



# The Rebel Yell



January 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
Steve Black	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)



We are on the web in multiple locations:  
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**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Wednesday – January 4, 2017**  
**Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX**  
**6:30 pm Social 7:15 pm Meeting**

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### January Meeting Program

We're still working on the details of the January meeting program, but, as usual, it's sure to be an interesting presentation. Come join us on January 4!

### Upcoming Events Calendar

- Jan 13 Restaurant of the Month: Olives Mediterranean Grill
- Jan 18 Board of Directors Meeting: 7:00 pm,  
Sherlock's Baker Street Pub & Grill, Arlington
- Jan 21–22 San Marcos River Underwater Cleanup
- Jan 28–29 Our World Underwater Lone Star State Dive &  
Travel Expo
- Feb 25–26 Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest, Marietta  
Landing, Lake Murray, OK

## Save the Date!!

Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest  
Marietta Landing, Lake Murray, OK  
February 25-26

See Details in This Issue of *The Rebel Yell!*

## Birthdays



Jan 22 Danny Barentine  
Jan 28 Gena Natho-Richerson  
Jan 29 Selena Woodward

## Anniversaries



None known

Did we miss/make an error with your special date? If so, it's either not included or incorrect in our database.

Contact **Dale Romack** to update/correct your information!

## 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.

## Banner Ads Point Potential Customers to Our Sponsors!

Scuba shops and other sponsors of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club that provide benefits such as airfills, discounts to club members, and other support are provided with a banner ad on our website with an active link to the sponsor's website. In 2016, the ads received 9,623 clicks, an average of 962 clicks for each of our listed sponsors. The 9,623 clicks logged during 2016 represent an increase of 2,737 clicks over the number logged in 2015. The Diving Rebels hope that these website visits will lead to new business for our valued sponsors!

The Diving Rebels say *THANK YOU* to the following businesses for providing significant benefits to our members and for supporting our club:

Aqua Trek Sports

Arlington Scuba

ScubaToys

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Clear Springs Scuba  
Park

Humperdinks

International Scuba

Athens Scuba Park

CajunTex Salsa





## President's Letter



Greetings and Happy New Year!

I would like to start the New Year by thanking all of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club's members and guests who made 2016 a great Diving Rebels year by participating in and supporting the Rebels at outings, socials, FUNdraisers, and meetings. We hit the 98-member mark and have a good 40 members already renewed for 2017. The success of the club is dependent on the active engagement of the membership. The Diving Rebels Scuba Club is YOUR club! And let's not forget to give a big "THANK YOU" to Mother Nature for cooperating with us in 2016!

With this in mind, we need your input to make the club as valuable to you as it can be; for instance, we can use your ideas for outings and socials, meeting programs, and FUNdraising activities. And ideas alone don't make for a successful year. Along with your valuable input, we need your volunteerism to help generate the value you expect from a club activity. Many items go into the making of a memorable and successful event, such as arriving early to grab a campsite, organizing a meal share, and organizing an activity at an outing.

We   
volunteers

Engagement through volunteerism is not only great for the club, but it is also rewarding in a variety of ways including DRIFT (Diving Rebels Invite Frequent Togetherness) points (<http://www.divingrebels.org/index.php/info/driftpts>.) Your accumulation of DRIFT points can lead to formal club recognition and a reduction to membership fees of 100%, 50%, and 30% for the top three point earners as outlined in the DRIFT points documentation. Contact **Jeffery Bennett**, Activities Director, at [activities@divingrebels.org](mailto:activities@divingrebels.org) for more information about the program.

Next, I would like to thank the 2016 Board of Directors for affording the club their valuable time and effort on the members' behalf and helping the club experience an awesome year. Thank you **Allen Bothwell**, **Steve Ogden**, **Steve Black**, **Jeffery Bennett**, **Mark Stonebridge**, **Marcus Greenberg**, **Jay Delmar**, **Cathy McWilliams**, and **Danny Bouska**. And let's not forget those who stepped in to give a helping hand when needed: **Connie Suter Griffin** (Rebel Wear) and **Richard Sanders** (Junior Board Member). Allen, Steve Ogden, Mark, Marcus, and Danny have moved out of their roles on the board, but I look forward to their continued participation in and support of the club.

