



The Rebel Yell



December 2014

2014 DIVING REBELS BOARD

Danny Bouska	President
Danny Barentine	Vice President
Kevin Schuck	Treasurer
Sandra Playle	Secretary
Scott Playle	Activities Director
Becky Marak	Sr. Board Member
Mark Stonebridge	Jr. Board Member

Appointed Positions

Sandra Playle	Newsletter Editor
Danny Bouska	Webmaster
Connie Mitchell	Historian
Kelly Barentine	Social Coordinator
Tina Caron	Social Coordinator

To contact a member of the board, please visit our website at:

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or send an email with your question(s) and/or comments to:

info@divingrebels.org



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday – December 3, 2014
Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Rd, Arlington, TX
6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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December Meeting Program
Randal Sanders will present a program on the Wakatobi Dive Resort.

Wakatobi Resort is in far Southeastern Sulawesi, Indonesia, positioned in the midst of a remote island archipelago group known to adventure travelers as Tukang Besi.

Diving Rebels Christmas Party
December 13

More Details in This Newsletter!

Upcoming Events Calendar

Dec 3	Membership Meeting
Dec 13	Christmas Party
Jan 24-25	San Marcos River Cleanup
Feb 21-22	Texas Dive Show
Feb 28-Mar 1	Arctic Dive, Lake Murray
Mar 28-29	Spring Lake Diver Authorization Course and volunteer dive

NOTICE: There have been very few entries in our "Secret Phrase" contests at our recent club meetings.

If you want us to continue the "Secret Phrase" activity in 2015, please let us know! Let any of the club officers know what you think, or send a message to the Newsletter Editor using the link on the Club Information/Board of Directors page on the Diving Rebels Scuba Club website. Also, feel free to suggest any phrase that you think would be good to use in the contests. Thanks!!!

Birthdays



Dec 02 Mike Tamagni
Dec 02 Mille Pope
Dec 15 Keith Weber
Dec 22 William Shipe

Anniversaries

Dec 03 Jim and Linda Magnuson
Dec 30 Bob and Pam Munger



Did we miss your special date? If so, it's not in our database. Contact Danny Barentine to update your info!

Help Make 2015 Green!!

**Join us at the San Marcos River Cleanup
January 24-25, 2015!**

See Details in the January Newsletter!

Dive Spring Lake AND Support the Underwater Environment!!

Attend the Dive Authorization Course
March 28, 2015!

More Details in This Newsletter

Want a Picture with Santa?

**Come to the Diving Rebels
Christmas party,
and get a free photo (6 pm-7 pm)!**

Courtesy of Santa and Tina Caron



Early Bird Membership Renewals!

Discounts Now Available!
More Details in This Newsletter

Fifty percent of our Diving Rebels members have already renewed for 2015.

And let's give a Diving Rebels welcome to Steve Black, the newest and the 100th member of the best scuba club in Texas!!!

FYI

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club 2015 budget will be discussed during the January membership meeting. Please try to attend this important meeting!



Want a Chance at a Special Prize?

**Purchase Your Tickets for the
Diving Rebels Christmas Party
at the December Member Meeting!**

Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and green beans provided by the club!
Bring your own drinks and a side dish or dessert to share 🍷

President's Report



Season's Greetings!

In this month's letter, as I do each year in my December letter, I would like to reflect on both the previous year and some upcoming events. First, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those who were either reelected or elected to the 2015 Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors for 2015 are:

President: Danny Bouska

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Vice President: Steve Ogden

vicepresident@divingrebels.org

Treasurer: Kevin Shuck

treasurer@divingrebels.org

Secretary: Allen Bothwell

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Activities Directors: Steve Ogden, Jeff Bennett

activities@divingrebels.org

Senior Board Member: Mark Stonebridge

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Junior Board Member: Open Position

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I would also like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to those who are leaving the Board of Directors: Danny Barentine – Vice President, Sandra Playle – Secretary, Scott Playle – Activities Director, Becky Marak – Senior Board Member, and Kelly Barentine and Tina Caron – Social Coordinators. Your contributions to the Diving Rebels Scuba Club during 2014 were instrumental to another successful year for the club. I would like to extend a special thank you to Danny and Kelly Barentine and Tina Caron who have been members of the Board of Directors in some capacity for 4 years. Thank you for helping the club prosper!

As you may have noticed in the list of 2015 board members, the Junior Board Member position is open. Though elected at the November meeting, Bill Parker will be unable to serve in this position in 2015. We will hold a special election and vote to fill this position at the December membership meeting.

For the second consecutive year, the Diving Rebels reached 100 dues-paid members in 2014, and 50% have renewed their membership for 2015. We need to fill the Junior Board Member position before the beginning of 2015. With 100 members, I have faith that someone will step up and volunteer to fill the position.

