



The Rebel Yell



January 2015

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – January 7, 2015

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Rd, Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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January Meeting Program

Presentation/Discussion of 2015 Club Budget
To Be Announced

**Congratulations to Junior Board Member
Greg Gray on his election to the Diving Rebels
Board of Directors!!**

**We Are 100 Diving Rebels Strong!
~ Don't forget to renew for 2015 ~**

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Jan 24-25 World of Water Dive & Travel Expo, Frisco
- Jan 31-Feb 1 San Marcos River Cleanup (New Date)
- Feb 28-Mar 1 Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Party, Marietta Landing, Lake Murray
- Mar 28-29 Spring Lake Diver Authorization Course and volunteer dive

Rebel Spotlight!



We want to hear about your diving accomplishments! 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.

Join us at the

**World of Water Dive & Travel Expo, Frisco
January 24-25**

and the

**San Marcos River Cleanup
January 31-February 1**

See Details in This Newsletter!

Save the Date!!

**Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest,
Lake Murray, OK, February 28-March 1**

See Details in This Newsletter!

Birthdays



Jan 01 Kay Mikes
Jan 03 Jessica Rogers
Jan 22 Danny Barentine
Jan 22 Cyndi Sims
Jan 23 Kyle Henson
Jan 25 Nick Boyett
Jan 29 Diana Pittman
Jan 29 Selena Woodward

Anniversaries

Jan 05 Gary and Susan Gressett
Jan 09 Gerald and Dorothy Bartz



Did we miss your special date? If so, it's not in our database. Contact Steve Ogden to update your info!

**Dive Spring Lake AND Support the
Underwater Environment!!**

**Attend the Dive Authorization
Course**

March 28, 2015!

**Only a few slots are available: secure your
space now!**

Banner Ads Point Potential Customers to Club-Supporting Scuba Shops!

Scuba shops and supporters of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club that provide benefits such as airfills and discounts to club members are provided with a banner ad on our website with an active link to each supporter's website. In 2014, the ads received 3,969 clicks, an average of 496 clicks for each of our listed supporters. The Diving Rebels hope that these website visits will lead to new business for our valued supporters!

Our supporters provide valuable benefits to the club, and the Diving Rebels say *THANK YOU* to the following scuba shops for providing airfills and discounts to our members:

Arlington Scuba
Humperdinks

Aqua Trek Sports
International Scuba

Clear Springs Scuba Park
Scuba Toys

Grapevine Scuba
We B Divin'



President's Report



Happy New Year!

We are only a few days into 2015, and I hope that each of you has had a great start and that it continues to be great year! The Board of Directors and I are looking forward to a great year of activities and fun with the Diving Rebels family in 2015. We have many new board members, and I'm sure their ideas and input will be valuable in making 2015 a successful year.

Each year, I make a list of "remember to's" in the January letter. So what do you need to remember?

Remember that during 2014, we reached for a second year in a row a milestone as our membership topped 100 members. We want to see our growth continue during 2015. That won't happen if you don't renew your membership and urge fellow divers to join the club. Renew your membership before the start of the March membership meeting so you won't have to repay the initiation fee or miss any of the fun the club has planned during 2015.

Also, remember to review and update your contact information with Steve Ogden at the upcoming membership meetings. Don't miss out on club activities because you changed your email address or phone number and didn't tell us.

Please remember that this is your club—though the Board of Directors is elected to help manage and maintain the club, you as members are the ones who keep it strong and thriving as it has been for the last 56 years. We need your help in coordinating outings and helping at events, and your help is needed as meal coordinators or activity coordinators at outings. Your attendance is the most important means to help make an outing a success. We had great attendance in 2014 at all our outings and meetings, so let's do the same in 2015!

Remember to check the Diving Rebels website frequently and each month's newsletter for additional information on outings and club events. Equally important, remember to mark those dates on your personal calendar, and make plans to attend those outings and events!

If you didn't make it to the Diving Rebels Christmas party on December 13, you missed a great time. There were great prizes for the raffle, an abundant amount of food, and great desserts in the Dessert Contest, which were quickly consumed once the judges concluded their scoring. Look for a report on the Christmas party in this newsletter.