Now, I would like to welcome the 2017 Board of Directors: **Dale Romack, Johnny Griffin, James Rivers, Jeffery Bennett, Elizabeth Neumann, Richard Sanders, Jay Delmar, Cathy McWilliams, and Steve Black.** I am looking forward to working with the board to plan out the year and setting and meeting our goals for 2017.

The development of our outing schedule is well under way, with the first outing being the traditional Polar Bear Dive at Clear Springs Scuba Park on New Year's Day. Perhaps we will make it the sixth year in a row to be the Best Represented Dive Club with the most members in the water. I can barely stand thinking of the cold water. Our outings schedule will be peppered with our traditional outings, such as the San Marcos River Cleanup, Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest, Tyler State Park Outing, Midyear Outing, and Chili Cook Off, ending with our annual Diving Rebels Scuba Club Christmas Party on December 9, 2017. I can't wait to see the rest of the outings that round out the year!

With the warmest of wishes for a great year,

Kevin

### **From the Junior Board Member**

Starting with the January membership meeting, we will have a box at the sign-in table in which you can deposit your \$0.50 fine for not wearing an item of Rebel Wear to the meeting.

The money collected from these fines will be deposited in the Diving Rebels treasury for future club activities. We'll handle these fines on the honor system, so please show your support for the club by paying what you "owe."

Thank you for your compliance.

Richard Sanders

*Happy New Year!!*



## 2017 Board of Directors

The following members of the Diving Rebels Scuba Club were elected to serve on the 2017 Board of Directors or appointed to fill other club positions.

### Board of Directors

### Appointed

<b>President</b>	Kevin Schuck	<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Jay Delmar
<b>Vice President</b>	Dale Romack	<b>Historian</b>	TBD
<b>Treasurer</b>	James Rivers	<b>Webmaster</b>	Steve Black
<b>Secretary</b>	Johnny Griffin	<b>Social Coordinator</b>	Cathy McWilliams
<b>Senior Board Member</b>	Elizabeth Neumann		
<b>Junior Board Member</b>	Richard Sanders		
<b>Activities Director</b>	Jeffrey Bennett		

## 2017 Membership & Renewing/New Members

Category	Price	Cash Discount*
<b>Renewing Members – Full (January 1 to March 1)</b>		
Initiation (before March 2)**	\$0.00	\$0.00
Initiation (March 2 and after)**	\$15.50	\$15.00
Member	\$30.85	\$30.00
Additional Diving Family Member	\$20.60	\$20.00
Nondiving Family Member	\$5.15	\$5.00
<b>New Members – Full (January 1 to June 30)</b>		
Initiation**	\$15.50	\$15.00
Member	\$30.85	\$30.00
Additional Diving Family Member	\$20.60	\$20.00
Nondiving Family Member	\$5.15	\$5.00
<b>New Members – Prorated (July 1 and after)</b>		
Initiation**	\$15.50	\$15.00
Member	\$15.50	\$15.00
Additional Diving Family Member	\$10.30	\$10.00
Nondiving Family Member	\$5.15	\$5.00

If you cannot pay your club dues at a monthly membership meeting via cash, check, or credit card, remember that Chase QuickPay<sup>SM</sup> is always an option. For more details on Chase QuickPay, see the article in this newsletter, or contact **James Rivers** at [treasurer@divingrebels.org](mailto:treasurer@divingrebels.org) for a mailing address.

\* Cash/check/Chase QuickPay

\*\* The initiation fee is per diving member and includes a club t-shirt.



# Pay Your Diving Rebels Scuba Club Membership Dues Using Chase QuickPay<sup>SM</sup>



Chase QuickPay payments are accepted as always via [treasurer@divingrebels.org](mailto:treasurer@divingrebels.org). However, Chase recently joined clearXchange, a digital payments network that allows people and businesses to easily and securely send money to anyone or receive money from anyone with a U.S. bank account and an email address or mobile phone. If your bank is a member of clearXchange, you can send your payments directly from your bank to [treasurer@divingrebels.org](mailto:treasurer@divingrebels.org) instead of having to sign up for QuickPay. Visit <https://www.clearxchange.com/> to learn more about the program and to verify that your bank is a member.

