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May 2015

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – May 6, 2015

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Rd., Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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May Meeting Program

Tina Hodgson, Cayman Islands Department of Tourism, will discuss diving opportunities in the Cayman Islands.

Is Your Membership Information Up-to-Date?

We need accurate information on file for our records and in case of an emergency.

Please see Steve Ogden to review and update your personal data!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- May 9 May Quarterly Outing: Laserfinger, Pocket Sandwich Theatre
- May 16–17 "Not So Arctic Dive"/Wine and Cheese Party, Marietta Landing, Lake Murray State Park
- Jun 6 Swap Meet (New Date)
- Jun 12–14 Midyear Outing: Clear Springs Scuba Park
- Jun 27–Jul 4 Sunscape Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino Trip

Rebel Spotlight!

We want to hear about your diving accomplishments! Have you started a new class? Have you completed a new certification? Please email your information to the Newsletter Editor using the link on the Club Information/Board of Directors page on the Diving Rebels Scuba Club website.



Birthdays



May 08 Connie Mitchell Griffin
May 14 Steve Ogden
May 15 Jeffrey Bennett
May 17 Rita Simpson
May 20 Mark Stonebridge

Anniversaries



May 13 Danny and Jill Bouska
May 13 John and Gena Richerson
May 14 Mark and Michele Estill
May 16 Darrell and Mary Lou Barabash
May 18 Steven and Sandy Buchert

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 info!



Tyler State Park Outing Cancellation Kelly Barentine and Tina Caron

As some of you know, the Tyler State Park outing scheduled for April 17–19 had to be cancelled due to a severe weather forecast for that weekend. The storms that were generated in the DFW area were quite disconcerting, especially for those of us in Arlington where the tornado sirens were going off.

Some Diving Rebels did not feel that the cancellation was necessary. Please realize that cancellation of an outing is not what a coordinator wishes to have happen. Coordinators put a great deal of time and energy into the planning of an outing, and when the event is cancelled, those plans are tossed into the trash. **BUT . . . the safety of all of our members and their guests** is our primary concern, and in view of the forecast of a high probability of severe weather in the Tyler area for the weekend, it was decided to not take the risk. As it happens, by the time the decision to cancel was made, the majority of those planning to attend had already decided that they would not be participating due to the risk of severe weather.

On the bright side, a few Diving Rebels and guests decided to take the chance that the weather would not be as bad as predicted and to use the already paid-for campsites at the park. We were glad to hear that they did just fine and that the weather that plagued DFW did not interfere with their fun. Some of us kept the group informed of possible severe weather heading their way via Facebook; fortunately, the storms fizzled out before reaching the park.

There is a possibility that the Tyler State Park outing will be rescheduled for July, but plans are still uncertain. In any case, we hope that you take advantage of our next scheduled activity.

President's Report



Hi everyone!

As I write this report, it is sure good to see the sun shining outside. It seems like our outings have been meeting with bad weather as of late. We had to cancel the Arctic Dive in February due to ice and snow, and in April, we had to cancel the Tyler outing due to severe thunderstorms. We don't like canceling or postponing outings or events, but the safety of our members, families, and guests is always of the utmost importance and far outweighs any club event.

The rains, though, have been very beneficial to area lakes and to our local dive sites, such as Clear Springs and Athens Scuba Park. Increased spring flow through these sites should help with visibility and that all-important depth! The rains haven't helped Lake Travis much—it's up only about 1.4 feet in the last month and is still 51.5 feet below normal level.

Diving Rebels have been active diving Clear Springs, Athens, and Lake Murray. The Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Party, which we're now calling the "Not So Arctic Dive"/Wine and Cheese Party, has been rescheduled to May 16–17. See the article in this newsletter for additional information—and yes, the tickets you bought for the February event will be good for this event.

It's hard to believe that I'm already talking about our midyear outing, but it's just over a month away, so make plans now to attend the outing on June 12–14 at Clear Springs Scuba Park. Also, as you can see in this newsletter, we are moving the Scuba Gear Swap Meet to June 6. The Rangers have a home game on May 2, and we don't want to compete with them in terms of traffic and parking.

The deadline for final payment for our annual blue water trip, this year to Curaçao on June 27–July 4, is coming up on May 22, so you still have time to sign up for some great diving in the Netherlands Antilles. See this newsletter for information about the trip; more details and specific pricing information is available on the club website at www.divingrebels.org. Seven people have signed up for the trip so far—come on and join them!

Though the year has gotten off to a sporadic start, let's try to have great attendance at our upcoming outings and Restaurant of the Month events!

See you in the water!

Danny

Fashion Frenzy: Rebel Wear Sale 2015

The following Rebel Wear items will be available for purchase at the May membership meeting; if you are interested in obtaining any Rebel Wear, see Senior Board Member **Mark Stonebridge**.