The Diving Rebels are going to have a booth at the World of Water Dive & Travel Expo, which will be held in Frisco. We need volunteers to help with the setup and staffing of the booth during the show. Please see the article in this newsletter for ways you can help.

I am looking forward to a great year of not only diving but also social events such as the Restaurant of the Month. In addition to the Restaurant of the Month, watch out for information on other social events posted in upcoming newsletters and emails and on the website.

Danny

Treasurer's Topic



Budget!! Yes—it is the time of year when the Diving Rebels must approve the club's yearly budget. In the past, the budget was approved during the March membership meeting. However, that timing forced the club to operate without an approved budget for more than two months. In 2014, the Board of Directors decided to step up the budget approval process so that we could present a proposed budget to the club during the January meeting.

The 2015 Diving Rebels Scuba Club budget will be presented for approval at the January 7, 2015, membership meeting. We are coming into 2015 with more funds than we anticipated during the 2014 budget process, so your involvement in this year's budget approval is critical. While the process might seem mundane, it is crucial to the well-being of the organization and adds value to your membership. If you can possibly attend this meeting, please do so—we value and need your input. If you cannot attend the January meeting but have suggestions for fundraising or areas in which you would like to see the club focus spending, please send them to me via email to treasurer@divingrebels.org before Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

Yours truly,

Kevin Schuck
Treasurer

2015 Membership Renewals

In past years, the Diving Rebels Scuba Club Board of Directors has provided discounted memberships for the upcoming year if those memberships were renewed prior to the club Christmas party. The 2014 discount program was very successful, with 57 Diving Rebels renewing their membership for 2015.

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.

While memberships can be renewed throughout the year, early renewals are encouraged by a waiving of the initiation fee. The following table outlines the schedule and payments for Diving Rebels Scuba Club membership dues.

	Single Diver – Regular Member	Initiation Fee	Each Additional Diver – Family Member in Same Household	Nondiving/ Nonvoting
Renew Prior to March 1	\$25.00	N/A	\$15.00	\$5.00
Renew March 1–June 30	\$25.00	\$15.00*	\$15.00	\$5.00
Renew July 1 and Later	\$12.50	\$15.00*	\$7.50	\$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, please refer to the May 2014 issue of *The Rebel Yell* on the Diving Rebels website, 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.



LONE STAR STATE

DIVE & TRAVEL EXPO

Plan to Attend The
WORLD OF WATER DIVE & TRAVEL EXPO

**Dallas/Frisco Embassy Suites
Hotel, Convention Center & Spa**

7600 John Q. Hammons Drive, Frisco, Texas
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January 24 - 25, 2015

Saturday 9AM - 6PM & Sunday 10AM - 4PM

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World of Water Dive & Travel Expo

Lone Star State Show Volunteers Needed!

January 23-25, 2015

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club will have a booth at the World of Water Dive & Travel Expo on January 24-25 at the Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco/Hotel, Convention Center & Spa, 7600 John Q. Hammons Dr, Frisco, TX 75034. This event is replacing the Texas Dive Show that has been held at the Arlington Convention Center the last couple of years.

We need club members to volunteer to assist with setup from 5:00 pm–8:00 pm on Friday, January 23, and to staff the booth during the show for 2.5-hour shifts as shown in the table below. If you can assist us during the show at one of these times, please email Danny at president@divingrebels.org. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the January membership meeting.

Friday, January 23			Saturday, January 24			Sunday, January 25		
Time		NAME	Time		NAME	Time		NAME
5–8 pm	1	Danny Bouska	8:30–11:00	1	Danny Bouska	9:45–12:00	1	Danny Bouska
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			2:00–3:30	1	Danny Bouska	2:00–4:30	1	Danny Bouska
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			3:30–6:00	1	Danny Bouska			
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San Marcos River Underwater Cleanup

January 31-February 1, 2015

Steve "Oggie" Ogden



The January outing of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club will continue our annual tradition of the underwater cleanup of the San Marcos River. Typically, this event has occurred on the fourth weekend of January. This year, however, the World of Water Dive & Travel Expo will be held in Frisco that weekend. Consequently, we will hold our San Marcos River cleanup on January 31. While this is the day before the Super Bowl, there will be plenty of time between the completion of the cleanup dive on Saturday and the start of the game on Sunday evening for you to be able to participate in the dive and still watch football!

