and each Non-diving/nonvoting member is \$5. So take advantage of the savings and renew early.

To take advantage of the above mentioned offer Mark Estill-V.P will have our membership information printed and on hand to verify and the release to sign on the back. He will take your payment at that time via cash or check made out to Diving Rebels.

In other news; this year we have operated within the voted upon budget with only a couple amendments to increase our dive time. We are over in revenue and within our predicted expenses which makes for a happy checking account.

This year's record earnings were due to 3 major factors over the course of the year. First of all we had an awesome Junior Board Member team with Marcus Greenburg & Sherry Hammond who collected Rebel Wear Fines over the anticipated amount along with the 50/50 Raffle increased income. Our next Junior Board Member has very big shoes to fill. Thank you again Marcus and Sherry! Second was due to our record breaking numbers during our Chinese Auction which put a huge grin on our President's face and not just because he does not have to dive Lake Arlington in December. Finally, it is due to you the members who came to the meetings and were willing to participate in the various raffles, FUNdraisers and events. Without you we would not be where we are!

I am honored that you have faith in me to continue to be your Treasurer in 2011 and I look forward to lots of great dives and fun times.

Your Diving Rebel Treasurer,
Kelly Barentine



Annual Chili Cook-off November 6 – 7, 2010

Come on out for the hotly contested titles for Best chili and Best presentation. Cedar Hill State Park is where you'll need to look for us and watch for Diving Rebels signs. The sites are still to be determined.

Cook-off rules:

Bring your chili or cook it on site. Judging is based on these criteria: Taste, Consistency, Aroma, Color & Bite and Presentation - so you can show off your creativity with your cooking area and chili presentation.

Cedar Hill State Park is located on F.M 1382, on the right heading south (over the hill and turn right at the bottom of the curve). Out of Arlington take I-20 east exit FM 1382 south. From Dallas take I-20 west Exit FM 1382 south.

Questions and Information including time chili will be judged contact Doug Sheppard 817-881-5499 dougshep@charter.net

Stay tuned for more details, but be sure to plan the date. And since the spaces are booked for the night, anyone wishing to camp is welcome to do so.



October Outing, Blue Lagoon – Huntsville, Tx, October 24-25

Outing Coordinator: Danny Bouska

Those of you who missed this years Pumpkin Carving Contest and other outing events at The Blue Lagoon, missed a very fun time. There were 7 people who made the drive to Huntsville on Friday with a total for the weekend of 13 though we did have a few no shows. The weather for the weekend was fantastic. The nights were cool making for good sleeping and the days warm enough that you weren't cold when you got out of the 73 degree water.

The Navigation Contest got underway just after a lunch of sandwiches, a variety of cheeses and veggies coordinated by Nick and Paula Boyett. With 5 buddy teams participating, only one team with Cory Bailow as the navigator, was able to navigate the entire course finding all five of the bright yellow plastic pumpkins and retrieving the colored clip from each location.

The main event "Underwater Pumpkin Carving" got underway around 4:30pm. Everyone entered the water and surface swam to the buoy to conserve air. Once everyone was over the platform, we descended. As soon as fins touched the platform, one could see knives being drawn from their sheaths and the stabbing and cutting of pumpkins began. It was fun to watch the multiple carving techniques and techniques used to anchor to the platform and hold the pumpkin while carving.



The carvers worked fast and furiously as it only took about 30 minutes for everyone to carve their pumpkins and head back to shore. After reaching shore, the pumpkins were placed at the picnic table pavilion for later judging.

While dinner was being prepared by Danny Bouska, tent decorating occurred. It seems that Nick and Paula were the only ones who decorated their campsite and did an outstanding job doing so! Dinner consisted of spaghetti and marinara meat sauce, salad, French bread and peach cobbler for dessert. While everyone ate, the "judges" determined the best carved pumpkin and after dinner, the winners were announced. Following the announcement of the winners, we watched Disney's "The Haunted Mansion".

Winners of the days contest were announced:

Navigation Contest:	Cory Bailow	\$30 Gift Certificate
Pumpkin Carving Contest:	Sherry Strahla & Tommy Thompson	\$50 Gift Certificate
Tent Decorating:	Nick and Paula Boyett	

There was more coffee drank on Sunday morning than any outing I can remember as we talked about the previous day over a continental breakfast. After breakfast, everyone got in one last dive before heading back to DFW.



Blue Lagoon – Pumpkin Carving Contest Pictures

Photo's by Tina Caron



The Winning Spooky Campsite



The Winning Pumpkin!