Club Tee Shirts, Men's & Women's \$12 (Several Sizes)
Polo Shirts, Men's & Women's \$22 (Limited Sizes)
Club Tee Shirts with Flower, Women's \$10 (Limited Sizes)
Club Baseball Caps with Flame \$17
Club Logo Stickers, Large \$5, Small \$3

Fashion Frenzy!

During the Diving Rebels Fashion Frenzy, you will be able to special order items featuring the Diving Rebels logo (embossed or stitched), including:

Hoodies
Jackets
Sweatshirts
Polo Shirts
Beach Towels
Do-Rags
Swim Shorts

Fashion Frenzy Notes

- ☞ Please check out the catalog at www.sanmar.com for ideas for Rebel Wear. Note, however, that not everything in the catalog is available for Rebel Wear. If you have any questions about what's available, please contact Mark Stonebridge.
- ☞ Please focus on normal Rebel Wear items when making your selection, as shown in the lists above.
- ☞ Note that coozies are no longer available.
- ☞ Please have the item number, size, and color in mind before you place your order.
- ☞ It would be a good idea to have a second choice as a backup in case your first choice is unavailable.
- ☞ A **50% deposit** will be required when you place your order, with the balance to be paid in full when you receive your item.

Again, if you have any questions about ordering Rebel Wear, please contact Mark Stonebridge!

Get Your Rebel Wear Now!!



May Quarterly Outing: Laserfinger Sharon Harris

Boo, hiss, and throw popcorn—it's melodrama time at the Pocket! "Laserfinger" is another of the Pocket Sandwich Theatre's infamous audience-participation, popcorn-tossing comedies and is a spoof of 1960s spy films, taking aim at James Bond flicks and featuring superspy Hardy Flynt, the world's most inept Master of Disguise. Join us on **May 9** for this Diving Rebels Scuba Club quarterly outing!!

Twenty seats have been reserved for the May 9 presentation, so if you would like to attend, you can place your reservations with me at social@divingrebels.org, or text or call (972) 841-0000 with the number of people planning to attend. You can pay for your tickets at the May 6 membership meeting at Humperdinck's, but you must pay the full amount for the number of tickets needed **no later than May 6**. The reserved tickets will be released for general sale after that date.

We will plan to meet at the theatre for dinner at 6:30 pm on May 9 to enjoy a pocket sandwich or other tasty treat, such as nachos, buffalo wings, Reubens, and wraps!

Note: Laserfinger is rated PG-13 (adult innuendo).

Where

Pocket Sandwich Theatre
5400 East Mockingbird Ln.
Dallas, TX 75206

Additional Information

Show tickets: \$25/person (**does not include the price of dinner, snacks, desserts, or beverages**)

Dinner is served prior to the show and ends at 7:30 pm; desserts and drinks are also served at intermission.

The show starts at 8:00.

You can check out the Pocket Sandwich Theatre at their website at <http://www.pocketsandwich.com/>. For your planning convenience, here's a link to their dinner menu: <http://www.pocketsandwich.com/#!menu/c1qi2>.



“Not So Arctic Dive”/Wine and Cheese Party: Lake Murray State Park Steve Ogden



The Diving Rebels will join with the Scubadillos and any other interested divers and nondivers for the rescheduled annual “Not So Arctic Dive”/Wine and Cheese Party on **May 16 and 17**. This event will take place at the Marietta Landing campground area at Lake Murray State Park about 24 miles north of the Texas border and seven miles northeast of Marietta, OK.

We will have a number of activities associated with the outing. The water temperature will be a whole lot more pleasant than what we would have experienced in February. As in February, 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.

As in previous years, we will have a silent auction throughout the day on Saturday 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 this item, please consider donating various items 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 May dive club meetings or contact me at (214) 641-6013 to make arrangements for the item to be picked up. We anticipate that, as in past years, we should 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.

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 May 9). After May 9 and at the event, tickets can be purchased for \$15 per ticket. Tickets will be available at the May club meetings, and you can also contact me. I'll hold tickets upon a firm commitment for attendance. **Note that tickets purchased for the Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Party scheduled for February will be good for the May event.**

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, and our judges will select the best cheese—no entries for worst cheese, please!! Gift certificates will be provided for the winners. We need judges, so if you are not a contest participant or related to a contest participant and would like to judge, please let me know.

Given all the rain over the past several weeks, there should not be a fire ban, and even though the temperature should be a lot warmer than in February, we will plan to have a bonfire going most of the day and well into the evening. So if you have some wood/old fencing you would like to rid yourself of, please consider bringing it along. I will bring my typical trailer load of wood.

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.



Diving Rebels Scuba Club

3rd DFW Area Scuba Gear Swap Meet

SATURDAY - June 6th, 2015

700 Six Flags Rd
ARLINGTON, TEXAS

In the shadow of the Six Flags Over TX
Judge Roy Scream Roller Coaster!
Next to Humperdinks

10:00 am - 3:00 pm



**JUST GETTING STARTED & DON'T WANT TO SPEND AN ARM & A LEG ON SCUBA GEAR?
DOES RENTAL GEAR COST KEEP ADDING UP?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR NEW OR USED SCUBA EQUIPMENT & DIVING ACCESSORIES?
DO YOU HAVE USED SCUBA GEAR & ACCESSORIES YOU NEED TO CLEAR OUT?**

**COME FIND A GREAT DEAL ON NEW AND USED EQUIPMENT!!!
OR
SELL OR TRADE YOUR GENTLY USED GEAR!!!**

Spaces available for Dive Shops, Dive Clubs, Conservation Groups & Individuals
PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE if you are selling as spaces may not be available on the day of the event!

