



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

March/April/May 2014

April 30th, 2014 - General Meeting

Social starts at 7pm - Meeting at 7:30pm

Mario's Flying Pizza & Italian Restaurant (Banquet Room)

618 West NASA Rd. 1, Webster, TX

Speaker for this Month — Carmen Hinson
Rig/Production platform diving

Carmen is with Maximum Scuba, and will discuss diving trips to rigs and production platforms.

Come out and visit with friends, make new ones and maybe even win a door prize!

The BAD Calendar

May

- 3 Lunch at Topwater Grill at noon, then-Railean Rum Distillery tour 2 pm
- 6 BAD BOD Meeting 7pm La Brisa
- 17 Blue Lagoon camp and cookout (and diving, too!) 10 am
- 28 BAD General Membership Meeting -- Larry McKinna - Leatherback turtles

June

- 3 BAD BOD Meeting 7pm La Brisa
- 21 Joint group dive/overnight trip at Clear Springs Scuba Park, Terrell, TX with the Dive Rebels
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting

July

- 1 BAD BOD Meeting 7pm La Brisa
- 30 BAD General Membership Meeting

WEBSITE: www.bayareadivers.org

Have an event or trip you want to lead? Contact the Board



**COME VISIT and DIVE
WITH YOUR FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS
GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

**Divers Market
October 11, 2014
10am-4pm
Landolt Pavilion,
Clear Lake Park**

BAD BOARD (BOD) MEETING

Board Meetings ARE OPEN TO ALL, so come on out and join us for our next meeting **TUESDAY, May 6th 2014** at 7:00 PM at **La Brisa Mexican Grill**, 501 North Wesley Drive (behind Sudie's at exit 28 on I-45) League City, TX . Everyone is encouraged to attend as we appreciate **everyone's participation and input**. Social starts at 6:30 pm.

What's News



Dear BADDies,

The year is starting off nicely with one group event just finished and several events planned. The annual 288 Lake equipment check dive and cookout was on Saturday, 4/26. As usual, Mei-Hwa took lots of good photos.

Next up is a tour of the [Railean Rum Distillery](#) tour on Saturday, May 3rd at 2 pm. We are going to meet for lunch at the [Topwater Grill](#) at noon. This is optional, and you don't have to eat lunch to participate in the distillery tour. **You DO have to be 21 or over and have a valid ID in order to participate in the tour.** The distillery charges \$5 for this tour. Hopefully you have already received an "Evite" for this event. If not, please let me know so we can ensure future communications arrive in a timely manner.

As a continuation of our "Meet the Board" feature, here are the Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We met the current President, Doreen Wells, in the last newsletter.

Rick Decker, Vice President: Recently retired as a Captain from the US Coast Guard, Rick began diving in Hawaii many years ago. His biggest joys in diving are hunting for lobster, or "dinner" as he prefers to call them. Rick recently returned from a multi-week diving road trip with fellow board member Pee Wee Dwire and past board member Rusty Benigar.

Jim McConville, Treasurer: Jim was NAUI OW certified at the University of TX, Arlington in 2005 and immediately went on a class trip to Panama Beach City, FL to explore the Gulf. He took some time off of diving after that until a business trip in 2009 sent him to Israel. While there, he thought, why not get back into the water and dive a wreck the Mediterranean. After fumbling with a faulty rental BC, he decided it was time to get some dive equipment. After joining BAD he loaded up at that year's Divers Market getting gear at 50 - 70% off retail! Jim started actively diving the next season and hasn't stopped. He became Webmaster in 2010 and treasurer the following year until present. Jim's favorite local diving spot is Mammoth Lake (when viz is ok) and Cozumel for blue water followed by Belize in close second.

Judith Jackson, Secretary: Judith Jackson started with a PADI Discover Scuba Diving Experience on a Carnival cruise to Cozumel. Now hooked, she has been diving for 2 years, and loves diving summer weekends at Mammoth Lake or week-long trips to Cozumel. BAD allowed her to experience cavern diving, shore diving, and a deep dive to the USS Oriskany all on one club drive and dive trip last year. Her weekend diving partner is a BAD club member she met at a club dive event.

