

The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels.

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October Meeting Program

In addition to our normal meeting agenda, Officer Nominations for the 2007 Board of Directors will be accepted at this meeting with voting at the November meeting. Information on eligibility for a position on the board is included on this page. We will not have a speaker for this meeting, as the Chinese Auction will be held after the business meeting.

For more information on the Chinese Auction see page 4.

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Board of Director Nomination Criteria

Club By-Laws, Art. 8-1: "To be nominated or elected to be a club officer, a member must have been a member in good standing and have attended at least three (3) meetings and three (3) club dive outings between Jan 1 and the October meeting." The positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, and Junior Board Member. For more info, please check the Club By-Laws on the website.

Calendar of Events

- Oct 4 Chinese Auction (more info on page 3)
- Oct. 28 Pumpkin Dive – Lake Murray Oklahoma
- Nov. 11 Chili Cook Off and Trash Pickup
- Dec. 16 Christmas Party



President's Report

The Rebel Lake Ouachita outing was indeed a memorable one this year. We had virtually perfect weather, the best that I can remember in the 11 straight years that I have been there for this Labor Day outing. It only got into the 80's during the daytime and in the low 60's at night, so we slept very well. And then Jim and Linda found us the best campsite we ever had with large open areas with pine needles on the ground, trees for shade and no stringy, weedy plants to fight our way through. A number of us had the impression that we needed at least 2 or 3 more days there in that wonderful setting.

The diving was also good, especially down deep below 50 feet. It got pretty chilly down there, but we had vis of 30 to 40 feet. Terry Pickl and I had one dive down to about 85 feet. It was a very good dive, but felt good to get back up into the shallow, warmer water, even if the vis wasn't so great.

During our last evening there we had a really enjoyable get together with a bunch of Scubadillo's that were sharing our outing. Each club brought food items to a sumptuous repast. A special thanks goes to Kevin and Sherry for their wonderful preparation of grilled chicken and corn.

As I mentioned last month, we need some new officers for 2007 and I would like each of you to consider whether and how you might serve. The positions we know are open right now are Junior Board Member and Activities Director. Members meeting eligibility requirements may be nominated for all positions with the exception of Senior Board Member.

I hope to see you all there for our Chinese auction on Wednesday. Come prepared to spend.

Steve Ogden

Birthdays

Danny Bouska	Oct 8 th
KC Von Gesjen	Oct 13 th
Sherry Hammond	Oct 20 th
Jim Simpson	Oct 24 th

Anniversaries

None Known



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Here are some important upcoming dates and activities. Mark your Day Planner, update your PDA, make an entry on your Web or Outlook Calendar. Whatever you do to remember important dates, **DO IT NOW** so you don't forget! Come out and join in the fun!

Oct. 4th, Chinese Auction

Oct. 28th, Pumpkin Blast – Lake Murray

Nov. 11th, Adopt-A-Hiway & Chili Cook-off @ Joe Pool Lake

Dec. 16th, Christmas Party

October Outing – Diving Rebel Pumpkin Blast: Carving Contest and Scuba Pumpkinball Game

Where: Lake Murray – Marietta's Landing

When: Oct 28 -29 – Carving (cleaning) starts at 10:30, game immediately after carving, game finals, if necessary, at 3pm

Come on out to the event of the season; the first annual Scuba Pumpkinball game. Test your ability to out-manuever another diver with buoyancy and finesse, but no contact. The objective is to get from one side of the platform and put a “pumpkinball” through a hoop on the other side. An opposing diver will try to prevent the task, but can only use the hands for navigation not shot blocking. And as stated above, no contact can be made by either diver with the other. To further complicate matters, the offense has 5 minutes to accomplish the score and then the “ball” is turned over for the other diver's chance. Depending on how many participants we have (and water temp), we may have 2 rounds. My goal is to use some of that air not needed for carving.

Pumpkin carving rules will be as I have experienced in recent years. Cleaning takes place at the campsite and design can be drawn on (15 minute limit). All other pumpkin maintenance must be done at the game stadium platform about 30 feet under the water's surface of Lake Murray (30 minute limit). Dive knives are the instruments for carving.

In keeping with a fun time last year, we will also have a campsite decorating contest. No real rules on this one except it has to be tasteful enough not to get us in trouble with the park ranger.

I am planning on going Friday night. I would like to work out meal shares so we can use more of the club money for prizes. I haven't actually gotten to talk to them yet, but I am hoping Bob Martinez will grace us with his delicious fried fish and Debbie will whip up a delight Sat evening (part meal share and part club subsidized). So stay tuned at the meeting and be looking for updates in your email as we progress toward this year's Pumpkin Blast. We may have other games or contests too.

