



The Rebel Yell



October 2015

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – October 7, 2015

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Rd., Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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October Meeting Program

The October membership meeting will feature nominations for the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's 2016 Board of Directors and our annual Chinese Auction.

Come join us at this important—and fun—meeting!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Oct 7 Chinese Auction
- Oct 10 Fort Worth Stockyards Ghost Tour
- Oct 24–25 Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest, The Blue Lagoon, Huntsville
- Nov 7 Chili Cook Off
- Dec 5 Christmas Party

2016 Board of Directors Nominations

Nominations for members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's 2016 Board of Directors will be accepted during the October 7 membership meeting.

Please think about whom you want to serve in these important leadership positions, and let your voice be heard as we fill roles that will help to determine the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's growth and direction in 2016!

For information about the duties of each elected position on the Board of Directors, see the article in this newsletter.

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club is one of the most active dive clubs in Texas—let's all do what we can to maintain its great tradition!

Ready for a Frightful Good Time?

Join us at The Blue Lagoon in Huntsville on October 24–25 for our annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest!



See Details in This Newsletter!

Welcome to Our Visitors!!

The Diving Rebels were happy to welcome the following visitors to our September membership meeting:

Gage Evans
Jason Isbell
Tonya Smith
Russell Smith
Penny Johnson

Thank you for visiting with us! We hope that you come again soon. We'd love to see you join the Diving Rebels Scuba Club and share some great diving experiences with us!

Birthdays



Oct 02 Keith Hinton
Oct 08 Danny Bouska
Oct 15 Roy Stillwell
Oct 19 Becky Marak
Oct 22 Sherry Hammond
Oct 24 Jim Simpson
Oct 26 Sherry Doren
Oct 29 Sandra Playle

Anniversaries



None known

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!

Early Bird Membership Renewals!

Discounts to Club Membership Dues Are Now Available.

See Details in This Newsletter!

Make Your Plans Now . . .

. . . to attend the Diving Rebels' Chili Cook Off on November 7 and our Christmas Party on December 5. Look for details in the November issue of *The Rebel Yell*, on the club website, and via email!

Don't miss out on the fun—Come join us!!

Old Copies of *The Rebel Yell*?

If you happen to have old copies of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's *The Rebel Yell* stored away in your attic or garage, our Vice President Steve Ogden would like to include them in the club's archives.

Please bring them to Steve at an upcoming membership meeting. Thanks!!



President's Report



Hi everyone!

We have just passed the first day of fall, which means that colder weather is on its way. That doesn't stop the Diving Rebels, though, since we'll continue our activities through the end of the year!

Our last diving activity of the year is the Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest, which will be held at The Blue Lagoon in Huntsville. This is always a fun activity, and there is nothing better than ending the day with a "spooky" movie under the stars. There is more information about the activity in this newsletter, so be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend.

At the last Diving Rebels Scuba Club's Board of Directors meeting, the board reviewed and revised the DRIFT Points program and made some changes that will improve that program. By reviving DRIFT Points, the board is attempting to increase both attendance at and participation in the planning of club activities—we would like more people to attend our events and more people to volunteer to serve as outing and meal coordinators. The DRIFT Points program is designed to support those goals. Additional information about the program will be sent to club members for review prior to the October 7 meeting, and the program will be discussed during the November meeting.

As I have mentioned in the last three President's Reports, October is the time for nominating members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's Board of Directors. All positions on the board are up for nomination. An article in this edition of the newsletter describes the duties of each of the offices on the board.

Our club is now 96 members strong, and I urge you to consider running for a position on the Board of Directors. We all have busy lives, but we can find time to volunteer to help make the Diving Rebels Scuba Club the best dive club in Texas. It won't take much of your time, and you wouldn't be expected to be at every outing. So think about **HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in the club by serving on the Board of Directors.

