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February's Club Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 12th

Time: 7:30-PM (business)
Social at 7

Location: The Racquet Club
3900 Crosby Rd.

Program: Socorro trip by Noel Hall

President's Message

By Tracey Combs



Burr... It is cold outside. I am dreaming of white sandy beaches and wanting less of the white snowy roads. If we keep dreaming of warm weather, palm trees, beautiful reefs and bright colored fish, we will make it to our next trip sooner than you think! The Grand Cayman trip is just around the corner. Be sure to check the calendar for all of our future trips.

I will not be at the next regular meeting on February 12th, but Corrine will be there with a wonderful program and of course door prizes. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day and I will see you soon!!



The Editor's Notes

By John Geddes



The pics for this month are the rest of the Club Christmas Party. 🚩



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Vice President's Report

By Corrine Mulberry



Hello BGDC members. I hope all of are staying warm, happy and healthy. Kentucky weather has been its usually crazy-self, with temperatures jumping all over the place. I look forward to seeing you all at the February Meeting – whether in shorts or sweaters. Geez.

February's program will feature a **video from member Noel Hall's recent Isla Socorro trip, (prepared by the Solmar V crew) including footage of a whale shark rescue event.** Perhaps Isla Socorro should be a dive destination for the Trip Planning Committee to look into? Let's check out the video and provide some input to the Committee.



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 three new members to welcome to the Club. **Becky Johnson, Dennis Johnson and Terri Anderson** are new members that are going on the East Grand Cayman trip. [Oh yeah!] **Dennis** is the diver in the Johnson family, but we might try to talk Becky into taking on the sport. **Becky and Dennis** live in Lexington, so we hope to see them at one of our upcoming meetings. **Terri** is Open Water certified and works as a health care consultant (boy, we can use some advise!). **Terri** joins us from Prospect, Kentucky.

A hearty welcome to Terri and Becky and Dennis. Welcome! 🇺🇸



Trip Director's Report

By Doug Geddes



GRAND CAYMAN

We have paid the resort in full for 30 persons. What an amazing turnout for this awesome trip. After only having 12 persons in the fall, I was beginning to panic. What took you guys so long to jump on? I know this is going to be a great trip with a great bunch of people. As you know, I recruited several of my friends to come along since it wasn't being supported as I thought it would be, so we will have about as many non-divers as divers. That will make it more fun for the wives going along of the male divers. At least they can spend part of the day, finding something good for us to do at night. If you have an interest in adding on, there is still a possibility or at least there was. Before signing up or buying airfare tickets make sure and check with me.



KEY WEST

We have decided to make our summer/early spring trip to Key West/Key Largo this year. Gordon has done some research and we are getting it together. It looks as though we will be going June 8–15 and doing 3 nights in Key West and the rest in Key Largo. The club will be setting up the diving based on the number of people we get signed up, but each person will be responsible for getting their own hotel and travel to KW. If you have an interest in

this trip, we will be discussing it at the next meeting on the 8th. We need your input to help resolve a couple of issues.

DALE HOLLOW

As of this moment we are still planning a trip to Dale Hollow the weekend of July 13 – 14. We will be doing this trip the same way we have in the past, with the club helping to offset the costs to the participating members. Members will pay \$20 per day for the use of

the boat and gas. If you are planning on going, you need to reserve your camp site, cabin or lodge room. We are hoping to explore some new dive sites this year.



MYSTERY TRIP

Is still a mystery and will be for a while until we start getting in some good deals to consider. We have gotten a few, but will wait until early to mid-summer to call it.

