



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

April, 2005

Lots of fun things happening this year, don't miss out.

The BAD Calendar

April, 2005

- 3 BAD Pool Party at W.W. Diving
- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting

May, 2005

- 3 BAD BOD Meeting
- 8 Twin Lake Camping
- 14-21 CoCo View Trip-Randy Widaman
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting

June, 2005

- 4-5 Seaspaces 2005
- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 25-26 Canoe Trip
- 29 BAD General Membership Meeting

July, 2005

- 4 BAD boats in Clear Lake for Fire works display
- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 16,17 BAD's Annual Camping, Picnic & Treasure Hunt at Blue Lagoon, Beverly Cutler
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting

August, 2005

- 2 BAD BOD Meeting
- 24 BAD General Membership Meeting

September, 2005

- 6 BAD BOD Meeting
- 28 BAD General Membership Meeting

October, 2005

- 4 BAD BOD Meeting
- 15 BAD Flea Market
- 22-29 CoCo View
- 26 BAD General Membership Meeting

Have an event you want to lead, contact the Board for more details.



April 27 Guest Speaker

For our April General Meeting guest speaker we have invited Michael Powell PHD from NASA (Dr. Deco) to come and talk to us. Michael is going to talk to us about the tissue micronuclei that can generate in the body and can have a profound effect on decompression outcome. This information has been used in the development of decompression procedures for EVA astronauts but much of this information is also of value to recreational scuba divers.

March Open House

Thanks goes out to our vendors for coming out to our Open House this month. We had 12 guest and several club members attend this annual meeting. Again thanks for the turn out and hope to see you all at our April meeting with Dr. Deco

April

Nina Clayton	04
Don Barnes	05
Tom Burns	10
Sarah Lang	10
Forest DeVore	11
Mikki Johle	14
Michael Casey	14
Bill Whitehouse	19
Joe Campoelli	25
Margaret Gable	28



COME VISIT and DIVE WITH YOUR FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS

Bay Area Divers meet at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Road 1 at 7:30 pm the last Wednesday of each month (except December).

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

The B.A.D. Board of Directors meet at Ryan's Steakhouse on Bay Area Blvd. on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

All members are welcome.

Deadline for article submission for next month is: **May 10, 2005** E-Mail javan@wt.net



FINS TO THE LEFT . . . FINS TO THE RIGHT

by Mike White

First, I know you all have been worrying about it since my March column, so I just want to let you know that I got the Bonus S out on my yard. The weeds should all be dying, and the grass will be growing. The grass will be growing?! Wait . . . that means I have to mow it . . . and that takes time away from diving. Geez, I guess I didn't think that one through all the way. Too late now.

On the afternoon of **April 3**, we had our BAD pool party at **W.W. Diving** in Humble. About 15 or so BADDies showed up and took advantage of the opportunity to get wet and check out their dive gear (and in some cases check out some new dive gear) in a nice climate-controlled environment. We also had some snacks and drinks. W.W. Diving had a few unannounced specials for us, so attendees were able to get a few things for the coming dive season (I got a new regulator set, wet suit hangers, and soft mask cases). If you weren't there, you missed a good time. Thanks to Larry and Blanche for organizing things (although I wasn't too thrilled that they ate all their wings on Saturday and didn't bring any with them!).

Our next BAD activity will be a diving and picnic/BBQ day at **Twin Lakes** on the afternoon of **Sunday, May 8**.

IT A NEW YEAR AND NEW BEGINNINGS.
Now is the time to renew you membership.

NEW BAD Members

Warren Coddington, David Erdin,

Yes, we know it's Mother's Day, but there were other conflicts later in the month. Bring your mother with you. The water may be just a little chilly, so also bring your wet-suit! Check the article elsewhere in this issue to get all the details.

And a little further out on the schedule, we have our **canoe trip** on **June 25 and 26**, and our annual diving/picnic weekend at **Blue Lagoon** on **July 16 and 17**. Mark your calendars.

As I mentioned last month, **SEASPACE 2005** is coming up on **June 3-5** at the Reliant Center. As always, Bay Area Divers will have a booth in the Environmental Awareness Area to promote the club and to advertise the BAD Flea Market in October. I am the chair of the BAD booth, and will be bringing a sign-up sheet to the April and May BAD meetings to seek volunteers to "work" two-hour shifts. Free up a couple of hours and sign up. You get to meet other people in the diving community, and you get into SEASPACE for free. What a deal!

And speaking of the **BAD Flea Market**, BOD member Jim Delane has volunteered to chair the Flea Market this year, which is scheduled for **October 15** (you have already marked it on your calendar, haven't you?). But this does not mean Jim will do all the work by himself. Jim will be looking for all you BADDies to help put on this event (which is BAD's big money-maker for the year), so when Jim comes calling, jump in and take over a little task that needs to be done.