We will plan to start the dive at our usual meeting place in San Marcos at the south side of the Aquarena Springs Drive Bridge at the river about 1:00 pm (see the map below for the entrance location). As usual, I am the outing coordinator, and my cell number is (214) 641-6013. Call if you are running a bit late so we know to wait for you.

We will exit the water at Rio Vista Park, about one mile downstream (see the map below for the exit location). For the most part, this is a relaxing fresh-water drift dive—in some spots early in the dive, you can 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 halfway along the dive, but they are navigable.



We will have prizes for the collector of the most trash as well as 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. Last year, I was able to regain the champion title for the most trash collected, so I now wear the target again this year.

As has become somewhat of a tradition, we will plan to eat dinner together Saturday evening at Palmer's Restaurant, Bar & Grill (<http://www.palmerstexas.com/>).

A number of reasonably priced motels are located fairly close to the river in the San Marcos area (<http://www.hotels->

[rates.com/San_Marcos/TX/usa/](http://www.hotels-rates.com/San_Marcos/TX/usa/)). Camping is also available in the area if you are so inclined.

Many of our participants stay at the Motel 6 located just south of I-35 and Aquarena Springs Drive (http://www.motel6.com/reservations/motel_detail.aspx?num=334&WT.srch=1&utm_campaign=G_Channel1ShiftTexas&utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=google&utm_content=Srch&utm_term=motel-6-san-marcos-tx) (indicated on map above). The following is the address of the San Marcos Motel 6:

Motel 6 San Marcos #334

1321 North I-35
I-35 at SR 82 Loop, Exits #206/205
San Marcos, TX 78666
Phone: (512) 593-4579
FAX: (512) 396-7162

You can get the best rate using the Internet to make your reservation at Motel 6; phone reservations are \$5 more for each category.

On Sunday morning, February 1, we will most likely follow our past practice of breakfast at Herbert's Grocery & Taco Hut (<http://www.herbertstacohut.com>). Participants who have completed the Dive Authorization Course (DAC) or the former Diving for Science or Scientific Diver certification programs can then perform a volunteer dive in Spring Lake at the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment (former Aquarena Center) on Sunday morning, probably about 10:00. Anyone who is planning to participate in the upcoming DAC event in March or would like additional information on this training is welcome to join us as an observer to obtain some idea of what is involved as a trained volunteer diver at this great diving venue. In the spectrum of my diving experiences, I consider Spring Lake to be the premier inland diving experience. Ocean-quality visibility is to be expected, and there are endemic flora and fauna found nowhere else in the world.

Here are a few pictures from our 2014 river cleanup. Hope to see you on the river on January 31!





Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Party

February 28–March 1, 2015

Steve “Oggie” Ogden



The Diving Rebels will join with the Scubadillos and any other interested divers and nondivers for the annual Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Party on February 28 and March 1. 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. Since our event is not scheduled at the same time as the Texas Dive Show this year, we hope that our attendance will go back to the levels of pre-dive show years, so put this on your calendar—it is a fun event!

A number of activities will be associated with the outing. For those hardy souls with thick wet suits or dry suits, the pool (lake) will be open for diving. We'll dive on an ad hoc basis, with no certain times scheduled. Talk to other Diving Rebels or Scubadillos who will probably be diving, and coordinate your dive schedule with them.

