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January's Club Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 12th
Time: 7:30-PM (business)
 Social at 7
Location: The Racquet Club
 3900 Crosby Rd.
Program: Indonesia Photos

President's Message

By Rebecca Singer



I want to extend my thanks to Mark and Stella Kidd for once again opening their home to the Dive Club for our annual Christmas potluck. It was wonderful to see so many in attendances, including some newer faces. We had a wonderful time with great food and great friends. We are lucky to have such gracious hosts each year.

I also want to welcome Krisy Carty as our new Vice President. She will be an asset to our Board and I wish her a warm welcome and am looking forward to working with her this year. If you have not already done so, please congratulate her when you see her next.

Our January meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12th. We saw some video of the Indonesia trip shot by John Geddes at our November meeting and we will continue our "Indonesia journey" in January with a slide show of photos from Doug Geddes. Thanks to them both for always being willing to share their videos and photos! 🚩

The Editor's Notes

By John Geddes



The pics of the month are from our Christmas party. It was really a large turnout and great to see everyone but, where was Charlie? So, Doug and I had to fill in for him and I don't want to hear him complain about me in the pics. Also, Mike McCann has added a new column, be sure to take a look. 🚩



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Vice President's Report

By Krisy Carty



As 2010 begins, I want to extend a special thanks to everyone that made 2009 a memorable year of diving and socializing. Thanks to the Kidd, McCann, and Geddes families for hosting the 2009 parties. Also, huge thanks to the Dive Trip Committee for expanding our dive experiences to Curacao, St. Croix, Dale Hollow, and Indonesia.

BGDC now has a page on [facebook](#). Networking on facebook will help introduce our club to prospective new members and allow members to share photos/memories of club trips. The page has multiple links to our website to generate interest in our club and trips. Become a fan of the club we all love.

We do not have any new members to report for December, however, I did speak with several interested divers at New Horizons Christmas Party and hopefully we will see them in the upcoming months.

Finally, trips for summer/fall 2010 are still an option for interested members. If you are interested in a dive trip this upcoming summer/fall, contact the trip committee members and we will get the ball in motion.

Thanks for entrusting me as an officer of the club and I look forward to a new year full of new dive memories. See you all on the 12th! 🚩



Trip Director's Report

By Doug Geddes



LITTLE CAYMAN 2010

All bills should have been sent out and paid by the time you read this article. If you are on the trip list and haven't heard from George, then you need to contact him right away, you're not on our list of participants. We still have space for a few more people if you should decide to go. We actually have 10 persons going and we would have a free trip to share, if we could pick up one more person. Check on the air travel before booking with us. Please let us know as soon as possible if you should decide to add on to this wonder trip. Best diving in the Caribbean.



FIJI 2011

I told you not to wait too long to sign up for this great trip. We are now full on the boat of 18 persons. (And they said, I couldn't fill it) We had a couple of reservations without deposits, so if your deposit and reservations are in, then you are on the list, if not then you are not. You can still be on our waiting list without a deposit, so I will contact you and see if you want to be on the list. For those without a reservation form filled out, it is now the time to do so. Don't wait until we have someone drop, because it may be too late. Check the website for more information.

EARLY SUMMER TRIP

I am still getting rumblings about an earlier or midsummer trip for this year. The dive committee will be meeting in January to discuss such a trip. If you have an interest in a certain location, please let one of us know about it. 🚩

From the Treasurer

By George Fleischmann



2010 Membership Dues

Student (High School or College 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, 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
% George Fleischmann
9048 Clifton Road
Versailles, KY 40383-9077

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: Well, readers, 2009 is just about history. This has been another great year for the Bluegrass Dive Club! Great trips to Curacao and Indonesia, smaller trips to BVI, Lake Cumberland, and Dale Hollow – and the ol’ reliable parties – Derby, Pig Roast, and the Christmas Party – made this year one to remember. The good news is, no serious accidents happened, at least non scuba-related. (Note to self: stay off 4-wheelers).

With the giving season coming up, why not think about what items you need to make your next dive season a safe and fun one? I’m not recommending any particular product – you all know your own likes and dislikes, but I wanted to point out that keeping your gear up to date is a very important part of safety. Keeping your skills up to date is as well.

Make this a very Merry Christmas for yourself or your best dive buddy by giving the gift that keeps on giving – scuba presents! Best wishes for a very happy, safe, and blessed holiday season!



Remember, safe diving is fun!

Christmas Ideas for BGDC

STOCKING STUFFERS

There are lots of smaller items that will make your dive buddy’s stocking a true treasure chest this year. What about that old safety whistle that has lost its loudness? A save-a-dive kit would be a wonderful and easy thing to put together – some replacement o-rings, a replacement mask and fin strap, all in a small bag – inexpensive and really appreciated. How about a small dive slate/pencil combination, or a tank-banger – both are good communications tools. Tubes of silicone gel or mask defog are always welcome, or perhaps a package of “Sink the Stink” will make your dive partner a little more ‘user friendly’.

Safety Corner Cont.

What about those items you never 'need', but your friendly neighborhood SID is always reminding you about? A snorkel – maybe a collapsible one for your BC pocket – is an important piece of safety gear. Also, everyone should have something with which to cut lines or straps that need it – even a small knife or dive shears can save your life or your buddy's.



Sun protection is always good – a unique cap or a scuba-themed do-rag would be nice. You could even buy some sunscreen and aloe lotion, to prepare those winter-white bodies for some tropical trip.

