



The Rebel Yell



September 2018 ~ "Celebrating Our 60th Anniversary as a Dive Club!"

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Jay Delmar	Newsletter Editor
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Elizabeth Neumann	Social Coordinator

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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 – September 5, 2018

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

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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September Meeting Program

September's program will feature a presentation by the club's very own marine biologist, **Robyn Doege**, whose subject, fittingly, will be "Adventures of a Marine Biologist." Robyn has spent two decades working above and below water with species ranging from the smallest seahorse and coral polyps to large sharks. Currently serving as the Aquatic Ectotherm Supervisor at the Fort Worth Zoo, she is engaged in the conservation of threatened and endangered native species found in Texas and the Caribbean. Her discussion will give us an overview of what her job entails and show us how diving is sometimes different when you're actually working with aquatic life. Don't miss your chance to hear from one of our newest members and to welcome her to the Diving Rebels!!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Sep 14 Restaurant of the Month: Topgolf
- Sep 19 Board of Directors Meeting: 7:00 pm, Ted E's Kitchen, Bedford
- Sep 21-23 Lake Travis Outing: Windy Point Park
- Oct 27-28 Lake Hawkins Outing

Nominations for 2019 Board of Directors

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club will be accepting nominations for members of the club's 2019 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!

Welcome to Our Visitors

The Diving Rebels were happy to welcome **Nicole Reese** to our August 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!

Birthdays



Sep 05 Jill Bouska
Sep 07 Carl Cogdill
Sep 09 Rita Delmar
Sep 15 Crystal Schuck
Sep 19 Johnathan Bowman

Anniversaries



Sep 06 Kevin Campbell and Sherry Hammond
Sep 08 David and Lily Prichard
Sep 10 Allen and Rhonda Bothwell

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!

Rebel Wear for Sale

Spruce up your Rebel Wear collection now! **Senior Board Member Richard Sanders** has several items available for sale, so show your support for the Diving Rebels Scuba Club, and order some additions to your Rebel Wear wardrobe soon!!

Why We Dive . . .





President's Letter



May everyone have a relaxing and safe Labor Day Weekend surrounded by family, friends, and loved ones! Take the time to appreciate what really matters, and don't just toil your life away. Interestingly enough, Saturday, September 1, is "No Rhyme or Reason Day," which makes a great tie-in to cutting loose. I look forward to seeing everyone during our membership meeting on Wednesday, September 5. Now, it's time to relax and spend time with my First Lady!

Kevin

Nominations for the 2019 Board of Directors

Each year at the October membership meeting, which this year is on **October 3**, 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.



August Restaurant of the Month Report

Elizabeth Neumann

On Friday, August 10, the Diving Rebels headed to Star India in Arlington for our August Restaurant of the Month (RoM) outing. This was the first time I had visited that restaurant, and I will be returning soon! Star India was great—in fact, the 12 Diving Rebels who attended the RoM gave the restaurant a perfect Scuba Tank Rank of 5.0! WOW!!

	Scuba Tank Rank
Atmosphere	★★★★★
Service	★★★★★
Food Quality	★★★★★
Price	★★★★★
Cleanness	★★★★★
SCORE	5.0

We spent an enjoyable evening at Star India discussing diving experiences and current events and, of course, eating. The restaurant had a delightful buffet, featuring an assortment of items along with several desserts. And Star India allowed us to bring our own wine if we wanted to enjoy an adult beverage with our meal. I think that we need to add Star India to our permanent RoM dining rotation.

Restaurant of the Month ~ September



Where: Topgolf
Address: 2201 E. 4th St., Fort Worth, TX 76102
When: Friday, September 14, 7:00 pm
Phone: (817) 349-4002
Web: <https://topgolf.com/us/fort-worth/>
Email: Elizabeth Neumann at social@divingrebels.org

Please join the Diving Rebels on **Friday, September 14**, at **7:00 pm** for a unique Restaurant of the Month (RoM) outing! We'll be meeting at **Topgolf**, located at **2201 E. 4th St., Fort Worth, TX 76102**, for an evening of dining, fellowship, and golf!*

Topgolf features fun and competitive golf games for all ages, climate-controlled playing "bays" similar to bowling lanes, an impressive food and drink menu, private spaces for groups of any size, HDTVs to watch the big game, and a music selection that will make every visit feel like a party! We have already reserved a bay from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, so come early and start playing! Just contact me for the bay number ([817] 995-4677).



