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Newsletter of the Bluegrass Dive Club / [www.bluegrassdiveclub.com](http://www.bluegrassdiveclub.com)

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## September's Club Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, September 11th  
**Time:** 7:30-PM (business)  
 Social at 7  
**Location:** The Racquet Club  
 3900 Crosby Rd.  
**Program:** Live-aboards in the Bahamas

## President's Message

*By Tracey Combs*



I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Racquet Club. Everyone is welcome, members as well as those who may be interested in joining the club.

A huge thank you to the Geddes' for hosting the Pig Roast again this year. We really appreciate the hospitality. I also want to thank all of those wonderful cooks and volunteers who supplied a delicious dinner.

Don't forget to take a look at the upcoming 2012 and 2013 trips. The dive committee works hard to plan the trips and we appreciate their efforts. As always, if you have ideas or locations that you would like to suggest, please do so.

Please keep our fellow divers who will be traveling to Roatan at the end of the month. We wish them safe travels and wonderful diving. 🚩

## The Editor's Notes

*By John Geddes*



Well, it looks like its time for the Pig Roast pics. With over 55 Members and guest there, we all had a great time at the volleyball and eat club as the pics will show. 🚩



## 2012 BGDC Officer's

Tracey Combs, President	621-4066
Corrine Mulberry, Vice President	913-0892
Kris Harn, Secretary	278-4246
Dan Miller, Treasurer	948-5133
Doug Geddes, Trip Director	224-3197
Rick Stephan, Safety Info Dir.	223-3719
Mike McCann, Webmaster	255-3937
John Geddes, Newsletter Editor	223-7926

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## Vice President's Report

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By Corrine Mulberry



The program for September's meeting will be provide information on SCUBA diving opportunities on a live-aboard in the Bahamas.

If you have diving information that you would like to present at a Club meeting (past or potential dive trip, etc.), we would love to hear from you. Please contact me so that we can put on the calendar. 913-0892 or scubagirl07@insightbb.com



**New Members:** We have several new members to introduce and welcome to the BGDC: **Alan Billips, Stephan Wall, and Jonathan Proffitt.**

**Alan** is Open Water Certified and lives in Winchester. He started diving in 2000 and experienced his first live-aboard in 2002. He liked it so much that he did some type of live-aboard trip for the next 5 years. Alan has been diving in Grand Cayman, Bahamas, Saba, St. Kitts, Belize and Turks & Caicos (his favorite so far). Alan is signed up for the Grand Cayman BGDC trip next spring.

**Stephan** is Open Water Certified and lives in Versailles. He is recently certified and looking forward to getting "wet" with Club members. Stephan is interested in Caribbean area diving and is interested in "bohemian" style

boating/diving trips. As a cardiac surgery RN here in Lexington, Stephan needs to plan at least 6 months out in order to participate in BGDC trips (note to Trip Planning Committee).



**Jonathan** is Open Water Certified and lives in Versailles. He is also recently certified and looking for a network for good dives with good people. Jonathan is a student and surgical nursing assistant. For those of you who enjoyed the great "eats" at the Pig Roast, you may note that Jonathan makes a great potato salad! Well...we are known as the eat and dive club!

Welcome Guys!!!



### **Nominations for BGDG Officers (2013):**

It's time to begin thinking about potential nominations for Officers for the BGDC for 2013. Elected positions include:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Trip Director
- Safety Information Director
- Newsletter Editor
- Webmaster



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## Vice President's Report Cont.

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Our President, Tracey Combs, has appointed a Nominations Committee to develop a slate of proposed nominees for elected Board positions. The slate will be presented to the Board in October and members will vote during the regular November meeting. If you have any thoughts, ideas or suggestions for potential nominees, please contact a Nominations Committee member:

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Nominees for elected positions must be in good standing (dues paid), have been a member for at least one full year and be at least 21 years of age.



### **Dale Hollow Trip Citation Saga Follow-up:**

Clinton County attorney got a "deferment" on my boating citation. \$50.00 deferment fee – oh well....better than \$200! As long as I don't get a citation for the same offense in the next 6 months, it goes away. Whew. ;-)

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## Trip Director's Report

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*By Doug Geddes*



ROATAN 2012

We are all set for this awesome trip of which 22 of our members held out for the Mystery trip and boy are they glad they did. Less than \$890 for 8 days and nights including 3 meals a day and 3 boat dives a day with one night day, who wouldn't pass that up? A large portion of us are flying on Delta direct from Atlanta and arriving at 11:10 am, so we have the rest of the day on Saturday to get our wings wet or at least drink a few of our favorite drinks before the hard core diving starts. If you have thoughts about adding on you would have to do it very fast. Even then there might not be space, but I would try...



### EAST GRAND CAYMAN

We are still at 10 paid reservations for this trip but I know of several more that are waiting to sign up. The biggest issue now is the airfare. They seem to jump around a lot at the moment. Wait until Monday night or Tuesday to check them if you are seriously considering this trip. Check the website for more details. The dates are March 9 – 16, 2013. These are private condo's that we are using and the prices are really good for Cayman.

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## Trip Director's Report Cont.

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### DIVE COMMITTEE

I will be calling a dive committee meeting pretty soon to discuss future trips. Anyone with some ideas of a place or places you would like the club to travel to, drop me an email and let me know or tell me at the next meeting. 🚩



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## From the Treasurer

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*By Dan Miller*



### 2012 Membership Dues

Student (with ID, 18 and older) .....	\$10.00
Family (non-divers).....	30.00
Single or Family (1 diver).....	30.00
Family (2 or more divers).....	40.00

**Renewal:** Please send payment to the address listed below, please make sure there is a correct indication of your mailing address, phone number and it is very important to indicate an email address.