And don't forget to bring wood. With the recent rain we should be able to have a nice fire – and will probably need it at night if the cooling trend continues.

Event Coordinator,
Keith



Did You Know? Coral Reef Facts: Schooling

Schooling is a behaviour found in many fish species, including those living around coral reefs.

There are several reasons why fish school: feeding and spawning is easier in large groups and individual fish are also much safer from predation. The larger the school, the greater number of eyes available to watch for approaching predators. Additionally, predators find it much harder to target individual fish in a school than when their prey is alone.

For example, Blue Tangs are often found schooling with other members of the surgeonfish family. These schools generally form around dusk - the period when nocturnal predators like moray eels begin to hunt. The school moves from one patch of algae - their favourite food - to another. This produces an aggressive reaction from the resident damselfishes defending their algal garden: easier to resist as a school than an individual.

From the Beautiful Oceans on-line course: Coral Reef Architecture and Organisms. <http://tinyurl.com/zayos>

CHINESE AUCTION – OCTOBER 4, 2006!

It's that time of the year! Time for the Annual Chinese Auction, which will be held at the next monthly meeting on October 4th. This is the biggest fund raiser for the club and is always a lot of fun. It is a chance to come to the meeting and have a good time with other club members and guest. You never know what you might get for just a few dollars. Past packages have held buoyancy compensators, regulators, and wetsuits. Many packages contain many useful household items and camping items. And then there is always the chance that one of the traditional "gifts" will surface.

For those of you not familiar with a Chinese Auction a brief description might be in order. In this auction, an item is bid on and won while wrapped. The winning bidder has the option to exchange the wrapped gift for the immediately preceding item (unwrapped and known) or to keep the item won in the bid and unwrap it. Of course the first item has no preceding item and the last bidder has no one to take his prize. The key might not be to win a particular bid, but when the preceding item is good, the current item for bid becomes very valuable despite its contents.

The bidding is competitive and it has never failed to provide an atmosphere of fun and companionship. We have yet to break \$1000, but have been close in recent years in the 700 and 800 ranges. This is our biggest fund raiser so come out and support the club with good cheer and green cash.

The Chinese Auction is a blast! Come out and join in the fun!

Diving Rebel Adopt-a-Highway Extravaganza – Saturday Sep 23, 2006

Well, we once again took to our 2 mile section of FM303 (Pioneer Parkway) in Arlington from 360 west to Collins. We met as usual at the west end of our strip in the lot of Discount Electronics at Collins and Pioneer. We seemed to arrive in shifts with a just in time flare. The threat of rain loomed and as with most Rebel outings finally caught us. We had about 1 ½ hours with cool gentle breezes from the west. With the aid of John Richerson feeding me the forecast and actuals as he drove toward us, we were able to minimize our wetness. We powwowed under a bank drive-through awning and decided on lunch at Angelo's to wait on the expected clearing skies. So, Jim and Linda Magnuson, John Richerson and Melody McCary and I had a fun lunch. I'll cut what can be a long story into a few snips and you can get the "rest of the story" from the others. Jim happened to find what can be considered the grand prize for trash pick ups of all my years. He found a working cell phone – in Spanish no less, his native language. It made for a lively lunch trying to find the owner. Ask one of the crew about how it all turned out. I also collected a couple more treasures, so be looking for those in the auction. You'll want to make sure you win that next bid after those are opened. So after lunch we ventured back out onto the street with the wind much stronger and from the north and hustled for about another 1 ½ hours and were finished by 1:45pm. I have to say it was one of the better pick ups. We could have still used more of you so plan on Nov 11 at 9:30am and let's knock it out so we can go to the lake for lunch and the Chili cook-off.

Chief adopter,
Keith

A Touch of Rebel History

JOHNNY NARRAMORE – TRINITY RIVER SALVAGE JOB – 1962

—Dallas News Staff Photos by Joe Latoro

Losses as well as gains—such as Bobby Holland's hat.

Skindivers Seek Treasure But Recover Mostly Mud

By JIMMY THORNTON

Skindivers from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, with "sunken treasure" on their minds, slipped into the 49-degree waters of the Trinity River Sunday—and for five hours found mostly mud.

Their biggest haul was a carload of mud in a banged-up 1954 4-door Dodge with four flat tires.

The smallest mud-haul was in the barrel of an English-made pistol, which had a sawed-off muzzle.

