

The Rebel Yell

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

November 2011

2011 DIVING REBEL BOARD

Danny Bouska,	President
Mark Estill,	Vice President
Kelly Barentine,	Treasurer
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Ellen Fourton,	Newsletter Editor
Danny Bouska,	Webmaster
Connie Mitchell,	Historian

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WWW.DIVINGREBELS.ORG

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info@divingrebels.org



We are on the web in multiple locations:
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Humperdinks in Arlington
700 Six Flags Dr.
Arlington, TX 76011

Wednesday – November 2, 2011
6:30pm Social 7:15pm Meeting Begins

Board of Directors Elections
Scuba Bingo

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Upcoming Events Calendar

- Nov 2 Membership Meeting, Officer Elections, Scuba Bingo
- Nov 5 Annual Chili Cook-Off
- Dec 7 Membership Meeting
- Dec 10 Christmas Party Lake Arlington
- Jan 4 Membership Meeting
- Jan 28-29 San Marcos River

President's Report

Hi Everyone!

It's that time of the year.....time for election of the Club's Board of Directors. There being no nominations other than the existing Board Members during the October Membership Meeting, the current board is uncontested for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Activities Director. There is one person running for the Junior Board Member position. We will also be voting for Diver of the Year and the Service Award. A more detailed description of both of these awards and more information on the Board Responsibilities can be found in articles located elsewhere in this newsletter.

An absentee ballot has been sent in a separate emailing to members only. Danny Barentine will collect the absentee ballots. **If voting absentee, the email must come from your email of record with the club. The deadline is 5pm CDT Wednesday Nov 2nd.** The votes will be counted at the meeting with Danny Barentine and Sherry Hammond controlling the ballot distribution and counting.

It has been a very active year for the Diving Rebels. The scheduled dive outings came to an end this past weekend with the Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest at the Blue Lagoon. There are two events remaining to round out the year; but the current board has started the wheels spinning for the 2012 outings by setting dates and making reservations for those outings which require advanced planning.

Make sure to mark your calendar for the Annual Chili Cook-off to be held on November 5th at Cedar Hill State Park on Joe Pool Lake. Review the article in this newsletter and watch the website and your email for the announcement of the sites at the State Park when Doug has them secured.

While marking your calendar for the Chili Cook-off, also mark December 10th for the Christmas party. There are some great activities being planned for this year's party so don't miss out! You may want to come early as myself and so far Johnny Griffin and Ray Howerton will be diving Lake Arlington as promised after the tremendous success of the Chinese Auction in September. For the party itself, the Club will furnish meats and members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. We will be having sign-up sheets for member contributions at the November and December meetings along with sign-ups for set-up and clean-up. 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 your feet get wet, you've gone too far.

Danny

Letter from the Treasurer

Diving Rebel Family,

Our members are not only generous they are the best, and to demonstrate our appreciation the Board has voted to run the annual Early Bird Renewal Special for 2012 dues once again. But Wait, there's more! What we offer is the largest discount ever given to our current members but only if you renew your membership by the end of the December member meeting. **Prior to the end of the meeting on December 7, 2011, you can pay dues for 2012 at the following rates: Regular member \$20, each Additional Diving Family Member \$10 and each Non-diving/nonvoting Member \$5.**

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. I encourage you to take advantage of the savings and renew early. ****NOTE: I will not be able to extend the offer past the December 7th meeting;** payments can be given to me via cash or check made out to Diving Rebels. If you need to mail in your payment for dues you can send them to me at: **1310 Webb Ferrell Road S Arlington, TX 76002** but the payment must be postmarked by the December 7th deadline.

I know that some of you pay your dues at the annual Christmas Party but unfortunately I will NOT be accepting annual dues during the party this year. So please pay your discounted dues at the November/December meeting or mail them in to the address I gave above.

In other news; this year we have operated within the voted upon budget with only a few amendments to increase our dive time and get the club back under corporation protection. While our corporation status is still pending 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 factors over the course of this past year. First of all we had an awesome Junior Board Member team who collected Rebel Wear Fines over the anticipated amount along with the 50/50 Raffle fund coming in over budget. I am confident our next Junior Board Member will pick up where they left off and run with it.

Second was due to our record breaking funds generated during our Chinese Auction. The \$3,100.00 raised is truly astounding! It seems that you the members are not only generous you also wanted to see our President, Danny Bouska dive in frigid Lake Arlington. Danny will make his historic dive on December 10th, the day of the Christmas Party. It was very nice of Johnny Griffin and Ray Howerton to offer to dive with him; I know he appreciates buddy support. Stay tuned for the announcement of what time that dive will take place.

Finally, and most importantly, our financial health is due to YOU, the members. It was you who consistently came to the meetings along with participating in the various raffles, FUNdraisers, outings and events. With your generous support it has given our club a banner year. It proves the point that Diving Rebels are without a doubt the most generous of people, without you we would not have achieved all that we have. THANK YOU!