And finally, speaking of money, some of you BADDies have not yet renewed your **membership for 2005**. Download a copy of the membership renewal form and send it in, or better yet, come by a meeting and renew in person.

Well, gotta go . . . start diving in 2005!

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B.A.D.'s 2005 Canoe Trip

To New Braunsfels, TX's Guadalupe River

June 25 & 26, 2005

This year we will be staying at Dog Leg Hollow (formerly known as River Rats) located at Loop 337 and Guadalupe River. BAD has reserved tent camping areas # 7 & 6, cost is \$25 per car with a limit of 5 people in the car & an additional \$5 per person after the 5th person. If you want to try to reserve a site for a camper, do this ASAP as you may need to get on a waiting list, call them at 830-629-3009 and tell them you are with BAD. You can also contact Rockin R at 1-800-55FLOAT and seek reservations at their Loop 337 and Guadalupe River Location.

Sign up for this event at the next BAD General Membership Meeting or call Beverly Cutler at 713-472-9788.

Special Note: Some are planning to be there possibly as early as Thursday, July 23rd to visit the Schlitterbahn and other sites.

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APRIL BOD BRIEF

Roll call of BOD for Quorum, welcome all visitors and March minutes read. Motion made to approve, 1st.-Butch Shannon, 2nd.-Rowe Henry, all approved.

Treasurers report was read by Fred and a brief discussion of past due memberships. Motion to approve report, 1st.-Ja Van, 2nd.-Butch Shannon, approved by all.

Upcoming BAD activities are Diving/BBQ day at Twin Lakes, May 8th. (See Larry's article)

- ♦ Diving/Picnic at Blue Lagoon, July 16th. & 17th. (Beverly is co-ordinator)
- ♦ TASS/Ski Clubs "Beach Weekend"
- ♦ Moody Gardens behind the scenes tour (Joe Neeley co-ordinator)
- ♦ Canoe Trip, June 25th. & 26th. (Beverly)
- ♦ SeaSpace, June 4th. & 5th. (Mike White)

Jim Delaney has volunteered to chair the Flea Market and will be asking for volunteers to fill the various positions for duties.

There was not any new business so a motion to adjourn was made, 1st.-Ja Van, 2nd.-Jim Delaney.

Once again it was a lively meeting with great input and discussion from the BOD and visitors. You really need to attend one of the BOD meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at Ryan's Steakhouse on Bay Area Blvd. It starts at 7:00p.m. but come early and have a bite to eat with us and fellowship with your fellow divers. Remember, the board is here to serve you and we can do it best by having you participate and let us know what you want and which direction you want us to go.

"You should have been there" Larry Albritton



Dolphin "Warning"

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Gunung Sitoli Indonesia: Two days before the March 28, 2005 earthquake in **Nias Island** in Sumatra, **Salehuddin Salleh** said he saw dolphins leaping into the air and flipping their tails as if they were trying to catch the fishermen's attention. Salleh said, "We have seen dolphins in the waters before, but just one or two. Their presence in such large number is strange".



Other fishermen that sighted the dolphins along the coast said it was "a sign" of impending disaster and that a similar "warning" occurred before the Dec 26 Tsunami tragedy. **Jaafar Ismail** said on Dec 24 that large numbers of dolphins were sighted before the Tsunamis hit several Indian Ocean countries.

Besides seeing the unexpected schools of dolphins swimming only 200 meters from shore, fishermen were also surprised to see small sea creatures like the crown of thorns, sea urchins, and prawns drifting into their nets. The fishermen claimed this had never happened before.

Aid workers rushed food to quake-stricken Nias Island and tried to restore running water after the region's latest big earthquake that killed an estimated 1,000 people. The remote tropical island bore the brunt of the 8.7-magnitude quake located in the same Indian Ocean region where a 9.0-magnitude temblor three months earlier triggered Asia's Tsunami catastrophe.

B.A.D.'S Twin Lakes Picnic/Dive

Since we are an active group of fun-loving divers who are out to have a good and safe time diving, a local dive day has been scheduled for Sunday May 8th. From 11:00 a.m. till at Twin Lakes on Hwy. 6 (see enclosed map). Come on out and shake off your winter blues, spring has sprung and summer is near. If you can't make it at 11:00 don't worry about it and DON'T pass up this opportunity to do some local diving, just get there as soon as you can and be ready to have fun. If you have any questions, bring them up at the April meeting.