At Topgolf Fort Worth, every player needs a membership card to compete. You can buy a \$5.00 Lifetime Membership card at the venue or online (<https://topgolf.com/us/fort-worth/pricing/memberships/>). The card gives you access to play all Topgolf's games, track your scores, and receive exclusive offers throughout the year. To play, you just swipe your membership card at the bay or enter your phone number on the screen if you've associated it with your membership.



Of course, you don't have to buy a membership card or try your hand at golf if you'd rather just focus on dining at the September RoM! Just meet us at the bay, and choose what you'd like to eat from Topgolf's extensive menu, which features a variety of adult beverages, appetizers like cheese fries and pretzel bites, chicken and pork sliders, and a large selection of sandwiches and burgers.



Please let me know if you are planning to attend by signing up for the event at the September 5 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 or calling me at (817) 995-4677.

Elizabeth Neumann
Social Coordinator

* Please always check the Diving Rebels' Facebook page or website (<http://www.divingrebels.org/>) to verify the RoM's date and location.

Lake Travis Outing: Windy Point Park

Travis Wells



Join the Diving Rebels on **September 21–23** at **Windy Point Park, 6506 Bob Wentz Park Rd., Austin, TX 78732**, as the club returns to Lake Travis for a weekend of diving and fellowship. I'll be coordinating the outing, and I'm planning a weekend of camping, diving, and fun! Camping is available Friday night and Saturday night for a fee of \$10.00 per person. The camping is primitive—there's no electricity or water available in the camping area. The park does have outdoor showers, though. The park entry fee on weekdays is \$8.00 per person, while on weekend days and holidays, the fee is \$15 per person; park hours are from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.

The club will be providing one meal on Saturday. I'll be ordering sandwiches and chips from Jason's Deli, but you'll have to bring your own drinks. Jason's Deli does have a gluten-free menu for those who have food allergies, so please let me know if I'll need to make a special order; for more information about the outing or to let me know about your meal needs, you can email me at traviswells2@aol.com. Those who attend the outing will have to provide all other meals for themselves.



Windy Point Park is one of the top diving "hot spots" in the Central Texas area. Recognized by divers and diving instructors from all over the state, the park offers a wealth of items to find, explore, and seek out in Lake Travis. Divers will find boat wrecks and unique metal sculptures of a scuba diver, a sea turtle, a shark, and a manatee along with other interesting objects, including some small boats, a larger sailboat, a Pinto, and more! Six platforms are available to use for training. Divers with advanced training and experience can enjoy

diving a deep underwater canyon wall, plunging to depths well over 100 feet. You should dress warmly, however; the temperature at that depth can differ 30 degrees from that on the surface. For specific information about the Windy Point site, see the park's website at <http://www.windypointpark.com/> or call (512) 266-3337.