For something a little more pricey, but very useful, how about a new pair of sunglasses? Make sure you get UV blockers – I like polarization too. Team that with a set of Croakies or other flotation device and a crush-proof case, and you've got a great gift.



UNDER THE TREE

Check out your BC, regulator, and computer. Now would be a good time to remember the leaky hoses or worn out straps you noticed at the end of your last dive trip – look at the different models of gear at your local dive purveyor and drop some major

hints. (Giving exact part numbers and sizes are important ideas, if you want to make sure things fit.)



Christmas is a time of surprises – think about items your dive buddy wouldn't buy for themselves. Maybe an integrated system or a new model fin. What about that add-on: perhaps a cableless integrated computer system, or a low volume mask. Those may be a little more that you wanted to shell out for your buddy, but remember, you are your own best buddy, right?



Some things need to be bought by the individual. Environmental protection gear – wetsuits, drysuits, hoods, gloves, booties, all should be bought for the individual fit. If you've lost a few pounds over the holidays (okay, so we know that is impossible) or maybe gained a few ounces, your wetsuit may malfunction. How does it malfunction, you ask? If water leaks in and out freely, or it is too tight – binding or stretching out of shape – then it won't properly keep you warm. More importantly, if you have to struggle in our out of it on the surface, you could overheat – just as dangerous. Make sure all your gear is right-sized for your current body size and shape.

Safety Corner Cont.

WON'T FIT UNDER A TREE

One of the nicest things you can give a diver is a gift of learning. Refresher courses or specialty courses can make your diving experience more fun and a lot safer. New directions give you a great way to get more water time, and perhaps figure out a new destination for your next trip. If you do select a new specialty, that opens up a whole new avenue for presents for next Christmas or even birthdays, Easter, Arbor Day, or even National Jelly Bean Day (April 22) or perhaps Be Bald and Be Free Day (October 14) - the options are limitless. Money isn't a bad idea, either, so your buddy can join you on the next BGDC expedition. Hope these thoughts give you some ideas... it would work for me... (hint, hint). 🚩



From The Secretary

By Maryanna O'Canna



The Club Christmas Party was merrily attended by a good many people—all who love to dive. Mark and Stella Kidd again provided their beautiful home to celebrate the Holidays. Some members came in from out of town to swap exotic tales of Galapagos, Bali, Ambon, St. Croix, Curacao, BVI, or Dale Hollow Lake, KY. Food prepared by all the various household kitchens took up all the available table space. No one left hungry at the Holiday Dive and Eat Club Party of 2009.

As I ring in the New Year I will be swimming with our wonderful friends, the Manatees of Crystal River, FL. Hopefully, I will find them well and in good spirits.

Happy Diving to everyone in 2010, and to all a Safe Dive. 🚩

The Webmaster's Tip

By Mike McCann



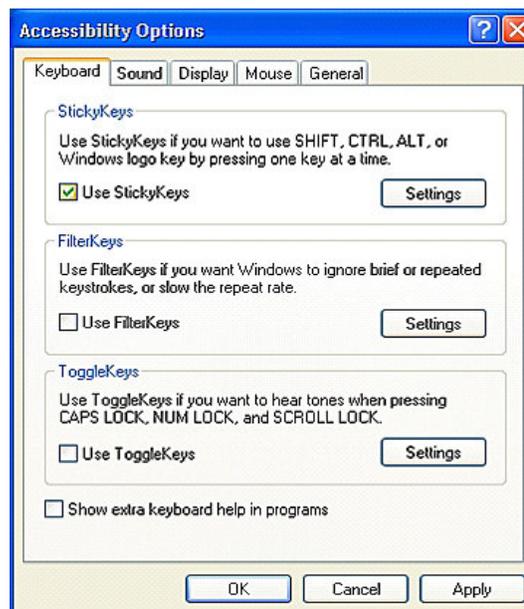
Have you ever heard of "Sticky Keys?" No, I don't mean the kind you get after dropping food on your keyboard!

StickyKeys is an accessibility feature in Microsoft Windows designed for people who have difficulty holding down two or more keys at a time. When a shortcut requires a key combination such as CTRL+P, StickyKeys will enable you to press one key at a time instead of pressing them simultaneously.

Press the SHIFT key five or more times in rapid succession and you will see the following alert pop up.



Clicking "OK" will turn on StickyKeys. Select the "Settings Tab" and you will see the following dialog with many more interesting options.



Check or uncheck the "Use StickyKeys" box to turn the feature on or off. For more info – [CLICK HERE](#). 🚩

Bluegrass Dive Club 2010 Calendar

January

12, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
26, Tuesday Board Meeting

February

9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
23, Tuesday Board Meeting

March

9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
23, Tuesday Board Meeting



April

13, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
27, Tuesday Board Meeting

May

1, Saturday Club's Derby Party*
11, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
25, Tuesday Board Meeting



June

8, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
29, Tuesday Board Meeting



July

13, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
27, Tuesday Board Meeting

August

10, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
21, Saturday Club Pig Roast*
31, Tuesday Board Meeting

September

14, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
28, Tuesday Board Meeting



October

12, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting
27, Tuesday Board Meeting

November

9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting (Elections)*
30, Tuesday Board Meeting

December

11, Saturday Club Christmas Party *
NOTE * Pending Board Approval

