



# The Rebel Yell



March 2018 🍀 "Celebrating Our 60th Anniversary as a Dive Club!!"

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Note Venue Change!

Wednesday – March 7, 2018

J. Gilligans, 400 E. Abrams St. Arlington, TX 76010

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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## March Meeting Program

The Diving Rebels' March membership meeting will feature not one, but two speakers!

**Rich Woulfe** of Woulfe Travel will discuss some of the destinations he books as well as present some travel hints and guidelines. Rich identifies as a "most of the time traveler" as he has been traveling the globe an average of over 150 days per year for 25 years. Rich has extensive dive and incentive group travel management experience and has operated over 400 programs in 80 countries. To learn more about Rich's travel operations, see his website at <http://www.richtravels.com/>.

Next, **Kari-Ann Melendez** of Diveheart and the newly established North Texas Diveheart Team will tell us about the opportunities for volunteer involvement with this organization. Diveheart's purpose is to provide and support scuba diving programs that are open to any child, adult, or veteran with a disability. Diveheart volunteers serve as surface and administrative support, Diveheart Adaptive Scuba Instructors, and Adaptive Dive Buddies. Additionally, the organization accepts both monetary donations and donations of scuba gear. For information about the organization, see its website at <http://www.diveheart.org/>.

## Upcoming Events Calendar

Mar 16	Restaurant of the Month: Spazio's Italian Cantina
Mar 21	Board of Directors Meeting: 7:00 pm, Ted E's Kitchen, Bedford
Mar 24	Wheeler Branch Outing
Apr 21–22	Tyler State Park Outing

## Meeting Venue Change

Effective with the membership meeting on March 7, the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's monthly meetings will be held at **J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill, 400 E. Abrams St. Arlington, TX 76010.**

See you at J. Gilligan's!!

## Note on Campfire Etiquette

Many things that we throw into our fires might be better left out. Campground personnel have to clean the fire pits, and glass and aluminum can make that task difficult and a little dangerous. Also, anything other than paper or wood will likely have chemicals that put out foul smells and black smoke when burned. Burning Styrofoam, for example, releases many toxic chemicals that others around a campfire might not enjoy. Please take the time to dispose of such items in trash bags. I know I've not been as careful with campfires as I should have been in the past, but, please, let's all do better in the future.

**Jim Magnuson**

## Birthdays



Mar 04 Heather Thompson  
Mar 23 Penny Johnson  
Mar 28 Debbie Leyden

## Anniversaries



Mar 17 Mark and Angie Smith  
Mar 19 Rafael and Ana Centeno

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

Contact Vice President **Dale Romack** to update/correct your information!



## DRLXYRS

Three score years ago, the "Diving Rebels Skin Diving Club" was officially founded. While we now go by another name, our midyear party will still be a celebration of that anniversary. To help commemorate that milestone for our club, we want to create a "Diving Rebels 60th Anniversary T-Shirt," and there's no better way to accomplish that than by making it a Diving Rebels contest!

To participate, all you have to do is design the graphic art for the front or back of the T-shirt, and submit it by the April membership meeting, which will be held on **April 4, 2018**. Please limit the design to four or fewer colors, and email the image to **Jim Magnuson** at [magnuson.tx@gmail.com](mailto:magnuson.tx@gmail.com) or [activities@divingrebels.org](mailto:activities@divingrebels.org).

The winner will be determined by a vote of the club's Board of Directors, who will consider the design's appearance, possible costs of production, how it will look on a shirt, and so on. Board members who submit an entry will not be eligible to vote for a winner. The winner of the contest will receive a prize, a free T-shirt sporting his/her design or possibly some other reward.

We've only received a few entries thus far, so please put on your "artist hat," create a design, and submit it for the contest!!

If you have any questions about the contest, please send them to Jim Magnuson at [magnuson.tx@gmail.com](mailto:magnuson.tx@gmail.com) or [activities@divingrebels.org](mailto:activities@divingrebels.org).