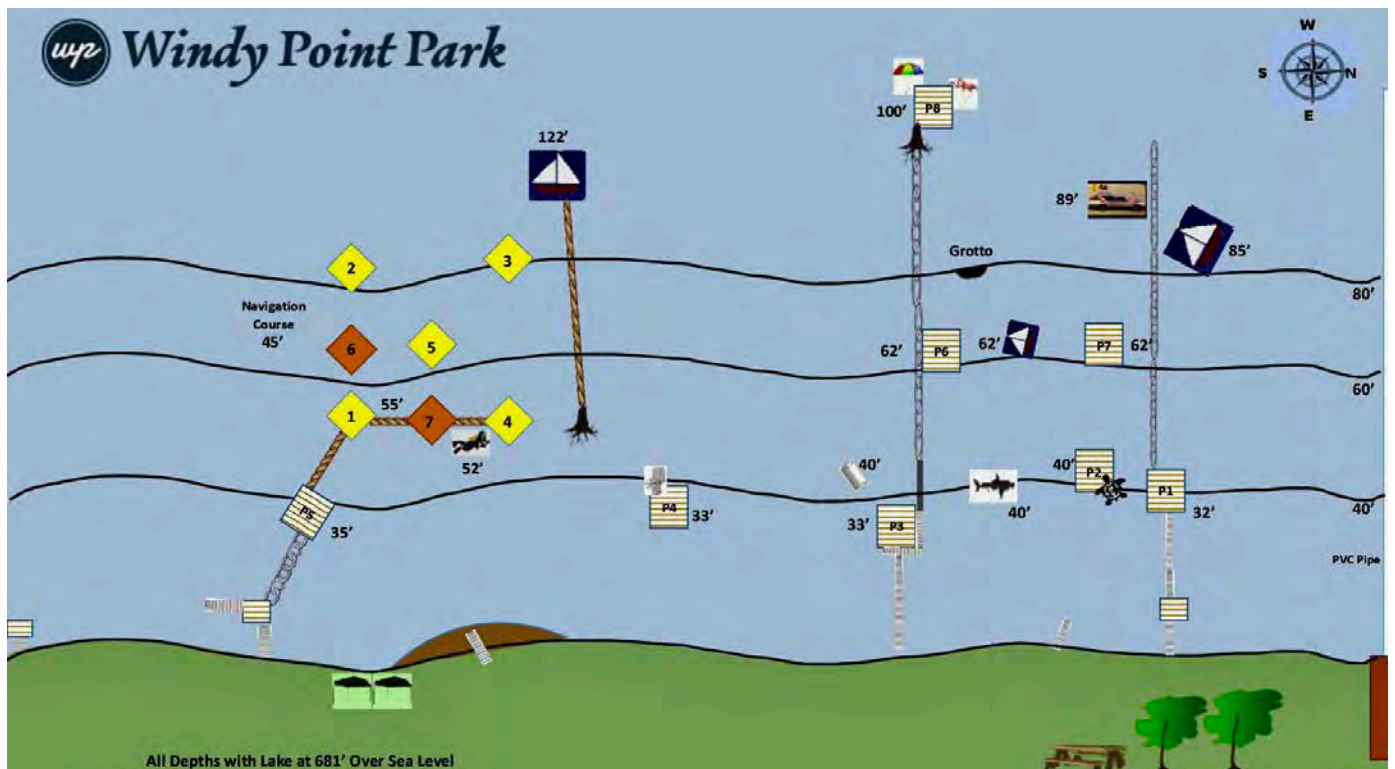
Facilities at Windy Point Park include grills, an onsite air fill station, courtesy carts to transport your equipment, camping areas with fire pits, clean restrooms and porta-potties, protected swim and dive areas, stairs for easy access to the lake, changing facilities, rinse-off showers, picnic tables, free Wi-Fi across the park, and a concession area.



Windy Point Park has the following policies:

- ⌘ No reservations are accepted. Park amenities are first come, first served.
- ⌘ You can camp for a maximum of 14 nights.
- ⌘ Lake Travis has deep water access only.
- ⌘ No lifeguards are on duty; swim at your own risk.
- ⌘ Children 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- ⌘ No pets, glass containers, firearms, or spearguns are allowed.
- ⌘ Fishing is prohibited because of scuba diving.
- ⌘ Jumping or diving from the rocks or stairs is not allowed.

Check out the site map below, and see why diving at Windy Point Park would be a great experience. Make your plans now to join me and your fellow Diving Rebels at Windy Point Park on September 21–23. Whether you come out for the whole weekend or just on Saturday, you should have a good time!



