



The Rebel Yell



December 2017

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Johnny Griffin	Secretary
Jeff Bennett	Activities Director
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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



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – December 6, 2017

Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX

6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting

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December Meeting Program

In December, our membership meeting will again feature **David Prichard**, who, along with his wife Lily Mak, founded Enchanted Sea Images, Inc. In July, David and Lily presented an exciting program on St. Lucia. This time, David will tell us about his recent trip to the Solomon Islands, where he won an underwater photo contest in which he participated. Come join us on December 6, and share his underwater adventure!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Dec 9 Annual Christmas Party
- Dec 20 Board of Directors Meeting: 7:00 pm, Location TBA
- Jan 1 Polar Bear Dive: Clear Springs Scuba Park
- Jan 20 San Marcos River Underwater Cleanup
- Jan 27–28 Our World Underwater Lone Star State Dive & Travel Expo

Rebel Spotlight!

We want to hear about your diving accomplishments! Have you started a new class? Have you completed a new certification? 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 (<http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/directors>).



Early Bird Membership Renewals!

Discounts to Club Membership Dues Are Now Available.

See Details in This Newsletter!

Come join in the fun!

Diving Rebels Christmas Party December 9

Get your meal ticket prior to the party, and qualify for a special drawing. Tickets will be on sale at the December membership meeting!

See Details in This Newsletter!

Birthdays



Dec 01 Roger Lee
Dec 07 Rafael Centeno
Dec 13 Cathy McWilliams
Dec 14 Ron Hyatt
Dec 24 Travis Wells

Anniversaries



Dec 02 Gene and Becky Moren
Dec 03 Jim and Linda Magnuson

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!

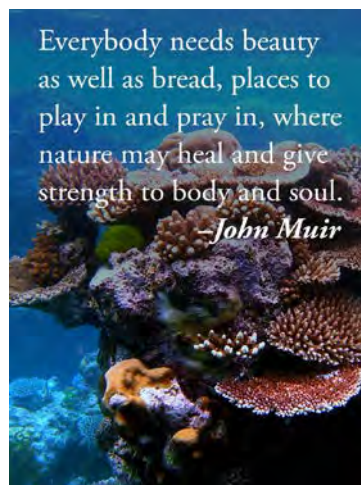
January 2018 Outing—San Marcos River Underwater Cleanup

We will continue our long-time annual tradition of participating in an underwater cleanup of the San Marcos River on **Saturday, January 20, 2018**. Please plan to join us for this fun, rewarding, and worthy activity. The club will be awarding prizes for most trash collected and the most unusual trash collected. Look for further details in the January issue of *The Rebel Yell* and on the Diving Rebels' website and Facebook page.

Why We Dive . . .

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.

—John Muir



President's Letter



Greetings!

I would like to thank all the members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club and the Board of Directors for making 2017 a great Diving Rebels year. We tried a few new things like including member highlights in the newsletter, introducing random members at the start of our meetings along with the guest, going to new dive outing locations, revamping DRIFT Points, setting up a cruise for 2018, and having a theme for the year.

When the board met in November, we discussed ways to recruit and retain new members, elevate the level of the club, and encourage engagement. As a result, our theme for 2018 will be "Getting Back to Basics." We will strive to bring in monthly meeting programming that supports learning something new that we can use the next time we go diving. We'll also be implementing support activities at outings, such as making sure everyone has had a buddy check and is familiar with their buddy's equipment. In addition, the club will get back to the basics in terms of following the clubs by-laws by re-implementing the requirement to vote on new members. As the by-laws state, "All members shall be elected by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. All proposed members shall be required to present a signed application and statement attesting to their physical qualifications for diving and such initiation fee and dues as may be set by the Club membership." Finally, we chatted about having Diving Rebels' "Meet and Greets," e.g., serving grilled hotdogs to the first 20 customers at a designated dive shop on a Saturday for two hours.

Last week I realized that 2018 would mark the club's 60th, or diamond, anniversary. I'd like to see a planning committee form to develop and execute a "60th Anniversary Shindig." Such an event might require fundraising outside our normal channels or seeking sponsorship depending on its projected cost. If you would like to help plan the Shindig, email me at president@divingrebels.org, and please let me know if you're interested in chairing the committee.

Looking forward to a real diamond of a year in 2018,

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
Renew Before Christmas Party	\$25.00	\$15.00
Renew After Christmas Party	\$30.00	\$20.00

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 QuickPaySM, 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 for a mailing address.