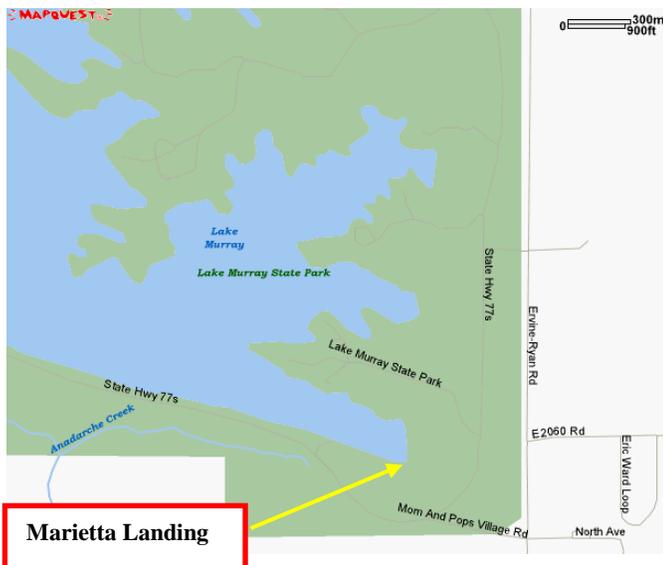
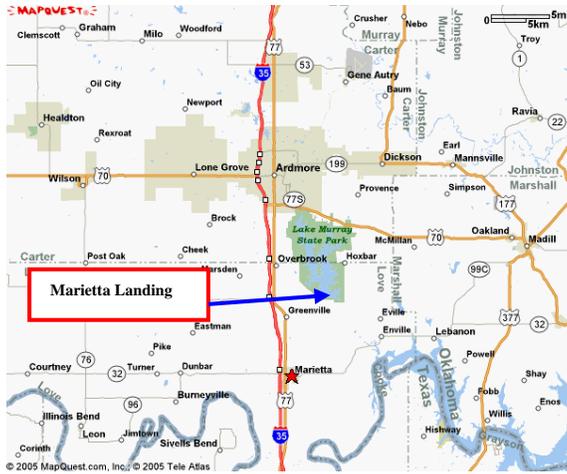
As in previous years, we will have a silent auction throughout the day on Saturday during which participants can bid on that item that is missing from their dive gear inventory or that is needed for a backup. If you have gear that has been lying dormant in your garage or storage shed and you would like 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 either the January or February 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.

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. We would like to solicit volunteers to provide a variety of side dishes as well as appetizers and desserts, so if you have a favorite, please share it with us. You will be reimbursed for your costs. If you are interested in assisting in this manner, please contact Sharon at (972) 841-0000 so she can coordinate the meal.

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.

Assuming that there will not be a fire ban, we will have a rip-roaring bonfire going most of the day and well into the night. If you have some wood/old fencing you would like to rid yourself of, please consider bringing it along. I plan to 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.



Restaurant of the Month & January



Where: Drunken Donkey Bar & Grill
Address: 301 W. Round Grove Rd, Lewisville, TX 75067
When: Friday, January 16, 2015, at 7:00 pm
Web: <http://drunkendonkeybarandgrill.com/>
Email: Sharon Harris at social@divingrebels.org

Join us at the first Diving Rebels Scuba Club Restaurant of the Month for 2015!

The Drunken Donkey Bar & Grill is a fun little establishment with great food and an amazing selection of over 150 craft beers. There are games to play while you enjoy eating some of the Drunken Donkey's special dishes and socializing with your fellow Diving Rebels, so bring the whole family!

Please RSVP no later than 5:00 pm, January 15, so that we can plan for space for everyone wanting to join us in the festivities. You can send your reservation information and number of persons attending to me at social@divingrebels.org, text the information to me at (972) 841-0000, or let me know at the January membership meeting that you plan to join us at the Drunken Donkey on January 16.

Remember that Restaurant of the Month activities are not subsidized by club funds, so don't forget to bring your wallets!

Thank you, and I look forward to a fun and tasty 2015!!

