



The Rebel Yell



March 2015

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – March 4, 2015

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Rd, Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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March Meeting Program

Elizabeth Neumann, "Diving at Ninety"

The program presenter for the March 4, 2015, Diving Rebels Scuba Club membership meeting will be Elizabeth Neumann. Her presentation, "Diving at Ninety," will discuss ways in which we can improve our ability to continue to dive well into our senior years. Elizabeth is a long-time member of the Diving Rebels and has been a co-coordinator of the Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Party for several years. She is a Registered and Licensed Dietician who has worked in the field of nutrition for many years as an instructor and as a clinical and consulting dietician. Come learn how you can prepare yourself for a longer and better diving life.

Upcoming Events Calendar

Mar 20	Jazz Wine Train, Grapevine
Mar 28–29	Spring Lake Diver Authorization Course and Volunteer Dive
Apr 17–19	Diving Rebels Tyler State Park Outing
Jun 27–Jul 4	Sunscape Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino Trip



Dive Spring Lake AND Support the Underwater Environment!!

All slots have been filled for the Spring Lake Diver Authorization Course on March 28, 2015.

If you would like to attend another session of this course, please let us know; send an email to Danny Bouska at president@divingrebels.org expressing your interest—we'll see what can be arranged.

See you at Spring Lake 🍀

Birthdays



- Mar 04 Heather Thompson
- Mar 05 Barbara Taylor
- Mar 10 Chip Parker
- Mar 15 Greg Gray
- Mar 16 Robert Becker
- Mar 16 Randy Sims

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

Ideas Wanted!!

If you have any suggestions for future club outings, please give them to one of our Activities Directors, Steve Ogden or Jeff Bennett.

March Pool Night

The Diving Rebels are looking into having a "Pool Fun Night" in March, probably in conjunction with Aqua Trek. Details haven't been finalized, so keep checking the club's website for information about the event!!

Don't Forget!

Renew your club membership now
and save the initiation fee



Sure and begorrah, any day's a grand day to be divin'!!



President's Report

Hello, everyone!

Are you ready for spring? I know that I am. Nothing like getting all of our winter weather in one week, but March is upon us—that means that warmer weather is coming, and **that** means diving weather!

Our Activities Directors, Steve Ogden and Jeff Bennett, are working hard to finalize the few spaces we have left on the calendar for our monthly outings in 2015. Steve and Jeff need your input as to where you'd like to go diving in July, August, and September. Let them know where you would like our outings to be during those months by emailing them at activities@divingrebels.org. Your input is very valuable.

The March membership meeting on March 4 is also the last time that 2014 club members can renew their membership without incurring the initiation fee to rejoin. After the March meeting, you will need to pay the \$15 initiation fee plus the \$25 annual dues to reinstate your membership. If you were a club member in 2014 and haven't renewed, please do so by the end of the March meeting. If you are unable to attend that meeting, please email the Diving Rebels Treasurer at treasurer@divingrebels.org, and ask Kevin how you can take care of paying your dues. Emails for renewal sent prior to 10:00 pm on March 4 will be considered as renewing on time, and the \$15 initiation fee will be waived.

Please remember that the Diving Rebels Scuba Club is designed for and by the members. The Board of Directors alone cannot and should not be responsible for coordinating all of the events. I ask the members to participate by not only attending the meetings, events, and outings but also volunteering to coordinate an outing, to be a meal coordinator, or to assist at one of the events. We need participation by all members because YOU are what make the Diving Rebels successful. At an upcoming meeting, Steve and Jeff will explain in more detail how easy it is to coordinate an outing or to be an outing meal coordinator.

Just remember, spring is just around the corner, so start preparing to **GO DIVING!**

Danny



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.