The October membership meeting is also the time for our Chinese Auction! The Chinese Auction is the club's biggest fundraiser, and we need you to come out and support this activity. It's a lot of fun—you bid on some great items, and I hear there may even be an escape to a tropical paradise offered as part of the auction! Check out the article in this newsletter for more information.

See you at the October meeting!

Danny Bouska

Chinese Auction



The Diving Rebels Scuba Club will hold its traditional Chinese Auction during the **October 7** membership meeting.

What is the Chinese Auction? Well, it's time for the circus to come to town! The Chinese Auction is not only the biggest Diving Rebels fundraiser but also one of the most entertaining of our monthly meetings.

The way the auction works is this: we have a live auction for donated gifts. What makes the auction special is that the items being auctioned are wrapped and unknown to the audience. What is being auctioned might be a dive computer, fins, boxes of Girl Scout cookies, or just about anything else. **BUT REMEMBER**, the item must be new or like new and of a minimum value of \$25. Think of it this way: you should donate an item that you would actually want yourself.

After you win an item by high bid, you have the choice of either keeping the item or forcing a trade for whatever item was won before yours. The kicker is that you have to decide to trade or not to trade before you unwrap your item. The previous bid winner may have won the bid for a dive knife that you want. If you trade, you'll trade off your wrapped item for the dive knife not knowing what you traded away. You know that you'll get the dive knife, but what did you give up for it? Maybe it's a wet suit; maybe it's a new dive computer or even a Caribbean trip. As trades can only go back to one previous round, the bid winner before you will unwrap whatever you swapped him. He cannot have it taken away nor can he force a swap for any other previously auctioned items.

Your item, whether you swap or not, may be taken from you by the next winning bidder. You also must unwrap and disclose your item to the group. If some of this doesn't make sense, don't worry—it will be explained again at the meeting.

What we ask you to bring is a new or like new item with a minimum value of \$25 that will be usable by the winner. (Not many people need a box of a/c air filters or 10 paving stones). The item should be wrapped in a nondescript wrapping—newspapers or paper bags are quite acceptable. Think about things you can talk your employer into donating or things you got two of for Christmas. **BUT THE ITEM MUST BE NEW AND SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOURSELF!**

If you want to win a bid on an item, bring some \$\$\$\$ as the competition sometimes becomes quite fierce, the banter hilarious, and the items worth the effort it takes to win them!





Nominations for the 2016 Board of Directors

At the October membership meeting, nominations will be accepted for the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's 2016 Board of Directors. Club members are urged to participate by running for a position and thereby provide valuable input into the continued growth and excellence that the Diving Rebels club has come to represent.

Listed below are the board positions and a brief summary of the duties of each position. Per the club by-laws, to be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, 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 January 1 and the October meeting, inclusive.

Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm, but the meeting time or date may be changed if a quorum cannot be present at the originally scheduled meeting. Though serving on the Board of Directors does require a little extra time each month, service can be very rewarding and is invaluable to the Diving Rebels Scuba Club as a whole.

The Board of Directors consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer corporate officers; the Activities Director; and two General Directors (the Junior and Senior Board Members).

