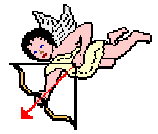


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A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels - One of the Oldest Scuba Clubs in Texas - Established 1958
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday – February 7, 2007

New Trial Basis Meeting Time
6:30pm Social
7:15pm Meeting

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February Meeting Program

John Richardson will bring the tale of this past weekends dive experience under the ice to our Wednesday meeting. This will be more of a show and tell question and answer than a canned presentation since he has just returned. If you are curious about what it takes to go under the ice and get back safely, this will be a good meeting to make.

Calendar of Events

- Feb 7 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Feb 24-25 Artic Dive / Wine & Cheese Contest
Lake Murray Oklahoma
- Mar 7 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Mar TBA Monthly Outing

President's Report

January has been a good first month for the Rebels; we started this year off with our San Marcos River cleanup. Thanks go to Steve Ogden for setting that up, please see his article elsewhere in the newsletter. We are looking next month at our annual multi-club Wine, Cheese and Arctic dive, we have already presold 17 tickets, and if you want to attend this years party/dive please either prepay at our February meeting or contact me. Tickets cost more at the event and it helps food planning, so please pre-purchase if think you will attend. This is schedules for January 24, and will be a real hoot regardless of how many may test their cold weather gear, please see other articles for details about it. I have received a tentative offer of dry suits being available for a test drive, we just have to work out the details.

Speaking of Arctic diving, we loosely use the term for our Oklahoma diving, but Randy Cook not only has dove the real arctic, but is now certified to teach Ice Diving as well. He and a few intrepid divers are diving under the Ice this weekend and John Richardson will bring the tale of the experience to our Wednesday meeting. They will barely be back so this will be more of a show and tell question and answer than a canned presentation. If you are curios about what it takes to go under the ice and get back safely, this will be a good meeting to make.

A last reminder, if you have not paid your dues, please contact Keith Weber, we need the money to budget for the year and when you think about it it only cost about as much as a snorkel (sorry we can't accept snorkels as payment).



The photo is of a large common snapping turtle (*Chelydra Serpentina*) I came upon prior to the clean up portion of our run down the San Marcos River. He is about 3 feet long from nose to tail and I spotted him hanging around under the bridge just prior to where we start our run. He does not seam real bothered by snorkelers, I only wish I had a 'real' camera to get a few better shots. By the way things really do look bigger under water, especially his mouth! Read and see more on Page 5 – 6!

Jim Magnuson

D.R.I.F.T. PROGRAM

We all have heard about this program through which a year of free membership is awarded for participating in activities, but there have been many questions about it.

When was this started? Introduced in January 2000

What does the acronym mean?

D Diving
R Rebels
I Invites
F Frequent
T Togetherness

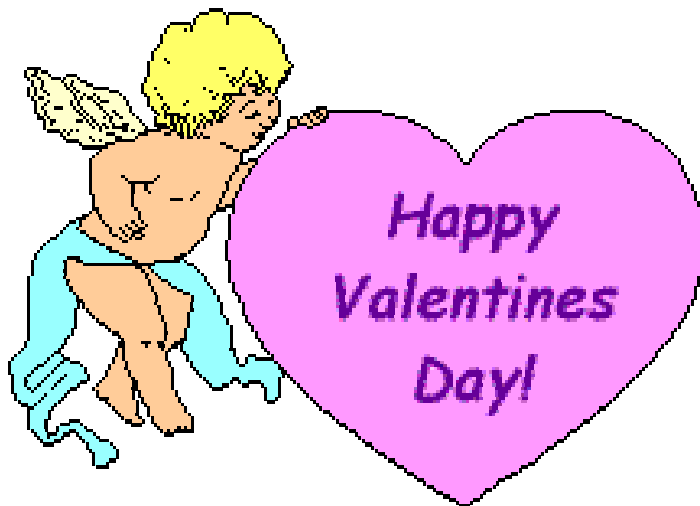
What qualifies for points? One point is credited for each activity in which you participate.

Examples: 1 point for attending event or meeting, 1 point for each dive of at least 15 minutes duration, 1 point for coordinating a meal, 2 points for coordinating an outing, other points may be awarded for other deeds.

Who is eligible? All regular members, except current elected positions.

Who keeps up with points? The Senior Board Member, Mark Stonebridge or the Activities Coordinator, Linda Magnuson.

See you around!
Activities Coordinator



Birthdays

Mark Estill Feb 22
Kevin Campbell Feb 28

Anniversaries

None Known



Only 6 spaces available!
Contact Jill or Danny if you'd like to join us on this fantastic trip!