## President's Letter



Hooray!!!

Spring is upon us!! I am so looking forward to getting out and relaxing at our dive outings and impromptu gatherings. My weekend gig is coming to an end, and from what I understand, that could be as early as this weekend. This will afford me the time to actually be able to get to Diving Rebels' outings and gatherings—and, most importantly for our Newsletter Editor **Jay Delmar**, to get my President's Letter completed on time! I thought that it was going to happen tonight, but I was "forced" into taking a nap in my recliner. I had also thought that I would use "voice-to-text" to make a first draft while Kali and Brigit sat in my lap. An hour and a half later, all I had was no draft and a pool of drool. I did try voice-to-text, though, and I think that it will work. But the letter will need some serious editing before I send it to Jay, as it is QUITE the outcome. There was a lot of rambling as I just threw out thoughts. LOL—you might be asking if this a voice-to-text piece since it is seemingly pretty random, and what does this rambling have to do with anything? Actually, it has to do with everything!

Relaxing and enjoying the things that you love and being active in community help you de-stress and aid in your maintaining a good life/work balance. Our recent Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest was a great example of this. I just wish that I had been able to get to Lake Murray before 4:30 pm. The weather was great, the burn ban was lifted, **Jim Magnuson** showed us an alternative use for a fin, the food was awesome, and the community-building was the tops. There was continued talk about additional Diving Rebels/Scubadillo outings that carried over into breakfast. I wish that I had more time to chat with the folks whom I don't know well. I was pretty de-stressed when I got home on Sunday, though, and I'm really excited about what the rest of the Diving Rebels' year will bring!

See you at J. Gilligan's!

Kevin

**Being active in the Diving Rebels Scuba Club is  
a great way to de-stress!!!**



# February Restaurant of the Month Report

## Restaurant of the Month & March



**Where:** Spazzio's Italian Cantina  
**Address:** 2500 N.E. Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington, TX 76006  
**When:** Friday, March 16, 7:00 pm  
**Web:** <http://www.spazziosarlington.com/>  
**Phone:** (817) 633-0830  
**Email:** Elizabeth Neumann at [social@divingrebels.org](mailto:social@divingrebels.org)



We had a nice turnout for our February Restaurant of the Month (RoM) event as we gathered at the Guatemalan family-owned restaurant El Meson Chapin on February 16. We sampled several tasty dishes and enjoyed a unique hot corn beverage. Several us



rode together and returned to my house for dessert.

Our next RoM outing will be held on **Friday, March 16, at 7:00 pm.** Come join us at **Spazzio's Italian Cantina**, located at **2500 N.E. Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington, TX 76006.** Spazzio's is an authentic Italian Cantina featuring a classic menu serving delicious Northern Italian Food and New York style pizzas made from only the freshest, high-quality ingredients.



Please let us know that you're planning to attend the RoM event by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 14.** Just respond by signing up for the event at the March membership meeting; by accepting your invitation to the event on the club's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/96073813073/>); or by contacting me at [social@divingrebels.org](mailto:social@divingrebels.org) or calling me at (817) 995-4677.

Elizabeth Neumann  
Social Coordinator

# Join the Diving Rebels for a 2018 Cruise!

The Diving Rebels' own **Penny Johnson** is setting up a Caribbean cruise package for members and guests of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club. This 7-day Western Caribbean cruise will depart from New Orleans on November 11, 2018, and return on November 18, making stops in Cozumel, Roatán, Belize, and Costa Maya. See the itinerary below for cruise details. **Note: The cruise ship, prices, and some other cruise details have been changed since the original announcement.**

## Diving Rebels 2018 Cruise



**Norwegian Breakaway**  
**7 Day Western Caribbean Cruise, Nov 2018**

Inside Cabin - \$659 (2 remaining)      Ocean View - \$749      Balcony - \$999 (2 remaining)  
All above rates are based on double occupancy. Port Charges & Taxes are \$135.45 per person. Rates and availability not guaranteed until deposit made. A \$50 deposit per person will reserve you a cruise that includes diving in three islands. Final payment not due until Aug 10, 2018.