2018 Board of Directors

During the November membership meeting, the following members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club were elected to serve on the 2018 Board of Directors or appointed to fill other club positions.

Elected Board of Directors

President	Kevin Schuck
Vice President	Dale Romack
Treasurer	Allen Bothwell
Secretary	Johnny Griffin
Senior Board Member	Richard Sanders (carryover from 2017 Junior Board Member)
Junior Board Member	Cathy McWilliams
Activities Director	Jeffrey Bennett

Appointed Positions





Newsletter Editor	Jay Delmar
Historian	Connie Griffin
Webmaster	Mark Stonebridge
Social Coordinator	Elizabeth Neumann

2018 DRIFT Dollars Program

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club’s Board of Directors has decided to simplify the Diving Rebels Invite Frequent Togetherness (DRIFT) Points program by making members responsible for tracking their own points and by turning it into a “DRIFT Dollars” program, as described below.

Diving Rebels Scuba Club members can earn DRIFT Dollars by organizing, coordinating, and participating in club activities as defined below. Each member of the club will receive a DRIFT Card that he/she is responsible for and should treat like cash. Members will present their cards at meetings and outings to be stamped for the appropriate number of points as outlined below. DRIFT cards will not expire at the end of each year but will carry over until they are filled up or until the member wishes to redeem them. Also, as the card fills up with stamps, the member may request an additional card. Each DRIFT point’s trading power is \$0.50. When the member wishes to do so, he/she can use DRIFT Dollars to “purchase” at the cash discount price a variety of items, such as membership renewals or Diving Rebels’ Rebel Wear merchandise.

Activity	Points Awarded
Attend a scheduled monthly meeting	1 point
Provide a presentation at a monthly meeting	3 points
Attend a scheduled social outing	1 point
Attend a scheduled dive outing (attendance only)	1 point per day
Conduct a dive during a dive outing (20-minute minimum)	2 points per dive
Participate in a club organized blue water trip	10 points maximum per trip
Organize and plan an outing or social event	5 points per day
Serve as Meal Share Coordinator	3 points per meal coordinated
Support an outing, e.g., logistics, supplies, activity support, judging an event, Christmas Party committees, KP duty during outing	1 point per activity
Early arrival to secure an outing overnight location	2 points to primary volunteer
Bring a guest to a meeting	1 point per guest
Bring a guest to an outing (age 10+)	1 point per guest
Guest subsequently becomes a member	2 points
Individual actions of an exceptional nature in response to an extraordinary situation or services provided with direction or permission of the board	2–4 points at the discretion of the Board of Directors
Run for a Board of Directors position for which the member is eligible.	5 points

-  Outings extending over multiple days, with the exception of blue water trips, will be scored on a daily basis.
-  Lost cards are replaced with a new blank card. Forgotten cards are not stamped later.
-  The Board of Directors may modify or end the program at any time without notice.
-  Any disputes may be submitted to the Senior Board Member or his/her designated representative. All disputes will be reviewed by the Board of Directors, and decisions of the board are final.

A DIVING REBELS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

When: Saturday, December 9, 2017, 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Where: Richard W. Simpson Park
6300 W. Arkansas Ln., Arlington, TX 76016

Cost: \$10.00 per person in advance (Tickets will be available at the December membership meeting; you can also contact **Kevin Schuck** prior to the party to reserve a \$10.00 ticket.)
\$15.00 per person at the door

Provided: Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and green beans

Bring: Your own drinks and a side dish and dessert to share

Wear: Your ugliest Christmas sweater

Sign-up sheets will be available at the December membership meeting so you can volunteer to be a part of the Setup and Cleanup Committees.

Party Itinerary

4:30 pm	Setup Committee Arrives
6:00 pm–7:00 pm	Drop Off Gifts for Gift Exchange (No gifts will be accepted after 7:15 pm)
6:00 pm–7:00 pm	Drop Off Desserts for Dessert Contest
7:00 pm	Dinner Is Served
After Dinner	Vote on Desserts Gift Exchange Karaoke Vote on Ugly Sweater Contest Door Prizes Annual Diver of the Year Award Annual Service Award DRIFT Points Award President's Award Vice President's Award
10:30 pm	Cleanup Committee Begins Work
11:00 pm	Out of Building



7th Annual Dessert Competition



As air tanks and fins go hand in hand, so do the Holidays and fine festive desserts! We know that our Diving Rebels members strive to be excellent divers—now let's see if we have any master dessert chefs among us! Show us your skills—what have you got to lose? We double-dog dare you to put your dessert recipes to the test at the 7th Annual Diving Rebels Dessert Competition held during our Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9, 2017!!

