



THE TREASURE FRESHIES



November 2007

Texins Dive Club Membership Meeting

6 PM, Tuesday, November 13th
Joe's Crab Shack
(East side 75/Central between Springcreek Pkwy and Parker)

**Beautiful Oceans Coral Reef Biology– a course overview
By David Prichard and Lily Mak**

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President's Dive Log

By Van Simms

What's missing?

YOU

At our last monthly club meeting, several people responded to the call for new leadership.

- **Linda Pelfrey** - 1st Vice President – greeter of guests at the monthly meeting, also assists with camping / lake events
- **Tod Williams** - 2nd Vice President – coordinates the activities surrounding the club room and the equipment
- **Van Simms** - Secretary – tracks club membership and acts as the official communicator for the club for the membership and to the public
- **Gretchen Stockwell** - Treasurer – tracks and monitors the club financial status
- **Jim Gillean, Polly Parker, Larry Harrington** - Members at large – reviews issues and activities before the club and votes as representing the club's membership

Open position – President. To qualify for this position, you must be in good standing with the club. That's it. If you've paid your dues in 2007, you are eligible. Of our current 165 members, there are 110 members who meet this eligibility. (excludes past presidents, youth, and out-of-town members).

The President duties include coordinating the board meetings, sharing the important highlights to the general membership, and appointing all committees and other key positions

So you see, President does not make decisions – the board makes / votes all decisions. The overall outlook for the 2008 TDC year is excellent.

- The balance for the TDC club is currently around \$20k and 2008 budget approved
 - No major issues are expected, i.e., all the TDC tanks are relatively new
- Volunteers are willing to provide guidance/coach to the new officers

After what the club has done for you, isn't it time for you to step up and do something for the club. For a complete set of officer responsibilities, check out the webpage http://www.texinsdiveclub.com/Rules_2002.html. If you are interested in learning more, please email president@texinsdiveclub.com.

Highlights on the upcoming November meeting:

Election of the 2008 TDC executive committee

\$200 gift certificate as one of the door prizes

Extra tickets for wearing / sporting TDC gear

You can order this apparel from the TDC website (via CafePress). Bring your receipt with you.

Van Simms, TDC President

Training News and Notes

by Larry Dickinson

The primary training activities for 2007 are now complete and we have had a very successful year! The staff is now taking a well deserved break and we are busily making plans for 2008. Of course we will continue to support Discover Scuba classes during the winter months (a good excuse for some of us to blow some bubbles while the outdoor temps start to drop) – so if you have any friends or family wanting to try scuba then have them sign up for one the sessions which are on held on the second and third Wednesdays each month (see our web site for exact dates: <http://www.texinsdiveclub.org> under the “Training” menu).

As we make plans for the 2008 dive season we encourage all members to provide inputs on the direction you want the training organization to go in the future. Remember that our main goal is to bring in new members and to serve our current members by providing additional training opportunities. If you have any comments or suggestions on the 2008 training schedule please send them to Training@texinsdiveclub.com. All comments and/or suggestions will be considered so send in your thoughts now!

I have received feedback from several members who are interested in participating in a Buoyancy Workshop during the off/winter months. Based on staff availability and the upcoming holidays this activity will likely be scheduled in January or February 2008. The exact schedule should be determined soon so keep watching the newsletter or website for additional details.

Finally, we are currently looking for a “few good divers” to put together a Dive master course. Depending on the interest level both PADI and NAUI courses may be offered so if you have ever thought about advancing to the professional diving level now is your chance. Prerequisites for these courses are being a Rescue diver, have 20 logged dives (PADI) or 25 logged dives (NAUI), and be at least 18 years old. If you are interested in either of these training opportunities please contact our Registrar, Jimmy Dominguez, at TDCRegistrar@texinsdiveclub.com to sign up or get more information.

Happy and Safe diving to all!



Recent Training Results



--by Larry Dickinson

The final training classes (other than Discover Scuba) have completed for 2007 and we need to congratulate the following folks for their accomplishments. I apologize to the students for the delay in getting this information published but hopefully a little late is better than never.

