

The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter from Diving Rebels, Inc.

-Oldest Scuba Club in Texas-

Established in 1958

WELCOME 2001

One more year has come and gone. It just seems like yesterday that we were camping (and freezing) at Squaw Creek or enjoying Steve Sadler's culinary talents at the Wine and Cheese Tasting at Lake Murray.



We welcome the new 2001 Board Members! The new Board is a great mixture of long standing members as well as the newly initiated members. We are fortunate to have club members who assume the leadership for the group and the stewardship of our assets and membership.

As we look forward to the leadership and ingenuity of the new Diving Rebel Board, we also salute the outgoing 2000 Board. Many members of this Board served multiple terms of office and deserve to sit back and be "only a member" for a while.

We are fortunate that these departing officers will not fade away into the sunset. They will continue as active members who support the club as the leaders of Boards past have always done.

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January Meeting Information

When: Wednesday, January 3
 Where: J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill
 400 E. Abrams Road, Arlington
 (Between Collins and Center)
 Time: Social Hour 6:30-7:30pm
 Meeting Time 7:30pm

Think about your level of participation in the Diving Rebels for the coming year. Look to how you, as an individual, can support the club and the 2001 Board. Offer your assistance to a Board member or an outing coordinator. Unless you have performed one of these activities, you have no idea how challenging the job may be.

Everyone juggles family life, work life, social life, etc. Our ability to come together as a club, with successful events and activities, is a direct result of the great organizational skills of the official and unofficial leaders within our group. This is going to be a great year! ♦



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THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
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WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR
 DONATIONS OF GIFTS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS
 PARTY!

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DIVING REBELS 2000 CHRISTMAS PARTY



What a great time we all had at the 2000 Diving Rebels Christmas Party! The Lake Arlington Activity Room looked very big until it began to fill with Rebels. This year was a departure from previous years as each Rebel brought a dish and their own drinking libations. The activity room that was rented on Lake Arlington had restrooms, kitchen facilities and a fireplace.

Everyone brought great food and the club provided the turkey and ham. There was more than enough food with plenty leftover for latecomers. We were very festive with our candles, boughs of holly, and light decorations. A cozy fire, Christmas tree and twinkling lights put everyone in the Christmas spirit. The weather even cooperated – very cold but dry.

We had Rebels from far away and Rebels we had not seen for a while. There were Rebel guests, Rebel spouses and Scubadillos! It was great to have everyone in attendance and enjoying the time together. Steve Sadler provided the group with holiday mood-setting music, playing all of our favorites.

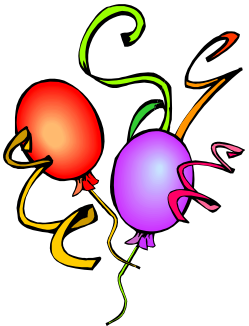
Outgoing President Linda Magnuson recognized the 2000 Board with a nice commemorative Rebel paperweight. Linda also presented the Diver of the Year Award and Service Award. This year's winner for Diver of the Year is Randall Paden. Randall also received the greatest points in the D.R.I.F.T. contest so he is truly the Rebels' Diver of the Year. The Service Award went to Ellen Fourton.



The Rebels had the traditional raffle and drawing for great prizes. Our many supporters donated a terrific variety of prizes. There were T-shirts, gift certificates, etched Rebel mugs, fins, flashlights, DAN membership, etc. The grand prize was a \$400 gift certificate to Arlington Scuba. Eli de Leon won the grand prize. Let's look for some new equipment on Eli or Anita next year!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the party a success:

- ❖ Arlington Scuba Center, 2Dive4, and D&K Scuba shop for continuing to support our club
- ❖ Rebel Board who planned the event and acquired the prizes
- ❖ Anita Nichols who procured and brought the meat, paper goods, balloons and tea
- ❖ Steve Ogden for faithfully storing all the decorations year after year
- ❖ The volunteer group that met to decorate early in the day
- ❖ Jim and Linda Magnuson for hauling in the soft drinks and ice
- ❖ Steve Sadler for providing music
- ❖ The Rebel camera buffs that captured the event on video and picture (we can't wait to see your results!)
- ❖ The many Rebels that stayed for clean-up duty – sweeping, mopping, stacking tables and chairs, etc.
- ❖ The wonderful cooks who brought food
- ❖ Linda Magnuson for keeping the party and the prize drawings on track



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2001

JANUARY OUTING RIVER CLEAN-UP

PLACE SAN MARCOS RIVER
DATE/TIME JANUARY 27

WINE & CHEESE FUNDRAISER

PLACE MARIETTA LANDING, LAKE MURRAY
DATE/TIME FEBRUARY 24

MARCH OUTING

PLACE SQUAW CREEK
DATE/TIME MARCH 17

APRIL OUTING

PLACE TYLER STATE PARK
DATE/TIME APRIL 7

MAY OUTING

PLACE TBD
DATE/TIME MEMORIAL WEEKEND, MAY 26

JUNE OUTING

PLACE TBD
DATE/TIME

JULY/AUGUST OUTING

PLACE TBD
DATE/TIME

SEPTEMBER OUTING

PLACE OUACHITA
DATE/TIME LABOR DAY WEEKEND, SEPT. 1



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results should be well worth our time. I will be starting to think about a "Blue Water" trip for August so I will be asking for your input, interest and ideas. The trip last year was lots of fun and I hope we can have another great trip this year. ♦

**REMINDER: 2001 DUES ARE DUE AT THE NEXT MEETING or
CALL STEVE HERMAN FOR DETAILS 817-478-2768**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Submitted by Cindy Jackson

We are looking forward to another great year for Diving Rebel Activities. Here is what we have got planned for the first three months of 2001!

JANUARY

The plan for the January outing is The San Marcos River Clean Up. It is scheduled for Saturday, January 27. I have some information and rates on the motels in the area and I will have a block reserved at the Rodeway Inn San Marcos. The rate is reasonable: \$39.95 for 2 beds and it is close to the river. We can get dinner somewhere in town, so no camping or meal share planning. More information will be available at the January meeting.

FEBRUARY

The February outing is scheduled for February 24 at Marietta Landing, Lake Murray, Oklahoma. Steve Sadler is coordinating this one and is planning a Barbecue dinner. Tickets for the dinner will be \$7.00 per person in advance and \$10.00 per person at the lake. This is the Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting event and we have invited the Scubadillo's, Finz, Reef Riders and the Bottom Timers. As always, this should be a lot of fun.

MARCH

The March outing is scheduled for March 17 at Squaw Creek. We are planning to set some markers leading down to the platform. This is going to be a real group effort. Kirby is making us a mold so we can make concrete markers, some will have the Diving Rebel logo on them. Ronnie, Scott and Chris are going to get the concrete and Eli is going to get some cable. Steve Herman's divemaster class will be making a map of the area (hopefully in time to help with our adventure). It should be a real improvement and nice advertisement for the club. All those new first time divers should appreciate the markers. Robert Dove will be coordinating the outing. More information later about creating the markers -- someone may be asking for your help. Great participation on this one is really important but the

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D.R.I.F.T. PARTICIPANT RECOGNITION

During the December meeting, President Linda Magnuson recognized those Rebels that qualified for the D.R.I.F.T. program (Diving Rebels Induce Frequent Togetherness) with an award ribbon. 2001 dues will be paid for Randall Paden, top D.R.I.F.T. scorer. All others participants were entered in a drawing and randomly drawn for miscellaneous prizes that included batteries, DR koozies, DR decals, etc. Congratulations to the 23 D.R.I.F.T. qualifiers! ♦



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