Ask her why she thinks BAD membership has a lot of bonuses and will jump-start your diving experience.

We will finish our "Meet the Board" in the next newsletter, featuring our Membership Director, Communications Director and the two at large Board Members.

In the last newsletter, our Divers of the Year for 2013 weren't recognized. They were Patrick and Cindy Newman. Yes, it's hard to remember to take off the "Patrick doesn't need to throw this out there" hat and put on the "Communications Director" hat. Both Cindy and I are still humbled by being selected diver of the year for 2013.



Our March 2013 Diver of the Month was Norma Hunter, and our February Diver of the Month was Jose Garcia.

As we organize more events, we'll fill out the calendar so everyone will have plenty of time to plan for the outings. Remember to check out the BAD website for developing news as well.

Patrick Newman
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Let's Camp & Get Wet!



May 17-18 @ 10 am
Blue Lagoon - Huntsville

Join us for a weekend of diving,
 camping, glow-stick hunt & night dive
 649 Pinedale Rd Huntsville, TX

We will have a BBQ dinner on Saturday
 night (and BBQ tacos for breakfast on Sun-
 day) so bring your tents, chairs, and
 firewood and join the FUN!

Please contact events@bayareadivers.org or



Bay Area Divers Officers & Directors

President	Doreen Wells	president@bayareadivers.org
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Upcoming TRIPS

Texas Flower Gardens Trip mid July - Dave Romano

(281) 787-4605 or dromano4008@gmail.com

DON'T MISS OUT!!! Few spaces remaining aboard the *M/V Fling*, a 100ft live aboard dive boat that travels to the Texas Flower Gardens. Contact Dave Romano for current pricing. This price includes all meals, bedding, air fills and 7 dives. The 7 dives include diving on the East Bank & West Bank of the Flower Gardens, an oil rig, a night dive and two dives on Stetson Bank. We leave the dock from Freeport at 8:00 pm. We will return to the dock between 5:00 and 6:00pm. If you would like to sign up for this trip a \$100 deposit holds your spot. If you have never been diving at the Texas Flower Gardens don't miss this opportunity.

Find more events on the Bay Area Divers Website:
<http://bayareadivers.org/event-calendar-current.html>

TGCC Scholarship Deadline June 30th

Last Chance to apply for Texas Gulf Coast Council of Diving Club College Scholarship Award (Michael Szewczyk Award) is June 30th! For 2014, TGCC is awarding 1 - \$1000 scholarship and 1 - \$500 scholarship. For application: <http://tgccdiving.org/forms/TGCC%202014%20Scholarship%>

Bay Area Divers

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"Turning Energy into Income"

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For more information contact Dennis Camp
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BAY AREA DIVERS 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please provide E-mail address, birth month/day so we can update our records.

New _____ RENEW _____ DATE: _____

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2014 Individual (\$20) _____ Family (\$30) _____

(New Only) Half Yr. JULY – DECEMBER 2014 Individual (\$10) _____ Family (\$15) _____

LIFETIME Individual (\$300) _____ Family (\$450) _____

Name: _____ Birth Date: Month _____ Day _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell #: _____ Home # _____

E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Certification Agency & Cert. # (Optional): _____

Diving Experience / Locations: _____

Name:Spouse/Partner: _____ Birth Date: Month _____ Day _____

Cell: _____ E-mail Address: _____ (if different)

Occupation (Optional): _____

Other Family Members to be included on Family Membership:

BAD By-Laws state: A Family membership consist of a Primary Adult & their significant other & their dependent children under 18 yrs. old (under 26 if enrolled in college) & or dependent senior over 65 yrs. old living in the same household.

Name	Birthday Month / Day (Year-for dependent children only)	Certification Agency & Cert. # (Optional):	Email Address (if different)

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