



# The Rebel Yell



October 2017

## 2017 DIVING REBELS BOARD

Kevin Schuck	President
Dale Romack	Vice President
James Rivers	Treasurer
Johnny Griffin	Secretary
Jeff Bennett	Activities Director
Elizabeth Neumann	Sr. Board Member
Richard Sanders	Jr. Board Member

### Appointed Positions

Jay Delmar	Newsletter Editor
Danny Bouska	Webmaster
TBD	Historian
Cathy McWilliams	Social Coordinator

To contact a member of the board, please visit our website at:

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

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

[info@divingrebels.org](mailto:info@divingrebels.org)



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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – October 4, 2017

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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## October Meeting Program

Along with Board of Directors nominations, our October meeting will feature **Patrick Madden**, a high-ranking member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for 26 years who now teaches law enforcement classes at South Grand Prairie High School. Patrick will discuss a significant event in the annals of Canadian diving that he coordinated. An extremely rare Canadian airplane landed on an isolated and frozen lake during a blizzard in the late 1930s. The plane partially broke through the ice. The pilot and co-pilot survived and were very fortunate to be rescued within a few days by a local trapper. However, when the ice thawed, the plane sank and remained at the bottom of the lake for nearly 70 years when Patrick's team undertook a harrowing recovery effort that had its share of twists and turns. Come join us for our meeting and listen to this fascinating account of skill, luck, disappointment, and exhilaration.

## Upcoming Events Calendar

- Oct 14 Restaurant of the Month: "Chez Cathy"
- Oct 18 Board of Directors Meeting: 7:00 pm, Sherlock's  
Baker Street Pub & Grill, Arlington
- Oct 20–22 Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest: The  
Blue Lagoon
- Nov 11 BBQ Contest: Cedar Hill State Park
- Dec 9 Annual Christmas Party

## Nominations for 2018 Board of Directors

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club will be accepting nominations for members of the club's 2018 Board of Directors during the October membership meeting. Please be thinking about who you would like to see in those important leadership positions, and, equally important, please consider running for a position on the board yourself or volunteering to serve the club in a nonelected capacity, e.g., Outing or Meal Share Coordinator.

See the article in this newsletter detailing the duties of each elected position on the Board of Directors.

**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!**

## Birthdays



Oct 06 Tina Caron  
Oct 06 James Rivers  
Oct 14 Dale Romack  
Oct 19 Becky Marak  
Oct 22 Sherry Hammond  
Oct 26 Sherry Doren

## Anniversaries



Oct 30 Bob and Pam Munger

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!

## Get Ready for a Frightfully Good Time!

Join us at The Blue Lagoon in Huntsville on October 20–22 for our annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest!



See Details in This Newsletter!

## Early Bird Membership Renewals!

Discounts to Club Membership Dues Are Now Available.

See Details in This Newsletter!

## Welcome to Our Visitors!

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

**Diane Bartulevicz  
Gage Evans**

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!

## Why We Dive ...



# President's Letter

Greetings and Salutations!

Once again it is the time of year to nominate members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's Board of Directors. The Diving Rebels is a great organization with awesome members, and the board's charge is to represent the club's membership and bring structure to the organization in accordance with its bylaws (you can view the bylaws at the following link: [Club Bylaws](#)). All positions are open for nominations. Please don't assume that those currently serving on the Board of Directors want to keep their positions or that nominating someone else or throwing your own hat into the ring would step on someone's toes. Self-nominations are more than welcome.

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club's Board of Directors has both elected and appointed positions.

**Elected Positions.** The following positions are elected by the club membership:

- ☞ President: Plans and runs membership meetings
- ☞ Vice President: Responsible for tracking membership and securing speakers for membership meetings
- ☞ Treasure: Accounts for club funds
- ☞ Secretary: Records meeting minutes
- ☞ Activities Director: Plans club outings and enlists members to aid in outing planning and execution
- ☞ Senior Board Member: Richard Sanders automatically rolls into this role in 2018—Responsible for Rebel Wear sales
- ☞ Junior Board Member: Runs 50/50 raffle, collects Rebel Wear fines, sells raffle ticket at various club events

The Senior and Junior Board Members' roles are greater than the "basic responsibilities"; the positions were designed to provide continuity for the board since at least one board member will serve for two consecutive years.

**Appointed Positions.** Those holding the following positions are appointed by the Board of Directors:

- ☞ Newsletter Editor
- ☞ Historian
- ☞ Webmaster
- ☞ Social Coordinator

We have two meetings (membership meeting and board meeting) and one outing each month. Obviously, not everyone can attend each meeting or outing, but that should be the goal. The membership meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:15 pm, and the board meeting is held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Based on the new board members' schedules, that meeting date/time can be changed. Outing schedules vary, but the schedule is planned in advance.