## How does Chase QuickPay work?

- ☞ Chase QuickPay is a person-to-person payment service that lets you send and receive money from almost anyone with a U.S. bank account using an email address or mobile number.
- ☞ Here's how it works: Simply enroll in Chase QuickPay at <https://www.chase.com/online/digital/quickpay.html> or via the Chase Mobile app. Enter your email address or mobile phone number, receive a one-time verification code, enter it, and you're done. It's that easy.
- ☞ To send money using Chase QuickPay, enter your recipient's email address or mobile phone number. The recipient will receive an email or text notifying him/her that you've sent money. If the recipient is enrolled in a person-to-person payment service, the notification will come either from Chase, his/her bank's person-to-person payment service (if the bank is a member of clearXchange), or directly from clearXchange.
- ☞ If the recipient isn't enrolled in a person-to-person payment service, payment notification will be sent from Chase and will contain information on how to enroll in a person-to-person payment service.

## Do non-Chase customers have to enroll in Chase QuickPay to use it?

- ☞ Non-Chase customers should register with their bank's person-to-person payment service if the bank is a member of the clearXchange network or directly at <https://www.clearxchange.com/> if it is not.

## How do I send a payment?

- ☞ To send a payment to someone, click on "Send Money," and follow the instructions. If someone has requested a Chase QuickPay payment from you, locate the request on your "To Do" tab, and click on "Send Money."

# Restaurant of the Month January

**Where:** Olives Mediterranean Grill  
**Address:** 1714 W. Randol Mill Rd., Arlington, TX  
**When:** Friday, January 13, 7:00 pm  
**Phone:** (817) 795-1958  
**Email:** Cathy McWilliams at [social@divingrebels.org](mailto:social@divingrebels.org) or [fifeandthistle@outlook.com](mailto:fifeandthistle@outlook.com)

Happy New Year!

For this new year, my resolution is to dive and dine out more! I have the first part ensured as an active member of the best dive club (in my humble opinion) in Texas. As far as my second resolution, I'm getting a lot of help from your suggestions for different restaurants in which to hold our Restaurant of the Month (RoM) events—they've all been great!



Our first RoM for 2017 will be held on **Friday, January 13, at 7:00 pm**, at Olives Mediterranean Grill. Located at **1714 W. Randol Mill Rd., Arlington, TX**, the grill offers Greek and Mediterranean cuisine made fresh daily. They also offer gluten-free and vegetarian selections. So start the New Year with great food, and join us at Olives!

Please let us know that you're planning to attend the January RoM by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 11**. Just respond by signing up for the event at the January 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 directly by email ([social@divingrebels.org](mailto:social@divingrebels.org) or [fifeandthistle@outlook.com](mailto:fifeandthistle@outlook.com)) or phone (253-219-6074).

Bon Appetit!

