

# The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter from Diving Rebels, Inc.

-Oldest Scuba Club in Texas-

Established in 1958

## LAKE WHITNEY OUTING

Submitted by Steve & Selena Woodward

**Here we come!** The Rebels multiplied into 16 divers at Lake Whitney this weekend. Friday we had 9 divers to camp. Dave Robinson brought the large tarp and helped Steve and I set-up camp, cooked and prepared two meals for this outing. There were 5 divers that did two dives including a night dive. Unfortunately, the five did not get to compete in the hunt because they had obligations and left Saturday noon. But before they left they hid the Gator eggs and did an excellent job. Thanks Chris and Scott.

The first Rebels' Gator Hunt had 8 divers to compete and all won a prize. I must report there were no injuries. The Gators were removed from the bright yellow eggs and replaced with weights. The eggs were marked with numbers inside and these numbers were assigned a prize. If a diver had more than one egg, they had to choose which egg to keep and put the remainder back into the egg crate. If anyone did not find an egg, I gave him or her a choice to choose one egg from the crate. I then asked the divers to call out their numbers and gave them their prize. All who participated received a prize. The prizes included a Bob's Fish T-shirt, dive photo album, dive

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## September Meeting Information

When: Wednesday, September 6  
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

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coasters, dive koozies, shark head koozie, shark key chains w/bottle opener, Texas dive key chain, US Divers fins, BC cleaner, and Sink the Stink. Ask Linda to explain "Sink the Stink". Randal and Steve Watkins also joined in the festivities. They are contemplating on becoming a Diving Rebel. Randal won the fins. Go Randal! Steve won a diver koozie. And then there is our Diving Rebel, Robert. Robert was pleased to have a Grey shark head koozie so he could retire his green one. Where and who has seen a green shark? O.K.! Maybe Robert has sighted a green shark.

The remaining prizes were donated to the Rebels for other give-aways. I would like to thank D & K's Scuba shop at Lake Whitney for donating the fins and Brett at Aqua Adventures Scuba Shop for their generous discount. The hunt was a success and everyone enjoyed themselves. Sunday we had six divers remaining. After breakfast we did two dives before pulling-up camp and going home.

Congratulations Dave Robinson! Dave earned his Advanced Divers Certification this weekend.

Also I would like to thank all that helped and participated to make this a successful event. Maybe we should put this down in our books as a regular event, Rebels' Gator Hunting. Next time, I could leave the Gators in the eggs and make the hunt a little more exciting! ♦

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## COZUMEL: REBELS' BLUE WATER TRIP 2000

Once again the Diving Rebels, friends and family, invade Cozumel.

We departed August 4 and arrived in Mexico with plenty of time to squeeze in a shore dive before the boat left for a twilight and night dive. Three dives Friday, three dives Saturday and two dives Sunday morning. Of course, some folks managed to squeeze in a few additional dives...

We had our usual Rebel suspects in attendance: Jim and Linda Magnuson, Jim Kirchoff, Steve Ogden,



Charles and Brenda Allen, Dave and Jenny Bureson, Richard Mann, Robert Dove, Donna Herman, Cindy Jackson, Steve Herman and Ellen Fourton. Additionally, we had family and friends of Rebels (we warned you): Jack Alexander (Steve H.'s friend), Laurie Phillips (Robert Dove's sister), Lance Shockley (Laurie's boyfriend), and Tom Ogden (Steve's brother).

On Monday morning, 7 divers departed to their responsibilities at home. We missed you Dave, Jenny, Robert, Jack, Brenda, Charles, Jim K. ... but 11 of us stayed to continue the fun.

