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Club's Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, Dec. 14th
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Home of Mark & Stella Kidd
991 Lakeland Drive 266-2276

Members and Guest, Bring a dish to share.

President's Message

By Tracey Combs



Happy Holidays fellow divers. I hope everyone is satisfied from your Thanksgiving feast and getting ready for Christmas. Our Christmas party is always a festive event and I hope to see you there. I appreciate the hospitality of the Kidd's for hosting the event again this year. The details are available on the website.

I want to thank Kris Harn for her service as the Dive Club Secretary. She has been a joy to work with on the Board. Mike Sullivan will be filling the position in 2014 and we welcome him. Please take a moment to look at our dive calendar and plan your next trip with the club! We have some amazing trips planned for the future. Contact the trip leaders, if you have questions. The Dive Committee always wants new ideas, so please let them know if you have been to a wonderful destination and want to revisit or if there is a location you have always wanted to visit.

Don't forget the local dive shop, New Horizons, for all of your scuba gear, service, and rentals.

They also offer many classes to upgrade or update you diving knowledge.

I hope to see you at the January 2014 meeting. Please feel free to join us and bring your friends and family who are interested in diving. 🚩

The Editor's Notes

By John Geddes



With the end of the year coming and the cold weather setting in, these pics should keep you warm.

A big Thanks to Kris Harn for serving on the Board and to all of you, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 🚩



2013 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

Vice President's Report

By Corrine Mulberry



The Election of Board members for 2014 took place at the November meeting.

2014 Board members are as follows:

- President – Tracey Combs
- Vice President – Corrine Mulberry
- Secretary – Mike Sullivan
- Treasurer – Dan Miller
- Trip Director – Doug Geddes
- Safety Infor Director – Rick Stephan
- Newsletter Editor – John Geddes
- Webmaster – Mike McCann

Thanks to all those who turned out for the cold November meeting to elect officers (and see Mike Cobb's diving pics too). In addition, a big shout out and thank you to Kris Harn, Secretary, for serving on the Board! We appreciate all that you have done to help keep our Club moving along.

The Board approved the Dale Hollow Dive Trip for 2014! Yea! Mark your calendars for the weekend of July 12 & 13th. I have made reservations at the Dale Hollow State Park Campground for Friday July 11 and Saturday July 12th at site L0002 for me and my little tent. I would encourage you to make campground (near the L Loop) or lodging reservations NOW if you are interested in this trip. (Lodging reservation cancellations are quite liberal, so it doesn't hurt to sign up now while you can get a room. By March or April, all rooms will likely be booked.)

The website for this trip is being set up and will be posted soon. Feel free to email or call me if you have any questions.

See you all at the BGDC Christmas Party! 🚩

Trip Director's Report

By Doug Geddes



TRUK/YAP 2014

All payments have been made to the resorts and we are getting so close to getting this trip underway. It has been three years since we booked this trip and now it is less than 2 months away. Man how time flies. We still were able to keep the whole boat booked with many substitutions but we made it. Looking forward to a great trip.

RIDING ROCK INN 2014

The board has approved a trip this June to San Salvador, Bahamas to Riding Rock Inn resort. This will be an 8 day, 7 night trip. The details should be on the website soon. Mike will send out an email when it is on, so you can get out the pricing and other details. We are still tweaking the air travels and hope to be able to get a cheaper charter flight from Nassau. The dates are June 7 -15, so you can least check out air costs at this time. Wait to book any flights over to San Salvador until to hear about our deals. If you book your flight to Nassau, you need to get there before 1 or 2 pm. Once the web is up, this will make more sense to you. Please fill out the reservation form as soon as it comes out, so we can see how many people are interested. It is an awesome place to dive and fish.

EAST CAYMAN 2014

The board has decided to not do a mystery trip this year and just go ahead and book another trip back to Grand Cayman and stay at Compass Point on the East end again. It was a great trip last year, so we had enough people that wanted to go back, so we booked a DEMA special to be able to return again in September. The details of this will also be made available

Trip Director's Report Cont.

on the website soon, but the dates are September 13-20. You can go ahead and book your flights as soon as you want, if you find a good a fare. This trip is a go for sure. (You might want to get trip insurance because of hurricane season) 🚩



From the Treasurer

By Dan Miller



2014 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](#). 🚩

From The Secretary

By Kris Harn

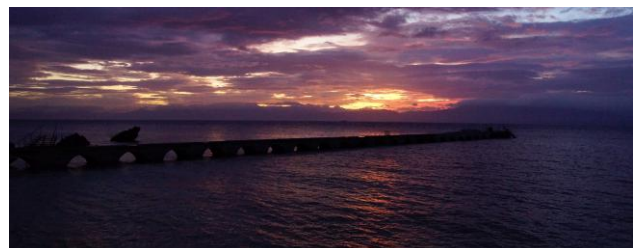


BOARD MEETING 10/29/13

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm. Tracey, Dan, Corrine, Kris, Doug, Rick, John, & Mike in attendance. Corrine announced that Mike Cobb's photos will be shown at November Meeting and elections will also be held. Rick announced that his article will be on emergency plans during trips. John asked that articles are due on 11/31/13. Doug went over upcoming trips. Nominees for elections have been filed with the board. Meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