Please consider nominating someone to a position on the Board of Directors or nominating yourself if you're interested in a leadership opportunity.

If you can't attend the October 4 membership meeting, you can send nominations or self-nominations to me via email ([president@divingrebels.org](mailto:president@divingrebels.org)) no later than Friday, October 6. Candidates will be asked to verify that they will accept the nomination.

Best Regards,

Kevin

## 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's Christmas Party. Last year, we offered a deeper discount if membership dues were paid prior to the November membership meeting. This year, we are going to sweeten the deal by continuing to offer the deep discount until prior to the Christmas Party. The following table outlines the schedule and payments (cash discount) for Diving Rebels Scuba Club membership dues.

	Single Diver – Regular Member	Each Additional Diver – Family Member in Same Household
<b>Renew Before Christmas Party</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Renew After Christmas Party</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

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> for a list of some of the benefits that club members receive.

Remember that you can pay your Diving Rebels membership dues via cash/check, credit card, Chase QuickPay<sup>SM</sup>, or another current updated electronic method. For more details about Chase QuickPay, please refer to the January 2017 issue of *The Rebel Yell* (to access that issue, you can click on the following link: [January 2017 Rebel Yell](#)), or contact Kevin Schuck at [president@divingrebels.org](mailto:president@divingrebels.org) for a mailing address.



# September Restaurant of the Month Report Restaurant of the Month & October

## "*Chez Cathy*"



**Where:** "Chez Cathy," AKA Cathy's House  
**Address:** 5608 Oakmont Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76112  
**When:** Saturday, October 14, 5:00 pm  
**Email:** Cathy McWilliams at [social@divingrebels.org](mailto:social@divingrebels.org)

Greetings all!

We held September's Restaurant of the Month (RoM) event at Good Day Café on September 15. The outing was well attended—16 Diving Rebels and their guests enjoyed some great food and good fun. I'm sorry that I couldn't be there, but thanks to all who came out.

The RoM event for October will be a bit different! On **Saturday, October 14**, we'll meet up at my home, **5608 Oakmont Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76112**, for a BBQ/potluck meal. Officially, the event will start at **5:00 pm**, but unofficially y'all can come over any time after noon!



Please bring your favorite dish to share. But, since it's October, let's do an "Oktoberfest." I'll put some brats on the grill for my part. And **please BYOB**. If the weather is nice, we can play some yard games. Also, pets are welcome outside.

Please RSVP me on Facebook to let me know what you'll be bringing, or contact me at [social@divingrebels.org](mailto:social@divingrebels.org).

Bon appétit!

Cathy McWilliams  
Social Coordinator

### Good Day Café



# Nominations for the 2018 Board of Directors



Each year at the October membership meeting 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.



# Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest: The Blue Lagoon, Huntsville

Join Activities Director **Jeff Bennett** and other members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club at **Site 4 on Lagoon 2 at The Blue Lagoon, 649 Pinedale Rd., Huntsville, TX 77320** on **October 20–22** for an early Halloween. 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 entry fee for divers is \$18.00 per day, and for nondivers aged 10 and above, the entry fee is \$20 per day. For children aged 9 and under, 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.)

The Blue Lagoon is open from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm (no entrance after 6:00 pm) on Fridays, from 8:00 am to 10 pm (no entrance after 6:00 pm) on Saturdays, and from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm (no entrance after 4:00 pm) on Sundays. Primitive camping is available on Friday or Saturday nights for certified divers only, but reservations must be made in advance. Note that The Blue Lagoon does not allow pets. Porta-Potties are scattered throughout the property. For those of you who aren't campers, there are a number of motels in Huntsville from which to choose.

## Tentative Times for Events on Saturday, October 21



<b>8:00 am</b>	Diving, Diving, Diving
<b>1:00 pm</b>	Pumpkin preparation starts
<b>3:00 pm</b>	Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest
<b>7:00 pm</b>	Presentation of awards
<b>7:30 pm</b>	Spooky movie under the stars!



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 \$15.00. If you need other gear, and for more information about the site, check The Blue Lagoon's website at [www.bluelagoonscuba.net](http://www.bluelagoonscuba.net).

**We need to know if you're coming to make sure that we have plenty of food! 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 Jeff Bennett at [activities@divingrebels.org](mailto:activities@divingrebels.org). 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 if you have any questions about the outing.**

**Directions to The Blue Lagoon:** 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**.



# 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.

## Diving Rebels 2018 Caribbean Cruise



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

Inside Cabin - \$599      Ocean View - \$684      Balcony - \$1029.00  
All above rates are based on double occupancy. Port Charges & Taxes are \$143.79 per person. Rates and availability not guaranteed until deposit made. Must be booked and fully paid by 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 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)

# Chinese Auction Results

## Kevin Schuck

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club's annual Chinese Auction was held during the September membership meeting. The Diving Rebels' own auctioneer **Doug Sheppard** led the effort by enticing bidders to part with as much money as possible to help fund our activities and events. We had 19 lucky bidders, and, as happens during good Chinese Auctions, some real "steals" were made. More than \$580 was raised from the auction.

