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March's Club Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 14th
Time: 7:30-PM Dinner Meeting
 Social at 7
Location: The Racquet Club
 3900 Crosby Rd.
Program: Pics of Turks & Caicos

President's Message



Over 26 members and guests attended the Valentines Day meeting last month. Shows by John Geddes and Dan Ocanna were well appreciated by the group as a band played requests in the background.

This month we will try to have a video on the Turks and Cacos Islands or Bonnair the two front runners for next years dive destination.

If you wear green Dan Miller might be persuaded to give you two chances to win some great door prizes.

Look forward to seeing you there! □

Mark



The Editor's Notes

By John Geddes



Pics of the month are from Mike McCann in the British Virgin Islands. This was in the group mailing, but thought it needed repeating.

April Meeting

Everyone.....if you don't already know, next month **April** the regular club meeting on Tuesday, April 11th will feature **DINNER**.

The cost = \$12.00 (includes tax and gratuity) payable at the dinner. The club will subsidize the remainder. The anticipated menu is can be found on our website

(http://www.bluegrassdiveclub.com/dinner_meeting.htm). AND since the Honduras trip group of 40 will have just returned on the weekend before, some in attendance at the dinner meeting might have some very interesting information and stories to tell. For those having participated in that trip, you might want to consider attending the dinner meeting in order to protect your own innocence. You know how false stories can spread!!!!

IMPORTANT.....so we can give The Racquet Club an accurate count of how many to prepare for, we will have a [signup sheet](#) at the next club meeting on Tuesday, March 14th. However, if for some reason you cannot attend the March 14th meeting to be able to sign up, please either email me (kithuds@iglou.com) or hit the "Email" icon beside "Reservation" on the aforementioned website and I will place your name on the list.

Thanks for your assistance with the signups,
 Kit □

Divemaster's Report

By Doug Geddes



ROATAN 2006

All is set and we are ready to go. All bills have been paid and everyone has paid. We lost two persons, but we are still at 40. I guess now all we have to do is wait till April 1. I have luggage tags for those of you that have not gotten them. They will be available at the March meeting. I also have the E-ticket receipt for those of you that want them. You will only need your passport at the air desk and they will give you a ticket. Unless, I am incorrect, you will need to check in at the desk, not the machines. Remember also that you can only have two bags of luggage and one carry on. The bags can only be no more than 50 lbs each or they will charge you more money. Pack light; you don't need a lot of clothes. We know what you look like wet; so don't worry about your Sunday's best. If you haven't had the chance, try to get your equipment checked out before you go. You will need a lightweight wet suit, 1 or 3 mm. This is to protect you from the coral and break the chill after two dives. Don't forget, we do have boat night dive included, so bring your light. If you have any questions about the trip, drop me a line. If you missed this trip, there will be others.

2007 TRIPS

Sorry I don't have much to report on for next year's big trips, but we are going to Bonaire in Early January or February, then we are going to Grand Turk the first week of April, which is spring break for the high schools. I am still working on where we will be staying and the prices. Hope to have info at the meeting. The prices I have gotten are scary compared to this year's trip. (I told you we had a great deal this year) Most have come in around \$900 - \$1200, with no meals or air and only two dives. Once we choose a location, I will send out an email to all of our members and Mike will have a sign up sheet on the web site.

GALAPAGOS 2006

No additional information to pass on, except, get ready to make another payment soon. Sign up on the web, if you want to be on standby. □

From The Secretary

By George Fleischmann



General Meeting Minutes

The 7:30 regular meeting was held on 2/14/06 and attended by 24 folks. The treasurer's report was presented and approved. Dan Miller provided information on the upcoming dive trip to North Carolina. John Geddes and Dan O'Canina showed 2 great videos from recent dive trips.

EC Meeting

The 7:30pm meeting was attended by Dan, Kit, Doug, John, Mike and myself. In Mark's absences Dan called the meeting to order. Kit presented the treasurer's report. The report was approved.

Doug reported that all planning details for the Honduras trip are complete. Airline and resort costs have been paid Doug also reported that the Galapagos trip is proceeding with no problems. Dan presented information about the North Carolina trip for 2006. The details for the web site have been completed and will be sent to Mike for posting on the club web site.

George presented an updated draft of the work to revise the Club By-Laws. A discussion of each section followed. Several changes and corrections were identified. These changes will be made and then the document will be emailed to the members of the EC for additional review. □



From the Treasurer

By Kit Hudson



2006 Membership dues to be paid.

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: Bluegrass Dive Club
% 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. □



Co-Vice President's Report

By Dan Miller and Carol Call



New Members & Visitors Report by Dan

New visitors at our February meeting included [David & Stephanie May](#) of Lexington. The May's are involved in the local BSA Venture Scouting program. David is an Open Water diver and Stephanie may soon be certified as well. Also, [Ed Gabe](#) joined the club at our February meeting. Many of you know Ed from *New Horizons Diving Center* where he's employed as a PADI Dive Instructor and Equipment Service Technician.

If you have any questions concerning dive retail, travel or PADI course offerings call Ed at the store: 859-277-1234. Remember, New Horizons offers BGDC members a 10% discount. Don't buy via the Web, support your local dive retailer. If you find a better web price, print out the ad and let the store match it. You may as well buy your gear where you'll have it serviced!

You're running out of time to have gear maintained before Roatan. New Horizons has access to the Lancaster Aquatic Center pool on 3/22 so you can do a full blown equipment check out. Call Ed at the shop for details.

Diver Interest Websites

A website of interest to divers is

www.maths.uwa.edu.au/~adrian/scubacurio.htm
! It's packed full of interesting dive trivia and witty dive humor. For the ladies out there, check out www.scubawomen.org. It's a site covering diving issues with a uniquely feminine flair. If you love marine turtles as much as I do, check out www.leatherbackturtles.org.



Dive Movie

A new dive-inspired film was just released on 3/3/06. *Deep Sea 3D* may now be viewed at any IMAX theater. The closest IMAX theaters to us are in Louisville and Cincinnati. To see a trailer and get theater address, refer to www.imax.com/deepsea.

Co-V P Report Cont.

Upcoming Meeting Notes

At the March meeting we'll show some Turks & Caicos shots provided by Jimmy & Lisa Hollander. They went on the Explorer live-aboard in January and report the diving there was world class. The club may be going to T&C next spring so this will give you a taste of what may come. Also, sign up for the April 11th dinner meeting via the Upcoming Events tab via our website. Bring footage of the Roatan trip to share with your club friends. □



Bluegrass Dive Club 2006 Calendar

[Print out and post in your favorite place](#)

March

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

April

1, Saturday Roatan Dive Trip
11, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
25, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

May

6, Saturday Club's Derby Party
9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
30, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

June

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

July

11, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
25, Tuesday E.C. Meeting
26, Galapagos Islands Trip

August

8, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
??, Saturday Club Pig Roast
29, Tuesday E.C. Meeting



September

12, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
26, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

October

10, Tuesday Club Dinner / Meeting
31, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

November

14, Tuesday Club Meeting (Elections)
28, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

December

??, Saturday Club Christmas Party

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