Duties of Officers and Board of Directors

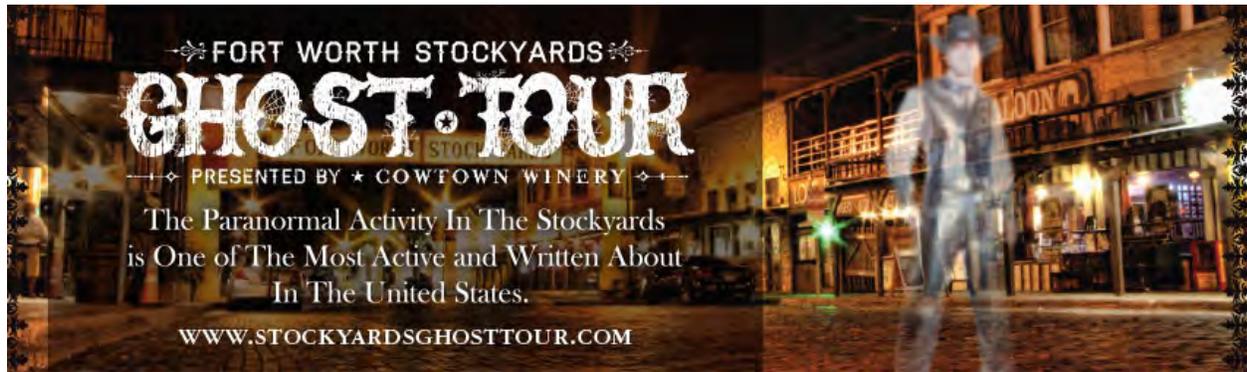
1. The President shall be the principle executive officer of the Corporation and shall preside at all the meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. He may sign, with the signature of any other Officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, any contracts or instruments that 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 keeps 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 Director 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 Directors (Junior and Senior Board Members) shall attend meetings of the Board of Directors representing the general membership of the Club and provide continuity. The Junior Board Member is responsible for the 50/50 Raffle and collecting the fine from members not wearing Rebel Wear at the Membership Meeting along with other duties, which may be assigned by the Board. The Senior Board member is not an elected position, but one to which the Junior Board Member rolls. This was designed to keep at least one Board Member from the previous board if an entirely new board were to be elected. The Senior Board Member is responsible for Rebel Wear sales and ordering.

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club belongs to its members, and the Board of Directors is the voice of the membership. The board can assist with directing the club and steering it toward continued growth and prosperity, but the members are who make it strong. The Diving Rebels have become known throughout the United States and particularly in Texas as a very active dive club, and that is because of the dedication and passion for scuba diving of its members. If you are interested in one of the board positions or have any questions about what serving on the board involves, please feel free to contact any current member of the Board of Directors.



October Outing: Fort Worth Stockyards Ghost Tour



As the seasons change and ghosts and goblins begin to emerge during the Halloween month, the Diving Rebels will enter this spookiest time of year with an outing to the Fort Worth stockyards as we experience the famous Fort Worth Stockyards Ghost Tour on **Saturday, October 10, at 6:30 pm**. We have set up a special reserved group for the club, and tickets will available at 25% off the regular ticket price (**child \$7.50, senior/student \$12.75, adult \$15.00**).

Space is limited to a maximum of 20 participants to give everyone the opportunity to hear the tour guide, so **be sure to make your reservation early**—the outing will be filled on a first come, first served basis. You can contact me at social@divingrebels.org or text me at (972) 841-0000 to coordinate purchasing tickets.

This outing will be a casual family-friendly walking tour through the stockyards as we hear about the spirits that haunt the hidden nooks and crannies of the area. Adults can enjoy a wine beverage as we stroll the streets of Cowtown to discover its spooky history. Who knows, there might even be a sighting of paranormal activity!!

The group will meet at **112 W. Exchange, Fort Worth TX, 76164 at 6:15 pm**, and the **tour will begin at 6:30**. Don't miss this spooky event!

You can find more information about the ghost tour at <http://www.stockyardsghosttour.com/>. Also, for your convenience, here's a link to an area map: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/112+W+Exchange+Ave,+Fort+Worth,+TX+76164/@32.7915054,-97.3497226,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x864e76a73c98f821:0xf5e7a74c>.

See you on October 10!

Sharon Harris
Social Coordinator

Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest: The Blue Lagoon, Huntsville

Join Outing Coordinator **Danny Bouska** and other members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club at **The Blue Lagoon** on **October 24–25** for an early Halloween, and be hidden away in the haunting piney woods just north of Huntsville, TX, off I45. For over 20 years, the eerie lagoon has served the divers of Texas with aqua blue bodies . . . of water, carving (training) platforms, mysteriously sunken boats, and miscellaneous ghoulish items. There is primitive camping if you dare, an onsite air station, concessions, and ice.

