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Picture by Mr. Walter Davis

The Crawfish Boil is Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 2 – 6 p.m.  
**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW**

Have you bought yours, yet? Surely you MUST be planning to attend our Seventh Annual Crawfish Boil, right? I know you remember last year, and the year before, and how much FUN you had at our warm Sunday afternoon fundraising PARTY, RIGHT? All that YUMMY spicy boiled crawfish and tasty grilled chicken --- and the kegs of beer and gallons of margaritas? Of course, how could you forget the silent auction and all those GREAT raffle prizes?? Well then... with that in mind, it's a no-brainer! If you haven't already, you need to get your tickets, now. Buy 'em this week for \$25, or pay \$35 after April 3rd." Some of you might wonder, "why the April 3<sup>rd</sup> cutoff?" Answer- we need lead-time to give an accurate headcount to our "Cajun Crawfish Company" chef so he can bring plenty of "mudbugs, Plus...you want us to have enough chicken, soft drinks, beer and margaritas, don't'cha? I knew you'd understand. This headcount provides us with an accurate grocery list.

Remember, we are back at WINFREY POINT, this year. (Hooray!)

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## New Members

Jim Simpson  
Donna Simpson  
Sean Simpson  
Rita Dickson

## THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Nowell 4/20  
Kathleen Knuettel 4/30

## Don't Forget the Troops. They Need Our Prayers and Donations Ongoing.

We are proud to announce that we have received a commemorative plaque from the Garrison Commander, Randall J.

Scott, stationed in Afghanistan. We also received an American Flag that flew over the Kabul compound. These troops are part of Operation Enduring Freedom. You can go to the following websites for ideas of things to send including your letters of support.

Www.abcactionnews.com/iraq/shoebbox.shtml; www.operationshoebbox.com/.



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## A Word From Your President



Jeff Colvin — 2005  
SCUBADILLO President

April 2005 is upon us, and "man is it a month full of action!" Our first official club dive starts the season with a river cleanup at San Marcos on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by the Scubadillo Easter Egg Hunt on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, also at San Marcos. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, it's time once again for the main event of the year, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Scubadillo Crawfish Boil at Winfrey Point located on White Rock Lake. Check our website for directions. This year's extravaganza promises to be the biggest boil in Dillo history. Want more? How about the first annual Emerald Sea Divers All Club Invitational Swap and Shop? I've got a brand new wetsuit that I know many of you

will be dying to get your hands on! There is definitely no moss growing under this dive club.

Our club's March meeting was a special one for me as I was honored to present to the membership, a Certificate of Appreciation and an American Flag that had flown over a U. S. military compound in Kabul Afghanistan. The United States military has sacrificed so much for our country; it made this President very proud to be a part of the generosity and thanks shown by our club. Thanks so much to all of you, and God bless our dedicated service men and women. These items as well as photos from the units we have supported are on our web site.

Also at our March meeting, the Dillos were treated to a beautiful collection of underwater photos from a true pioneer of

diving, Mr. Walter Davis. When Mr. Davis visits our club, there isn't an empty seat in the house. I bet if we could get him and John Cannon together, we would look like a bunch of grand children listening to Grandpa tell stories of the old days.

Renewals as well new memberships continue to roll in. If you have not yet joined, "what are you waiting for?" Membership applications will be available at our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, and at the Crawfish Boil. As you meet divers at local shops and events, tell them about the Dillos'. The Scubadillo Dive Club is

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ONE!!** Spread  
the word!! I'm  
Jeff Colvin and I  
am your President.



*(7th Annual Scubadillo Crawfish Boil—Continued from page 1)*



It's a larger, brighter room with a big party patio and lots of outside lawn for relaxin' while you digest your crawfish between servings. (Serving times are at 3 and 4:30pm.) Feel free to bring your camping chairs for lazyn' outside in the sunshine or, just stretch out on the grass. It's a casual afternoon... it's your party...and there are no rules. (Well, maybe a few...)

Have you noticed on our Web site that we are saying "Attendance limited to the first 300 ticket holders"? There's a reason for that. We've placed an ad in the highly visible "Back Page" of the Dallas Observer, and we're anticipating a good response. But, not to worry...you have a number of ways to buy your tickets before we run out, or before the price hikes up to \$35. Several area dive shops are selling tickets: Emerald Sea Divers, Scuba Toys, International Scuba, and For Divers Only. Finally, in order to keep up with

the last minute tickets that need to be issued at "will call" and make sure we don't overbook the tickets, we've set up an e-mail account administered by Ann Keller, mostly because of the Observer ad: [crawfishkts@yahoo.com](mailto:crawfishkts@yahoo.com). You can send an e-mail if you have additional questions about the boil or tickets, but we're pretty much just asking you to contact Ann at the email address above, Ann can confirm the tickets and we'll have your tickets ready. Ann Keller will be checking for messages, frequently.



