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*The Executive Committee Wishes
To Extend To All Club Members & Friends
The Very Merriest Of Holiday Wishes*



Club's Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, Dec. 13th
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Home of Mark & Stella Kidd
991 Lakeland Drive
266-2276

The club will provide ham, rolls, and drinks: wine, beer, & soft drinks. Thanks to Jim Hammes & Pepsi-Cola bottling for providing soft drinks.

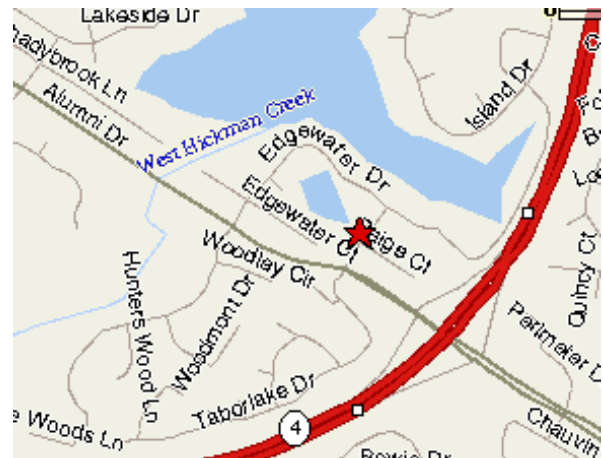
For anything stronger than beer/wine - BYOB.

Please bring a side dish that can be shared with 10-12 others.

Children & grandchildren welcomed.

Note: There will NOT be a regular club meeting for December.

Map To The Party



Directions:

- Exit New Circle Rd.(Rt.4) at Alumni Dr.
- Go north on Alumni (towards UK).
- First street, turn right on to Lakeland.
- 3rd house on left side (991 Lakeland Dr)

From Our President

With this newsletter, I mark the passing of 2003. This year has been full of challenges for our country and the world. This year has seen events that have touched the lives of many Club members with the passing of family and friends.

One thing I have noticed is that we treat one another like family when hearts are breaking, each willing to help out in any way.

We have a chance to get together at my home on December 13th to bring in the holiday season. Please make plans to attend, even if for only a little while.

I would like to thank those of you that have helped me during this year. My wonderful executive committee, and the others in the club that make being a member a joy and privilege.

May the true spirit of Christmas inhabit us all year long.

Mark

2004 Membership Dues

2004 membership dues to be paid in January.

Student (with student id).....	\$ 10.00
Single & Family (1 diver).....	30.00
Family (2 or more divers).....	40.00

Renewal: Please send payment to the address listed below. And 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 or Mail to: Kit Hudson
231 Stourbridge Rd.
Versailles, KY 40383
(606) 873-4974
kithuds@iglou.com

New Members: Fill out & mail enclosed form at the end of this newsletter.

Al Kaeder

It is with great sorrow and regret that we report the passing of Albert M. ("Al") Kaeder, long-time member and past-officer of the dive club. Al was 86 years young and only recently decided to become an inactive diver. This is amazing considering the double knee replacement that he endured several years ago. We will dearly miss Al and can only wish the best for his dear wife "Rosie" and family.

2005 Truk Liveboard Trip

By Doug Geddes

Last time, we reported the Truk trip as being filled. Guess what?

One spot has opened up

So, for only a \$100 deposit, that spot can be claimed. Contact Kit to claim that spot.

2005 sounds like a long ways out, but actually it's ONLY 14 months away. Truk Lagoon, a.k.a. Chuuk, has the reputation of being the #1 dive destination in the world for wreck diving. For those not familiar with this area of the Pacific, it is close to Guam. FYI...the large number of wrecks are a result of a very successful surprise attack by the US on the Japanese naval fleet during WWII. One thing to note.....Truk is also very well known for its fantastic reef diving.

With this in mind, we have the Truk Odyssey liveboard boat reserved:

Feb 6-13, 2005

And.....we are planning for a 2nd destination on this same trip, but do not know exact details at this time. Research is in progress. There are flight connection timing problems that make this decision difficult. Research is in progress.

NOTE As indicated, there is one available opening. A \$100 deposit will claim that spot. If interested:

Information: Doug - (859) 224-3197
Email - diverboy51@aol.com
Deposits: Kit - (859) 873-4974
Email - kithuds@iglou.com

2004 Little Cayman Trip

By Doug Geddes

Note: It is now closer than you think. Feb. 28th is not that far away. There is still space available and air is also available. Check the website for details & reservation form. The following persons are those we have received a deposit from on this trip and we are planning on them going. If you do not see your name, or if you see your name and it shouldn't be on the list, give me a call.

