



The Rebel Yell



July 2015

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<http://www.divingrebels.org/>

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – July 1, 2015

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Rd., Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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July Meeting Program

Arlington Fire Department Swift Water Rescue and Dive Team

At the July membership meeting, the Arlington Fire Department Swift Water Rescue and Dive Team will present a program about its activities and requirements for team membership and initial and refresher training. In addition, we will learn about the specialized equipment and gear that the team uses in its work, and we will hear about some of the more interesting, exciting, and dangerous rescues that the team has performed.

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Jul 10 Restaurant of the Month: Back Forty Smokehouse, North Richland Hills
- Jul 18–19 "Now Thawed and Flooded Arctic Dive"/Wine and Cheese Party, Lake Murray State Park

Rebels Spotlight



Let's all welcome Darrell Barabash to the Diving Rebels Scuba Club!

Darrell joined the club in March. A new diver certified last summer, he has been active in his new sport and has already completed the DAN Diving Emergency Management Provider course. According to Darrell, the course "opened my eyes to many more aspects of scuba diving and provided me more skills that hopefully make me a better buddy." He also needs just one more dive to complete his Advanced Open Water Diver certification and the open water dives to complete his Rescue Diver certification.

Darrell hopes to participate in upcoming Diving Rebels activities and diving outings and is looking for fellow Diving Rebels to buddy with.

We're happy to have you join us, Darrell, and look forward to many years of diving together!!

Birthdays



Jul 01 Heather Perez
Jul 03 George Bartulevicz
Jul 05 Kelly Gray
Jul 09 Jeff Nelson
Jul 15 John Richerson
Jul 16 Kevin Schuck
Jul 25 Jim Kirchhoff

Anniversaries



Jul 30 Emily and Daniel McBride

Did we miss/make an error with your special date? If so, it's either not included or incorrect in our database.

Contact **Steve Ogden** to update/correct your information!

Renew your club membership now . . . and don't forget to tell a friend about the Diving Rebels! Invite them to a membership meeting or a club outing—guests are always welcome!



2015 Membership Renewals

As long-time members of the club know, continued membership in the Diving Rebels Scuba Club offers a number of significant advantages; see <http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/benefits.html> for a list of some of the benefits that club members receive.

The following table outlines the schedule and payments for Diving Rebels Scuba Club membership dues.

	Single Diver – Regular Member	Initiation Fee	Each Additional Diver – Family Member in Same Household	Nondiving/ Nonvoting
Renew July 1 and Later	\$12.50	\$15.00*	\$7.50	\$5.00

If you cannot pay your club dues at a monthly membership meeting, remember that Chase Quick Pay is always an option. For more details on Chase Quick Pay, please refer to the April 2015 issue of *The Rebel Yell* on the Diving Rebels website, or contact Kevin Schuck at treasurer@divingrebels.org for a mailing address.

* The initiation fee is per diving member and includes a club t-shirt.



President's Report



Hi everyone!

SUCCESS! The Diving Rebels Scuba Club's midyear outing at Clear Springs Scuba Park went off without a hitch! See the article in this issue of *The Rebel Yell* for details on the outing. It was nice to see an outing finally become a reality after all the weather-related cancellations we had during the first half of 2015—so this was the start to a better second half of the year!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events in 2015. Hopefully, the third time will be the charm for the "Now Thawed and Flooded Arctic Dive"/Wine and Cheese Party coming up this month. We are still finalizing plans for August and September, while October will bring the annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest at The Blue Lagoon in Huntsville. Watch this and future editions of the club newsletter for information about these events.

Nominations for Diving Rebels Scuba Club Board of Directors will take place at the October membership meeting. I know that's four months away, but that gives you plenty of time to start thinking about how **you** or someone you know can serve the club in a position on the Board of Directors. The board serves a crucial part in scheduling the year's outings, securing speakers for the monthly meetings, producing *The Rebel Yell*, and planning such events as the Chinese auction, midyear outing, and Christmas party. We have 80+ members as of this edition of the newsletter, so we need people to take an active part on the board and in coordinating outings and events.

