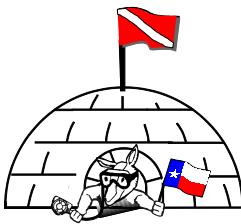
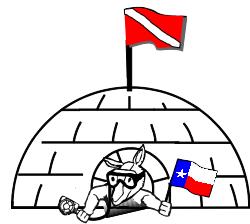


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New Members

Theresa Walton

This Month's Birthdays

Laura Brownlee	2-Jan
Ian McCormick	17-Jan
Dennis Pickett	20-Jan
Rona Dahlgren	22-Jan
Mike Lester	23-Jan
Ken McGuire	24-Jan
Marie McGehee	26-Jan
Connie Bowers	27-Jan

This year's Christmas Party topped off one of the best years we have ever experience in the Scubadillo Dive Club. We began by changing locations (though this may be temporary) to the Spring Park Clubhouse in Garland, TX.

Then, the food for the Christmas Party was catered by Pampered Events located in Grand Prairie, TX (contact Ken & Stephanie at 972-264-0740 if you enjoyed the food as much as the rest of us did!). The band was none other then Kenny and the Kasuals, who played great music all night even past midnight (the normal witching hour!) for those brave souls who could stay up that late!

All of this wonderful event came together as a result of the hard work of many Scubadillos

regulars but particularly, Ms. Annette Evans, who has served as Director of Club Affairs for two years running and out did herself in the second year after we thought her first year was super! Laura Greig, Jeff Colvin, Sonny Gaither and a cast of many more volunteers made the party a great success.

We had great prizes in abundance due to a strong budget for 2003. The grand prize of round trip air for two to Grand Cayman was won by none other than our world famous photographer and world traveler of Enchanted Sea Images, Ms. Lily Mak.

It only gets better! Come join us in 2004 to continue the fun and the wonderful odyssey of scuba diving and the great folks you meet while you make the journey!



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Sixth Annual Crawfish Boil-April 18th!

The location will be the Dreyfus Club on beautiful White Rock Lake. The Sixth Annual Crawfish Boil will be held on Sunday, April 18th from 2-6 pm. More details to be posted on the website and in future newsletters. Mark your calendars NOW!



2003 saw the SCUBADILLO Dive Club raise a club record amount of money for our charities. Club support donations were made to the CORAL REEF ALLIANCE, SAVE THE MANATEE FOUNDATION, as well as THE DALLAS AQUARIUM at Fair Park in Dallas. Pictured is Allyson Atkins, Education Coordinator for the Dallas Zoo and Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park. Making the check presentation is Jeff Colvin (SDC President 2002 and 2003). Also present is Sonny Gaither (SDC Vice President 2003 - 2004 and Aquarium Volunteer).

A Word From Your President



Phil Ray — 2004
SCUBADILLO President

Hey 'Dillos, welcome to 2004. A lot of you remember me from 4 years ago, the rest of you voted for me. Either way, I'm really glad to be back and excited about leading the greatest dive club

around. I want to thank Jeff for the great job that he's

done for the past 2 years. Jeff left the Scubadillos in the best financial state that we've ever been, but he also smoothed out a lot of the operations for the club. For those of you new to the club's bylaws, Jeff will still be on the Board of Directors to help out.

Also on the Board from last year's officers is Laura Greig. Laura's been an indispensable member of the Scubadillos for longer than she wants to admit, and I'm glad that she's still around (although her 3 children may slow her down a little this year).

The bylaws are letting 2 officers from last year off the Board, but I hope that they

will help out where they can. Steve Volkers was great as our Sergeant at Arms. He put together some great dive weekends for us and was a big help in many other places for the Club. And Annette Evans, what can I say? All the happy hours, the Crawfish Boil, THE Christmas Party. Muchas, muchas gracias por todo.