I challenge each of you to find a way in which you can take an active part in the club during 2015. I understand that attending outings and meetings is itself taking an active part in the club, but I challenge you to take an even more active part by volunteering to coordinate an outing, be a meal coordinator at an outing, or serve on the Board of Directors. Think of it this way—the more people who are active and who volunteer, the less each individual has to do, so you can actually enjoy the fruits of your labors even more!

The club enjoyed many activities in 2014: we ate barbeque and Gouhllash; dove lakes, rivers, and quarries; tubed the Guadalupe; and carved pumpkins. And several of us went to Utila and Curacao. The Restaurant of the Month program had another very successful year, and each restaurant visit was well attended. This program will continue in 2015 with our new Social Coordinator, Sharon Harris. Thanks to Sharon for volunteering, and we will all look forward to the great restaurants that our members will be recommending for everyone to try.

Be sure to take advantage of the “Early Bird Special” (details below) for renewing your membership for 2015 through the end of the membership meeting on December 3. Last year at this time, we had 26% renewals. We are currently at renewals for 50% of the membership, which is **FANTASTIC!** To get your Early Bird discount, you **MUST** renew by the end of the membership meeting on December 3rd. Kevin will not be taking dues at the Christmas party, as he will be having fun, as will the rest of us!

Speaking of that, do not forget the membership Christmas party on December 13. Come out and help us celebrate the conclusion to a very successful year for the Diving Rebels. There will be plenty of food, entertainment, and some awesome raffle prizes. Remember, you can buy raffle tickets at the membership meeting or at the door, but once the raffle starts, no more raffle tickets will be sold. See the details on the party elsewhere in this newsletter.

Happy Holidays to you and your family, our friends, and our fellow divers, and many thanks to everyone who made 2014 a very successful year for the Diving Rebels Scuba Club!

Danny

Early Bird Membership Renewals

Every year, the Board of Directors has voted to provide discounted memberships for the upcoming year if club memberships are renewed prior to the Christmas party. The schedule and the amounts for these discounts are listed below:

	Single Diver	Two Diver Family
Prior to the Christmas Party	\$22	\$34
After the Christmas Party	\$25	\$40

Please note that membership dues **will not be accepted** at the Christmas party.

If you cannot attend the December meeting, please remember that Chase Quick Pay is always an option. For more details on Chase Quick Pay, please refer to the May 2014 Newsletter on the Diving Rebels website, or contact Kevin Schuck at treasurer@divingrebels.org.

Renew Your Membership Now!!



to the 2015 Board of Directors

The following members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club were elected to serve on the 2015 Board of Directors or appointed to fill other club positions:

Board of Directors

President	Danny Bouska
Vice President	Steve Ogden
Treasurer	Kevin Schuck
Secretary	Allen Bothwell
Senior Board Member	Mark Stonebridge
Junior Board Member	Open Position
Activities Directors	Steve Ogden, Jeff Bennett

Appointed

Newsletter Editor	Jay Delmar
Historian	Connie Mitchell Griffin
Webmaster	Danny Bouska
Social Coordinator	Sharon Harris

Thanks to all of these club members for agreeing to serve the Diving Rebels in 2015, and a big Rebel “Thank You” to all who served in 2014 and are transitioning their duties to new officers!!!

From Our Outgoing Board Members . . .

I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as the Diving Rebels secretary and Newsletter Editor, and I want to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to participate in this way. I know that Allen Bothwell and Jay Delmar will do a fantastic job in these positions going forward, and I hope you will support them as you did me. I continue to encourage everyone in this club to participate in the many outings and events that your board puts together. A lot of work is put into keep this club viable, and to make the outings enjoyable for everyone. Thanks to all, and I'll see you at the next event!

Sandra Playle

As a graduation gift to our son, Kelly, Etson, and I took a Discovery scuba excursion in Grand Cayman and fell in love with God's Underwater World! Upon returning home, we all three were certified and looked forward to more adventures in the deep blue sea.

We soon after joined the Diving Rebels Scuba Club to be around more experienced divers to learn more about diving and others' experiences. Not long after joining the club, I was asked to volunteer by the President at that time, Keith Weber, and was voted in as Secretary.

I had a hard time at first but grew into the position with help from my fellow board members and encouragement from my best friend and wife, Kelly. The next year I accepted the Junior Board Member position. It was a great position to be in as you get to meet all members in the club while performing your appointed duties. The following year I moved to the Senior Board Member position automatically and had fun there as well. The position was rather easy and keeps you involved with the club along with other Board members.