**Contact / Mail to:** Bluegrass Dive Club c/o  
Dan Miller  
824 Gunpower Drive  
Lexington, KY 40509

**New Members:** Visit the website to fill out an on-line form or to access a Microsoft Word printable form. [CLICK HERE](#). 🚩

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## Safety Corner

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*By Rick Stephan*



**Note:** *This month's Safety Corner focuses on dive travel. Well, it could be extrapolated to work with almost any travel, but since the BGDC tends to visit some very interesting places – and many international destinations – it is very pertinent.*

*With this month's trip to Roatan coming up, we'll face some of the potential problems with traveling to an international destination, with limited communications to you, and a little planning will go a long way.*

*Most of this is just common sense, but it might prove helpful to you to have all the ideas in one place. You will have some peace of mind on your travels, which can result in a safe trip, and as always...*



*Remember, safe diving is fun!*





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## Safety Corner Cont.

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### *Planning Tips for Safe Dive Travel*

**Destination Dependent** - some preparations will vary based on where you're going.

1. What will the weather be like during your stay? Check out <http://www.weather.com> to find out what the 10 day forecast might be for your location. Do you need rain gear? Do you need a jacket or sweater in the evening?
2. What kind of exposure protection will you need for your diving? Check out the water temperature for US destinations by going to <http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/dsdt/cwtg/> and then selecting your destination area. Google for the same info for international trips.



3. Will you be somewhere that you can purchase any dive equipment or personal needs? Our own webmaster McCann does a great job in putting pertinent links on the BGDC site for each trip, including resort info, Chamber of Commerce or travel/tourism links, and so forth. Do a little Googling of your own to see what is nearby. Don't just assume you can buy anything you need until you get the details. Do they take credit cards? Do they accept US currency? All important info that you don't want to wait till you're there to find out. This also means you must make sure to bring any important things like medicines with you.
4. If the trip is international in nature, you might want to review the Safety Corner

about traveling abroad, saved in our website at <http://www.bluegrassdiveclub.com/bgdc1004.pdf>. This should include the need for any electrical adapters, etc.



5. If you have any kind of allergies, is your destination aware of that – things like food allergies need to be addressed proactively. Find out if there are any reasons to get vaccinations before you travel.



**Packing** – make sure you have what you need on the trip, and information in the right places.

1. What documentation will you need? Ticket confirmations, a list of addresses and phone numbers for the resort or other destinations you want to find when you get to the area are important. If you need a



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## Safety Corner Cont.

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passport for your trip, make sure you have a copy of the first page somewhere separate from the passport itself. Make a copy and leave it with someone at home. Leave contact info and your itinerary with someone at home as well, in case something happens. Bring a copy of your prescriptions, just in case you need to get them refilled, or if there are questions by authorities whether you have a medical reason to bring the drugs into their jurisdiction. A copy of your prescription for glasses is a good idea also. Make a list of credit cards and the service phone numbers for them. If your card is stolen or lost, you want to alert the company as quickly as possible – and it also helps shorten the replacement cycle.



2. As you pack, make sure everything is in working order – things like dive gear, watches, travel alarms, flashlights, etc. and that you have extra batteries. Test out your dive gear and service it before you travel. Use a check list to make sure you pack all you need, and edit your check list after each trip when you determine it needs it. (A previous Safety Corner provided a check list, but many are available on line.)
3. Put your identification and contact info inside each bag, as well as a copy of your itinerary. If your external bag tags are torn off, make sure the airlines have a way to find out whose bag it is, and get it to you. 🚩

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## From The Secretary

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*By Kris Harn*



### BOARD MEETING / MID YEAR REVIEW 07/30/12

Meeting called to order at 6:46pm. Tracey, Dan, Corrine, Doug, Kris, John, & Mike in attendance. John needs newsletter articles by 08/02. Doug reviewed trips. Mike has updated online membership form. Pig Roast will be on Aug 18. Dan went over midyear budget. Budget is on target. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 pm.



### REGULAR MEETING 08/14/12

Meeting started at 7:31 pm. 27 people in attendance. Dan went over Treasurer's report. Corrine introduced guests/new members Stephen Wall and Jonathan Proffitt. Tracey went over trip reports. Tracey announced pig roast will be at Doug's at 4:00pm. John let membership know that newsletter was sent out twice. Rick went over article on the history of diving. Mike needs the names of those not getting their newsletters. Door prizes drawn and DVD on Cozumel was shown. Meeting ended at 8:27pm. 🚩



# Bluegrass Dive Club 2012 Calendar

## September

- 11, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
- 25, Tuesday Board Meeting



## October

### Dive Trip

- 9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
- 30, Tuesday Board Meeting



## November

- 13, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
(Elections)
- 27, Tuesday Board Meeting



## DIVE CLUB HISTORY

*By Doug Geddes*

The Bluegrass Divers Club, as it was called when our club first started, was brought about when the local dive shop "Aqua Shop", owned by Billy Forbes and Dan Conway, decided they needed to start a club for divers to get together for social and diving experiences.



The first meetings back in 1970 took place at St. Paul Catholic "Ava Maria building". The club moved several times during the next 10 years and finally settled down and became associated with the downtown YMCA. The club changed its name to Bluegrass YMCA Dive Club. That association lasted about 10 years.

Things changed again when most of the club members decided they wanted the option of alcoholic beverages at the meetings. They knew this wouldn't be allowed at the "Y", so they began looking for a different meeting place. It wasn't long before they found "The Greenleaf Inn", a hotel with a meeting room. It was voted on and the move was on.

At this point the name was changed to just Bluegrass Dive Club. The club continued at that location until the year of 2000, at which time the hotel was sold and torn down. The club moved to its current location "The Racquet Club". The current location offers the members the ability to buy alcoholic drinks and serves food if so desired. If all goes well, the club should be there for a long time. 🚩