**Join the
Diving Rebels
Scuba Club**



July 28th – Aug 4th 2007

**Golden Reef Inn Bonaire,
Netherlands Antilles**



The price of \$1399.00 per person double occupancy, includes roundtrip airfare from DFW, airport transfers, accommodations for 7 nights/8 days, room taxes, unlimited shore diving including weights, weight belts, tanks, air and taxes (24hr on site tank access and secure gear storage along with freshwater showers, rinse tanks, etc), daily continental breakfast and a double cab pick up suitable for diving with air conditioning, taxes and CDW insurance included. Several add on options are also available. For more information:

www.divingrebels.org/bonaire.htm
or call 817-542-2962

FEBRUARY 2007 OUTING

The *Diving Rebels* will host the annual **February Wine and Cheese Party / Artic Dive on Saturday, February 24, 2007**. It will again be at Marietta Landing Park on Lake Murray in southern Oklahoma.

Tickets: Advance ticket purchase is available for **\$10** from Steve Sadler, Keith Weber or Jim Magnuson. Tickets purchased after February 19 or on at the day of the event will be \$14, still a bargain for all the food and fun that you will be experiencing.

Wine & Cheese: Scour your wine cellar or favorite liquor store to bring your **best / worst red and white wines**, as well as **best cheese**, for the judging that we will have that day. Also, we need judges, so if you are not a contest participant and would like to judge, please let Jim Magnuson know. Prizes will be given to the winners.

Bonfire: Be sure to bring just about anything made of **wood** to burn in the bonfire. (No burn ban in effect at this time.)

Lodging: All standard rooms at the resort have been taken by a square dance group. However, some cabins are to be released after Feb. 12th. Cabins are as follows: 2-person @ \$43/night; 4-person @ \$68/night (\$88 for lakefront); 6-person @ \$125 and 8-person @ \$165. (Sharing brings the cost to \$17-21/person) Call Marsha at 800-257-0322 **after Feb 12th**. Otherwise, **plenty of camping** space with heated restrooms is available at Marietta Landing. Sites w/water & electricity are \$15 & \$18. Tent sites w/o are \$8.

Other activities: We are hoping to have dry suit representatives there with suits available to try at no cost. This is a great way to dive Lake Murray in February. As usual, there will be much camaraderie and story telling.

Scubadillo and Reef Rider dive club members will also be joining with us for this multi-club outing, so be sure and put this on your calendar and join us for this fun time.

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San Marcos River Dive & Cleanup Report

The January 2007 Diving Rebels outing was one of the best attended cleanups of the San Marcos River in some years. Jim Magnuson, Keith Weber, Mark Stonebridge and Tommy Engel and Vicki Albright and their daughter all traveled down from the DFW area. Ted Glodowski come over from Houston and Steve Ogden brought seven other folks from Beaumont with him including Jason and Jody Bush, owners of Gulf Coast Scuba, and Bill Tanner the manager of Gulf Coast Scuba. Of this total of 15, 10 divers participated in the underwater cleanup.

For those coming from Houston and Beaumont, the day started off very wet, raining until about 10 AM. But by the time all gathered at the junction of Aquarena Springs Drive and the San Marcos River about 1 PM, the day was sunny and reasonably warm, in the 60's. Everyone got geared up, except for Keith, sort of. In his haste to get away from the DFW area earlier that morning, Keith neglected to bring his BC along. But like the innovative folks that the Rebels are, Keith and Jim came up with a makeshift tank harness consisting of a gear bag and web weight belts. And apparently it worked quite well as it stayed on Keith's back the entire dive – quite amazing actually and a tribute to their ingenuity.

Now to the underwater cleanup, which was quite a successful effort by those in the water. As you may or may not remember, last year Tommy Engel dethroned Steve Ogden, who had reigned as champion of the underwater cleanup, with the most trash collected, for several years. Success in collecting underwater trash is a combination of luck and perseverance. You first have to get somewhat lucky in finding stuff, either through a good search technique or more often through sheer serendipity. And then once you find things, you have to be willing to pick it all up and carry it downstream. As opposed to last year when my luck at finding items was somewhat lacking, this year about half way down, I think I found the glass bottle and aluminum can graveyard of the San Marcos River – at least the stretch we cover. I must have been on my knees in the mud for 10 – 15 minutes in one small area picking up bottles and cans such that I filled one whole mesh bag just with what I picked up there. The float and tether system I assembled for moving and controlling the bags of trash worked pretty well this year. And while I didn't cramp up much this year, as usual I did run out of air toward the end, being in the water a bit over 2 hours. Finally, this year at the take out point at Rio Vista Park, a pair of stairs leading from the water to the concrete barrier wall had been installed, making getting out of the water so much easier.