Prizes will be awarded for the best dessert entries!

We will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for the desserts exhibiting the best presentation, design, originality, taste, appearance, and creativity.

Be aware of the following:

- ❖ Desserts cannot be store bought. Store-bought entries will be disqualified.
- ❖ Deliver your dessert entries covered.
- ❖ Entries will be judged by all those at the party by placing a “ballot” in a “ballot box” next to each entry. Winners will be determined by the number of ballots each entry receives, and you can only vote once!

2nd Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater

We will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for the Christmas sweater exhibiting the best presentation, design, originality, lack of taste, appearance, and creativity. Entries will be judged by all those at the party by placing a “ballot” in a “ballot box.” Winners will be determined by the number of ballots each entry receives, and you can only vote once!



Diving Rebels Christmas Party Gift Exchange!!!

1. Drop off and register your gift between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. A **new store bought** gift worth between \$20 and \$25 is required to participate, and **no gifts will be accepted for the exchange after 7:15 pm.**
2. You will receive an envelope with a number inside it that will be used to determine the order in which gifts are selected by the participants. Keep the envelope closed until you are asked to open it.
3. When the gift exchange begins, you will be asked to open your envelopes, and the MC will draw numbers at random. If the first number called is, for example, #15, the person with #15 in his/her envelope will select the first gift; if the second number called is #6, the person with #6 in his/her envelope will select the second gift, and so on. This will last no more than 10 minutes! The gift “stealing” portion that was part of the exchanges of the past will be set aside. Instead, participants will be able to trade gifts and negotiate exchanges throughout the night.

Bring a gift to exchange, and have some Christmas fun!!!



Polar Bear Dive: Clear Springs Scuba Park

Come join the Diving Rebels at our first outing of 2018 as we participate in Clear Springs Scuba Park's (CSSP's) 17th Annual Polar Bear Dive!

We had a great turnout at the 2017 event, continuing our winning streak as "Best Represented Dive Club" for the sixth consecutive year! And **Travis Wells** won the "Beary Long Driving Award" for traveling the longest distance to dive. Let's keep that winning tradition going in 2018!

The 2018 CSSP Polar Bear Dive will be held at **Clear Springs Scuba Park, 8131 County Rd. 346, Terrell, TX 75161** on **Monday, January 1, 2018**. On January 1, the dive entry fee at CSSP will be \$30.00; the entry fee for observers will be \$5.00. Sign-up for the Polar Bear Dive will begin at 10:00 am. Breakfast will be served compliments of Grapevine Scuba. Divers will enter the water at 11:00, and all diving will end at 12:00 pm. After the dive, awards will be handed out in the following categories:

- ☞ Best Represented Dive Shop: awarded to the dive shop with the most divers in the water; the winner receives one-year banner space on CSSP!
- ☞ Best Represented Dive Club: awarded to the dive club with the most divers in the water; the winner receives one-year banner space on CSSP!
- ☞ Beary Long Diving Award: awarded to the diver that logs the longest single dive
- ☞ Beary Long Driving Award: awarded to the diver that travels the longest distance to dive
- ☞ Beary Bravest Award: awarded to the diver who logs the longest dive with just scuba, swimsuit, and hood
- ☞ Beary Youngest Bear: awarded to the youngest diver
- ☞ Beary Oldest Bear: awarded to the oldest diver
- ☞ Beary Wimpy Award: awarded to the diver who logs the shortest dive

For more information about the Polar Bear Dive, see Clear Spring's website at <http://clearspringsscubapark.com/>, look for more information about the outing on the Diving Rebels website and Facebook page, or contact **Kevin Shuck** at president@divingrebels.org or (682) 334-2343.



Our World Underwater Lone Star State Dive & Travel Expo

Kevin Schuck

OUR WORLD UNDERWATER LONE STAR STATE DIVE & TRAVEL EXPO



January 27th & 28th, 2018 at the **Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco Hotel, Convention Center & Spa**. Frisco 1-5, 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive, Frisco, Texas 75034, TX: [972.712.7200](tel:972.712.7200)

Show Hours: **Saturday 10AM - 6PM**

**GRAND PRIZE TRIP GIVE-A-WAY: AGGRESSOR FLEET
BOOTH 103**

Sunday 10AM - 5PM

TRIP GIVE-A-WAY: TBD

EXHIBITS & SEMINARS: Early Bird Price - \$15 Adult, \$7.50 Children under 15, Under 9 FREE. On-Line Ticket Sales

FILM FESTIVAL: Saturday 7 PM - 9 PM, at the Embassy Suites. Early-Bird Price: \$15.00/@ the Door: \$20.00

Film Fest TRIP GIVE-A-WAY: TBD

The 2018 edition of the Our World Underwater Lone Star State Dive & Travel Expo will be held at the **Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco/Hotel, Convention Center & Spa, 7600 John Q. Hammons Dr., Frisco, TX 75034** on **January 27 and 28, 2018**.