If you are a member, you may have already received e-mail from Ann Blackstock regarding helping out on a crew. If you haven't heard from her, and you have a hankerin' to volunteer, send Ann a note at [diveraunt@yahoo.com](mailto:diveraunt@yahoo.com). I'm sure she'll find a duty for you. Oh...as an aside.... some of the positions require you to be relatively sober. Ummm, that may count some of you out...? (Ha! Just kidding... well...kinda ☺)





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On behalf of the entire Scubadillo Board and Officers, we thank you for your remarkable support of our club in this yearly charitable event. With funds from this event we support: The Dallas Aquarium, The Save The Manatee Foundation, The Coral Reef Alliance, and at the beginning of this year, sent Care Packages to military units in Iraq and Afghanistan.

See y'all on the 10<sup>th</sup>!

Mona Valentine – Director of Club Affairs



## San Marcos River Cleanup/Easter Egg Dive-April 2nd and 3rd

Don't forget this annual festival and pilgrimage to kick off the new dive season with a good time, prizes and good food. For details and maps, go to the Scubadillo website at [www.scubadillo.org](http://www.scubadillo.org). Hope to see you there and get a prize for LARGEST group!

## Emerald Sea Divers First Annual ALL CLUB Invitational Swap 'N Shop! April 17th

Mike Dunst has graciously committed to having the Emerald Sea Divers First Annual ALL CLUB Invitational Swap 'N Shop to be held April 17th from 10 am to 5 pm on the front parking lot of Emerald Sea Divers retail location, 1002 North Central Expressway, Suite 501, Richardson, TX 75080; 972-669-3483; [www.emeraldseadivers.com](http://www.emeraldseadivers.com). The invitation to the participating dive clubs is to bring their unwanted gear to swap with other participants and by the way, Mike Dunst will also have some sale items. Emerald Sea Divers will be cooking FREE hot dogs and hamburgers plus offering soft drinks for sale. If you have been diving very long, you probably have accumulated an excess of some items and this would be an excellent opportunity to swap that gear to someone else and get something you DON'T have! See you there!

## 2005 Scubadillo Diving Schedule

April 2nd, 3rd	San Marcos River Cleanup/Easter Egg Dive. River cleanup Sat. at City Park, 9 am, BBQ provided by the City of San Marcos. Easter Egg Dive at Rio Vista Park. Camping at Leisure Camp & RV Park Reservations 1-800-248-4103
May 21st, 22nd	Lake Murray-Luau theme with cookout by Steve Sadler. Event and camping at Marietta Landing.
June 11th, 12th	Guadalupe River Tube N Dive
July 23rd	Day Dive at Clear Springs Park in Terrell, TX.
August 20th	Training-TBA
September 17th	End of Summer Fun Event.
October?????	Trashfest in New Braunfels. Comal River Cleanup. BBQ hosted by city of New Braunfels. Cheap hotel camping. Roadway Inn \$31.95 1-800-967-1168.
October 15th, 16th	Pumpkin Dive. Tyler State Park. Oktoberfest theme hosted by Gael Murdoch. Reservations: <a href="http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us">www.tpwd.state.tx.us</a> 512-389-8900
November 11th to 14th	COZUMEL!!!!

**2004 SCUBADILLO OFFICERS**

President .....Jeff Colvin  
Vice President ..... Steve Partain  
Treasurer ..... Laura Greig  
Secretary .....Stacey Burton Ellis  
Sgt. At Arms ..... Steve Sadler  
Dir. Of Club Affairs ..... Mona Valentine  
Newsletter Editor..... June Hallman

**2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

All above officers, plus  
Phil Ray  
Sonny Gaither  
Gael Murdoch  
Kim Penny  
Annette Evans  
Barney Thibodeaux

**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, April 7th, 2005 7:30 p.m. (Social Hour 6:30)

**Where:** Midway Point Restaurant,  
NW corner of Harvest Hill & Midway

**Speaker: Mike Dunst and Woody of Emerald Sea Divers**  
**Mike & Woody will be presenting aspects of Tech Diving.**

**Upcoming Events**

**What: 7th Annual Scubadillo Dive Club Crawfish Boil!**

**When: April 10th, 2005; 2-6 pm**

**Where: Winfrey Point at White Rock Lake! Yahooo!**

**What: San Marcos River Cleanup & Easter Egg Dive!**

**When: April 2nd, 3rd, 2005**

**Where: San Marcos, TX See website for details**

**Www.scubadillo.org.**

**What: Emerald Sea Divers 1st Annual All Club Swap N Shop**

**When: April 17th, 2005**

**Where: Parking Lot of Emerald Sea Divers! See website for details**

**Www.scubadillo.org. 10 am to 5 pm 972-669-3483**  
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