My fourth year, the membership voted me in as Vice President, and I remained in that position an additional year to round out five years serving on the Board. It is a great position as you get to meet all the visitors and new members at each monthly meeting. I have really enjoyed being on the Board of Directors for these past five years and hope to return some day when life at work is not so demanding.

I have had the opportunity to be involved in many great outings, make many new friends, and take awesome trips diving in some unusual places. Believe it or not, I actually enjoyed cooking meals for outings and the Christmas party. I love this club and hope other members seek a place where they can step up and be a volunteer to keep this the **greatest scuba club** in Texas.

See y'all round,

Danny Barentine
Vice President
Diving Rebels Scuba Club

Let's Go Diving!!!



A Rebels Christmas Party

Tis no better way to wrap up 2014 than to hang out with your Rebel friends and toast to the Holiday Season! Come and make merry with those who call you Friend!

When: Saturday, December 13, 6:00 - 10:30 p.m.
Where: Richard Simpson Park Bldg.
6300 Arkansas Lane, Arlington
Cost: \$5.00 p.p. (Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and green beans provided by the club; bring your own drinks, side dish, dessert)

Sign-up sheets will be located at the December meeting so you can volunteer to be a part of the Setup and/or Breakdown Committees or to be a Desert Contest judge.

Party Itinerary

4:30 pm	Setup Committee Arrives
6:00-7:00 pm	Pictures with Santa
6:00-7:30 pm	Drop Off Gifts for Gift Exchange (NOTE: No gifts accepted after 7:30 pm) Drop Off Desserts for Dessert Contest
7:00 pm	Dinner Is Served
7:15 pm	Special Prize for Early Ticket Purchasers
7:45 pm	Judging of Dessert Contest Last Call for Raffle Tickets
8:00 pm	Raffle Tickets Sale Ends
8:05 pm	Raffle Begins
8:15 pm	Announcement of Dessert Contest Winners
8:30 pm	Gift Exchange
9:30 pm	Presentations of Service and Diver of the Year Awards
10:30 pm	Cleanup Committee Begins Work

Dessert Contest



Come share your culinary delights with your Diving Rebels friends!

**No fee to enter!
Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places!**

Drop off your dessert at the Christmas party between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Our esteemed judges will commence their arduous task at 7:45 p.m., looking for the following qualities in each entry:

Taste & Appearance & Design & Creativity & Originality



**Gift Exchange!!!
Diving Rebels Christmas Party
December 13
8:30 pm**



1. Drop off and register your gift between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm. A NEW gift worth between \$20 and \$25 is required to participate, and no gifts will be accepted for the exchange after 7:30 pm.
2. You will receive an envelope with a number inside it that will be used to determine the order in which gifts are selected by the participants. Keep the envelope closed until you are asked to open it.
3. When the gift exchange begins, you will be asked to open your envelopes, and the MC will draw numbers at random. If the first number called is, for example, #15, the person with #15 in his/her envelope will select the first gift; if the second number called is #6, the person with #6 in his/her envelope will select the second gift, and so on.

Bring a gift to exchange, and have some Christmas fun!!!

Spring Lake Dive Authorization Course (DAC)

March 28, 2015

Are you tired of scuba diving in murky water? Spring Lake at the headwaters of the San Marcos River offers some of the finest freshwater scuba diving in Texas. Spring-fed water from the Edwards Aquifer provides excellent visibility and keeps the temperature at approximately 72 degrees year-round. The aquatic plants and animals are also very compelling.

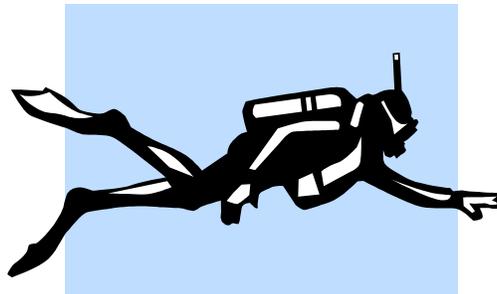
Scuba diving in Spring Lake is complicated due to the delicate nature of the environment. Declared a "Critical Habitat" in 1980, Spring Lake is home to eight federally listed species and is governed by the rules and regulations of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. In addition, Spring Lake is registered as an Archaeological site and is protected by the Antiquities Code of Texas. Consequently, there are limits to recreational diving in Spring Lake.



The Spring Lake Dive Authorization Course is designed to sensitize divers to the unique environment of Spring Lake and the safety protocols and procedures in place to ensure protection of the environment, cultural resources, and diver safety. Upon successful completion of this course, divers are authorized to dive as volunteer divers for the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment and be involved in one of the largest habitat restoration projects in the country.