Speaking of coordinating outings, we need someone to coordinate outings in August and September. If you know a place where you would like the club to go for an outing, talk to **Steve Ogden** about the site, and he'll help you coordinate the outing. Don't be scared to coordinate an outing or volunteer to be a meal coordinator at an outing. Members of the board and other club members are always available to answer questions and provide guidance in coordinating an outing or a meal.

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club is **your** Club. Don't just sit on the sidelines—be an active member, and pitch in to make our outings and events even better than they already are!

Keep blowing bubbles!

Danny Bouska

Restaurant of the Month & July



Where: Back Forty Smokehouse
Address: 8021 Main St., North Richland Hills, TX 76182
When: Friday, July 10, 2015, 7:00 pm
Phone: (817) 428-2225
Web: <http://www.backfortysmokehouse.com>
Email: Sharon Harris at social@divingrebels.org

Happy birthday USA!! What is more American than some tasty BBQ?? And better yet, BBQ with live music on the patio!!!

Come join your fellow Diving Rebels at the **Back Forty Smokehouse in North Richland Hills on Friday, July 10, at 7:00 pm** for an evening of good food, conversation, and music.



Please RSVP no later than July 9 at 5:00 pm so that we can plan for space for everyone wanting to join the festivities. You can email your reservation information, including the number of people attending, to me at social@divingrebels.org; text the information to me at (972) 841-0000; or let me know at the July membership meeting that you're planning to join us at the Back Forty Smokehouse.

Remember that Restaurant of the Month activities aren't subsidized by club funds, so don't forget to bring your wallets!

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you in July to enjoy some tasty ribs and listen to some music!

Sharon Harris
Social Coordinator



“Now Thawed and Flooded Arctic Dive”/ Wine and Cheese Party Steve Ogden



The Diving Rebels will join with the Scubadillos and any other interested divers and nondivers for the twice-rescheduled annual “Now Thawed and Flooded Arctic Dive”/Wine and Cheese Party on **July 18 and 19** at the **Marietta Landing campground area at Lake Murray State Park** about 24 miles north of the Texas border and 7 miles northeast of Marietta, OK.

We will have a number of activities associated with the outing, including summertime diving with water temperatures a whole lot more pleasant than what we would have experienced in February or even May. As in February/May, the diving will occur on an ad hoc basis with no scheduled times. Talk to those who you know will probably be diving, and plan your dive schedule.

Throughout the day on Saturday, we will have a silent auction during which participants can bid on that item that is missing from their dive gear inventory or that is needed for a backup. If you have gear that has been lying dormant in your garage or storage shed and you would like to have your dive club reap the revenue gained by the successful bid price of that gear, please consider donating it for the silent auction. We will note the club origin of the donor on each item, and that club will then receive the money generated by the sale. You can bring items that day, or, if you will not be able to attend the outing but would like to donate an item nonetheless, you can bring it to the July dive club meetings or contact me at (214) 641-6013 to make arrangements for the item to be picked up.

We will also have some great items in the auction provided by one or more dive shops and operations. Any unsold items will be rolled into the raffle drawing that we will hold in the evening, which will also provide some great diving-related treasures for the taking.

The Scubadillos are planning to have games with prizes beginning about 1:00 pm, so be sure to get to Lake Murray in time to participate in these activities.

We will also be having a special raffle for a 2-for-1 coupon to Utopia Dive Resort in Utila. Quite a few Diving Rebels and associated folks stayed at that resort last year and had a great time. Just before we arrived, the resort came under new ownership, and the owners have been engaged since then in upgrading their facilities.