Cathy McWilliams  
Social Coordinator



# San Marcos River Underwater Cleanup

January 21–22, 2017

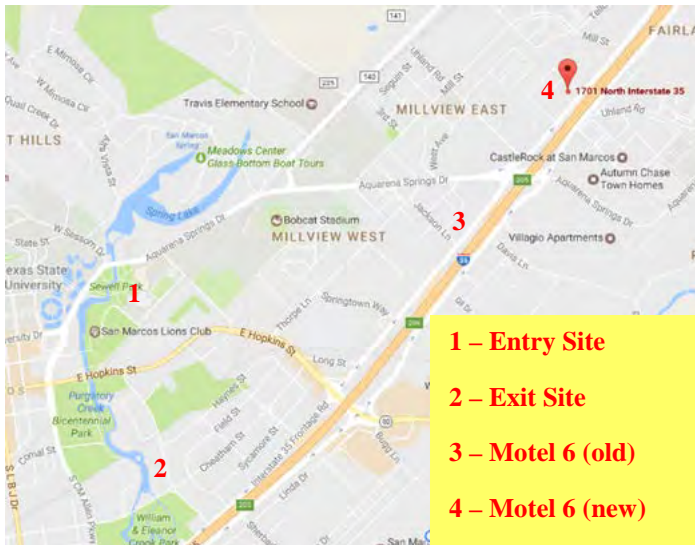
Steve “Oggie” Ogden



On **January 21, 2017**, the Diving Rebels Scuba Club will continue our annual tradition of participating in an underwater cleanup of the San Marcos River. Typically, this event has occurred on the fourth weekend of January. This year, however, the Our World Underwater Lone Star State Dive & Travel Expo will be held in Frisco that weekend, so we’re moving the San Marcos event up to the weekend of January 21–22. Assuming that the Dallas Cowboys are still in the playoff race, you can participate in the cleanup and still catch the game back in Dallas since the NFC conference championship game is scheduled for Sunday at 3:00 pm.

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 **at approximately 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**. If you can’t attend the January membership meeting and sign up for the outing then, you’re still welcome to join us; just contact me at my cell number or email me at [steveogdentx@yahoo.com](mailto:steveogdentx@yahoo.com) and/or [steveogdentx@gmail.com](mailto:steveogdentx@gmail.com). On the day of the outing, call if you are running a bit late so we know to wait for you.

We will enter the water on the south side of the bridge and exit 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 first- and second-place prizes for the collectors of the most trash as well as for the collectors 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.” As the reigning trash collection champion, I am planning to minimize my collection efforts this year to focus on other interests. So let’s see who will win the title this year.

I’m not yet sure where we will gather for our traditional Saturday evening dinner together, so stay tuned, and I will update everyone as soon as we have a venue.

A number of reasonably priced motels are located fairly close to the river in the San Marcos area (check out available hotels at [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.

I’ve often stayed at the Motel 6 located just south of I-35 and Aquarena Springs Drive, the exit to the dive (also shown on the map) (<https://www.motel6.com/en/motels.tx.san-marcos.334.html>). There’s a new Motel 6 in San Marcos just north of Aquarena Springs Drive, also on the west side access road along I-35, where

I've already booked a reservation (<https://www.motel6.com/en/motels.tx.san-marcos.4977.html>). For Internet reservations, rates are currently \$49.99 + tax for a single at the older facility and \$55.99 + tax for a single at the new Motel 6.

**Motel 6 San Marcos #334**

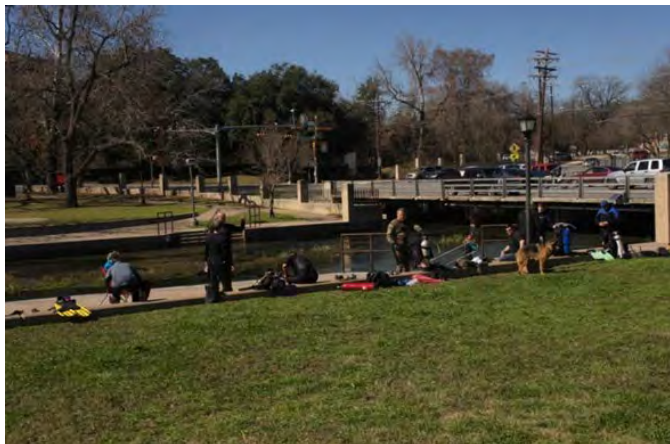
1321 N I-35, I-35 at Sr 82 Loop, Exits 206/205  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
Phone: (512) 396-8705

**Motel 6 San Marcos - North #4977 (newly opened)**

1701 North I-35, Exit 206  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
Phone: (512) 395-8000

On **Sunday morning, January 22**, we most likely will follow our past practice of meeting for breakfast at Herbert's Grocery & Taco Hut (<http://www.herbertstacohut.com>). After breakfast, outing participants who have completed the Spring Lake Dive Authorization Course (DAC) or the former Diving for Science or Scientific Diver certification programs will have the opportunity to perform a volunteer "work" dive in Spring Lake at the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment (former Aquarena Center) **beginning at approximately 10:00 am**. Anyone who is planning to participate in an upcoming DAC event 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.

Hope to see you in San Marcos!



