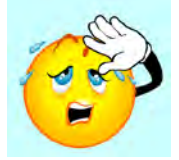




The Rebel Yell



August 2016

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

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

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – August 3, 2016

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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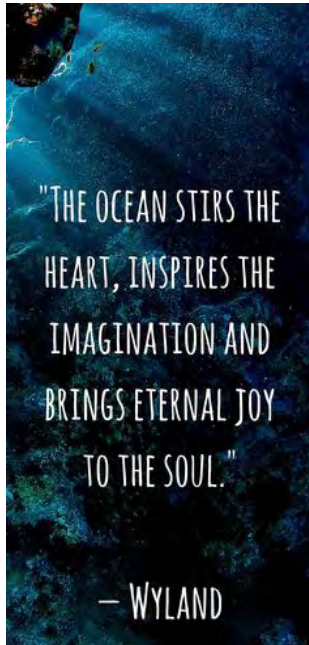
August Meeting Program

Tina Hodgson of the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism will join us at our August club meeting to discuss diving and other tourist and adventure opportunities in the Cayman Islands. She will be accompanied by **Keith Sahn**, General Manager of Sunset House, "Grand Cayman's Hotel For Divers, By Divers," and **Nadeem Kahn**, Director of Sales and Marketing for Cayman Airways. Additional information on Cayman diving can be found at www.caymanislands.ky/ and www.caymanislands.ky/divecayman/. Be sure to join us for this interesting and informative presentation.

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Aug 12 Restaurant of the Month: Mariano's Hacienda
- Aug 20 Wheeler Branch
- Sep 2-5 TBA
- Sep 7 Chinese Auction
- Sep 10-17 Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Oct 22-23 Underwater Pumpkin Carving: Location TBA
- Nov 5 Annual Chili Cook Off: Joe Pool Lake

Why We Dive . . .



Birthdays



Aug 02 Ellen Fourton
 Aug 07 Ted Glodowski
 Aug 07 Robert Martinez
 Aug 07 Steven Woodward
 Aug 12 Jim Magnuson
 Aug 21 Phyllis Kirchhoff
 Aug 25 Gerald Bartz

Anniversaries



Aug 24 Jim and Phyllis Kirchhoff
 Aug 28 George and Diane Bartulevicz

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!

Welcome to Our Visitors

The Diving Rebels were happy to welcome **Craig Ebersole** to our July membership meeting.

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!

Labor Day Outing

September 2-5

We'll discuss plans for our September Labor Day Outing at the August membership meeting, so be sure to attend! Information should also be provided via Facebook and email. See the update from **Allen Bothwell** in this newsletter.

Prorated 2016 New Memberships

Diving Rebels Scuba Club membership dues are prorated starting July 1 to reflect a 50% decrease in diving member dues. The club offers a number of significant advantages; see <http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/benefits> 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 prorated membership dues.

	Single Diver – Regular Member	Initiation Fee	Each Additional Diver – Family Member in Same Household	Nondiving/ Nonvoting
Joining July 1 and Later	\$15.00	\$15.00*	\$10.00	\$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, see the article in the January 2016 issue of *The Rebel Yell* (<http://www.divingrebels.org/newsletter/newsletters2016/Jan16newsletter.pdf>), 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 Letter



HOT DAYS AHEAD . . .

As we head into the dog days of summer . . . where did that come from? . . . “Name for the most sultry period of summer; named in early times by observers in countries bordering the Mediterranean.” TMI . . . it’s just hot, and all I want to do is lay around like a hot dog or dawg!

Please remember to hydrate yourself; heat exhaustion can sneak up on you pretty quickly; the next step after that is heat stroke, which can become deadly.

Just around the corner is what I am sure a lot of kids refer to as the days of summer going to the dawgs, with the start of the school year. Another reminder—please slow it down, and stay off the cell phone while you’re driving in school zones. Okay Dad . . . move it along.

I hope everyone’s summer has been fun. And there is still more fun to come. Several dive outings, both local and out of state (Ft. Lauderdale); Pumpkin Carving; day trip’n; all culminating with the Christmas Party. I can’t believe it’s only August, and I said the “C” word.

While we get ready to head into the final stretch of the year, it’s also time to begin thinking about running for a position on the Board of Directors (all positions are available). Having been President and Secretary, I can tell you that the jobs aren’t as bad as you may think.

While we are on the subject of volunteering, there are always opportunities to be an outing coordinator, meal prep/planner, etc. And, speaking of outings, if you have any ideas about trips that we can take, either locally or farther afield, please let the board know about them . . . and volunteer to coordinate the outing. After all, it’s your club.

Well, the club’s next outing is a day trip to Wheeler Branch on August 20!

See ya’ in a week!

Allen

From the President

Allen Bothwell

Midyear Outing

I know you thought we were done with the subject of the Midyear Outing at Clear Springs Scuba Park . . . Neveah!!!!

We need to contact the two individuals who won the raffle for the gift certificates from Arlington Scuba. Please let us know who you are (you can contact me at president@divingrebels.org), and bring the IOUs to the August meeting so that you can exchange them for the gift certificates.

Labor Day Outing September 2–5

During the July meeting, we announced that the trip to Lake Ouachita would have to be postponed until next year due to our inability to obtain reservations.

At the Board of Directors, it was suggested that we consider Marietta Landing or Garner State Park for our September Labor Day outing.

After we learned that Garner State Park is already booked for the Labor Day weekend, I placed a call to the Oklahoma State Park System to inquire about Lake Murray and Marietta Landing and was left on hold for a long period of time. I will check with them again between now and the August membership meeting.