But let's talk a little about the future, about what's going to happen in the New Year with the Scubadillos. We're going to do some partying. Mona's setting up happy hours for each month so that we can get together beyond the regular meetings. We've got the always awesome Crawfish Boil coming in the spring, (with details to follow). And the Christmas Party (yeah, we're already thinking about it) is developing a tradition of its own.

The Scubadillos have always supported its favorite charities, and this year we'll continue the tradition. The economy has made things tough for some of us, and the same has been true for the organizations that we've grown attached to. We'll have events through the year to help raise money for these worthy causes.

I saved the best for last -- we're going diving. Steve Partain, our new Sergeant at Arms, has some great ideas for going out to the lakes. These weekend trips have always been good times for 'Dillos to escape from the city; we've got a tradition of diving, camping, and big fires. I hope that you're all planning to go up to Lake Murray to kick off the season.

So it's going to be a big year, continuing the Scubadillo tradition. I'm excited, and I hope you all are, too.



Arctic Dive SET!! February 28-29, 2004



Arctic Dive
February 28-29
Lake Murray, OK

Green algae on iceberg.
(Photo courtesy Gerhard Dieckmann)

For many years, The Scubadillo Dive Club and friends have enjoyed great cooking and very good company at our annual Arctic Dive at Lake Murray in Oklahoma.

The Arctic Dive will be held February 28-29, 2004 at Marietta Landing, Lake Murray. Steve Sadler will be hosting the outing and of course Steve will be cooking his usual wonderful food on the grill! This year's repast will include smoked brisket and chicken with all the "fixin's". Jimmy Atkinson will be making his world famous "pot of beans".

It would not be the Arctic Dive without the wine and cheese tasting contest so be

sure you bring your entries in those categories! To round out the event, we will likely have some dry suits on hand for those brave souls who wish to actually enter the water! Some hearty souls actually do dive!

Price to eat?? In advance, the price is \$7 advance purchase. The



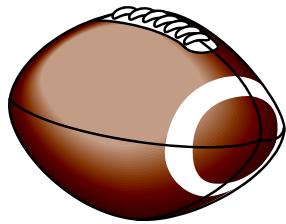
price if you purchase your ticket at the lake event will be \$10. Get those tickets in advance! We will look forward to seeing you there for great fun and great fun and an abundance of good company!

You can camp out, stay in a cabin or stay in a lodge. The Scubadillo

website has all the information you need to find the location and make your plans! Go www.scubadillo.org and click on the link for



2004 Super, Super Bowl Coming!



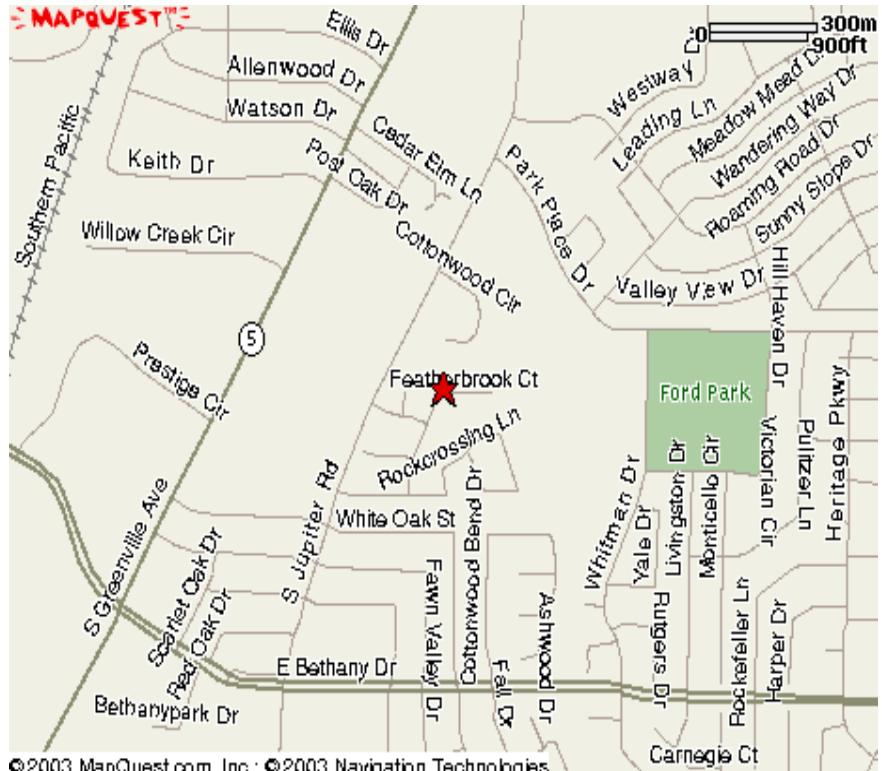
Greetings Football Fans! Are you ready for another fun and exciting Super Bowl Party! Our illustrious former president, Jeff Colvin and most gorgeous other half,