With no scheduled plans, we dispersed in different directions. A brave group toured the island in a jeep during thunderstorms! Of course, they made the obligatory "refreshment" stops at the beach cantinas. Some folks ventured over to Playa del Carmen and experienced ceynote diving near Akumal, Mexico (ceynotes: "Taj Mahal" and "Ponderosa"). [For those of you who haven't been to Playa or South of Playa in a few years, it has changed. We were actually driving on a divided highway WITH shoulders.] Lance and Laurie snorkeled with dolphins in Chankanaab Park. Thrillseekers, Tom and Steve Ogden parasailed over the island! And of course,



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LAKE OUACHITA

PLACE LAKE OUACHITA, ARKANSAS

TIME SEPTEMBER 2-4

COORDINATOR DAVE STONE

### PUMPKIN CARVING WITH SCUBADILLOS

PLACE ATHENS SCUBA PARK

TIME OCTOBER 21

### CHILI COOK-OFF

PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED

TIME NOVEMBER 11,12

COORDINATOR LEONARD PATTERSON

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLACE LAKE ARLINGTON ACTIVITY CENTER

TIME DECEMBER 16

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we all did more diving on Cozumel to finish off the week.

Visibility was great and the current was not bad. Jim Magnuson compared one day's dive to being "flushed" (as in a toilet). However, most of the other days were mild with moderate currents. We all reported seeing great stuff: LOTS of octopus, crab, lobster, sea stars, eels and an abundance of beautiful fish; MANY turtles, shark, splendid toad fish, and rays; BIG barracuda and grouper; curious French Angels and the elusive eagle rays and sea horses.

We had great meals with lots of lobster, Alaskan king crab (Prima's), terrific Italian (Guido's), and of course, fajitas, fajitas, fajitas... We became a regular at Ernesto's and quite chummy with "Jesus" our waiter.

It may only be my perception, but it seems to me that the aquatic life in Cozumel is in a comeback mode. Just when you think you've seen it all in Cozumel and should try another destination, you are once again enchanted with the variety of fish and sea life. It is truly a magical place.

Thanks to everyone who assisted in trip planning, those who loaned out equipment, those who found lost equipment, and those who documented the trip via pictures, etc. Check out the pictures at [www.divingrebels.org](http://www.divingrebels.org). ♦

**DON'T FORGET – CHRISTMAS PARTY IS 12/16/00**

## Message from the President: Nominations/Elections

Well, it's that time of year again. Time to ask yourself how you can be part of the growth of the club. Everyone has ideas of how things could be done and taking a leadership position on the Board of Directors is just the way. Nominations will be accepted at the October membership meeting.

**Important: Elections will now be held in November so that a smoother transition can take place.**

Please, read the job descriptions printed in this newsletter so that you can decide which position would most suit you. I, personally, have experienced all the positions over the years that I have been a member and have had lots of satisfaction and, most of all, fun. Current board members who will not be able to serve another year, due to work or family considerations, will be available for short-term committee assignments as needed.

The process for nomination is easy. Just have a friend shout out your name, or you can volunteer your own name, for a position at the October meeting!

So, come on, take the plunge!

Linda Magnuson ♦

## **TREASURE HUNT, SEPTEMBER 16 THE SCUBA PARK AT LAKE WHITNEY**

The new owners, Darrell and Judy, are hosting a treasure hunt so they may meet area divers. They will have a catered lunch (barbecue and fixins), games for children and nondivers.

The divers are to be in the water at 10am on Saturday, September 16. There will be lots of prizes. They request that fees be paid by August 30. Camping is \$5 per night and \$10 per night for RV hookups. The treasure hunt is open to the first 100 pre-paid divers. Fees are:

Diver \$30 (includes hunt, T-shirt, meal)

Nondiver \$20 (T-shirt, meal)

Nondiver \$10 (meal only)

Children \$5 (meal only; 8 and under)

You may mail your check, reservation information, and T-shirt size to:

*The Scuba Park/Lake Whitney  
P. O. Box 17*

*Clifton, TX 76634 ♦*

## WELCOME AUGUST GUESTS

**Mike McCauley  
Kurt Lohrmann**

*We appreciate you checking out The Diving Rebels and we hope to see you again!♦*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

**Jennifer Burleson**

*Congratulations to newly certified diver, Jenny. Jenny is the daughter of Dave Burleson.♦*

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