I am honored that you had faith in me to be your Treasurer in 2011 and know that I always gave 100% to the club as did all the Board. I have faith that the Board of 2012 will have exciting things planned for all of us in the club. I look forward to lots of great dives and fun times in 2012.

Your Diving Rebel Treasurer,
Kelly Barentine

SCUBA

The 5 letter word we all dive for!
What makes that word better?
Combine it with another 5 letter word:
MONEY!

Put those together and you have;

SCUBA BINGO



Come to the November meeting and bring
a fist full of dollars to play!

Cards are \$1.00 each per game –
3 games will be played

*Funds raised will be donated to Susan Banda
Memorial

Monetary donations will be accepted at the meeting
via check or cash



BIRTHDAYS

11/3 Greg Hensley
11/9 Johnny Griffin
11/12 Steve Herman
11/20 Cory Bailow

ANNIVERSARIES

11/13 Rhonda and Scott Nipp
11/22 Jeanne & Ray Howerton

Did we miss your special date? Contact
Mark Estill to update your info!



Diving Rebels Annual Awards

Each year the Diving Rebels select the recipient of the awards that reflect participation and contributions to the club. These will be voted on at the November Meeting.

The first is the **Diver-of-the-Year**, which should go to that member who has exemplified the greatest commitment to and achievement in improving his or her diving skills as well as participating in the diving activities of the Club. This person may be either an experienced diver or a novice diver. This person may not be the best or most experienced diver, but should be one whose enthusiasm for diving is unquestioned and can be counted on to contribute in a positive way to the Club outings. The tally of drift points may assist you in knowing who has been active in the club but does not include other things such as attaining additional certifications etc.

The second is the **Service Award**, which should be bestowed on that club member who has best exemplified a commitment to the welfare of the club. The commitment is evidenced by his or her contributions in the way of leadership, planning and participation in the activities of the Club, both of an organizational as well as a diving nature. This person may be either a long-time member or a new member. This person is that one who may be counted on to assist others and go above and beyond what might ordinarily be expected in the way of contributions to the Club.



Board of Directors' Responsibilities

The following are taken from the Club's By-Laws and provide information as to the make up of the Board, the eligibility of potential Board members and the duties of each Director.

ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Corporation shall be managed by a board of directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the current corporate officers, the Activities Chairperson, and two General Directors. The Activities Chairperson shall be elected to a one-year term and the General Directors shall be elected in alternate years to two-terms. To be nominated or elected to be a club officer, a member must have been a member in good standing and have attended at least three (3) meetings and three (3) club dive outings between Jan 1 and the October meeting, inclusive. Nomination of board members shall be made at the October club meeting and election held at the November meeting each year.

ARTICLE X - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The President shall be the principle executive officer of the Corporation and shall preside at all the meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. He may sign, with the signature of any other Officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, any contracts or instruments which the Board of Directors may authorize him.

2. The Vice-President shall serve in the place of the President in his inability, absence, or refusal to act. He shall also serve as New Member Coordinator and is responsible for furnishing new members with such materials that are provided for by the initiation fee.

3. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the Club's financial affair and make reports to the membership and the Board of Directors when called upon to do so.

4. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors in books provided for that purpose; shall see that all notice are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; shall be the custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Corporation and see that the seal of the Corporation is affixed to such documents as necessary and perform such other duties as assigned to him by the President of the Board of Directors.

5. The Activities Chairperson will have the following duties and responsibilities: Be aware of all club activities so that members can have a source of information. Attend club and board meetings. Organize dive outing coordinators. With the Officers, organize committees necessary for club activities. Maintain and inventory club owned equipment and be responsible for keeping track of members' use of the equipment.

6. The General Director shall attend meetings of the Board of Directors representing the general membership of the Club and provide continuity.



Annual Chili Cook-Off, November 5-6 (NEW DATE)

Outing Coordinator: Doug Sheppard

Mark your calendar and come out for the hotly contested titles of Best Chili and Best Presentation. This annual event is being coordinated by Doug Sheppard and will be held at Cedar Hill State Park on Joe Pool Lake. The exact camp sites are yet to be determined.

Bring your chili or cook it on site and show off your creativity with your cooking area and chili presentation. Judging is based on the criteria of taste, consistency, aroma, color, bite and 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: Doug Sheppard 817-881-5499 dougshep@charter.net

Since the camp sites are booked for the night, anyone wishing to camp is welcome.

Who to Watch: In 2010 there were nine entries.

Best Chili

First Place - Kevin Campbell

Second Place – Steve Herman

Third Place – Danny Bouska

Best Presentation – Kelly Barentine





It wouldn't be Christmas without friends

To celebrate with!