Bright, Ann	Kidd, Mark
Call, Carol	Kidd, Stella
Covington, Ralph	Kidd, Adam
Covington, Sherry	McCann, Mike
Dempsey-Hall, Linda	McCann, Sherry
Hall, Jon	McCann, Jerry
Denham, Charlie	Harrison, Angie
Denham, Helen	McHatton, Dan
Fontaine, Rick	McHatton, Lindsey
Geddes, Doug	McWaters, Lynne
Geddes, MaryAnn	Miller, Dan
Hall, Noel	Murray, Cathy
Hall, Kathy	Murray, John
Hudson, John	Thomson, John
Konczal, Priscilla	Thomson, Lyn
Hudson, Kim	Zunker, Gary
Hudson, Kit	Zunker, Lyle
Hudson, Marian	
Johnson, Dennis	
Johnson, Rebecca	

Of these names, I have the following persons booking their own air to Grand Cayman, but the club arranging their for Island Air connections from Grand Cayman to/from Little Cayman.

Hudson, John	Konczal, Priscilla
McCann, Jerry	Harrison, Angie
Murray, Cathy	Murray, John
Thomson, John	Thomson, Lyn

If you do not see your name listed with this group, you are presumed to be flying with the club on Delta. If this is incorrect, you need to call or email me ASAP. We are getting ready to send a check for the airfare and need to make sure the list is right. Again, it is necessary to send in the wavier form to go on this trip. Go to the website and fill one out and send it or bring it to the club meeting.

Important Anyone that plans to use their own flight arrangements into Grand Cayman.....PLEASE email Doug

[diverboy51 @ aol . com](mailto:diverboy51@aol.com)

with your flight information. This is **VERY NECESSARY** for planning the flights to/from Little Cayman.

Trip Dates Feb. 28-Mar. 6, 2004

Airfare

Lex. to/from Grand Cayman (round trip) \$ 674.00
Grand Cay. to/from Little Cay. (round trip) \$ 170.25

Accommodations Little Cayman Beach Resort

Meals (Included in Pkg.) 3-meals a day.

Package Price

Diver in a non-oceanview room = \$ 1,405.00 per person
(based on double occupancy)
Non-Diver in a non-oceanview room = \$ 926.00 per person
(based on double occupancy)
Diver in a oceanview room = \$ 1,705.00 per person
(based on double occupancy)
Non-Diver in a oceanview room = \$ 1,226.00 per person
(based on double occupancy)
If single occupancy is desired, contact Doug

Dive Package 17 total dives for the week

A deposit of \$100 per person is required to reserve your space and is being accepted at this time.

Payment Information

Dec. 31, 2003 = Balance due (final payment)

Questions Doug Geddes - 224-3197
Email = diverboy51@aol.com

Deposits Kit Hudson - 873-4974
Email - kithuds@iglou.com

2003 BGDC Officers & Staff

Mark Kidd, President	266-2276
Carol Call, Vice President	253-3992
Bob Shepard, Secretary	263-0165
Kit Hudson, Treasurer	873-4974
Doug Geddes, Divemaster	224-3197
Rick Stephan, Safety Office	223-3719
Mike McCann, Webmaster	255-3937
Kit Hudson, <u>Undercurrents</u> Editor	873-4974

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Safety Corner

From Rick Stephan



By the time you read this article, you will probably be well into the preparation for the Christmas season. As you prepare your emails to Santa, remember that the diving season is just around the corner, and there are lots of little goodies that could help fill your stockings and add to your enjoyment and safety on your next dive trip.

While this column is usually devoted to diving safety, we should all remember to keep safe at home and on the road during the winter season. Have a safe and blessed holiday season!

For your private use, you can create your own Divers' First Aid Kit. This can be stored in a small plastic box and stashed in your dive bag for potential problems. (Might be a good gift to make and share, too.) The following items are offered as an example of a list of first aid supplies that can be modified according to your needs and experience. Most of these items can be purchased in any drug store, along with small containers. Also handy are small re-closable plastic bags that keep bandages clean and dry, and liquid items from leaking.

