

# The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for Diving Rebels,

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## 2002 DIVING REBELS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

The 2002 party was a great success. We had a good turn out, and everyone had a good time. Including Chris and Ginger's new baby Ethan who, it turns out is actually a good luck charm. More prizes were won by people holding him than that of any other baby there. Speaking of prizes, Steve and Fay won the Grand prize of a trip to Cozumel.

Doug Sheppard won both Diver of the Year and the Service Award. I think this was a first for the club. The DRIFT points winner was George Bartulevicz.

There was plenty of good food for all. The Club provided turkey and ham. Of course some beer made it also. After a fine evening of Dining and Dancing, (ok no dancing) there was a good turn out for clean up and we were out of there before anyone turned into a pumpkin or a mouse or what ever you turn into at midnight.



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## Rodale's Scuba Diving SCUBA CHALLENGE

We're looking for adventurous and fun-loving divers! Rodale's Scuba Diving invites you to participate in the first ever Get Out & Dive More! SCUBA CHALLENGE to be held at the following dive shows throughout 2003:

Beneath the Sea, March 28-30, Meadowlands Exposition Center -New Jersey

Our World Underwater, April 25-27, Rosemont Exposition Center - Chicago

Sea Space, June 6-8, Reliant Arena - Houston

We're looking for teams of 3-4 people with at least one member being newly certified--sometime in 2002. We'll be testing the teams' knowledge on training, safety, marine life, etc. Teams will be vying for great prizes in addition to the honor of being Scuba Challenge champions. And, rest assured, this will not be your boring, run-of-the-mill quiz show . . . we plan on having a lot of fun. So get your teams together now and give us a call. We need 8 teams to participate at each of the Shows (24 teams total) and it's first come, first served so fill out the form below or contact our team Coordinators today to sign up!

Team Coordinators Ted and Cam O'Brien of Bay Islands Beach resort

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## San Marcos River Trivia:

The spring that feeds the river discharges of 150 million gallons of water each day.

The Balcones Fault, a fracture in the earth's crust, formed the San Marcos springs and river millions of years ago. The water flows through 175 miles of the honeycomb limestone of the Edwards Aquifer before filling Spring Lake, the body of water on the grounds of Aquarena Center. The critical habitat created by the San Marcos springs is home to five endangered species

## JANUARY 2003

**January 1st. 2nd annual Clear Springs Polar Bear Dive.** Come early on January 1st to be the first one in the water if you dare. General admission to the park for divers includes a soon to be coveted T-Shirt and your name immortalized as a member of the Polar Bear Club.

## January 8th Membership Meeting

### MEETING CHANGE NOTICE

The January Membership meeting has been changed, due to the first Wednesday falling on January 1st New Years Holiday, to Wednesday January 8th. We will be meeting at the usual place, J. Gilligan's in Arlington on Abram St. Social Hour from 6:30 to 7:30. The meeting will be called to order by our New President Scott Jones at 7:30.

**This is just for January only.**

**January 18th - San Marcos River Dive and Clean up.** If you have never been on this trip the water is 75 degrees and very clear and clean. We always have a great turnout and a lot of fun with dinner afterwards. This year we have a nicer hotel. We will be meeting at the Motel 6 parking lot at 11:00 am or so and leave for the dive site at 11:30. Plan on getting into the water at 12:00. The entry point will be south of the bridge where the water leaves Aquarena Springs and we end the dive at the city park just before the dam.

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## San Marcos River Dive.

To get to the entry point just take exit 206 (Aquarena Springs Drive) the same one you exit to go to the motel and just before the river turn in to the parking lot on the left.

The club has reserved 4 rooms at the motel 6 under the name Diving Rebels. When you arrive at the hotel please see George Bartulevicz and he will give you a reservations number. The rooms are on a first come basis. There will be more rooms available but only 4 rooms with two beds each are reserved. Two non-smoking and two smoking rooms. Each room is 39.95 for two people and \$3.00 for each additional person + Tax.

It is recommended for trash pickup bring a couple of mesh bags.

**I-35 South: Take exit #206 for S.R. 82 Loop and go south on the frontage road.**

**If you are arriving late you can call Doug on his cell phone 817-881-5499 and we will meet you at the entry point.**

## February 5th Membership Meeting.

February \_\_, 2003. Lake Murray Oklahoma. Annual Wine and Cheese Tasting. Bar-

B-Q, Bon-fire, camping and all-around great time. This is the Diving Rebels Club Fund Raiser. Tickets are \$7.00 and \$10.00 per person at the park. This year we have a real treat. DUI and ? will be on hand to try out Dry Suits. If you really want to test how great a Dry Suit is Lake Murray in February is THE place. Don't miss this one: This has been an annual favorite for over 10 years. Tickets will be available at the January meeting and will also be available at your local scuba club meetings in January. With an average attendance of over 150 people, divers and non-divers welcome. Kids, dogs, snakes, goats, and iguana will be their too.

I will email you the exact date. I believe it is the third weekend in February.



## EDITOR'S NOTE

This is my first edition so bear with me. From time to time I will be calling on you all to try and submit an article for this newsletter. I know this has been done before with limited success. I will get a schedule made so you can get them in on time. I don't care if you write them in Word format or use lipstick on the bathroom mirror, I will get them printed. I doesn't matter what you write about either. If you want to tell about your best dive trip ever or even your worst let me hear it. It could be your recipe for Chili or how to knit socks for the twins.

I would also like to see some comments about the outings, things you liked things you didn't like, even tell what you saw underwater if you went there. [newsletter@divingrebels.org](mailto:newsletter@divingrebels.org)

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