While memberships can be renewed throughout the year, early renewals are encouraged by a waiving of the initiation fee. 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 Prior to 10:00 pm March 4*	\$25.00	N/A	\$15.00	\$5.00
Renew After 10:00 pm March 4–June 30	\$25.00	\$15.00**	\$15.00	\$5.00
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 May 2014 issue of *The Rebel Yell* on the Diving Rebels website, or contact Kevin Schuck at treasurer@divingrebels.org for a mailing address.

* See the “President’s Report” in this issue of *The Rebel Yell*.

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

RENEW NOW!

2015 JAZZ WINE TRAINS

All Aboard for the March Outing with the Diving Rebels!! Sharon Harris

Join us on Friday, March 20, for an adults-only (age 21 years and older) Diving Rebels Scuba Club outing, the Jazz Wine Train via the Grapevine Vintage Railroad. Tickets are \$59 per person, and you may purchase your ticket at <http://tickets.grapevineticketline.com/event/NewVintageJazzWineTrains>. Boarding will begin at 6:40 pm, so we will be gathering at the Grapevine Cotton Belt Railroad Depot, 705 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051 20–30 minutes prior to boarding. We will all board together so that we can be seated in the same coach on the train.

The train will depart **promptly** at 7:00 pm and will return at approximately 9:30 pm. No refunds will be issued for missed trains, so make sure that you arrive early and in plenty of time to meet up with the group.

Note that the Jazz Wine Train does not travel to the Fort Worth Stockyards. Seating is assigned upon check-in. All groups must check in at the same time to ensure that they are seated together in the same coach. Groups include other parties that you wish to sit by. Changes cannot be made in seating assignments after boarding passes are issued.

The Jazz Wine Train ticket includes:

- ☞ A taste from Grapevine winery tasting rooms
- ☞ Passed hors d'oeuvres and dessert
- ☞ Souvenir wine glass
- ☞ Live jazz entertainment
- ☞ Tasting notes and winery highlights
- ☞ Bottle of Park Place Dealerships branded water
- ☞ Park Place Dealerships tote

The food menu will be posted online before the event.

For more information, please visit www.GrapevineTexasUSA.com/JazzWineTrains, or call (817) 410-3185. If you are planning to join us for this festive event, please call/text me at (972) 841-0000 or email me at social@divingrebels.org, so that I can will be watching for you and the group can board the train at the same time.

See you at the station!
Sharon



Diving Rebels

Tyler State Park Outing

Coordinators: Kelly Barentine and Tina Caron



We Need a Volunteer to Claim Our Three Campsites at Cedar Point on Friday Morning!!!

Fellow and future divers, no greater fun can be had than at the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's annual April outing at Tyler State Park, 789 Park Road 16, Tyler, TX 75706, phone (903) 597-5338 (<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/tyler>), which will be held this year **April 17–19**, with campsites at **Cedar Point**. If you haven't had the chance to get your gear wet lately, here's your opportunity to dip your fins in the water. Attend for the day or attend the entire weekend—it doesn't matter. Just **attend**, and enjoy hanging out with great people!

Come and share some great food!!

Here's our meal plan for the Tyler State Park outing:

Friday, April 17

Eat on your own.

Saturday, April 18

Outing meal share for:

- ❖ Breakfast: **Coordinator Needed**
- ❖ Lunch: **Coordinator Needed**
- ❖ Dinner: **Coordinator Needed**

Sunday, April 19

Outing meal share for breakfast: **Coordinator Needed**



What Meal Coordinators Should Know

1. Meal coordinators are reimbursed for their costs minus the amount of the outing share. Note that the club treasurer is not required to be at the outing, so meal coordinators might need to be reimbursed at the next member meeting or via a check mailed by the treasurer.
2. **Attendees pay a flat cost for the meals for the outing (outing share)** regardless of how many meals they enjoy because the cost of obtaining campsites is added to the food expenses along with any other expenses incurred by the meal coordinators for the outing, including any prizes. The amount allowed for the outing by the club's budget is then deducted from the total and divided among all the attendees!
3. If you are a meal coordinator, please be aware of your costs, and try not to make your meals too expensive. Of course, you should never sacrifice displaying your individuality or the meal's good taste.

