



# 'DILLO DIVER

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### New Members

Michael Joe  
Jima Watson

### THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Picket	1/20
Rona Dahlgren	1/22
Mike Lester	1/23
Ken McGuire	1/24
Connie Bowers	1/27

## “Dillo” Christmas Party 2004, WOW!!

By Jeff Colvin

If you missed the 2004 edition of the Scubadillo Christmas party, then you missed one of the finest celebrations on record. This author has never heard so many positive remarks about the affair from those in attendance. A special word of thanks goes out to the club's Director of Club Affairs, Mona Valentine. She has done a wonderful job in this role, and I'm sure will out do herself as she serves in that capacity once again for 2005. Another big thanks should also go out to the volunteers that came early that Saturday to set up everything and make sure that we all had a great evening.

Kenny and the Kasuals proved to be even better this year than last, (as if that was possible). The dance floor was packed with many Dillos thinking about what they were doing the

first time they heard some of those classic tunes. The band's music put everyone in a dancing mood. Everyone was also treated once again to a nice catered dinner with plenty of food for all. The silent auction had a great variety of items that many took advantage of in their bidding. Everyone was happy this year to see that more seating was available down stairs in the band area by moving the auction to the second floor.

The 2004 officers and board hope that everyone had a great year as club members, and we look forward to more of the same as the 2005 officers and board take over. Have a happy New Year, Dillo style! (Pictures inside!)



## Support Our Troops!



### Scubadillo Troop Donation Coordinating Event!!

Where: Midway Point Restaurant  
When: Thursday, January 13th, 2005  
Time: Starting 6:30 pm

The Scubadillos are donating gift boxes to 3 Texas-based troop units as part of our Charity Donations for 2004. Please join us to help sort, prepare and package items.

Items still needed will included shoe boxes and packaging tape, markers and pens, etc. Gael Murdoch is the acting coordinator. Gael is organizing the items needed in addition to the items to be purchased. If you have any questions or would like to donate to the cause, please call her at 972-881-7543.

Thank you for your participation. Websites for other support include:

<http://www.abccactionnews.com/iraq/shoebox.shtml> <http://www.operationshoebox.com/>

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# A Word From Your President



Jeff Colvin — 2005 SCUBADILLO President

2002 and 2003. I am however, very excited about 2005, and wish to thank all of those who urged me to run and supported me with their vote.

I first want to thank the officers and board members who worked hard at making sure the Dillos had another great year. I hope you all will make a point of thanking them individually as you see them. Year

Well, it's a new year, and here I am "back in the saddle again". Hey, sounds like a great song title! Oh yeah, it already is one. Sorry Gene Autry. So anyway, I didn't think I would be back in the saddle so soon, as I'm still walking a little bow legged from the Presidency in

after year these people and others like them have kept our club running and successful. Maybe this is the year you will consider doing the same thing. We have all seen the contributions made by members that decided it was time to step up to the plate. I was glad to be a part of working with some of them as they became officers and board members for the first time; Sonny Gaither, Steve Partain, Steve Sadler, as well as new folks running for office; Ann Keller and Ken McGuire. Serving your club is a very rewarding experience. Think about it.

The Scubadillo Dive Club has always been an organization that has promoted the sport of diving, basic diving education, as well as the social interaction of its members. This year will be no exception. We will of course have all the activities that have been so successful in the past,

as well as a few surprises along the way. This year's leaders will work very hard to make 2005 a year to remember! We will work even harder to reach out to the dive shops in the area, and help them in every way possible to promote their sales and diving trips. I will once again urge all of our Dillo members to do business with their local shops, and help these businesses to remain successful. We all need our local dive shops. When you take a course, book a trip, or buy some equipment, let that dive shop know that you are a Dillo, and that you want to support them. In conclusion, I want to say to all of you reading this, that I will do my very best to be a good President, and to represent you well. This I promise. I'm Jeff Colvin and I am your President.

## Christmas Party Pictures 2004!



## Happy Hour - January 21st - Cristina's Mexican Restaurant

For the c-c-c-cold month of January, we've selected the toasty warm atmosphere of Cristina's, a popular Mexican Restaurant in Addison, as our first happy hour location of the year. Please join us Friday, Jan. 21 to kick off the 2005 series of famous Scubadillo "Happiest of Happy Hours." The address is 4021 Beltline Road, half way between Midway and Marsh on the North side of the road.