Cat, will again be hosting the Super Bowl Party on February 1, 2004 beginning at 4:30 pm! These folks are opening their newly remodeled house for a football open house party as well as the biggest football game of the year!

This party is a BYOB and please bring a covered dish. We understand there is a new 10 person hot tub, (closed in!), so bring a towel and your swim suit as well!

Really good news! The Super Bowl Game will be showing both in the house AND at the hot tub. Is this decadence or what!

The place for all this partying will be 705 Featherbrook Court, Allen, TX 75002. Jeff's email is jlelion@comcast.net. Come on out and join your good friends, meet some new ones and find out if the football teams will really show up and play! (Actually, I watch for the commercials!) See you there!



Coming Events! Don't Miss 'Em!!

2004 San Marcos River Trashure Hunt and Underwater Easter Egg Hunt! April 10-11, 2004. Trashure Hunt on Sat. April 10th; Underwater Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday April 11th. Hosted by the City of San Marcos and The Dive Shop.

The San Marcos River cleanup will begin after 9 am registration on April 10th and continue until the FREE BBQ dinner about 4 p.m.! There will be lots of prizes for all the participants.

In conjunction, the SCUBADILLO Dive Club will host our Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 11th. The event is free to all SDC members (\$5 for non-members). Conditions permitting, the Hunt will be held at Rio Vista Park on the beautiful San Marcos River (backup site is City Park).

We will be camping again at Leisure Park in Fentress. For park info or to make reservations, go to www.leisurepark.net. For additional details, visit our website at www.scubadillo.org. Come on down!



2004 SCUBADILLO OFFICERS

President Phil Ray
Vice President Sonny Gaither
Treasurer Gael Murdoch
Secretary Stacey Burton Ellis
Sgt. At Arms Steve Partain
Dir. Of Club Affairs Mona Valentine
Newsletter Editor..... June Hallman

2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All above officers, plus
Jeff Colvin
Laura Greig
Jimmy Atkinson
Anne Christenson
Bob Pederson
Jack Stroud

Future Speakers: Throughout the year, we will be bringing you more speakers to talk about great dive sites, underwater photography, manufacturers' reps to show us the latest innovations in dive equipment and much more! Don't miss a meeting!

Next Meeting:

When: Thurs, Jan. 8th., 2004 7:30 p.m. (Social Hour 6:30)

Where: Midway Point Restaurant,

NW corner of Harvest Hill & Midway

Speaker: Kamala Shadduck, NC Wreck Diving

Upcoming Events

What: Happiest of Happy Hours

When: January 23rd, 2004

Where: Texas Land & Cattle Steak House

10250 Technology Blvd., Dallas, TX 75220 214-353-8000

What: SUPER SUPER BOWL PARTY!!

When: February 1st, 2004

Where: Jeff Colvin's House (see inside for complete info)

What: Annual Arctic Dive (more info inside)

When: February 28-29, 2004

Where: Lake Murray, Marietta's Landing



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