REGULAR MEETING 11/12/13

Meeting started at 7:33pm. Dan gave Treasurer's report. Corrine announces that there are no new members and program later are photo from Mike Cobb. Kris announced 20 people are at meeting tonight. Doug went over upcoming trips. John needs pictures of Bonaire for upcoming newsletter. Rick gave summary of his Emergency Planning article. Elections took place, new board is as follows: Tracey Combs is President, Corrine Mulberry is Vice President, Mike Sullivan is Secretary, Treasurer is Dan Miller, Trip Director is Doug Geddes, Safety Director is Rick Stephens, Newsletter Editor is John Geddes, and Webmaster is Mike McCann. Door Prizes were won by Leigh Ann, Gwen, & John. Photos by Mike Cobb were shown and meeting ended at 8:24pm. 🚩



Safety Corner

By Rick Stephan



Note: *If you are not getting a new regulator under your Christmas tree this year, you may want to figure out how to keep your old one working well. Annual checkups are good (keeping Ed Gabe working) but you also need to know how to take care of this vital piece of gear during your dive trip. I know most of you know this, but review is always good!*

The article is from Scuba Diving and was suggested by Mike Sullivan. (Thanks!)

As someone who had a reg free flow on the Bonaire trip, I know it is a good (and safe) thing to keep our gear working. Hope you do too! Merry Christmas to all, and



Remember, safe diving is fun!

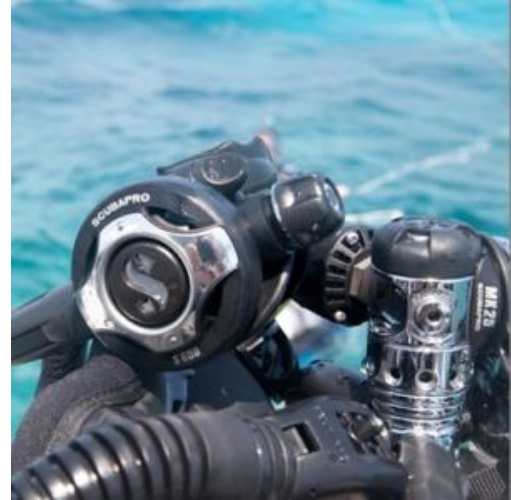
5 Easy Steps for Maintaining Your Reg

by Scuba Diving staff

A modern regulator is an extremely reliable mechanism. So reliable, in fact, that some divers will take their regs on countless dives and never so much as rinse them off. Yet they keep on delivering air year after year.

While this is indeed the modus operandi for the maintenance-challenged individuals among us, the truth is, a regulator is a pretty hefty investment, and when you spend that much on something it kinda makes you want to take care of it. We're not talking a major commitment

here; we're talking a few minutes after each day of diving following some simple steps to help extend the life and performance of what is really the most important component of your life support system.



This is all it takes:

1. After a day's diving, making sure the dust cover is in place; give the reg a quick rinse with a low-pressure hose to knock off any big chunks of dirt, sand or salt.
2. Drop the reg in a bucket of fresh water or the bathroom sink and let it soak for 10 minutes or so.
3. During the soak, swish the second stage around in the water (without depressing the purge button) to get water flowing through the mouthpiece and exhaust tee.
4. Pull the reg out of the water and give it another gentle rinse, making sure you hit all swivels and hose connections. This will require pulling back the hose protectors—if your reg has them—so you can get at the connections to the first stage.
5. Give the first stage and second stage a gentle shake to clear any excess water from the yoke and the exhaust tee. Then lay it loosely coiled out of direct sunlight to dry. 🚩

Bluegrass Dive Club 2013-14 Calendar

December

14, Saturday Club Christmas Party



January

9, Thursday Truk Lagoon

14, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting

28, Tuesday Board Meeting

February

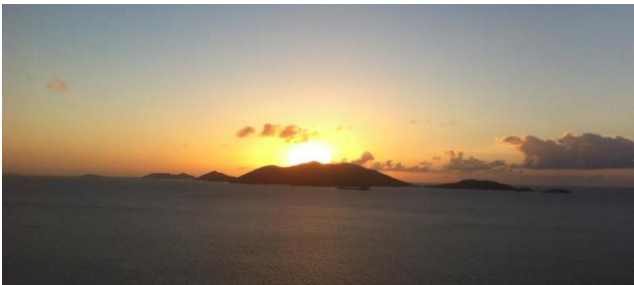
11, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting

25, Tuesday Board Meeting

March

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25, Tuesday Board Meeting



April

8, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting

29, Tuesday Board Meeting

May

3, Saturday Club's Derby Party

13, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting

27, Tuesday Board Meeting



June

7, Saturday Bahamas

10, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting

24, Tuesday Board Meeting

July

8, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting

12, Saturday Dale Hollow Diving

29, Tuesday Board Meeting

August

12, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting

16, Saturday Club Pig Roast

26, Tuesday Board Meeting



September

9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting

13, Saturday Grand Cayman

30, Tuesday Board Meeting

October

14, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting

28, Tuesday Board Meeting

November

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December

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