Date	Port	Depart	Arrive
Sunday, November 11	<a href="#">New Orleans, LA</a>		4:00pm
Monday, November 12	At Sea		
Tuesday, November 13	<a href="#">Cozumel, Mexico</a>	8:00am	5:00pm
Wednesday, November 14	<a href="#">Roatan, Honduras</a>	10:00am	6:00pm
Thursday, November 15	<a href="#">Harvest Caye, Belize</a>	8:00am	5:00pm
Friday, November 16	<a href="#">Costa Maya, Mexico</a>	8:00am	4:00pm
Saturday, November 17	At Sea		
Sunday, November 18	<a href="#">New Orleans, LA</a>	8:00am	

Free at Sea Choices: (Choose 2)

- Ultimate Beverage Package
- 250 Minutes Internet Package
- Four Day Specialty Dining Package
- 20 Image Photo Package

Pre-Paid Service Charge (Gratuities)

- \$50 per port Shore Excursion Credit
- \$75 Onboard Credit

For more information about the cruise, trip changes, and/or to obtain a registration form, contact Penny at:

Penny Johnson, A+ Travel  
 1216 Glenbury Ct., Arlington, TX 76006  
 Phone: (817) 975-6106  
 Home Phone (evening): (817) 422-9494  
 email: [dtravelinggirl@gmail.com](mailto:dtravelinggirl@gmail.com)

# Wheeler Branch Outing

## Jim Magnuson

On **Saturday, March 24**, the Diving Rebels 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 the time posted at the gate house. 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. The Diving Rebels have visited Wheeler Branch several times, and the diving has been a lot of fun—easy entrance and exit and plenty to see underwater!

There are several nice things about diving Wheeler Branch, and early in the year, visibility can be fairly good. Wheeler Branch has a number of easy-to-find underwater attractions, and with a little luck, you might get to see a freshwater jellyfish! Come out to practice your underwater photography or navigation or to simply enjoy a lake dive sans power boats!



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

Lunch will be potluck snackables, so it would help if you bring something to share. Please bring your own beverages. For dinner, we will meet at a favorite Glen Rose spot, the **Loco Coyote Grill, 1795 County Road 1004, Glen Rose, TX 76043** ([www.lococoyotegrill.com/home.html](http://www.lococoyotegrill.com/home.html), phone: [254] 897-2324).

If you want to stay overnight, camping at the park is not permitted, but the Glen Rose area offers a number of reasonably priced hotels/motels ([TripAdvisor: Glen Rose Hotels](#)).



### Directions to the Loco Coyote:

1. Eight miles west of Glen Rose on Highway 67
2. Right on County Road 1004 (large Loco Coyote billboard on the right)
3. 1/2 mile down CR 1004 on the left

If you have trouble using your GPS, try this address: 1795 County Road 1004, Walnut Springs, TX 76690.



## Tyler State Park Outing

### Jim Magnuson



Meet your fellow Diving Rebels at **Tyler State Park** on **April 21–22** for a weekend of fun, food, and diving at this great park located at **789 Park Road 16, Tyler, TX 75706**, phone (903) 597-5338 (<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/tyler>).

Tyler State Park is located near the western edge of the Pineywoods ecoregion, near its border with the Post Oak Savannah ecoregion. As a result, plants from both ecoregions grow in the park.

This area is in the Sabine River Basin. Civilian Conservation Corps workers created the lake by damming an unnamed creek that begins at Beauchamp Springs (you can see this on the Whispering Pines Nature Trail). Water from the lake's spillway eventually flows into Saline Creek, a major tributary of the Sabine.