## OUR WORLD UNDERWATER LONE STAR STATE DIVE & TRAVEL EXPO



January 28th & 29th, 2017 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

**Show Hours: Saturday 10AM - 6PM  
Sunday 10AM - 4PM.**

**Cost: \$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. Cost: \$15.00**

The Diving Rebels Scuba Club will be manning **Booth #211** at the Our World Underwater Lone Star State Dive & Travel Expo at the **Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco/Hotel, Convention Center & Spa, 7600 John Q. Hammons Dr., Frisco, TX 75034** on **January 28 and 29, 2017**; we'll need volunteers to help set up/tear down and staff the booth during the show. Sign-up sheets will be available at the January membership meeting, or you can email **Kevin Schuck** at [president@divingrebels.org](mailto:president@divingrebels.org) to volunteer! For more information about the expo, check out its website at <http://www.ourworldunderwater.com/Texas/>.

### Become a Certified Visual Tank Inspector

**Myles TenBroeck**, who was a speaker at a Diving Rebels membership meeting approximately a year ago, is going to be in town during the Our World Underwater Lone Star State Dive & Travel Expo and will be hosting a class for certification in visual tank inspection. Here are the particulars from Myles:

I will be conducting a Visual Cylinder Inspector class on 27 January at the Our World Underwater Dive Show, and a Valve Repair Technician and Oxygen Cylinder Cleaning Technician Class on 28 January. There has been interest in the past from the Rebels membership so I wanted to pass along that if they sign up before 10 January there is an early bird discount for signing up. The cost of the Visual Inspection class is \$270 per person until 10 Jan, and then it rises to \$295 per person. Students can register at <http://www.psicylinders.com> or by contacting me.

Myles L. TenBroeck  
President, American Cylinder and Safety  
[tanktest@gmail.com](mailto:tanktest@gmail.com)  
(808) 343-6594



# Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese Contest

## February 25–26, 2017

### 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 Contest on February 25–26, 2017. 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 7 miles northeast of Marietta, OK. Hopefully, this year we will be blessed with good weather like we experienced last year and not stymied by a blizzard like we had in 2015.

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

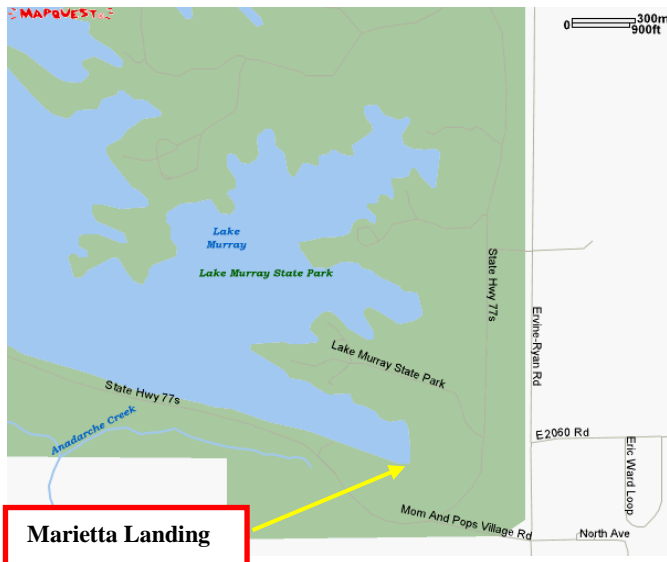
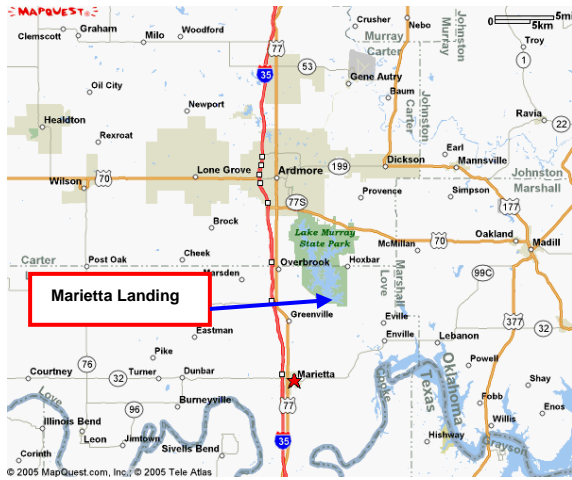
As in previous years, we’ll have a silent auction throughout the day on Saturday during which participants can bid on that item that is missing from their dive gear inventory or that is needed for a backup. If you have gear that has been lying dormant in your garage or storage shed and you’d like to have your dive club reap the revenue gained by the sale of that item, please consider donating it for the silent auction. We’ll note the donor’s club on each item, and that club will receive the money generated by the sale. You can bring items on Saturday, February 25, or, if you won’t be able to attend the outing but would like to donate nonetheless, you can bring them to either the Scubadillos’ or Diving Rebels’ January or February meeting or contact me at (214) 641-6013 to arrange for them to be picked up. We anticipate that, as in past years, we’ll have some great items in the auction provided by one or more dive shops. Any unsold items will be rolled into the raffle drawing that we hold in the evening, which will also provide some great diving-related treasures for the taking. Our raffle will also include dive shop gift certificates and other general use dive-related items.

