



Diving Rebels

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Next Meeting April 6th J Gilligan's Bar & Grill
400 East Abrams St. Arlington Texas

President's Letter

Greetings to All!

Well, April is here. That means it's springtime in Texas! Woo! Hoo!

I am particularly happy this month because it is starting to look like we can put this pandemic behind us. What a relief. Between the pandemic, public health restrictions, and the weather, it has been a rough few months for our dive club. But, things are starting to look better. We always knew things would get better. And now they are.

The San Marcos outing got pushed from January to March. I hope people were able to attend that one. I can't wait to hear Steve Ogden's report on San Marcos. Looking forward, we have the Tyler State Park Easter outing on April 8 and 9. We are attending the Luau with the Scubadillos on May 21 and more.

On a more serious note, the club has been discussing a name change. With the disruptions caused by the pandemic and the weather, we are holding the nomination period open until April 16. Keep those great ideas for a new name coming! If you have a great idea for the new club name, please send it to jricherso817@gmail.com

As part of this process, I want to announce two other administrative activities. For all paid dues club members, please expect a "practice" election to appear in your inbox. Between March 26 and March 28, a "practice" election ballot is being distributed. The purpose of this practice election serves multiple purposes; but most importantly it will familiarize our members with the real voting process. For our voting/election process, we are using SurveyMonkey. If you have never used SurveyMonkey, no worries. It runs just like a website in your web browser. The practice vote is a farcical vote that could never be mistaken for a real vote. But nonetheless, it serves the purpose.

The practice vote will host three questions. One question about re-incorporating the club in the Bahamas; one question about selecting your favorite fruit (there are four corny options – none of which are real); and finally, a question about your ballot number. For the ballot number question, imaginatively create a single 5 digit number and enter that number on the ballot line. The practice election will close on April 6.

The club membership meeting occurs on April 6. We are continuing to accept name nominations through April 16. On April 20, we will distribute the real name change referendum survey to the paid membership. We will hold

this election open until April 28 at which time the election will close. The referendum ballot will host three questions. One, should we change the club name? Two, from the following four options, please choose one name (options will be provided). And three, enter your ballot number. For purposes of the referendum election, all club members will receive an official "ballot" number from the board of directors. This ballot number is to be entered on question three of the referendum. Ballot numbers will be provided to each member via an email message after the April club meeting. Be sure to vote with your ballot number. Invalid ballot numbers will not be counted.

At this time, the board of directors anticipates that a run-off election of the club name will be necessary. The run-off election will be conducted after the May membership meeting. We will have a new club name (or maybe not) by the June membership meeting.

Everyone stay safe and keep diving!

John Richerson

Schedule of Events

- April 6th Club meeting at J Gilligans.
Speaker: Ron Smith on Cave Diving
- April 9-10 Don't miss this event! This will be our Easter event outing at Tyler State Park! Stay tuned for details at the meeting.
- April 22 or 23 Restaurant of the month- more info a meeting
Penny's house-Fund raiser for the club
- May 4th Club meeting at J Gilligans.
Speaker: Gary Gressett on Nitrox and Rebreathers
- May 13th Restaurant of the Month - Original Chop House
- May 21 Luau with the Scubadillos
- June 1st Club meeting at J Gilligans.
Speaker: Elizabeth Neumann - Diving Signal Contest
- June TBA Mid-Year Party at Wheeler Branch

Keep up to date on the Diving Rebel Facebook page.

Guest Speakers for April and May

- At the April 6th meeting, we will have Ron Smith. He will give a presentation on Cave Diving.
- The May 4th meeting, Gary Gressett will talk about Nitrox and Rebreathers.