Tyler State Park is a great place to dive, swim, hike, fish, or camp—just about anything you'd want to do outdoors. The park has a daily entrance fee of \$6.00 for adults, with no charge for children 12 years and under. Since the lake is part of the park, you don't need a license to fish there from shore, and you can try your luck catching crappie, perch, catfish or bass. The park has three fishing piers and a boat ramp. They also loan fishing rods, reels, and tackle boxes as part of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Tackle Loaner Program.

While Lake Tyler is a shallow lake, it warms up very early in the year, so it is a great place to start diving again. I'd still recommend using a wetsuit, but a full 3 mil wetsuit and gloves might be enough. If you'd like to help coordinate the outing or manage a meal, please let me know. You can contact me at [magnuson.tx@gmail.com](mailto:magnuson.tx@gmail.com) or [activities@divingrebels.org](mailto:activities@divingrebels.org).

Specific details concerning activities, times, and meeting places should be available at the March and April membership meetings; information will also be posted online on the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's Facebook page, so check there often for updates (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/96073813073/>).



**Come join us at Tyler State Park!!!**

# Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest Report

## Steve “Oggie” Ogden

Members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club and the Scubadillo Dive Club trekked to the Marietta Landing campground at Lake Murray State Park in south central Oklahoma during the weekend of February 24 for the 2018 edition of the annual Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest joint club outing. The event this year was a particular challenge due to our recent dry weather. Because of the dry spell experienced by north Texas and most of Oklahoma for the past three to four months, the Oklahoma governor’s office imposed a burn ban on the western half of Oklahoma that included Lake Murray and the surrounding area. Then for several days leading up to the outing, the skies opened up, and the drought was broken in a very dramatic way, with record-setting rainfall of almost diluvian proportions. In fact, the rain did not completely exit the DFW area until about 1:00 pm on the day of the outing.

The rainfall had the potential to be both a blessing and a curse—so which one would it be? With all the water wetting the trees, underbrush, and grass, one would think that Oklahoma would lift the burn ban in the Lake Murray area. But each day that I checked, even the morning of the outing, I discovered that the burn ban was still in place. I even called the Oklahoma governor’s office the day before the outing to see if there was any update or additional information to be had. Alas, there was none.

As I reported at the February club meetings, I had loaded up my trailer with wood that I intended to bring to the outing to provide the fuel for the bonfire that is typically a component of the event. But with the burn ban in place the morning of the outing and not hearing anything to the contrary, I decided not to take a chance pulling the trailer full of wood to the lake and then having to haul it back home again. Not long after I arrived at the lake at about 3:00 pm I learned from **Jim Magnuson** that the burn ban had been lifted about 30 minutes previously. So now I STILL have to figure out what to do with all that wood! Oh, well. We were able, however, to have a small fire since Jim picked up some wood on the way to the lake in hopes that the burn ban would be lifted, and he was rewarded for his foresight.

The rain also served to significantly hinder attendance at the outing. Just over 30 folks from the two clubs had signed up and paid for tickets to the event; based on previous experience, we anticipated that 45 club members and guests would actually attend, approximately the same number that came to Lake Murray last year. As it turned out, just over 20 people participated, including a few folks who hadn’t signed up earlier, which isn’t really too bad considering the weather situation. Because of the uncertain weather, this was the first year that we did not have any divers in the lake.

This year, we did some things differently from we had done at past Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest outings. For instance, instead of purchasing diving- and camping-related items to use in our silent auction, several of our board members put together gift baskets on which bids would be taken. Members of both clubs also donated a number of dive- and camping-related items for the auction, with monies realized from winning bids going to the club represented by the donor. I was the successful bidder on a basket of wine, cheese, and chocolate (perhaps we need to add a “Best Chocolate” category to our wine and cheese contest!). The Diving Rebels earned \$228 from the silent auction, while the ’Dillos collected \$89.