The official Dillo happy-hour timeframe is from 5 to 8, however, you can arrive earlier and leave when you want. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Cristina's HH prices are good from 4 to 7, only. We can't get around that --- sorry. But, the HH prices are really good, so enjoy them while you're there: Regular Frozen or Rocks Margaritas are \$2.25; Frozen Strawberry, Mango or Swirl Margs are \$4; Bud Lite Draft is \$1.50; Domestic Bottled beer is \$2; and Bottled Imports are \$2.25 (Newsflash! They were willing to include the elusive Shiner at a domestic price instead of import?! Now that's a welcome change. J)

Cristina's food is quite tasty, so we recommend you come hungry. There will be plenty of yummy free chips and salsa-- as well as a number of reasonably-priced items you can buy from the menu.

Best of all...they are giving us the big private room with windows, so we'll be able to make all the ruckus we want. The room fits 40, and I told Jose' that we'd try to fill it up. Bring your appetite, your thirst, and especially your exciting DIVE STORIES!

## Arctic Dive/Wine & Cheese Tasting Event 2005!

For the Arctic Dive/Wine and Cheese tasting weekend, we will be staying at Marietta Landing on Lake Murray the weekend of Feb. 26-27, 2005. Diving Saturday will start after lunch with dry suits available if you want to try one out. Dry suits are being provided compliments of Mike Dunst of Emerald Sea Divers. The Bar-B-Q supper on Saturday will be provided by Steve Sadler. Following supper there will be a wine and cheese tasting contest, so bring a bottle of your favorite wine and some type of cheese. The campsite has places for tent and RV camping. Cabins are also available if you're not a camper. No reservations are required for the tents or RVs but cabins must be reserved by calling 1-800-257-0322. Our website will have a link to the Lake Murray website with maps and other lake information. Lake Murray is close enough that you can come for the day, dive, eat supper and drive back home.

The price will once again be \$7 in advance and \$10 at the event. Steve Sadler doesn't have a pc and can only be reached by phone at 817-680-2823 if you have questions and also to reserve your meal or buy your ticket.

## Sincere Thanks and Appreciation to Our Sponsors for the 2004 Christmas Party!!

**Our \$500+ contributors were:**

- Emerald Sea Divers** <http://emeraldseadivers.com>
- Scuba Toys** <http://scubatoys.com>
- Peter Hughes Diving, Inc.** <http://peterhughes.com>
- Tony's Wine Warehouse**
- La Buena Vida Vineyards** <http://labuenavida.com>

**Our other great contributors include:** Aggressor Fleet, Aqua Adventures, Arthur Murray Dance Studio of Dallas & Plano, Ball's Hamburgers, Campisi's, Capt. Slate's Atlantis Dive Center, Chrisit Harris Makeover Center, Chuy's Restaurant, Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Summer Musicals, Dallas Theatre Center, Dick's Last Resort, Diving Unlimited International, Don Carter's Bowling, El Fenix Restaurant, Enchilada's Restaurant, Fort Worth Zoo, Gates Underwater Systems, Good Eats Café, Helix, Ikelite, Malibu Speed Zone, Manufacturer's Expo, NRH2O, Palomino Restaurant, Pelican Products, Pocket Sandwich Theatre, Ritz Camera, Royal Carwash, Rum Reggae, Save the Manatee Foundation, SeaCURE, SeaSoft Scuba, Slider & Blues, Tahiti Tourism Board, Texas Motor Speedway, Underwater Photo-Tech.

**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  
One Other TBD

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

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

**Speaker:** The excellent video works of Mr.Sonny Gaither  
on the 2004 Scubadillo Cozumel Trip!

**Upcoming Events**

**What:** Scubadillo Troop Donation Meeting

**When:** January 13, 2005

**Where:** Midway Point Restaurant

**What:** Arctic Dive/Wine & Cheese Tasting!

**When:** Feb. 26-27, 2005

**Where:** Marietta's Landing, Lake Murray, OK



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