



The Rebel Yell



A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels - One of the Oldest Scuba Clubs in Texas - Established 1958
January 2012

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – January 4, 2012

Meeting Time
6:30pm Social
7:15pm Meeting

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January Meeting Program

Reggie Clark will provide a presentation on the history of underwater photography.

The Board of Directors needs your help!

The Club is looking for someone to fill the Appointed Position of "Newsletter Editor".

This position takes very little time and is your chance to be published!

Contact any Board Member for more information

Upcoming Events Calendar

Jan	4	Monthly Membership Meeting
Jan	28-29	San Marcos River Outing
Feb	1	Monthly Membership Meeting
Feb	25-26	Arctic Dive and Wine & Cheese Outing
Mar	7	Monthly Membership Meeting
Mar	24-25	Blue Lagoon

President's Report

Happy New Year!

Wow, 2011 flew by and here we are ready to start 2012. I hope everyone will have a great start to the New Year! The Board of Directors and I are looking forward to another great year of activities and fun during 2012. We are looking for new ideas for diving in 2012 along with ideas for non diving social events.

Please remember that this is your club and though the Board of Directors is elected to help manage and maintain the course of the club, you as members are who make the club strong and keep it going as it has for the last 53 years! We need your help in making suggestions for outings, coordinating outings, coordinating meals or being activity coordinators at outings.

The Club is in need of someone to be our "Newsletter Editor" for 2012. Publishing the newsletter takes about 4 hours of your time each month and *The Rebel Yell* is an important means of sharing what has happened in the Club along with what is going to happen. It's real easy and you will have plenty of help getting started. If you can help with this important Board duty, please let myself or one of the board members know.

What is probably one of the most important means of helping make the Club a success is your being in attendance. Your presence at the meetings and outings is what makes them fun and successful. We had great attendance at the Monthly Membership Meetings and at the outings during 2011. With several outings on the calendar for 2012, please look for additional information in the newsletter, mark the dates on your calendar and make plans to attend.

To help us make sure you are informed of Club Activities, please make sure your contact information is accurate by verifying the data on the registration sheets which Mark Estill will have at the upcoming Membership Meetings. If you didn't take advantage of the most recent Renewal Special, you have another chance to save some money on your membership renewal for 2012. See below for more information. It's a limited special so act soon! Remember to renew your membership before the start of the March Membership Meeting so you won't have to repay the initiation fee.

I am looking forward to a great year of diving and having fun with you and your families in 2012!

Danny Bouska

New Year's Dues Special



Hurry before the Savings Ship sails! The deadline for accepting 2012 dues at a "SPECIAL" rate will be leaving port. If you choose to take advantage of the offer your dues must be paid by the February 1st meeting. If you mail in your dues they must be postmarked by February 1st to qualify and can be sent to 1310 Webb Ferrell Rd S Arlington, TX 76002.

For initial member the price is \$22 (normally \$25) and each additional family member is \$13 (normally \$15) and non-diving members are \$5.00. This offer only applies to current membership in good standing.

****NEW** Family Membership Plan Available: For current members we will offer the 2012 dues at \$50 rate (includes up to 4 divers) and New Members are eligible to take advantage of the savings as well. Family Membership Plan \$50 + \$15 Initiation Fee (includes 1 DR T-shirt, additional shirts may be purchased for \$10 per shirt at the time of joining)**

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What to Expect at Upcoming Events/Outings!

January 28-29

San Marcos River Dive: Want ocean quality visibility and 73 degree water in Texas during the month of January? Make plans to attend this outing and experience a fun and enjoyable “drift dive” in the San Marcos River.

February 25-26

Arctic Dive and Wine and Cheese Festival at Lake Murray near Ardmore Oklahoma. Dive if you dare, but come out and enjoy great food, bring your favorite wine and cheese to enter into the contest for the best or bring your worst wine and cheese to enter into the contest for the worst! Either way, this outing is a lot of fun!

March 24-25

Join us as we place a memorial in the Blue Lagoon for Susan Banda

April 14-15

Tyler State Park is always a fun outing. This shallow lake warms up quickly and offers descent visibility, lots of fish and turtles.