Lake Hawkins Outing

Jim Magnuson

Now for something completely different—



On **October 27–28**, the Diving Rebels are going to gather at the **Lake Hawkins RV Park, 156 County Road 3455, Hawkins, TX 75765**

(www.mywoodcounty.com/default.aspx?name=RVPark) for a weekend at the lake! Located on Little Sandy Creek, a tributary of the Sabine River, in Wood County four miles northwest of Hawkins, Lake Hawkins is a little north of Tyler State Park on Highway 80, but unlike Lake Tyler, Hawkins is a real lake,

small enough to avoid a ton of boating but big enough that there is some depth near the dam.

I haven't dived there for a long time, and frankly I think we are way overdue going back. In my experience, visibility has been about like what we get at The Scuba Ranch, but, as usual with Texas lakes, it can vary based on rainfall, vegetation, and other factor. **Calvis Hawes**, one of our lifetime Members, has a lake house there, and he has recommended we give this pretty lake a return visit. By the way, if you teach scuba classes, you might want to check Lake Hawkins out as a possible training location.

Lake Hawkins RV Park features 41 RV sites and tent camping; it's a family friendly site (pets are allowed) that offers a boat ramp, sandy beach, and a pavilion. If you're going to camp, the Lake Hawkins outing would be a great time to bring out that old Airstream. And if you're not a camper, paying a day use fee (last posted as \$3.00 per person (6 years and older) allows you use of the beach area, picnic area, boat ramp, fishing pier, volleyball courts, and shower facilities.

Location: Lake Hawkins RV Park, 156 County Road 3455, Hawkins, TX 75765

Web site: www.mywoodcounty.com/default.aspx?name=RVPark

Phone number: (903) 769-4545

We've reserved shaded pad sites 15, 16, 17; we can have 5 tents per pad site: cost, \$12 per site per day.

We'll firm up details about the outing as we get closer to the date of the event and provide more information at the September and October membership meetings and via Facebook and *The Rebel Yell*.



Athens Scuba Park Outing Report

Jim Magnuson

The Diving Rebels headed to Athens Scuba Park on August 18 for a fun weekend of diving. The park is a cool practice lake (well, really a large pond!) where you can tool around and have fun keeping up your skills. The owners have done a great job installing a wide variety of attractions, including two planes, multiple boats, a bus, and other things that you can check out. Initial visibility was about 15 feet, but after a few divers toured the area, the visibility dropped pretty quickly, especially near the sunken attractions. The haze seemed to settle pretty quickly though. Athens suffers from a disturbing lack of fish; apparently, the previous owners decided to use chlorine to make the water better, but it didn't do the fish population any good. I've heard that the current owners might try to reintroduce fish into the lake—that would be a welcome addition.

By my count, we had 10 divers in the water—**Dale Romack, Mark Coleman, Bob Cox, Greg and Edie Biggs, Jay Delmar, John Richerson** and **Gina Natho-Richerson**, and **Linda Magnuson** and I. (I hope I didn't miss anybody.) Most of us made two dives in an effort to see all of the attractions. The weather, considering that it was August, was fantastic! Temperatures were in the low 90s, but an occasional breeze kept us reasonably comfortable.

For some reason, O rings were a problem for some of us. One diver had an O ring blow out completely at the dock, and I had one that leaked so bad that it sounded like someone was boiling water in my ear. O-ring issues used to be very rare, but they seem to be becoming more common. It might be a good idea to change the O ring in your tank valve every few months or maybe when you get your tank visually inspected. You shouldn't just rely on the dive shop. My tank was just inspected, and look what happened. Of course, O-ring servicing isn't always part of the visual inspection process so you shouldn't assume that your O ring was checked.

After our dives, most of the group schooled up and went out to Ochoa's Mexican Restaurant for some great Mexican fair. I'd give Ochoa's a 4.5 out of 5 Scuba Tank Rank for quality and value, but that's just one man's opinion.

All in all, I'd say we had a pretty good outing, and I'd recommend going to Athens Scuba Park again.

The Diving Rebels at Athens Scuba Park







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