- Latex Gloves
- Deodorant cleansing soap (antibacterial)
- Household Vinegar solution (neutralize jellyfish stings)
- Household ammonia
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Cortisone Cream 1%
- Non-aspirin pain reliever
- Hot packs
- Cold packs (pain relief)
- Denatured alcohol, 12 oz. bottle (sterilizing instruments)
- Telfa pads or plastic wrap (cover burns)
- Absorbent dressings (control severe bleeding with pressure)
- Squeeze bottle of water, 6 oz. (irrigating eyes and wounds)

- Squeeze bottle of sterile saline
- Sterile cotton, gauze pads, and adhesive tape
- Band-Aids and butterfly bandages
- Q-Tips
- Tongue depressors
- Disposable cups
- Razor blades, single edged
- Shaving cream
- Tweezers or forceps
- Needle nosed pliers with wire cutters (to remove fishhooks)
- Bandage scissors
- Lighter or waterproof matches
- Space blankets
- Penlight
- Seasickness medication
- Pocket mask (eliminates direct contact while resuscitating a person)
- First Aid booklet
- Emergency phone numbers
- Pen and paper (For purposes of hospital and insurance follow-up and to avoid any legal problems, it would be a good idea to record as many of the events as possible during an episode.)

None of these items will be of any use at all if there's no one on your trip that knows how to administer first aid. All Divemaster and instructors should be fully certified in First Aid and their certification should be up-dated at least yearly, but it's a good idea for your own sake to get some first aid training.

Other thoughts for the giving (or receiving!), might be a Save-A-Dive kit. You should have extra straps for fins and mask, assorted O-rings, silicone grease, wrenches and screwdrivers to fit your equipment.

Check your other gear for wear. How is your regulator mouthpiece? Can you still find your snorkel? What about a dive log, underwater slate, or a safety dive light?

There are many other ideas that I'm sure you can think of as well.

I hope your tree is surrounded by great gifts this year!

November Club Mtg. Minutes

By Bob Shepard

On Nov. 11th Kit gave the treasurer's report. As of 11/11 there is \$12,990.29 in both the unreserved and reserved funds.

We welcomed several people to the club meeting.

Doug Geddes discussed the Little Cayman and Cozumel trips scheduled for next year. The Truk trip for 2005 was also mentioned. Space is still available for the Little Cayman trip. The Truk trip is now booked up.

The elections were held during the meeting. All previous officers are still on the board. However, Dan Miller will be a co-vice president and John Geddes will be doing the newsletter.



November EC Mtg. Minutes

By Bob Shepard

On 11/15..... Kit gave the Treasurer's report. As of 11/25, we had an account balance of \$17,830.81 in both the unreserved and reserved funds.

Carol stated 69 total lbs. have been by the club members.

The Little Cayman trip will have a luggage limit of 55 lbs. This includes all luggage and carry-ons.

The 2005 Truk trip has an open space.

Discussed Mark's Christmas party. It will be held on the 13th.

New Members in 2003

Doug Brothers	Lexington, KY
Matt Broughton	Lexington, KY
Melissa Burch	Lexington, KY
Larry & Sandra Byrd	Carrollton, KY
Jeff Corbett	Lexington, KY
Jim & Dana Cunningham	Winchester, KY
Walter & Atha Dickenson	Nicholasville, KY
Harry & Linda Dickerson	Georgetown, KY
Rick Fontaine	Lexington, KY
Bonnie & Kent Fuller	Louisville, KY
Marlene Goffinet	Lexington, KY
Mike Hammerly	Lexington, KY
Sid Haney	Lexington, KY
Bill & Judy Henghold	Port St. Lucie, FL
Dennis & Rebecca Johnson	Lexington, KY
Mary Lynne Lange	Lexington, KY
Jerry McCann	Peoria, IL
Roger Monnin	Lexington, KY
Mike Nieland	Lexington, KY
Sharon Palmisano	Lexington, KY
Anna Smothers	Nicholasville, KY
Elisabeth Taylor	Lexington, KY
Scott & Josh Thomson	Keene, KY
Lynn & John Walters	Richmond, KY
Corrine Wells	Lexington, KY
Norman & Janet Williams	Nicholasville, KY
Sidney Yarbrough	Lexington, KY

Renew Your BGDC License Plates

Or.....give one to your favorite dive buddy for the holidays. ... ONLY

\$4.00

So what do they look like?



Contact Kit by calling 873-4974 or by email at kithuds@iglou.com.

Bluegrass Dive Club

2004 Calendar

January

13, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
27, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

February

10, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
24, Tuesday E.C. Meeting
28, Saturday Start Little Cayman trip

March

6, Saturday Return from Little Cayman
9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
27, Saturday Banquet (Spindletop)
30, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

April

13, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
27, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

May

1, Saturday Club's Derby Party
11, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
25, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

June

8, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
19-23 Sat-Wed North Carolina trip
29, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

July

13, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
27, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

August

10, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
??, Saturday Club Pig Roast
31, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

September

14, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
28, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

October

12, Tuesday Club Dinner / Meeting
26, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

November

9, Tuesday Club Meeting (Elections)
30, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

December

11, Saturday Club Xmas Party