We’ll plan to serve a meal at about 5:00 pm, consisting of a main dish of pulled pork as well as side dishes and dessert. To assist in meal planning and preparation, we’re asking attendees to purchase tickets. **Through February 18, each ticket costs \$10. After that date and at the event, each ticket costs \$15.** You can obtain a ticket at the January or February club meetings and also by contacting me at (214) 641-6013. I’ll hold your ticket if you can give me a firm commitment for attendance.

After dinner, we’ll 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. We’ll award “winner” gift certificates for first prize for the best red and white wines. We’ll also award a “loser” gift certificate for the worst wine. After the wine contest, we’ll choose the best cheese, and the winner will also win a gift certificate (no entries for worst cheese, please!!). We need judges for both contests, so if you are not a contest participant or related to a contest participant and would like to judge, please let me know.

Assuming and hoping that there won't be a fire ban, we'll plan to have a rip-roaring bonfire going most of the day and well into the night. So if you have some wood/old fencing that 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 a room at the lodge, call toll free (800) 257-0322 or direct line (580) 223-6600 (Lake Murray State Park [http://www.stateparks.com/lake\\_murray.html](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.





# Diving Rebels Christmas Party Report

## December 10, 2016

### Allen Bothwell



Merry after Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

’Twas two weeks before Christmas and all thru the dive sites  
 Not a creature was stirring, not even sea mites.  
 I wasn’t dressed in a kerchief nor a shirt for the night  
 A scuba party was about to happen with fun just right!

Okay! Okay! so I won’t give up my day job.

For those of you who missed the Diving Rebels Scuba Club’s annual Christmas Party on December 10, hopefully we will see you next year. I would have to say that we had lots of fun and fellowship. We ate, we drank, and lots of us were merry!

Come all ye merry scuba men and women, there is nothing to be afraid;  
 some won raffle prizes, and some took gifts that were bid for and paid.

All in all, the party was pretty successful, and here are some numbers that prove it:

- ∞ **Attendees:** 34
- ∞ **Raffle Proceeds:** \$456
- ∞ **Silent Auction Proceeds:** \$236
- ∞ **Ticket Sales:** \$692 (\$92 more than budgeted)

And . . . unlike the 2015 Christmas Party, we had plenty of meat; in fact, we brought so much that we were able to auction off the leftovers, securing \$42 for the club.

Finally . . . and the winners are:

**Early Bird Raffle: Kelly Barentine \$50**

**Christmas Party Desert Contest:**

1. **Cathy McWilliams \$50**
2. **Rita Delmar \$40**
3. **Kevin Campbell \$30**
4. **Kelly Barentine \$20**

**Diver of the Year: Jeff Bennett**

**Service Award: Kevin Schuck**

**DRIFT Points Leaders:\***

1. **Travis Wells**
2. **Cathy McWilliams**
3. **Lisa Craft**
4. **Dale Romack**
5. **Rita Delmar**
6. **Jim Magnuson**

**Ugly Sweater Contest:**

1. **Cathy McWilliams**
2. **Terry Crippen**

\* Eligible DRIFT points leaders will receive free/discounted club membership.

# Great Fun at the Diving Rebels Christmas Party!!













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