Special thanks to Daryl Harris for running the Advanced Open Water class and Gerry Padgett for assisting with the EFR class and teaching the Rescue class. Additional kudos to Dave Landrum, Polly Parker, and Tammy Padgett for assisting with the Rescue class at Lake Whitney. Once again our training staff has stepped up to the challenge and helped complete these classes successfully!



Rescue Check-out at Lake Whitney

-- photo by Gerald Albertini

PADI Advanced Open Water Divers	EFR Graduates	PADI Rescue Divers
Instructor: Daryl Harris	Instructors: Larry D., Gerry P.	Instructor: Gerry Padgett
Gerald Albertini Karen Cleek Alan Wallace	Gerald Albertini Erik Escobar Keiko Harris Scott Hughes Erik Rainer	Erik Escobar Keiko Harris Erik Rainer



Scuba News



Sad News about former member, Marianne Flanders

To the many members of the Texins Dive Club still around that remember Marianne Flanders, it is with sadness that we must report her passing on Thursday, October 25th in Austin.

Marianne joined the TDC in the early 1980's, even though her snorkeling escapades had begun in Grand Cayman in 1978. She had been all over the Caribbean snorkeling with the club, and then in 1994 she took the plunge, so to speak, and successfully completed the Texins' PADI Open Water Diver course in time for her 75th birthday. In the years that followed, she went on several dive trips with her friends in the TDC and finally got to see what the fun was all about from under the surface.

Marianne's eyesight had been failing for the past few years, and about two years ago she moved from Garland to Austin to be closer to her daughter, Peggy Garrison. Even though her health had been declining, to the very end Marianne never lost that sharp wit and dry sense of humor that made her such a wonderful person to be around. Her passing leaves a major void for those of us who love her, but now she rejoins her snorkeling buddies Charlotte Weber and Gladys Beer.

Details are still being worked out, but planning is underway for a memorial service for Marianne in Dallas on the morning of Saturday, November 3rd.



October Birthday's

Jordan Askew	10/07	Cristianne Herran	10/27	John McMasters	10/04
Sherri Badura	10/18	Shaun Herran	10/17	Jimmy Owens	10/30
Gail Bell	10/17	Susan Herran	10/25	Polly Parker	10/17
Mandy Blair	10/65	David Landrum	10/20	Mike Schaefer	10/17
Kelly Carter	10/04	Matt Lavigne	10/04	Edmund Williams	10/09
Melisa Christian	10/22	Madison Marshall-Baii	10/10	Rudy York	10/04
Peter Ersch	10/07	Tiffany May	10/19		

November Birthday's

Elaine Carter	11/07	Margaret Ison	11/06	Todd Waida	11/13
James Gillean	11/19	Christine Marshall	11/24	Jay Weber	11/14
Jerry Grimm	11/16	Jackie Mathewson	11/27	Kate Wenger	11/22
Jonathan Gutlenccht	11/28	Jim Mularkey	11/14	Martin Whitfield	11/08
Elizabeth Higgins	11/13	Linda Pelfrey	11/15	Andrea Zittel	11/18
Tracy Hurd	11/07	Pamela Stickney	11/17	Terry Zittel	11/16

Lake Weekend Schedule

Dive	Date	Lake	Coordinators	Chef	Tow
Wurstfest	Nov 10-11	New Braunfels			

November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	6	10
11	12	13 Club Meeting Joe's Crab Shack	14 Discover Scuba	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



November Club Meeting Presentation "Beautiful Oceans Coral Reef Biology"

Understanding the architectural zones of a fringing reef system and photographing the organisms typically found in each will be the topic of November's presentation at the Texins Dive Club meeting.

David Prichard, a PADI IDC Staff Instructor and DAN Instructor, and his wife, **Lily Mak**, a PADI Assistant Instructor, will give an overview of this Beautiful Oceans coral reef biology course that informs divers what marine life to expect in certain areas of a reef zone. They will then provide tips on photographing this life in each of the zones.

Prichard and Mak are Contributing Editors and photographers to *Dive Training* and *Wreck Diver* magazines, as well as to a number of other industry publications. They operate [Enchanted Sea Images, Inc.](#) and invented the Vari-Fit Snorkel Keeper which they market around the country.

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