One red brick was brought up, then tossed aside—along with an interestingly shaped tree limb that at least felt valuable underwater.

The opening of a cash box, however, caused some excitement



among about 50 onlookers, with cars slowed traffic along S Highway 114 at the Trinity's Fork Bridge.

Arlington skindiver L Barnes, who wasn't satisfied with the box's handful of ball pens (which didn't write underwater—or above), dug deeper and had better luck. He found two copper pennies—caked with mud.

The skindivers volunteered their services to Dallas police after recovering safes and cars in the river on previous underwater excursions.

Pops Holland of Lewisville—described himself as an ex-Navy frogman who "got mashed between two boats off the coast of Guam"—was in charge of the Diving Rebels and their safety. Lt. Tyree Leonard represented the Dallas police department's burglary and theft section, and was interested in sunken clues.

It was Pops' grown son, Bobby Holland—wearing jeans, western shirt and narrow cowboy hat—who fell into the river as he tried to retrieve his hat which flew off his head as he grasped an inner tube thrown to him.

The shivering divers did find two safes under water, but lost one in the mud. They hauled the other out with a truck winch. Lt. Leonard looked at the safe as it dangled and dripped before him—then commented dryly:

"All you got there is a box full of mud."

Barnes—who had found the two pennies—examined the sprung safe's contents further—and agreed.

1. According to the National First Aid Science Advisory Board, the single most important information for a first-aid provider to know is how to:

- A. Perform CPR.
- B. Get help.
- C. Perform the Heimlich maneuver.
- D. Stabilize a victim.

2. First-time scuba experience programs are designed to provide:

- A. Credentials for diving the Titanic.
- B. Swimming lessons.
- C. A taste of what diving is like.
- D. Shark encounters.

3. Trimix is a combination of:

- A. Oxygen, helium and nitrogen
- B. Oxygen, helium and heliox
- C. Helium, nitrogen and neon
- D. Oxygen and helium

4. The most commonly used entry technique from small inflatable boats is the:

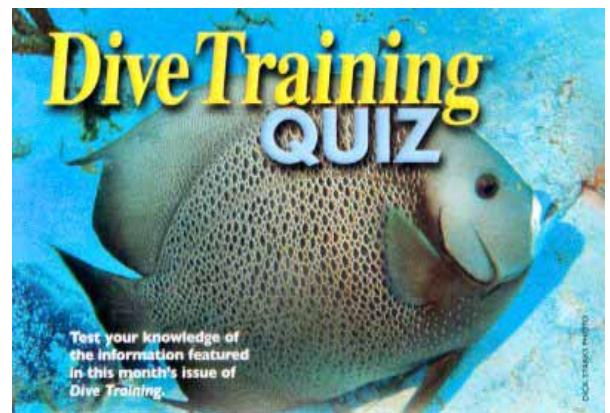
- A. Giant stride
- B. Back roll
- C. Belly-flop
- D. Cannonball

5. The photographic term wide-angle close-up means that the main subject in the image is something small and:

- A. In the foreground.
- B. In the background.
- C. On the left.
- D. On the right.

6. Divers should not place their mask on their forehead because it could:

- A. Signal distress.
- B. Fall off.
- C. Cause the lens to fog.
- D. Trigger hair loss.
- E. A, B and C are correct.



7. The underwater caves of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula are called:

- A. Volcanoes
- B. Cenotes
- C. Honeycombs
- E. Labyrinths

8. Creatures known as the cartilaginous Californians are:

- A. Sharks, rays and skates
- B. Sharks, eels and abalone
- C. Rays, skates and eels
- D. Rays, skates and kelp

9. A good way to avoid background problems in underwater photography is to:

- A. Get close to the subject.
- B. Get low to the subject
- C. Shoot at a slightly upward angle.
- D. All of the above.

10. To rent out a vacation home in another country successfully, owners should:

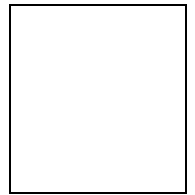
- A. Buy a home in an area that people want to visit.
- B. Expect the property to be rented only during high season.
- C. Both of the above.

GET YOUR NEW REBEL CAP!

Baseball caps embroidered with the new Diving Rebels logo have arrived and will be available at the September Membership Meeting. These caps will be available to members only at the introductory price of \$10 through the October 4th Membership Meeting. After the October Membership Meeting the cap price will be \$15. Three colors of caps have been ordered: natural with a navy visor, solid navy and solid black. Be one of the first to own one of these caps with the Club's new logo



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