*So join us in the celebration at the annual
Diving Rebels Scuba Club Christmas Party!*

When: December 10, 2011
**Where: Richard Simpson Park Bldg
6300 Arkansas Lane Arlington, TX**
Time: 4:00 pm Set Up/5:00 pm Appetizers/7:00 Main Meal
Cost: \$5 cash or Toy/School Supply/Shoes Donation (per person)

Due to the generosity of the members, the Board has voted to waive the entry fee that generally covers the meat & party venue. Instead we ask that you bring a "NEW" toy, school supplies or shoes worth a minimum of \$5.00. These items will be donated to "TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN," an organization founded in 1997 by member Jimmy Atkinson & Cam O'Brien (owner of Bay Island Beach Resort, Honduras). For additional information please visit www.toysforthechildren.org.

There are plenty of opportunities for the membership to assist with the festivities if you wish to participate.

- We will have sign up sheets for Set Up before the party and Clean Up for after.**
- As the Board is supplying the meat (Turkey & Ham) we ask that you bring appetizers, side dishes, salads and desserts.**

What is on the agenda you ask?

- PRESENTATIONS!-Announcement of Diver of the Year, Service Award & Drift Points Winner**
- GIFT EXCHANGE! There will be the traditional gift exchange. Should you desire to participate, bring a wrapped gift with a \$20-\$25 value.**
- SILENT AUCTION! It will include a variety of dive gear and will benefit the Susan Banda Memorial.**
- RAFFLE! There will be numerous prizes raffled off during the evening (see Danny Barentine to purchase tickets)**
- KARAOKE-A huge hit at last year's party!**
- DESSERT CONTEST!-we have been told that our members have baking skills so we want to see what cha got! (Registration sheets available in this newsletter & at the meetings-must register your entry by 6:45pm)**

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DESSERT CONTEST ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ DESSERT CATEGORY: _____
PIE CAKE OTHER

NAME OF DESSERT:

INGREDIENTS: (optional)

PUBLISH: YES OR NO

Recipe: (optional)

FILL THIS FORM OUT AND TURN IN TO KELLY BARENTINE AT THE DIVING REBELS CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 7TH. DESSERTS MUST BE ENTERED BY 7:15 PM FOR THE JUDGING TO BEGIN. YOUR DISH WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING: FLAVOR/TASTE, APPEARANCE/DESIGN, ORIGINALITY AND CREATIVITY. FIRST PLACE WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY WITH A GRAND PRIZE GIVEN TO THE TOP DESSERTO FROM FIRST PLACE WINNERS. NOTE: YOUR RECIPE MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER & ON WEBSITE!

CONTESTANT # _____ CONTESTANT # _____

October Outing, Blue Lagoon – Huntsville, Tx, October 22-23

Outing Coordinator: Danny Bouska

OH MY LORD.....if you missed this years Pumpkin Carving Contest you missed this phrase as it echoed across Lagoon 1 when Kelly Barentine entered the 72 degree water. The divers waiting on the surface above the platform ready to descend and carve pumpkins didn't miss it and neither did the other divers on the shore surrounding Lagoon 1.

There were 15 people who made the trip to Huntsville and 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 water.

Many of those in attendance made one or two dives Saturday morning and early afternoon. The diving was only interrupted by a wonderful lunch of hamburgers and all the fixings provide by Kelly and Danny Barentine. A wide array of cookies and other sweets were available for dessert and throughout the day.

After lunch, teams began to prepare their pumpkins for carving. Sandra Playle's "Super Duper Secret Underwater Carving Dive Knife" was inspected to make sure she was playing fairly! As the pumpkins were being cleaned, the "guts" seemed to find their way onto the top of people's heads, on shoulders and other unmentionable locations. The "Underwater Pumpkin Carving" got underway around 3:30pm. 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 was underway. 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 taking less than an hour for everyone to carve their pumpkins and head back to shore. After reaching shore, the pumpkins were placed on a hillside overlooking the meal and gathering area to wait for later judging.

While dinner was being prepped, the "judges" determined the overall carved pumpkin and scariest pumpkin along with two runners up with the winners being announced just before dinner.

Winners were:

Overall Winner Pumpkin Carving: Danny and Kelly Barentine	\$40 Gift Certificate
Scariest Pumpkin Carving: Mark Stonebridge	\$30 Gift Certificate
Runner Up: Nick and Paula Boyett	10'x10' Tarp
Runner Up: Sandra and Scott Playle	10'x10' Tarp

Dinner consisted of great tasting gumbo, jambalaya, rice and salad prepared by Jim and Rita Simpson and for dessert everyone enjoyed the available cookies and sweets. After dinner, everyone sat around sharing stories, telling jokes and discussing the designs of the carved pumpkins. As darkness settled in, several of the pumpkins were lit which provided an eerie glow from the hillside.

Sunday morning began with a small amount of rain, but no one cared as they ate a plentiful and delicious breakfast of sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy and coffee prepared by Nick and Paula Boyett.

After breakfast, everyone broke camp and headed back to DFW.

Annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving





2012 What's in Store?

Here are next year's dive opportunities planned by your Board and fellow members:

January 28 – 29 San Marcos River

February 25 – 26 Artic Dive/Wine & Cheese

March – To Be Determined

April 14 – 15 Tyler State Park