For more information contact Danny Bouska at (817) 381-5051 or swapmeet@divingrebels.org
Visit our website at www.divingrebels.org for Swap Meet Updates and Announcements

Please note: The Diving Rebels Scuba Club is not responsible for any transactions made during the SCUBA Gear Swap Meet & does not guarantee any items sold. All transactions are between the buyer & seller. Buyers assume the risk for any injury or death caused by any equipment purchased at this swap meet. As with all used scuba equipment, life support items should be checked by a certified professional before use. All divers should receive the proper training before use, please dive responsibly!

Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to assist at the Scuba Gear Swap Meet on June 6!

Here are where and when you can help:

Setup	8:00 am to 10:00 am
Work During the Meet	10:00 am to 12:30 pm
	12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Breakdown	3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

We will have a sign-up sheet at the May membership meeting, so please volunteer to cover a 2- or 2.5-hour shift or more if you can. Thanks!!



Midyear Outing: Clear Springs Scuba Park



The 2015 Board of Directors cordially invites club members and their guests to attend the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's annual midyear party. This event is coordinated by the board as a way to show appreciation to our members and assist them to do what Diving Rebels do best . . . **PARTY!!!**

When: Friday, June 12–Sunday, June 14
Time: 8:00 am 'til ???
Where: Clear Springs Scuba Park (CSSP), Terrell, TX
Food: BBQ with all the trimmings. Members are encouraged to bring desserts and snacks to share, along with their own drinks.

We will provide more information at the membership meetings, but the basics are the following:

-  The Saturday meal will be served at no cost to members or their guests at approximately 3:00 pm. Members are welcome to bring snacks or dessert items if they wish, but all the basics will be provided by the club. We will provide water to drink—if you want to drink anything other than water, you will have to bring it yourself.
-  Entrance to the site will hopefully be discounted through the support of CSSP. We will provide more information concerning costs as soon as possible. Be sure to bring your C-card if you intend to dive. See the CSSP website at www.clearspringsscubapark.com for a listing of air fill and equipment rental prices and other charges.
-  We will hold a raffle offering some great prizes; early-purchase tickets will be available at the June membership meeting. You can buy one ticket for \$1.00 or six tickets for \$5.00. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances are to win!!
-  **Members Only:** We will hold a special raffle for members who buy raffle tickets.
-  Camping is available at CSSP, and the club has “reserved” a couple of campsites with water and electricity. However, camping costs (\$5.00 per day) are the responsibility of the individual. See the CSSP website for additional information and restrictions.

Go where the fun is ...



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. A \$250 deposit will hold your spot, and full payment is due by May 22.

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

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

Spring Lake Diver Authorization Course Report

Steve Ogden

Thirteen divers from the Diving Rebels (5) and the Scubadillos (8) successfully completed the Spring Lake Diver Authorization Course (DAC) at the Meadows Center for Water and Environment in San Marcos, TX. The Rebels who completed the course were **Jay and Rita Delmar, Ted Glodowski, Travis Wells, and George Bartulevicz.**

The course consisted of online lessons that the divers completed before arriving at the center as well as instructor-led discussions concerning those lessons and the mission and activities of the center. After lunch, the divers suited up for entry into the “lagoon” area of Spring Lake where open water classes are conducted. The DAC divers were required to demonstrate certain diving skills, such as buoyancy control, that are necessary when diving in the lake proper to minimize the impact of the diver’s activity on the protected species of plants and animals that live in the lake. While it might have taken some of the participants more than one pass to accomplish the required tasks, all eventually came through with flying colors and successfully completed the course.

On Sunday morning, all five Diving Rebel and two of the Dillo newly certified DAC divers performed their first volunteer cleanup dive, along with **Bill Parker** and me. We worked on the Cream of Wheat, Deep Hole, and archeology sites and then toured the lake, taking in Catfish Hotel and the old riverbed area. The weather was great, and the diving was superb!

Nothing but fun at Spring Lake!!!





April Restaurant of the Month Report Sharon Harris

On Friday, April 10, the Diving Rebels ventured out to Hurst for the monthly Restaurant of the Month outing at the fine establishment of Italianni's on Precinct Line Road.

We had 16 divers at the restaurant, with 5 visiting divers. The food was fantastic, and everyone enjoyed an evening filled with flavor and fun conversation, as the photos below show!



If you were not able to participate in the Restaurant of the Month activity for April, plan to join us as we head to Dallas on May 9 for an evening of food and merriment at the Pocket Sandwich Theatre.



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