The entrance fee for divers and nondivers is \$17.00 per day. There is no fee for children under 10 who are accompanying a diver. For children under 10 who are not accompanying a diver, the entry fee is \$5. **Anyone under the age of 18** must be accompanied by a parent or a scuba instructor to enter the facility. (ID is required to show proof of age.) We will be at the site called "Flash Point" on Lagoon II.

The Blue Lagoon opens at 8:00 am on Saturday, October 24, and Sunday, October 25. Camping is NOT available on Friday night, October 23. Come out on Saturday, spend the day or the weekend, camp out under the stars in the haunting piney woods, or grab a hotel room in nearby Huntsville!

Tentative Times for Events on Saturday, October 24



8:00 am	“Spooky” Campsite Decorating (ongoing all day) Diving, Diving, Diving
1:00 pm	Pumpkin preparation starts
3:00 pm	Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest
6:30 pm	“Spooky” Campsite Decorating judging
7:00 pm	Presentation of awards
7:30 pm	Spooky movie under the stars!



If you want to camp, your entry fee allows you to camp overnight, but there is a two-day minimum fee; if you arrive on Saturday and leave on Sunday, the fee is \$34.00. Note that The Blue Lagoon does not allow pets. Porta-Potties are scattered throughout the property.

There will be a meal share for Saturday lunch and dinner. For those of you not familiar with a “meal share,” the cost of the two meals is added together and divided by the number of participants; each participant pays that share. You are responsible for providing your own drinks. **Meal Coordinators are needed for lunch and dinner on Saturday.**

Air fills are \$8.00, and rental tanks are \$14.00. If you need other gear, check The Blue Lagoon’s website at www.bluelagoonscuba.net.

We need to know if you’re coming to make sure that we have plenty of food! Meal Coordinators are needed for lunch and dinner on Saturday. Sign-up sheets will be available at the October membership meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to participate in the outing, please email Danny Bouska at president@divingrebels.org, or call him at (817) 381-5051. Let him know when you will be arriving; how many people are in your group; if you will be camping, staying in Huntsville, or making a day trip; and if you are participating in the meal share. You can also use this email address and phone number if you have any questions about the outing.

Directions: Take I45 south from Dallas/Ft Worth toward Houston. Take Exit 123 approximately 7 miles north of Huntsville, and turn left (east) at Farm to Market Road 1696/Pinedale Road. Continue to follow Pinedale for approximately 4 miles. The Blue Lagoon entrance will be on the left.



Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest Rules

Bring your own pumpkin, any size you wish. All pumpkins must be checked in upon arrival at our camping area at The Blue Lagoon. **DO NOT** pre-clean/gut or pre-draw/trace your pumpkin before check-in at The Blue Lagoon. Pumpkins will be marked at check-in and held in the “Pumpkin Patch” until it’s time for the carving. There will be three categories for the contest: (1) Scariest, (2) Ugliest, and (3) Best Design.

1. **At 1:00 pm**, you may pick up your pumpkin from the “Pumpkin Patch.”
2. You will have two hours to gut your pumpkin (on land) and trace your design by pencil or marker if desired. No precutting of the pumpkin of any kind, except to remove the top for gutting, will be allowed.
3. **At 3:00 pm**, buddy teams will enter the water and begin the underwater carving of the pumpkins.

NOTE: The Blue Lagoon is permitting us to have the underwater pumpkin carving contest with the understanding that **all pumpkins must be gutted and cleaned before being taken into the water**. Not gutting and cleaning the pumpkin before entering the water will result in an automatic disqualification, and divers must also clean up any mess made by the guts.