What Diving Conditions Can You Expect?

Generally moderate water temperatures of about 70–72 degrees (based on past dives), with visibility of about 20' or more above 12' (again, based on past dives). The depth of the lake is about 20–23 feet, so one tank will last some people all weekend. You might want to bring two filled tanks just in case. There isn't any

local source for air fills, so make sure that your tank is full and that you bring enough filled tanks to last all of the dives that you plan to make.

What Can You Hope to See?

You should see a variety of fish but mainly bass that are spawning. You should also see turtles and other aquatic life. Above water will be a variety of fowl, raccoons, and squirrels. You may even get lucky and see a deer or two if you venture on the trails around the lake.

What Weather Conditions Can You Expect?

Folks, this is Texas, so your guess is as good as mine! Keep an eye on the weatherman, and remember, when diving, you're already wet so what does it matter if it rains? If you are tent camping, remember that it can get chilly at night. Think about bringing some of those little heat packs—you can buy large sizes that will really heat up your sleeping bag and keep your toes toasty warm! **Also, it would really help if those of you who are planning to camp during the outing could bring a piece of wood (or 10!!) for the fire.**

What Will We Do When We Are Not Diving?

We'll hang out, talk about past and future adventures, and eat good food. In addition to all this fun, Tyler State Park does offer the option to rent paddle boats, canoes, and small (oar-driven) fishing boats. Who can imagine a trip to a state park without trying their hand at fishing? **Remember, you do not have to have a fishing license to fish while in the state park. Other club activities are yet to be determined . . . but a Washers game will definitely be available!!**



See you at Tyler State Park!!!

We know you'll have a good time—and safe diving!

When Can You Show Up, How Long Can You Stay, and Where Will Everyone Be?

We will ask for volunteers to arrive at the park early on Friday to claim our campsites at **Cedar Point**. The rest of you who plan on camping can set up your campsite (if it is occupied) any time after 2:00 pm on Friday, April 17. Check out will be 2:00 pm Sunday, April 19.

We won't know what specific sites we have until the day of the outing, so just ask the park rangers where the group is located—they should be able to point you in the right direction. Look for the famous Diving Rebels banner. The sites in **Cedar Point** have water and electricity, so we should be pretty comfortable wherever they put us! For your convenience, here's a link to a map of Tyler State Park's facilities:

http://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4508_039d.pdf.

Well I Am Hooked, but What Is the cost?

This is an “outing share” event, which means that the outing should be relatively inexpensive. In past years, we have paid \$10–\$15 per person (check or cash), and that includes all meals, campsites, and activities. **You will need to pay \$5 per person per day to get into the state park;** however, if you have a Texas State Park Pass, you won't have to pay those fees. If you know of someone who has one, invite him/her along, and then get in free yourself!

Summer Fun in Curaçao

Diving Rebels Scuba Club



Invites you

On a Trip to

**Curaçao
Netherlands Antilles**

June 27–July 4, 2015

Sunscape Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino



This is an all-inclusive resort, which includes all meals, drinks (including premium and international drinks), snacks, and diving. Prices start at \$1457 for double occupancy.

More information is available on the Diving Rebels website at www.divingrebels.org.

Life's an adventure; don't miss out. SIGN UP today!



San Marcos River Underwater Cleanup Report

Steve “Oggie” Ogden



The 2015 edition of the annual underwater cleanup of the San Marcos River was pushed back one weekend to January 31–February 1 to accommodate the World of Water Lone Star State Travel & Dive Expo held the previous weekend, which has been the traditional weekend for this event. Even though the weekend of January 31 was Super Bowl Weekend, 12 Diving Rebels and guests made the trek down to San Marcos for the underwater cleanup that has been a Diving Rebels tradition for over 20 years. The weather threatened rain, but it didn't materialize to any significant degree.