May – December 2011

Let the board know where you want to go diving. Coordinate an outing or two or coordinate meals. Become active in YOUR DIVE CLUB!



Wine and Cheese Extravaganza Marietta’s Landing, Lake Murray, OK – February 25-26

The committee is hard at work organizing the Annual Wine and Cheese outing. You can expect to see more info in the next newsletter.

If you are interested in a cabin, call Marsha at 800-257-0322 to check what she has available. There should be plenty of camping space with heated restrooms available at Marietta Landing. Sites w/water & electricity are \$15 & \$18. Tent sites w/o are \$8.

Diving has vet to be planned.



Birthdays

Jan 22 Danny Barentine
Jan 25 Nick Boyett
Jan 28 Gena Natho
Jan 29 Diana Pittman
Jan 29 Selena Woodward
Jan 31 Sarah Seal

Anniversaries

None Known

Did we miss your special date? If so, it’s not in our database. Contact Mark Estill to update your info!

A Rebel Welcome to New Members and Visitors reading out newsletter and joining us at our outings and meetings!

Make sure to say “Hi” and give a Rebel Welcome to our new members and visitors!

Don’t forget Diving Rebels Wear On sale at any monthly meeting!



Aquatic Blue
NATURAL



NAVY &



BLACK



NAVY

Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

January 28, 2012 - San Marcos River Outing Information

by Steve Ogden

The Diving Rebels will continue its January outing tradition with the annual San Marcos River cleanup that will take place on Saturday, January 28. We will plan to start the dive at the usual meeting place there at the Aquarena Springs Drive bridge at the river about 1 PM. Steve Ogden is the trip coordinator and his cell number is (214) 641-6013. Call if you are running late so we know to wait for you. A map is attached noting the location of the entry and exit locations. The distance between the two points is approximately one mile. For the most part, this is a relaxing fresh-water drift dive and in some places you can just obtain a stable, motionless position and let the current move you along. Depending on the water level, there may be some rather shallow spots about one-half way along the dive, but these are navigable.

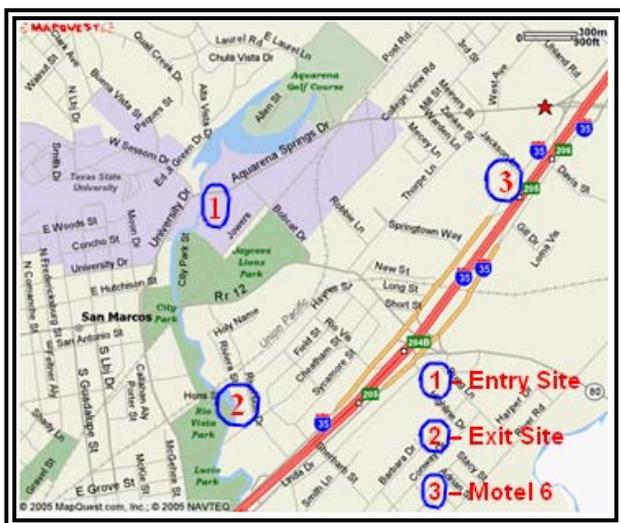
We will have prizes for the collector of the most trash and as well the collector of the most unusual piece of trash, as voted by the participants. So bring your mesh laundry bags and/or onion sacks and be prepared to scour the river bottom for collectables. As usual, the target is on me as the defending winner, for several years running, of the most trash collected. Perhaps this is the year for someone else to take on that title.

We will have dinner together, probably at Palmer's Restaurant (<http://www.palmerstexas.com/>) that we have frequented for the past few years, particularly if the weather has been nice and we can sit in the courtyard.

There are a number of reasonably priced motels in the San Marcos area, fairly close by the river. I generally stay at the Motel 6 (<http://www.motel6.com/ms/select-stay.do>), located just south of I-35 and Aquarena Springs Drive, the exit to the dive. The map on the next page also notes the Motel 6 location. For internet reservations, rates are \$33.29 + tax for a single, and \$38.69 + tax for double occupancy. Both of these rates are about 20% less than a year ago. Phone reservations are \$5 more for each category. Additional information regarding the Motel 6 location is noted on the following page. Camping is also available in the area if you are so inclined.