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club has secured March 28, 2015, as an opportunity for club members to attend this class. The price is \$230 per student and does not include transportation, meals, or lodging. To participate in the date set for the Diving Rebels Scuba Club, a sign-up sheet will be available at the December meeting. Your spot can be retained with a \$150 deposit. The fees for the course are to be paid to the club so that one payment can be made to the Meadows Center. Seven of the original 12 spaces are still available, and dues-paid club members have first choice of available spaces.

The DAC class is divided into two components. The first component involves classroom lecture, where divers will learn about the Edwards Aquifer, endangered species, archaeology, and state/federal regulations pertaining to Spring Lake. During the second component of the DAC, divers will don their scuba gear and learn to work in our liquid laboratory (Spring Lake). The focus is on diving techniques to ensure protection of Spring Lake and its related ecosystem. After completing the one-day DAC course, volunteers and researchers will be authorized to work in Spring Lake. The program provides countless opportunities year-round for volunteers and researchers to scuba dive in Spring Lake in support of program objectives.



Course Description

- Course duration: 1 day, plus time necessary to complete take-home modules and assessments (approximately 4 hours).
- The Spring Lake Dive Authorization Course is divided into 4 take-home academic modules and assessment quizzes that are to be completed by each student prior to the class start.
- Students will meet for 1 full day at Spring Lake where the assessment quizzes will be reviewed, diving skills will be assessed, a tour of the springs will be given, and common volunteer tasks will be demonstrated.
- This course is PASS/FAIL. Students must score at least 70% on each of the assessment quizzes and demonstrate that they are competent divers (good buoyancy control and situational awareness) in order to pass.

Requirements for Taking the Spring Lake Dive Authorization Course

- Show proof of a full open water scuba certification through a major dive training agency.
- Be at least 15 years of age at the time of taking the course.
- Show proof of a minimum of 20 logged dives beyond training dives.
- Provide own equipment, including tanks and weights.
- Pay the course fee of \$230.
- Complete and turn in all required paperwork.

After the Course

Those who successfully complete the course will have the opportunity to perform their first volunteer dive at Spring Lake on March 29, 2015.





Diving Rebels Annual Chili Cook-Off Report Travis Wells



The Annual 2014 Diving Rebels chili cook-off and site decoration contest were a great success.

This year the cook-off was held at the group pavilion at Cedar Hill State Park at Joe Pool Lake, where the Rebels chili cooks came together with their best chili in hand.

After all of the crock pots were plugged in and heating their chili wonders, some of us began decorating our sites, while others lounged around a nice pit fire, swapping stories of the dives they've done year.

All together, we had 10 chili contestants for the cook-off and 5 contestants for the site decoration contest. And this year's winners were:

Best Chili

1st Place	Travis Wells
2nd Place	Kevin Campbell
3rd place	Greg Gray

Best Site Decoration

1st Place	Sharon Harris, "Zombie Site"
2nd Place	Linda Magnuson, "Duck Blind Site"
3rd Place	Jim Magnuson, "Road Kill Chili Site"

Thanks to "Oggie" Ogden and all of the judges who took their time and their mouths to help us find a winner!

After the judges had tasted their samples, the rest of us were invited to help ourselves to any chili we dared to taste. People were dipping into crock pots everywhere. Each type of chili had its own flavor and richness—not one tasted the same as another. That's the great thing about a chili contest—the different flavors. After the judging was done and the prizes were given out, everyone sat around the fire and enjoyed the night.

November Restaurant of the Month

Everything German – Hurst

Kelly Barentine



The restaurant was buzzing with activity and had a line out of the door. You could hear an accordion playing in the background, and as the musician came into our area, he was followed by a parade of one—he had a captive audience of a toddler who loved showing off his polka dancing skills. As the young man followed his musical idol, his father showed the patience of a saint and let the boy have his fun.

Our group of 15 members sat around enjoying the show just as the other restaurant patrons did. It was a wonderful show to help pass the time as we awaited our meals, which were worth the wait. I have to say for myself, the Potato Soup was the best I had ever eaten. I wanted more but had to restrain myself to save room for all the other amazing items that would cross our table.

Toward the end, the desserts the restaurant offered were not any less pleasing. All of their sweets are made fresh every day, and you have to be quick if you wish to partake of them. I did not have enough room to eat my dessert, but that did not stop me from taking mine home and eating it later.

The 2014 season wrapped up just as it started for the Restaurant of the Month outings, as a smashing success. I cannot wait to see where the new Social Coordinator, Sharon Harris, will take us in 2015. I hope you will be as supportive of her as you have been of us. Please keep those suggestions coming, and if there has been a place you would like to visit again, let Sharon know. You can email her at social@divingrebels.org, or catch her at a meeting, and give her the restaurant name and location. In the meantime, have a wonderful Holiday Season!









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