

## FINS TO THE LEFT . . . FINS TO THE RIGHT by Mike White

After a spring where we thought the rain would never end, it is now summer. The rain has finally stopped, and has been replaced by . . . sunshine and humidity and 95 degree days. Well, this is Houston, so what did you expect. The good news is that if you needed a good excuse to go diving and get wet, you now have it. Hopefully, you made it to the rain-delayed BAD diving and picnic day at Blue Lagoon on Saturday, July 17 to dive, cool off, eat some BBQ, and most importantly, socialize with your fellow BADDies. If you did not make it . . . why not?

We had a couple of people join BAD in June as non-diving members, but not "non-diving" for long. They immediately took the PADI Open Water Diver course in July, and are now certified divers. Newlyweds Jon and Emily Biggerstaff seem very interested in their new activity (they grew up in Kansas, so they do not exactly have a lot of coral reef experience), and are now researching their first dive trip (and honeymoon). We also had fairly-new diver Natascha Cox join BAD in June. Welcome, welcome all.

We are now in the middle of the year, and the BAD dive trips to Jamaica and Cozumel late July and August are just around the corner. In early October, we will be having our annual Flea Market. When Madeleine Barnes comes asking for your assistance, be sure to give it to her. The Flea Market is our big money-making event of the year, not to mention how a lot of non-BAD people in the diving



## NEW BAD Members

Natascha Cox, Jon and Emily Biggerstaff

community come in contact with our club, so we want to put our best face and effort forward to make this a successful event. Later on in the fall, we have the paintball challenge with HUC and our 30th anniversary party.

Although it is the middle of summer, and the fall seems like a long way off, the fall will be here before you know it. And with the fall will come our annual elections for the BAD Board of Directors for 2005. It is not too early to start thinking about it, and especially about whether you want to volunteer your time and talents to make BAD a better dive club. The current Board has made an effort this year to inject some new ideas into the club. Some of these ideas you hopefully agree with and some you may not agree with. Each year the club members entrust the operation of Bay Area Divers to the eight BADDies on the Board. If you have some new or different ideas for BAD, the best way to make them a reality is to run for the Board. We will soon be appointing a nominating committee for this year's elections. When we do, seek out the committee members and let them know you are willing to take your turn at the helm.

I warned you that you would get tired of me saying this, but as always, the Board wants **your** ideas for BAD activities, because our goal is to schedule activities that BAD members want to participate in. Our e-mail addresses are on the front page of the newsletter. We want to hear from you, or better yet, have you volunteer to organize a club event.

Well, gotta go . . . dive!



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