So I was able to recapture the trash king crown this year, collecting probably about 75 pounds of trash. But we also gave an award for the person collecting the most unusual item, as voted by all participants. I had collected a few unusual shaped bottles and a couple pairs of glasses and Ted had a couple of children's figurines, but the award went to last year's trash champion, Tommy Engel, who found a portion of a Christmas tree light string and some accompanying tinsel. Tommy and I each received a very nice wheeled daypack, provided at a very good discount from Gulf Coast Scuba in Beaumont.

After a bit of rest and cleanup at the San Marcos Motel 6, we gathered at the San Marcos River Pub and Grill for a relaxing dinner and a great view of the area where we had exited the river just a couple hours previously. This time provided an opportunity for the folks from the DFW area to get to know those from Beaumont. We also had a drawing for a watch donated by Gulf Coast Scuba. And wouldn't you know it, the winner was Tommy Engel, who has done quite well for himself the last couple of years during this event. Tommy is the only Rebel who has won the awards for both the most trash collected as well as the most unusual item, even if it has been in different years.

The Diving Rebels would really like to express their appreciation for the generosity of Gulf Coast Scuba in Beaumont in providing a very substantial discount for the two cleanup prizes as well as for the donation of the watch. The universal opinion of those who journeyed with me from Beaumont was that they really enjoyed themselves and would like to make this an annual event for them. So perhaps this is the beginning of another multi-club outing that will continue for many years.

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As an addendum, the next day I performed my volunteer diving in Spring Lake at the Aquarena Center. I paired up with Charlie Young from San Antonio as we cleaned the underwater archaeology grid in Spring Lake and then toured around a bit underwater. I can't emphasize enough how much I would encourage each of you to consider attending the Diving for Science (formerly Scientific Diver) course there at the Aquarena Center. This is the tenth year that I have participated in this very worthy and enjoyable endeavor. Along with performing some good volunteer diving, one gets to experience one of the very unique diving environments that you will ever find – diving in ocean quality vis at the location of the oldest

continually occupied site in North America. To obtain more information about this opportunity, please go to the Aquarena Center's web site at <http://www.aquarena.txstate.edu/>.

And on a final personal note, I'm missing seeing many of you at the meetings, but hopefully will be able to catch up with you at some of the outings I am able to make through the year.

Steve Ogden



Diving Rebels Prepared to Dive



Diving Rebels with Collected Trash



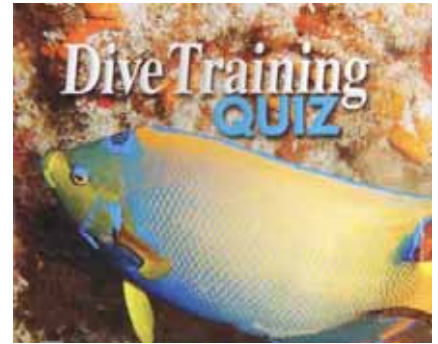
Dinner at San Marcos River Pub & Grill



Tommy & Steve with Prize

1. Factors that distinguish dive charter boats from one another include:

- A. Water-level swim platform.
- B. Shelter from the elements.
- C. Number of divers accommodated.
- D. All of the above.



2. Sand plays what role in the marine environment:

- A. Filters water to the benefit of plants and creatures living in the sediment.
- B. Improves clarity of water column.
- C. A & B are correct.
- D. None of the above.

3. Diving with diabetes requires that the diabetic:

- A. Understand their condition.
- B. Have their condition well controlled.
- C. Accept the limitations their condition imposes.
- D. Follow the necessary procedures.
- E. All of the above.

4. In assessing the injury of a dive accident victim, the first thing a primary rescuer should do is:

- A. Start CPR
- B. Call for help
- C. Perform a "look, listen and feel" to determine if CPR is required.
- D. Check the air in the victim's tank.

5. The first standard operating procedure for divers should be:

- A. A "get acquainted" procedure.
- B. To review dive gear.
- C. To select a dive site.
- D. To choose a place for dinner.

The most vulnerable time for scuba equipment is when a diver:

- A. Stores it.
- B. Enters or exits the water.
- C. Repairs it.
- D. Dives.

7. In Hawaii 's early days, residents lived under a body of societal laws known as:

- A. The Mauna Kea
- B. The Rules of the Volcano
- C. The kapu
- D. Captain Cook's decree

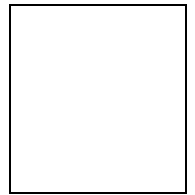
8. The best place to get advice about a dive vacation that's right for you is:

- A. At a bookstore
- B. At your local dive center.
- C. From a travel agent.

9. What action of a moray eel is often misinterpreted as a threat?

- A. Hiding in a crevice
- B. Respiring
- C. Whipping its tail
- D. Changing its color

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