This year, **Sharon Harris** will be coordinating the meal activities, which we will plan for about 5:00 pm. Continuing the great tradition established by **Elizabeth Neumann**, Sharon will provide the main dish of pulled pork, and the club will provide side dishes and dessert. To assist in meal planning and preparation, we are asking attendees who have not already done so to purchase tickets for the event (\$10 per ticket through July 11). After July 11 and at the event, tickets can be purchased for \$15 per ticket. Tickets will be available at the July club meetings, and you can also contact me. I'll hold tickets upon a firm commitment for attendance. **Note that tickets purchased for the events scheduled for February or May will be good for the July outing.**

After dinner, we will start our wine and cheese contest. So scour your wine cellar or favorite liquor store to bring your best/worst red and white wines that will be judged by an erudite panel of vintner wannabes who will closely taste and scrutinize the entries for bouquet, flavor, clarity, and all such hoity-toity wine things. Also enter your favorite cheese in the cheese contest—no entries for worst cheese, please!! Gift certificates

will be provided for the winners. We need judges for the contest, so if you are not a contest participant or related to a contest participant and would like to judge the entries, please let me know.

Those wishing to spend the night at the park have several options. Rooms at the Lake Murray Lodge as well as cabins are available for rental. To reserve a cabin or room, call toll free (800) 257-0322 or direct line (580) 223-6600 (Lake Murray State Park http://www.stateparks.com/lake_murray.html). Trailer and tent camping is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The three maps below provide directions to Lake Murray and the Marietta Landing campground.



June Restaurant of the Month Report

Sharon Harris



The Diving Rebels headed to Fort Worth on June 5 to enjoy some tasty Mediterranean cuisine at Casablanca. Ten people were able to join us for the evening, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful time of food and fellowship.

This quaint family-owned establishment offered an array of traditional Greek food as well as some unique combinations of varied Mediterranean options.

If you were unable to join us in June, make plans now to attend the July Restaurant of the Month outing at the Back Forty Smokehouse in North Richland Hills.



Midyear Outing Report: Clear Springs Scuba Park

Danny Bouska

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club's midyear outing was held on June 13 under, **YES**, partly cloudy skies at Clear Springs Scuba Park (CSSP) in Terrell. After all the postponements and cancellations of earlier outings due to bad weather, the event was well attended, with 36 Diving Rebels, friends, and guests participating.

Special thanks go to **Jeffrey Bennett** and **Darrell Conger** for coming out on Friday and securing the two pavilions near the airplane for the outing. It was a perfect location, with ample parking and easy access to the water. There was also plenty of shade due to the multitude of pop-up canopies that were brought out, and a nice breeze made for a very pleasant day.

The water visibility wasn't great (around 8'), but that didn't keep us out of the water. A large proportion of those in attendance did at least one dive, and many did multiple dives throughout the day. The water temperature on the surface was a balmy 81°, with the first thermocline at 14' where the temperature dropped to 74°. At 18', the water temperature was 71°, and at 20', it dropped into the 60s. Needless to say, I didn't venture below about 19'!

The group dove, munched on snacks provided by the members, talked, and enjoyed a beautiful day. At 3:00 pm, we enjoyed a dinner catered by Soulman's Barbeque consisting of brisket, sausage, chicken, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, and all the fixings. There was enough food that no one who attended went hungry.

After dinner, we held a raffle that included a number of diving- and nondiving-related prizes. A special members-only raffle was held for a regulator, which was won by **Jim Magnuson**. Special thanks go to **Kevin Schuck** and **Mark Stonebridge** for handling raffle ticket sales.

After a day of diving, good food, and a fun raffle, those in attendance continued to talk and enjoy the beautiful weather until well into the evening. Thanks to everyone who helped to organize the midyear outing as well as to those who participated and for making it such a great day. It was wonderful to see everyone laughing and having a great time!

The following photos show the Diving Rebels enjoying themselves at CSSP!!



A nice shaded spot at CSSP!



Nothing like a little nap in the shade . . .



A beautiful sight at a beautiful site!!



Time to eat!



Looks like plenty of good food!



Sitting down to a good meal!



Great raffle prizes!!



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