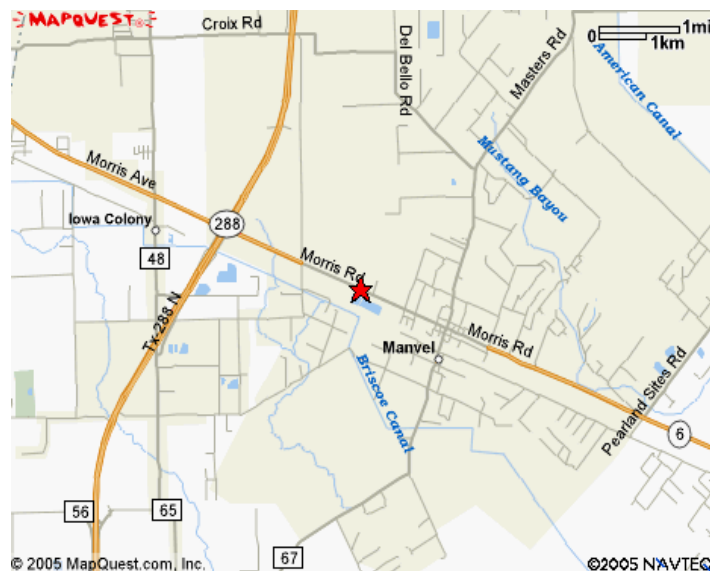


When you arrive, be sure and tell them you are with Bay Area Divers and that you are there to just have a fun dive day, the admission will only be \$6.00/person and bring your C-card.

The lake is big, deep in spots and has lots to see and do, so mark it on your calendar and we will see you there. Remember, it's good to be B.A.D.

"Let's Get Wet"

Larry Albritton



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APRIL AFTER MEETING GATHERING

by Beverly Cutler

Since the weather at this time of the year is so Nice, how about us going to **Boondoggles** on Nasa Rd. 1 close to where we meet for our After General Membership Meeting Gathering this month. See you there this month!!!



BAD's 3rd Annual

Blue Lagoon Picnic & Treasure Hunt

July

16 & 17, 2005

It is going to be upon us before we know it. So mark your calendar for this Annual Bubble Blowing, Picnic, Treasure Hunting and Camping event. BAD will again host our Annual trip to Blue Lagoon. We have reserved Sites 6 & 7 at Lagoon II. We will be serving hamburgers Sat. afternoon. Please bring a snack to share with all that attend. BADdies Larry and Blanch Albritton will be providing us with a grill to cook on.

If you pay for Sat. and Sunday, \$15 each day per diver and \$10 per person non-diver, onsite camping is free.

Guests are requested to contribute \$5 to BAD if they participate in the meal and/or Underwater Hunt. Or you can join BAD for \$15 for a single person or \$20 for a family. Please see me at Blue Lagoon about these opportunities.

Directions: I-45 N. past

Huntsville to exit 123-FM 1696, Right 3 miles to
Blue Lagoon.

**Gates open at 8 AM and close at 10PM Sat. and
9AM to 6PM Sun.**

Sign in & Pay at Gate. Blue Lagoon charges \$15 per Diver per day and \$10 for a Non-Diver per day.

BAD will be at Sites #6 & 7 at Lagoon II

This will be a great opportunity to Get Wet, have some Underwater Fun and Visit with your dive BADdies.

Additional information will be available on BAD's website: BayAreaDivers.org, then to Events, then July 16 & 17, 2005.

Please sign up at the BAD General Membership Meetings or call me at 713-472-9788 so that we can get an accurate people count for hamburgers.

Beverly



GATHERING (CONTINUED)

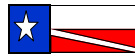
If you have suggestions about where to gather in the future let me know. Please keep in mind that the location should be somewhere fairly close to our meeting location.

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CoCo View Resort Trip

October 22-29, 2005

Hello fellow BADdies we are going back to CCV this fall and you are invited to come join us. If you go to the BAD web Page and click on "Events" there is a full description of the October 22-29, 2005 CoCo View trip. www.bayareadivers.org The trip includes airfare, transfers, taxes, welcome drink, 8 days/7 nights lodging, 3 meals per day, 2 boat trips per day (2 tanks per trip), unlimited beach diving, wall diving, shallow water diving, one night picnic, one night BBQ on the cay, A/C rooms, kayak races, crab races and additional shore activities. Go to CoCo Views web page www.cocoviewresort.com and check it out. Be sure to click on "Resort" then click on "Web Cam" for a live picture of the "Front Yard" dive area right out in front of the clubhouse. This web cam only works during the day. We have 14 spots reserved that week and 6 spots are already taken so be sure to contact me for your spot soon.

Capt. Randy

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and then read (below) about these same vacations that we will do again in 2005!

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