The September meeting was not only a time to raise money for the club, but it also gave us an opportunity to do something for those truly in need. Due to our members' generosity, we were able to raise \$300 to donate to the Red Cross for their hurricane relief efforts.

Thanks to all those who attended and/or participated in the Chinese Auction by either bringing an item to be bid upon or bidding on an item! And thanks to all of you who donated to the Red Cross! Your support is greatly appreciated!

### At the Chinese Auction



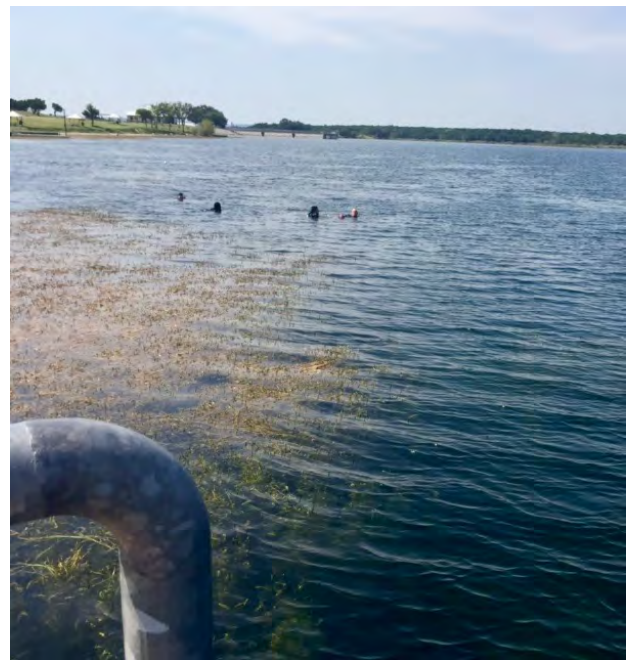
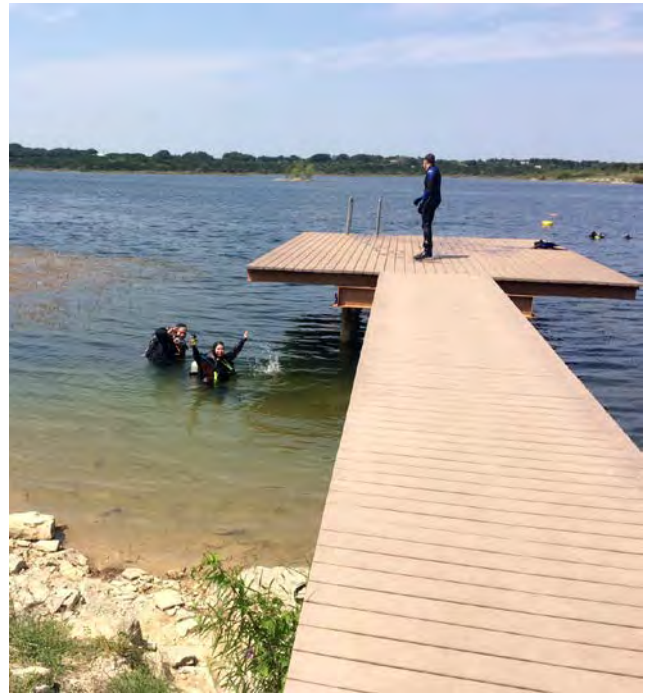
# Wheeler Branch Outing Report

## Jeffrey Bennett

I'd like to thank everyone who came out to Wheeler Branch on September 2; we had a good turnout, but it would have been nice to have even more participation. The weather was perfect—not too hot, but the sun was shining, and the water was nice. The visibility was really good; some of us dove on the bus and could see the whole thing. Some even dove through it. I saw a really big fish, the biggest crappie I've ever seen. I swear it was the size of a cookie sheet! Two new divers joined us, and they're thinking of joining the club. We'd be glad to have them!

### Good Times at Wheeler Branch





## Some Après Diving Fun!!





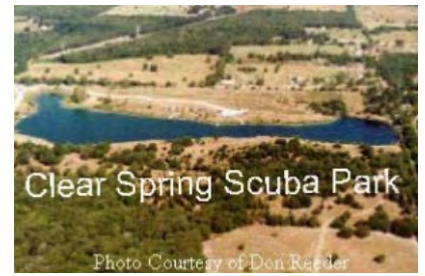
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Clear Spring Scuba Park

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