If reservations are available at Lake Murray, I will reserve a spot for the club. But if you have any other suggestions about a site for our September outing, please feel free to check on its availability, and bring that suggestion to the meeting.

Florida Update

Well, if you haven't booked your room yet at the Bahia Mar for the Fort Lauderdale trip September 10–17, it's off the table so far as the room rate and airfare deal goes . . . totally surprised me!

There are still a few rooms left at the hotel; however, the travel sites no longer list the special rates that were previously offered.

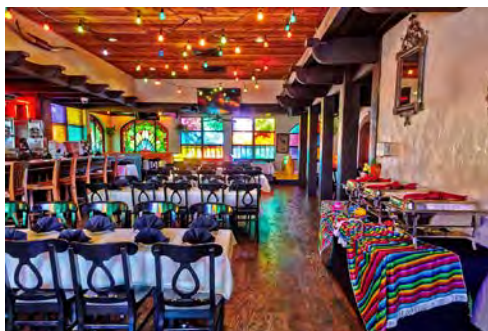
Here's some information about a couple of other hotels:

Holiday Inn Express	Starts at \$506
Crowne Plaza	Starts at \$496

These aren't as convenient as being right at the boat, but they're only about a mile and a half away.

I'll probably stay at the Crowne Plaza . . . I guess there's a reason I'm not a travel agent!

July Restaurant of the Month Report and Restaurant of the Month & August



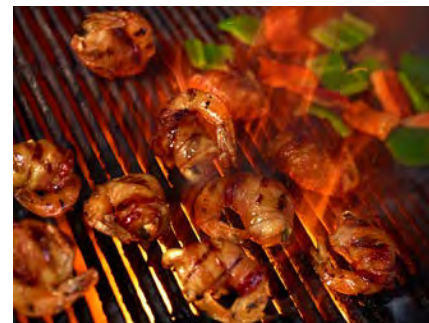
Where: Mariano's Hacienda
Address: 2614 Majesty Dr., Arlington, TX 76011
When: Friday, August 12, at 7:00 pm
Phone: (817) 640-5118
Web: <https://www.laharanch.com/locations/arlington/>
Email: Cathy McWilliams at social@divingrebels.org or fifeandthistle@outlook.com

Last month's Restaurant of the Month (RoM) outing at Villa's Brazilian Grill was fantastic. Eight people joined us at Villa's on July 15 for some of the best food we've had, and what was better, it was "all you can eat." We found out after the fact that if one of the guests in a party of six or more is celebrating a birthday, that meal is free! Although Villa's is a bit expensive, it was worth the price.



We'll meet on **Friday, August 12 at 7:00 pm** for our next RoM event, this time at **Mariano's Hacienda**, 2614 Majesty Dr., Arlington, TX.

With the temperatures soaring in the triple digits, what better place to have our next gathering than the home of the frozen margarita! Yes, Mariano Martinez, the founder of Mariano's Hacienda,



invented the Frozen Margarita Machine, which is such a part of our culture that it now resides in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. The restaurant features a variety of Mexican and Tex-Mex dishes, including fajitas, tacos, enchiladas, flautas, and burritos, and, as one might expect, a number of specialty frozen and on-the-rocks margaritas.

Please let us know that you're planning to join us by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 10**. Just respond by signing up for the event at the August membership meeting; by commenting on the August Restaurant of the Month announcement on the club's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/96073813073/>) indicating that you're coming and including your name and the number of attendees; or by contacting me directly by email (social@divingrebels.org or fifeandthistle@outlook.com) or phone (253-219-6074). (I've stopped using Meetup temporarily due to an apparent glitch in the system.)

Bon Appetit!

Cathy McWilliams
Social Coordinator

Wheeler Branch Outing

Jeff Bennett

Hello Diving Rebels!

On **Saturday, August 20**, we will be heading to **Wheeler Branch Park, 2099 County Road 301, Glen Rose, TX 76043**, for a day of diving and hanging out with good friends! The entrance fee for adult non-Somerville County residents is \$8 per person; the park opens at 7:00 am and closes at sunset. Wheeler Branch Park has a boat ramp with floating dock, a beach area that also has its own floating dock island, public restrooms, covered picnic areas, and a large pavilion. There is also a very nice fishing pier. Those Diving Rebels who have already been to Wheeler Branch have commented on the good diving there, so it sounds like a lot of fun.

Check out the park's website for directions and other details: <http://www.scwd.com/about-the-park.html>.



Chinese Auction



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

What is the Chinese auction? Well, it's more fun than a lake full of Diving Rebels! 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 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 September meeting.

What we ask you to bring is a 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—newspaper 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 2017 Board of Directors



Each year at the October membership meeting, which this year is on **October 5**, nominations for the various Diving Rebels Scuba Club Board of Director positions are accepted. 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 Scuba 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 affairs 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 notices 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 and for tracking points earned in the DRIFT points program.

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.



Athens Scuba Park Outing Report

Jeff Bennett

I would like to thank everyone who came out to Athens Scuba Park on July 23–24 for our Athens outing. It was awesome to see new members and new visitors. Also, here’s a big “Thank You” to **Johnny and Connie Griffin** for providing lunch. We were set up on the far side of the park, nearest the location of the big plane, where there was plenty of parking space and shade; the two docks we could use made for a nice entry for all. We had a timed swim from the dock to a marker and back, which was fun. The water at Athens was high, and, for Athens, the vis was pretty good. The water was warm, and a lot of us dived in swimming trunks or skins. We also had a raffle, and a some of our members and visitors came away with great prizes!







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