Unlike past Expos, the producers are now requiring dive clubs to pay for booth space. The Diving Rebels Scuba Club is now talking with the expo's producers about the possibility of securing a reduced rate for our booth. If we're able to come to a workable agreement and decide to have a Diving Rebels booth at the event, we'll need volunteers to help set up/tear down and staff the booth during the show. If we are going to man a booth, we'll have sign-up sheets available at the January membership meeting so you can volunteer to help out, or you can contact me at president@divingrebels.org to volunteer.

For more information about the expo, see the flyer above and its website at <http://ourworldunderwater.com/texas/>.

Update: 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. **Note: The cruise ship, prices, and some other cruise details have been changed since the original announcement.**

Diving Rebels 2018 Cruise



Norwegian Breakaway
7 Day Western Caribbean Cruise, Nov 2018

Inside Cabin - \$659 (2 remaining) Ocean View - \$749 Balcony - \$999 (2 remaining)
All above rates are based on double occupancy. Port Charges & Taxes are \$135.45 per person. Rates and availability not guaranteed until deposit made. A \$50 deposit per person will reserve you a cruise that includes diving in three islands. Final payment not due until Aug 10, 2018.

Date	Port	Depart	Arrive
Sunday, November 11	New Orleans, LA		4:00pm
Monday, November 12	At Sea		
Tuesday, November 13	Cozumel, Mexico	8:00am	5:00pm
Wednesday, November 14	Roatan, Honduras	10:00am	6:00pm
Thursday, November 15	Harvest Caye, Belize	8:00am	5:00pm
Friday, November 16	Costa Maya, Mexico	8:00am	4:00pm
Saturday, November 17	At Sea		
Sunday, November 18	New Orleans, LA	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, trip changes, 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

No Holds Barred BBQ Cook-Off Report

Cathy McWilliams

Some of us arrived at Cedar Hill State Park on November 11 for our No Holds Barred BBQ Cook-off only to find that no sites were available for us to use. I was happy to volunteer my house as an emergency site, mentioning that there was plenty of space to spread out (and park) and that it was sort of centrally located.

So—after a sudden change of venue, we were able to hold a fun event after all. Three competitors entered the cook-off. **Allen Bothwell** and **Mark Stonebridge** brought their own smokers, and I had a BBQ grill ready to go. Mark was experimenting with his smoker, so for an appetizer, he served fresh smoked salmon. I put out some bacon-wrapped Brussels sprouts.

At 4:30, the dishes were ready to enjoy, and all of them were winners! Allen's smoked tri-tip beef took third place honors, while my bacon-wrapped shrimp with pepper cheese filling took the runner-up spot. Mark's smoked pork loin was awarded the "blue ribbon." All of the entries were delicious and made from scratch. However, Mark went one (or more) steps further and actually **built his own smoker!** Wow! That's great Diving Rebels dedication and ingenuity.

I have to hand it to our judges, **Jeff Bennett, Becky Marak, Johnny Griffin, and Kevin Schuck.** They had their work cut out for them!

We also had a table decorating contest, which Mark and I participated in. My entry took first place with its Veterans Day theme.

We ended up the BBQ well into the dark night cozying up to my new fire pit.

Editor's Note: *Thanks, Cathy, for stepping up to the plate at the last minute to host the event!! As the following pictures show, it looks like everyone had a great time.*





Our Cook-Off Competitors (L-R): Mark Stonebridge, Allen Bothwell, and Cathy McWilliams





Our Esteemed Judges (L-R): Kevin Schuck, Jeff Bennett, Becky Marak, and Johnny Griffin





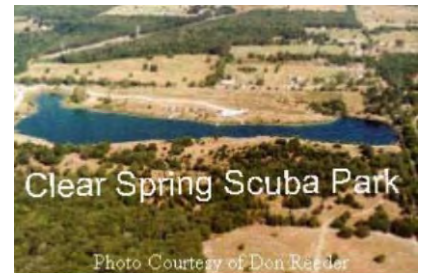
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Clear Spring Scuba Park

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