Also, we held the Wine and Cheese Contest before we ate dinner instead of after the meal as in the past, when we were always fighting the impending darkness. We had sufficient light, and folks could also enjoy the wine and/or cheese with their dinner instead of as “dessert.” Reflecting our smaller than usual attendance, we had a smaller than usual number of contest entrants—seven red wine entrants, four white wine entrants, and five cheese entrants.



The Wine and Cheese Contest results are listed below.

Place	Name	Club	Description
<b>Best Red Wine</b>			
First	Bill Davidson	'Dillos	Burlwood Cabernet – 2016
Second	Dale Romack	Diving Rebels	Ménage A Trois – 2016
<b>Best White Wine</b>			
First	Bill Davidson	'Dillos	Liberty Creek Pinot Noir
Second	Pam Nowell	'Dillos	Chateau Ste. Michelle Sweet Riesling
<b>Best Cheese</b>			
First	Bill Davidson	'Dillos	Tillamook Xtra Sharp White Cheddar
Second	Pam Nowell	'Dillos	Chai Bellavitano
<b>Worst Wine</b>			
First	Becky Marak	Diving Rebels	Traverse Bay Cherry Wine

As noted, **Bill Davidson**, President of the Scubadillo Dive Club, hit the trifecta as he won first place in each best wine and cheese category—the first time that has happened. So congratulations to you, Bill! Additionally, the Scubadillos' entrants dominated the total awards this year, so Diving Rebels, we need to step up our efforts in 2019! Each first and second place contestant received certificates, gift cards, and/or wine and cheese-related items that were assembled by **Linda Magnuson**, who presented the prizes to each winning contestant.

The Wine And Cheese Contest was followed by a wonderful meal primarily prepared and assembled by **Elizabeth Neumann**. We dined on delicious pulled pork, baked potatoes, coleslaw, beans, and rolls. If anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault. Note that we collected \$330 from the sale of meal tickets.

The final event of the day was the raffle, which featured a bottle of Crown Royal donated by **Penny Johnson** and two \$25 gift certificates from ScubaToys. Since we had food left over from the dinner, we bagged up four portions of pork, baked potatoes, coleslaw, and rolls and included them in the raffle as well. We realized \$140 from the raffle—thanks go to **Cathy McWilliams** for organizing the raffle.

So what was the verdict on the rain being a blessing or a curse? Well, having the rain was probably a “wash” (get it?). We certainly needed the rain, but it would have been nice if it had stopped a day earlier so that we might have been able to get the burn ban lifted in time for me to get rid of my load of wood! But the Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest turned out to be an enjoyable event nonetheless, even with no diving! I'd like to thank all of you who made it to the event—we had a good time. Some folks spent the night at the lake in tents, RVs, or cabins, while others of us journeyed back to the DFW area.

Photographs of the event follow, courtesy of **Mikael Lindström** of the Scubadillo Dive Club. Thanks, Mikael, for allowing us to use them!

## 2018 Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest



**Bill Davidson ('Dillos) and Cathy McWilliams (Diving Rebels) Setting Up Silent Auction Items**



**Gina Natho-Richerson Checking Out Silent Auction Items**



**Wine and Cheese Contest Judges Linda Magnuson, John Richerson, Gena Natho-Richerson, and Steve "Oggie" Ogden**



**John, Linda, and Oggie Tasting and Pondering**



**Samples of Wine and Cheese Contest Winning Prizes**

**1st Places: Certificate and Gift Card**

**2nd Places: Certificate and Theme-Related Item**

**Worst Wine: Certificate and Candles to Try to Improve the Atmosphere**

**(Great thanks go to Linda Magnuson for her creativity and efforts in arranging for the prizes!)**



**Oggie Announcing a White Wine Winner**



**Bill Davidson (Scubadillo President) Displaying His Trifecta of Winning Certificates Presented by Linda Magnuson**



**Dale Romack (Diving Rebels Vice President) Displaying His Red Wine 2nd Place Certificate and Wine Clutch (Purse)**



**Linda Presenting the Worst Wine Award to Becky Marak (Diving Rebels)**



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