We had nine divers in the water, eight of whom were determined in varying degrees to unseat me as the reigning “Trash King.” Over a period of about 15 minutes, the divers entered the river, which was up a little in flow from the previous year. We want to especially recognize **Mark Stonebridge** for making the drive to San Marcos when he was pretty certain he would not be able to dive due to a sore shoulder. Mark served admirably in the role of shore support, knowing the importance of this responsibility as a result of his many deep wreck dives off the New York and New Jersey coasts to such storied wrecks as the *Andrea Doria*.

We all completed our drift dive down to Rio Vista Park, the dive's exit point, divers having spent from about 45 minutes to my nearly 2 hours in the water. We all dumped our collected trash in piles for examination and to display what we considered our most unique items. **Bill Parker** and I clearly collected the most trash, and while we were pretty close in volume, Bill did collect slightly more—he will now hold the enviable title of Trash King for at least 2015, and I will have to play second fiddle and make plans to regain the crown in 2016. Last year, I was fortunate enough to come across a few “honey holes” where I was able to pick up trash for 20–30 minutes, but this year I only found a couple of locations where there were perhaps 10–12 cans and bottles. Along with perseverance and sort of knowing where to look, a lot of luck is involved in the “trash hunt.” Bill scored a \$60 gift card to Scuba Toys for his triumph, while I settled for a \$40 gift card.

Ted Glodowski followed up his 2014 second-place finish for finding the most unusual item with a victory in 2015, winning a \$60 gift card for collecting this year's most unusual item, a poker chip. **Mark West** was awarded a \$40 gift card for finding the second most unusual item, a vintage soft drink bottle. Photos related to the dive and the items collected are posted below.



Trash divers ready to enter the river



Trash collected – Bill Parker's winning stash on the left, Oggie's second-place haul on the right



Most unusual item candidates on display – Ted’s poker chip in middle



Mark West’s vintage soft drink bottle

For dinner that evening, nine of us gathered at our traditional dinner spot at Palmer’s Restaurant for great food and fellowship. On Sunday morning, in keeping with tradition, a couple of us went to Herbert’s Taco Hut for the usual great breakfast fare available. Later Sunday morning, **Darrell Conger, Bill Parker, Mark Estill**, and I performed an hour-plus volunteer dive at Spring Lake. We conducted cleaning activities in the Deep Hole area and the former underwater archaeology area and later toured Catfish Hotel, where we saw many huge bass, the Ossified Forest, and the old river bed area. We performed some additional cleaning on our way back along the Cream of Wheat springs area. Pictures from Palmer’s Restaurant and from our Spring Lake dive are posted below.



Crew at dinner at Palmer’s restaurant



Volunteer divers touring Spring Lake – Mark Estill in the foreground, Oggie in the background

Thanks to all of the underwater cleanup diving participants as well as those who provided shore support. The San Marcos River Underwater Cleanup continues to be a very worthwhile and enjoyable Diving Rebels event that all are encouraged to attend.



February Restaurant of the Month Report

Sharon Harris

On February 6, a dozen Diving Rebels descended upon Vito's Ristorante in North Arlington to enjoy some good food, fine wine, and exceptional company. Though the restaurant was a small venue, we had a wonderful experience, taking advantage of a private room in the back of the restaurant where we could share great conversations about prior diving events and the anticipation of upcoming underwater adventures.

If you were not able to join us in February, make plans now to attend the combined Restaurant of the Month/quarterly outing for March in Grapevine!



“Il cibo era delizioso!” The food was delicious . . . and the company was even better!



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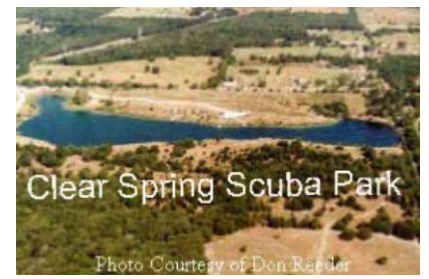


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