On Sunday morning, we most likely will follow our tradition of breakfast at Herbert's Taco Hut (www.herbertstacohut.com) and plans are to stop in Georgetown at Inner Space Caverns on the way home instead of traditionally, since 1997, I have followed up with a volunteer dive at Aquarena Center, formerly Aquarena Springs. As about 15 Rebels completed the Diving for Science class last August, my anticipation was that I would have a large Rebel contingent to accompany me on my dive this year. However, as we were told during the class activities in August, the plan was that all former Aquarena Springs buildings were going to be demolished in an effort to restore the site to a more natural condition. If this happened as anticipated, there would be no volunteer diving during this time. Last week, I spoke with Luke Hudnall, the volunteer dive coordinator for Aquarena Center, and he confirmed, one, that all buildings had been demolished or were in the process of being demolished and, two, no volunteer diving will take place for another few months, probably until the early summer. He said we are welcome to come by the site and see what's going on there, but, unfortunately, no diving just yet. So for those of you that took the class and were looking forward to again experiencing the inland diving wonders of Spring Lake, it will still be a few months – sorry about that; however, it will again be worth it, once diving resumes. So be sure and come along to maintain that direct contact with the river and vicariously with the lake.

Motel 6 San Marcos #334: 1321 N I-35, I-35 at Sr 82 Loop, Exits #206/205, San Marcos, TX, 78666
Phone: (512) 396-8705 FAX: (512) 396-7162



Diving Rebels 2011 Christmas Celebration

By: Kelly Barentine-Treasurer

As 2011 marked an active year for the Diving Rebels the Christmas Party proved to be no different. For any one of the 65+ folks who attended the party they will agree that there was never a dull moment during the course of the evening.

The day started off early with our club President, Danny Bouska fulfilling his promise at the Chinese Auction to dive the less than tropical waters of Lake Arlington. Much to Danny's surprise he did not have to dive alone, as he was joined by Jim Magnuson, Johnny Griffin, Ray Howerton and Kevin Schuck.

After a few false starts the divers dropped down for their underwater adventure. Unfortunately many of them ran into difficulties mainly concerning not enough weight. In the end they all gave it the "ole college try" and had a few laughs doing it. Danny did manage to go all the way and break the previous record by diving to 11 feet and had 1.5 foot of visibility. He stayed in the 49 degree water for a full 20 minutes, a legal dive according to PADI specifications. When asked about what he got to witness in the waters he said, "the underwater fauna and fish life were extraordinarily missing but I did find a number of empty Buds which were weiser to have planted themselves in the sand than swimming in the water."

With the diving out of the way it allowed for the festivities to begin. The first event to kick off the party was the Dessert Contest. I knew this competition would bring out the creativeness in our members and I was not disappointed. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who entered their goodies. Those entries are as follows: Leslie Boyd-fudge, Connie Mitchell-Mom's Banana Bread, Jill Bouska-Noel Fruitcake Cookies/Ocean Fantasy Cake/Chocolate Rum Tres Leche Cake, Christine Magnuson-Present Cake, Ted G.-Carmel Surprise Pie, Steve Herman-Bart Simpson Special, Rita Simpson-Kermit's Key Lime Pie, Etson Barentine-Banana Pudding Wonderland and Jim Simpson-Bread Pudding (w/2 sauce choices).

As you can guess my judges (Ray Howerton, Danny Barentine, Kevin Campbell and Steve Ogden) had their work cut out for them. Finally we had our winner for each category along with the Grand Prize winner. In the Cake category the winner was Jill Bouska who won a baking set with her Ocean Fantasy cake, in the Pie category the winner was Rita Simpson who won a cookie sheet set with Kermit's Key Lime Pie and in the Other category the winner was Etson Barentine who won an Oster Hand Blender with his Banana Pudding Wonderland. Of those winners the Grand Prize went to Jill Bouska who won a \$50 gift card. Congratulations to all the winners, you did a great job.