TRUK (CHUUK) 2014

We lost another one off of the trip, but that spot was taken by Rick Stephan, who was next on the waiting list. We have added the Yap portion to the trip and it should be on the web site soon. The costs of it will be \$760.00 for the 4 nights and 3 days of diving. I will get an email out with better info on this great resort soon. Yap Pacific Resort is the name of the resort if you want to Google it. Airfare pricing will be coming out soon, so we will let you know if we are or can get a group fare. Get your name on the waiting list, if you have been holding off. 🚩

From the Treasurer

By Dan Miller



2013 Membership Dues

Student (High School or College ID)..	\$10.00
Single & Family (1 diver)	30.00
Family (non divers).....	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](#). 🚩



Safety Corner

By Rick Stephan



Note: This month's article is from scubadiving.com. In continuing a discussion about how to prepare yourself for a dive, it would make sense to get a dive briefing on the site. Most dive operations provide these, but the divers are often preoccupied with getting their gear together, talking with their buddies, or just ignoring the talk. The divemaster is providing information that will make your dive more fun and certainly safer.

On the other hand, not all briefings are good. I remember long ago, on a trip on the Sun Dancer live-aboard in the Turks and Caicos, every single briefing was the same. After a few days, we jokingly offered to do the dive briefing, just repeating the same line: "There is a small wall behind the boat, as you go down the wall, turn into the current and swim until you are at 1500 psi, then turn around and swim back to the boat on top of the wall. You may see some angelfish, turtles, and sometimes a shark over the edge of the wall."

The divemaster was shocked... "Have you been to this site before?" he asked. We all laughed, but you should not accept a cookie-cutter briefing. Ask questions, make sure you are aware of the topography of the underwater landscape, as well as the water temperature, visibility, current, and wind conditions.

When you go to a dive site, you are normally not the expert on the location. Let the real experts give you the low-down. Pay attention and make sure you are comfortable with all the information. You will see all the sights you paid to see, and have a safe dive. And, as always...

Safety Corner Cont.



Safe diving is fun!

Getting the Most from Pre-Dive Briefings

By Jim Bartlett

- 1. Read up.** When possible, read anything you can about each new site you'll be visiting before you arrive. That might help you have questions already formulated.
- 2. Know your destination.** From info in the divemaster's briefing, record key stats and draw a rough copy of the site on your dive slate so you can refer to it below.
- 3. What to expect.** Making a note will help you remember to look out for unfamiliar species your DM discusses. Ask if the boat carries laminated fish ID pages or a critter book.
- 4. What to avoid.** Pay attention to discussions of local restrictions and dangers — such as live ordnance on a WWII wreck, poisonous fish and overhead environments.



- 5. Reminders.** Given that each dive site has its own unique attributes — and your life is potentially at stake — being reminded of even

familiar signs and procedures is time well spent.

- 6. Questions.** If you have questions about what you've heard, the briefing is the best time to get them answered — before you begin your descent! 🚩



From The Secretary

By Kris Harn



REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 8, 2013

Meeting started at 7:40 pm. 17 people were in attendance. Tracey announced that budget meeting will be at 5:00pm on 1-13-13 at Mike's house. Dan went over Treasurer's reports for November and December. He asked that all receipts for Christmas party be turned in. Corrine went over membership items. Doug reviewed upcoming trips. John needs pictures for upcoming newsletters. Rick went over newsletter article about pre-dive checklist. Tracey shared info about Cancun's underwater museum. Corrine pulled 3 door prizes. Meeting ended at 8:28 pm with Honduras DVD by Noel. 🚩

Bluegrass Dive Club 2013 Calendar

February

12, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
26, Tuesday Board Meeting

March

9-16, Grand Cayman Dive Trip
12, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
26, Tuesday Board Meeting

April

9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
30, Tuesday Board Meeting



May

4, Saturday Club's Derby Party
14, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
28, Tuesday Board Meeting



June

11, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
25, Tuesday Board Meeting

July

9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
13, Saturday Dale Hollow Diving
30, Tuesday Board Meeting



August

13, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
17, Saturday Club Pig Roast
27, Tuesday Board Meeting



September

10, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
24, Tuesday Board Meeting

October

8, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
29, Tuesday Board Meeting

November

12, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
(Elections)
26, Tuesday Board Meeting

December

14, Saturday Club Christmas Party