4. Divers must practice safe diving; therefore, you must have a buddy and cannot enter the water by yourself. Each member of the buddy team may carve his/her own pumpkin.
5. Carving must be done on the platform.
6. No weights can be used to assist in submerging or holding down the pumpkin on the platform.
7. Any type of knife can be used for carving.
8. Divers must surface with no less than 500 PSI in their tank (safe diving practice).
9. All carved items must be caught in some kind of bag and removed from the lagoon.
10. Each buddy team will be required to check in and out of the water.
11. If you need to abort the dive prior to finishing carving your pumpkin, you may retrieve your pumpkin and continue the contest later.
12. All pumpkins to be judged must be returned to the “Pumpkin Patch” by **5:00 pm**.



Early Bird Membership Renewals

In past years, the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's Board of Directors has provided discounted memberships for the upcoming year if those memberships were renewed prior to the club Christmas party. This year is no different; however, we are providing an even deeper discount if members renew prior to the November membership meeting. The following table outlines the schedule and payments for Diving Rebels Scuba Club membership dues.

	Single Diver – Regular Member	Each Additional Diver – Family Member in Same Household
Renew Prior to November Membership Meeting	\$20.00	\$10.00
Renew Prior to Christmas Party	\$22.00	\$12.00
Renew After Christmas Party	\$25.00	\$15.00

Note that membership dues will not be accepted at the Christmas Party.

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.

If you cannot attend the October 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 (<http://www.divingrebels.org/newsletter/newsletters2015/Apr15%20newsletter.pdf>), or contact Kevin Schuck at treasurer@divingrebels.org for a mailing address.

Renew Your Membership Now!!

Summer Fun in Belize: July 2016

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club



Invites You

On a Trip to

**Ambergris Caye
Belize**

July 2–July 9, 2016

Ramon's Village



See the Diving Rebels website at <http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/17/186-belize2015.html> for specific information about the trip.

Note: Pay your deposit by October 16, and save \$50!

Splash in the cerulean waters of the Western Caribbean from the sparkling white sand beach, and view the second largest barrier reef on earth just 400 yards from the resort. Experience the bountiful hospitality of the people of Belize, and see why so many guests return year after year to stay at Ramon's Village Resort. You'll be ready to come back too!

Belize attracts divers from around the world because of its spectacular dive sites, and the Ramon's Village Divers dock is the perfect launching point for any underwater excursion. From exploring Jacques Cousteau's world-famous Blue Hole to the enjoyment of the undersea wonders of Turneffe and Lighthouse Reef, to the incredible beauty of Hol Chan Marine Reserve and the unforgettable heart-pounding adventure of "swimming with the sharks" at Shark Ray Alley, you'll never see anything like this again. There truly is an extraordinary collection of God's spectacular trophies in His underwater showcase of wonderful things in Belize.

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

September Restaurant of the Month Report

Sharon Harris



A group of nine Diving Rebels joined up at the Londoner in Colleyville on September 11, and our unanimous review of the experience was that it was the “bee’s knees”!!

The Londoner’s atmosphere offered the ambiance of a traditional British pub complete with darts and pool tables. This quaint establishment features a fabulous back room, which gave us a location where we could enjoy both privacy and an evening of rich conversation and tasty grub. From the Shepard’s Pie to the Bangers & Mash to the classic Reuben, all of the entrees were excellent. The variety of spirits on hand topped off an already excellent evening—with some smooth scotch and imported ale, there was no shortage of fun and festivities! If you want to try an English dining experience, you might want to give the Londoner a look!

The Diving Rebels in “London”





Lake Travis Outing Report

Jeffrey Bennett

I would like to thank everyone who joined us at Windy Point Park at Lake Travis on the weekend of September 18–20. The event was a big success even though only seven folks attended. We had some nice dives, and the visibility wasn't too bad.

In addition to the diving, we enjoyed some raffles, good food, and good times with good friends. Those of us who camped at Windy Point for the weekend had fun, too. It did get a bit noisy when about 150 college kids showed up and partied all night long, but we all had a good laugh at their antics.

Those of you who missed the outing would have enjoyed it. Try to join us the next time we go to Windy Point!

A Diving Rebels Good Time at Windy Point Park at Lake Travis







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