



The Rebel Yell



A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels - One of the Oldest Scuba Clubs in Texas - Established 1958

December 2009

2009 DIVING REBEL BOARD

Keith Weber, President

Mark Estill, Vice President

Selena Woodward, Treasurer

Ellen Fourton, Secretary

George Bartulevicz, Activities Director

Johnathan Bowman, Sr. Board Member

Mark Stonebridge, Jr. Board Member

Appointed Positions

Danny Bouska, Webmaster/Newsletter

Linda Magnuson, Historian

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WWW.DIVINGREBELS.ORG

or send an email with your
question(s) and/or comments to:

info@divingrebels.org



MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday – December 2, 2009

Meeting Time
6:30pm Social
7:15pm Meeting

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December Meeting Program

Leonard Patterson will speak on diving in Bali

Upcoming Events Calendar

Dec	2	Monthly Membership Meeting
Dec	12	Christmas Party (See pg 4)
Jan	1	Polar Bear Dive – Lake Murray (See pg 3)
Jan	6	Monthly Membership Meeting
Jan	30	San Marcos River Dive and Clean-Up (See pg 4)
Feb	3	Monthly Membership Meeting.
Feb	27-28	Wine & Cheese Extravaganza – Lk Murray (See pg 5)

President's Report

As we close out the year, I am proud to announce the officers for next year. As there were no contested races, the motion was made and approved to accept the candidates by acclamation. So may I present the:

2010 Diving Rebel Board

Keith Weber – President

Mark Estill – Vice-President

Kelly Barentine – Treasurer

Danny Barentine – Secretary

Mark Stonebridge – Senior Board Member

Marcus Greenburg, Sherry Hammond – Junior Board Member team

Etson Barentine – Activities Director.

And Danny Bouska will be continuing in the appointed positions of Webmaster and Newsletter Editor.

There will be a learning curve as many of the members have not been on the Board before and are some of the newer folks in the Club. So please bear with us as we get going in January.

Thanks all and Happy New Year,
Keith



Do you do the dues or do the dues give you the blues?

With so many new members and some of us forgetful ones, membership dues are payable in January and late as of the beginning of the March meeting. As a relief for the dues blues, we are continuing our 5 year tradition of offering the Early Bird Special of roughly 10% - rounded down to the dollar. The Special runs for the November and December meetings and the fees are as follows:

Individual membership \$22 (retail 25)
 Family (per additional individual) \$13 (retail 15)
 Non-diver \$4 (retail 5)

So family memberships would go something like this,
 Family of 1 is \$22
 Family of 2 is \$35
 Family of 3 is \$48
 Family of 4 is \$61.

So renew early, get a discount and help us plan for membership numbers next year. And if tradition holds, when those membership cards are passed out in early 2010, the back will be worth more than what you paid to get the statement, signature and seal on the front.

Of course if you procrastinate and don't renew before the March meeting, the initiation fee applies and it will cost you \$40 for the individual membership.

Diving Rebels January Outing Polar Bear Dive Jan 1, 2010 Lake Murray, OK

Come on out for the dive of the year – at least the very first one. We'll be at the Marietta's Landing cove entry point and are not expecting any great crowds to contend with like on summer trips. In fact, I would bet we are the only ones there. As such a little cruise down the wall there should have good visibility. Bring wood as I don't want to think of the temperature and the showers/restrooms are not expected to be open. Let's plan on diving at 12:30pm, have a little lunch (if we get firm numbers, it can be provided by the Club) some campfire warming chat and head home about sunset (what? About 4:30 – 5:30 in Jan).

Let's talk carpools and sign-ups. Look for the sheets at the Dec meeting because we won't have another membership meeting before this outing.

Contact, George or Keith for details- you may have my info memorized by now, but just in case, ph 817-581-9010 or email president@divingrebels.org.



Birthdays

None Known

Anniversaries

None Known



Did we miss your special date? If so, it's not in our database. Contact Mark Estill to update your info!



*Happy Holidays
 from the
 Diving Rebels Scuba Club*

Don't forget Diving Rebels Caps and T-Shirts On sale at any monthly meeting!



NAVY & NATURAL



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NAVY

Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

Christmas Party December 12, 2009

6300 Arkansas Ln - Richard Simpson Park Building – Lake Arlington

I don't know if you can call it a first when it is a **second annual** event, but our first second annual 12 hour Christmas Party will be this year at our beloved room on Lake Arlington. The party hours are on the 12s – NOON to MIDNIGHT.

In traditional form, we will begin at noon with pizza sponsored by the Club. Soon afterward, most likely about 1:30, Keith, and to the best of my recollection, will be joined by Brittany, Steve H., Mark S., and Marc G., in braving the cold and possible hazardous waters of Lake Arlington. Upon emergence from the water we will get cleaned up as quickly as possible and join the continuing festivities. We are planning some games suitable for inside or out to take us through the afternoon. The fireplace is also anticipated to be working throughout the day so please bring some wood.

Appetizers are expected about 5:30 or 6, with the main meal targeted for 6:30 or 7. We are planning on frying some turkeys and having a ham for the Club meats.

There will be the traditional gift exchange (\$20 - \$25). We will wrap up about 10:30 or 11 with the raffles (that will begin earlier – perhaps with appetizers) and have time to clean up and end at midnight. There will be lots of nice prizes and some that are probably questionable – so it will be a very exciting evening. It will be wise to buy some tickets – Mark S. will be your man to see.

And speaking of tickets, the entrance ticket will be \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. See Selena or Keith to purchase your meal ticket.

Looking forward to another first-second and an exceedingly good time. Bring your favorite holiday music for the meal and dance tunes for afterward.

Merry Christmas Diving Rebels

Outing number 2 for January and the Diving Rebels Traditional San Marcos River Dive and Clean-Up January 30, 2010

Steve Ogden will be heading this outing for the Diving Rebels trip to the San Marcos River. The date of January 30th is the dead week between the play-offs and the Super Bowl which is on Feb 7, 2010. This is a nice weekend to get wet, have fun, and do a good deed. Talk to Oggie for more details, 214-641-6013.

Utila Honduras – April 10 -17, 2010

January 15th is the last date to Sign up for a guaranteed space for this trip! After January 15th, spaces at the resort may not be available.

A few spaces remain available for the trip to Utila Honduras, April 10-17 2010. During a four week period from the middle of March to the middle of April is prime Whale Shark season in Utila which brings Whale Shark researchers from all over the world to the island. The resort limits the number of room's available providing space to these researchers. The researchers staying at the resort provide an additional bonus because in the evenings the researchers give talks on Whale Sharks research making this not only a fun filled week, but also a very educational week.

For more information: <http://www.divingrebels.org/utila.htm> or contact Danny at 817-542-2962

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