Sharon Harris
Social Coordinator



Diving Rebels Christmas Party Report

December 13, 2014

Sandra Playle

'Twas the day of the Diving Rebels Christmas party, and disaster was lurking just around the corner! Our faithful setup committee had gathered outside the Richard Simpson Park Building at Lake Arlington at the appointed time of 4:30 pm. However, not man, woman, nor mouse was able to get through those locked doors! There were phone calls aplenty to the emergency contact number, and valiant efforts made with obvious door codes and credit cards, but all to no avail! Just when our saddened crew was about to admit defeat, our heroic and resourceful president made a timely call to a lucky phone number. Hurray! We were saved!! The correct code was procured, and the door to the magical party room opened like one from an old-time fairy tale.

An all-out frenzy ensued! We had less than 30 minutes to prepare a festive holiday atmosphere for all of our Diving Rebels friends, but in true Rebels fashion, everyone pitched in and somehow, someway, it all came together on time (mostly). The Christmas feast was prepared and set out, and even tables, chairs, decorations, photo equipment, and a Christmas tree were put in place in time for St. Nick to appear. **Tina Caron** snapped shot after shot of Rebels revelers with jolly old St. Nick (a.k.a. **Allen Bothwell**), and by the end of the evening, almost everyone had a candy cane from Santa Claus. Desserts began to pour in for the dessert contest, and I was wishing I had set out a much larger table! Gifts for the gift exchange were arriving, and **Mark Stonebridge** craftily handed out numbers so that no one knew if they were going to get first or last pick!

At 7:00, dinner was served, and almost 60 Diving Rebels enjoyed a yummy selection of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, and copious other side dishes and desserts. The food did not run out, and everyone had more than enough to eat. If there is one thing Rebels enjoy as much as diving, it is eating! As an added delight to the meal, Christmas cards were passed out to all club members, and a lucky few found a surprise gift of a \$5 bill inside—just enough to cover the meal ticket for this awesome feast! One lucky member who purchased his meal ticket before the start of the party also won our Early Bird Raffle—congratulations to **Brian Neal** on his winning ticket!! That was just the first of many really cool prizes handed out throughout the evening.

As everyone was finishing their meal, the five dessert judges were hard at work! Twelve delectable desserts had been entered in the dessert contest, and by the time our judges were finished, I think they had sworn off sugar for a month! But their efforts were well worth the extra exercise routines required the following week. Four desserts were painstakingly selected for awards:



1st Place	Ellen Fourton
2nd Place	Linda Magnuson
3rd Place	Kelly Barentine
4th Place	Ted Glodowski

Congratulations to all of our winners because the competition was really tough this year!

Dessert prizes weren't the only awards given, however. **Bill Parker** won the 2014 Diver of the Year Award, and **Danny Bouska** won the 2014 Service Award. These prestigious awards were voted on in November by our membership and couldn't have gone to two more deserving Diving Rebels. Congratulations to Bill and Danny, and let's give a special "thank you" to both of them for their contributions to the club and to the sport of scuba diving this year!

Mark Stonebridge and **Steve Ogden** had our after-dinner exercise routine planned out. Our Gift Exchange started with the participating Rebels selecting a gift. That was the warm-up, and once the gifts were open, the real workout began! Rebels were scurrying back and forth comparing numbers and stealing gifts from each other. But once everyone was exhausted from their last-minute shopping frenzy (think Black Friday), they could settle down and truly marvel at the gift they ended up with.

The Early Bird Raffle and Gift Exchange, however, were just the beginning of our fun activities. The Diving Rebels Board of Directors had put in a lot of effort selecting and obtaining several very nice raffle prizes, and our Dive Shop sponsors also donated some amazing items. The Diving Rebels say “thank you” to our dive shop sponsors who provided prizes for our Christmas raffle! Their contributions allow our club to put on an awesome raffle each year and are very much appreciated by all of the Diving Rebels members. Those who had bought raffle tickets were well rewarded, even though it seemed as if one table had all of the “luck of the draw.”

But, alas, all good things must come to an end. The party was over, and our clean-up crew of Christmas elves began their work. Here’s a special “thank you” to all of those who stayed late and ensured that everything was cleaned up and put away. Your efforts allow us to have this party year after year and are much appreciated by your fellow Diving Rebels.



A Diving Rebels Christmas Feast





*And a festive time was
had by all ∞*





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