The food was served on time and tasted wonderful. The variety of side dishes ensured everyone would have something to enjoy. The main dishes were roasted and smoked turkey along with a ham cooked by none other than the club's very own Chef Ray Howerton. Ray did a fabulous job and the Board thanks you for your outstanding efforts.

This year due to the generosity of our members and some of our local shops we were able to raffle off over \$1800 in prizes. Junior Board Member Danny Barentine was in high gear selling raffle tickets and taking toy/cash donations for the entry fee. He was very appreciative of Madison Greenberg and Jim Magnuson who helped when he needed to step away. When the ticket sales were suspended as the raffle prizes were distributed Danny had collected about \$916.00 in raffle funds and \$80.00 in cash donations for Toys For The Children. The toys collected have already been delivered to the charities staging location for distribution and a check is set to be mailed to their office.

During the Christmas celebration a silent auction was conducted to benefit the son of late member Susan Banda. The gear that was auctioned off was her equipment although not all of it was sold what did sell brought in \$357.00 which will be mailed off to Susan's mother Donna Golden who is helping raise Susan's son Brandon. If you are interested in purchasing some of the gear that did not sell, which includes a BCD and several masks please contact our club President Danny Bouska.

In between raffle drawings everyone was entertained or did the entertaining by singing karaoke. It was a crowd pleaser for the second year in a row and brought a smile to everyone's face. At one point Etson Barentine had just about everyone singing to his song choice of Hotel California by the Eagles. I suspect it brought back memories for

most of us. A big thank you must go out to Mark Stonebridge for not only supplying the karaoke music and CD's but for taking on the role of the Karaoke Master and running the equipment.

Our party was not all fun and no work. Our outgoing Sr. Board Member Sherry Hammond finished up her final duties by announcing the Drift Points winner of 2011 which was me, Kelly Barentine. As the Drift Point winner I receive a free paid membership for 2012. The Drift Point competition will resume again in 2012 with the first available points to be received by attending the January meeting and then the River Clean up dive in San Marcos.

President Danny Bouska announced the winners of the Diver of the Year and Service Awards for 2011. Those awards are decided by the votes of fellow members during the Board election in November. You the club members voted as Diver of the Year Connie Mitchell and for the Service Award you elected to bless me, Kelly Barentine with the honor. Both Connie and I want to thank you deeply for the honor.

The festivities wrapped up about 11:30 pm and everyone enjoyed themselves completely. I want to give a big THANK YOU to both my Set up & Clean up committees. Your help was invaluable and nothing would have gone off right without your involvement.

Folks I cannot encourage you enough to become active in the club. You will not find a more fun loving group of people anywhere. Then next year when we have the Christmas party for 2012 you will be a pleasant addition to the fun and celebration. Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!





Restaurant of the Month

Where: The Sopranos Italian Cuisine
6204 South Cooper St. Suite 100 Arlington 76001
(Shopping Center South of Sublett, South bound side)

When: Friday, January 6th at 7:00 pm

Email: Connie at officemomma_2000@yahoo.com or
Kelly at keldan2667@hotmail.com

This restaurant is **BYOB!**

During one of the many fun social outings put on by Michele Estill an idea was born to try and start a Restaurant of the Month outing for club members and their friends. Connie and I determined that there are so many good and interesting places to eat out there and we would like to try a few and it is just as another way for us all to get together and have a good time.. The only thing that could make that idea any better was to include our diving family and friends!

Each month Connie and I will come up with a place to meet and eat in various areas of the DFW Metroplex. We encourage you to shoot us a place in your part of town that you would like to include and we may just do that. We know that North Texas is filled with great places to sit, enjoy a good meal and maybe a drink or two.

Please note that this is voluntary and there will not be any sign up sheets at the meetings nor does it replace any of the Social Outings that Michele Estill will bring to the club. However, we do ask that you email one of us if you can so we have a tentative head count for the restaurant but you are not committing to anything financially. We must mention that this is NOT subsidized by club funds so be sure to bring your wallet to pay for your meal.

Thank you,
Kelly Barentine, Treasurer

