



# UNDERCURRENTS

Newsletter of the Bluegrass Dive Club / [www.bluegrassdiveclub.com](http://www.bluegrassdiveclub.com)

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## April's Club Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, April 10th  
**Time:** 7:30-PM (business)  
Social at 7  
**Location:** The Racquet Club  
3900 Crosby Rd.  
**Program:** DVD from Noel Hall

## President's Message

*By Tracey Combs*



Hey everyone! I hope everybody is looking forward to all of the diving we have scheduled in the near future. I am looking forward to seeing the video and pictures from the Philippines trip. I am glad everyone made it back safe and sound.

We are hoping you will bring your fellow scuba divers to a meeting soon. Remember if you have ideas or suggestions for future trip locations; please contact one of the members of the dive trip committee. Don't forget the Derby Party on May 5th. I am looking forward to seeing you at the next club meeting. 🚩

## The Editor's Notes

*By John Geddes*



This month pics are by Noel Hall from the Philippines trip, more to come. 🚩

## It's Derby Party Time

*By Mike McCann*



For Club Members and Invited guests only

**Date:** Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 3:30 until ??

**Location:** Home of Lisa and  
Jimmy Hollander  
127 King Fisher Way  
Midway, KY 40347  
**Phone:** (502) 570-0412

Club will furnish: Ham, rolls and soft drinks  
What to bring: A snack, finger food, munchies, or dessert to share.

Directions: Are on the website under "upcoming events"

## 2012 BGDC Officer's

Tracey Combs, President	621-4066
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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*



Noel Hall, will present a video on the recent Philippines dive trip at our April meeting. It sounds like this was a fabulous trip and I look forward to hearing more about it and seeing pictures of exotic critters.

If you have diving information that you would be interested in presenting at a Club meeting (past or potential dive trip, etc.), we would love to hear from you. Please contact me so that we can schedule you in! 913-0892 or [scubagirl07@insightbb.com](mailto:scubagirl07@insightbb.com)



We have one new member to welcome this month: Neesa Frost from Naples, Texas. Neesa has registered for the upcoming dive trip to Cozumel, Mexico. Welcome Neesa! We look forward to getting to know you and diving with you in Cozumel.

I also have additional information to share with everyone about new member Perry Meade and his family who we introduced in last month's newsletter. Perry was previously a BGDC member, and has recently re-joined. Perry is certified at the Divemaster level and also has Cavern diving certification. Perry was first certified in 1979 and now has two adult daughters who are also divers. Lauren, who graduates from UK this May as a Physician Assistant (wow!), started diving in 1998. Kelsey, a student at Transylvania, was certified in 2004. Both Kelsey and Lauren

hold Advanced, Rescue, Enriched Air, Specialty Equipment and Peak Performance Buoyancy cards. In addition to Perry, Kelsey and Lauren, we extend a big welcome to Perry's wife, Penny! While Penny is not a diver, we look forward to meeting, socializing and getting to know you and your family (i.e., come to the Derby Party!). And lastly, Perry is also a private pilot....surely we can fit this in and use it to our advantage somehow! Welcome MEADE family!



We have baseball-style caps available for \$12.00 each. The caps are adjustable, canvas type of material, tan color with the BGDC logo and name embroidered on the front.

We organize several trips a year and any discounts received from group trips are rebated back to the members. In short, BGDC trips run at least 15% to 30% less than doing them on your own or through "for profit" groups. Trip rebates are calculated at the end of the trip after all expenses have been paid and all comps and discounts awarded. So, in essence, you get \$\$ back after the trip. The trip rates listed on our website DO NOT include group discounts and comps that will likely be awarded and distributed back to participants/members. 🚩





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## Trip Director's Report

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*By Doug Geddes*



PHILIPPINES 2012

If you haven't heard, you miss a fantastic trip. The resorts were both different, but they both were awesome in their own rights. Lots of pictures and video's were taken, so you should get a good sense of what you missed. Noel is going to have his video at the meeting. He worked real hard trying to get it down to a smaller one, but with all that we saw, he still has a great one. Don't miss it.



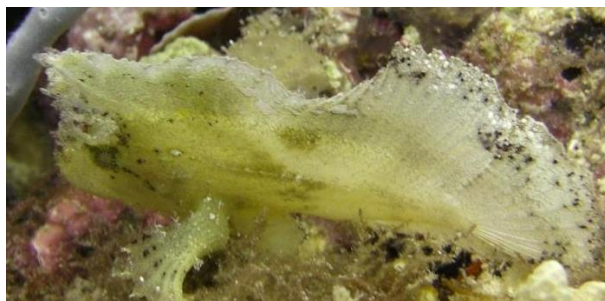
### COZUMEL 2012

We have added a few more people to this trip and are up to 12 persons going in June. If you are still considering going on this trip, you need to get moving now. We have to close this out soon. Check out the website for more information. This will be a good trip to go on this summer.



### MYSTERY TRIP 2012

Still a mystery, but keep your October dates open for what could shape up to be a great trip. Stay tuned.



### GRAND CAYMAN 2013

This trip is now up on our website. Dan Miller showed a great video a couple meetings ago and showed how great a place this is going to be. Go to the website to check it out. We have a limited about of rooms, so don't wait until it is too late to sign up. We are staying on the East side of the island, which is different from most locations most people go to on the island. But, this is the most untouched diving also, so you will see lots of fish and live corals.



### TRUK 2014

Yes, this trip is still full, but we are excepting people on the waiting list. Don't wait too long to put your name on the list. You never know when a spot might open up. You want to be one of the first to get the opportunity to get on this one. Great ship wrecks, that are more like reef diving because of all the soft corals, you think you are on a wall. Some of the best soft corals you will ever see. Check out the website for more info. 🚩

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## From the Treasurer

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*By Dan Miller*



### 2012 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 / 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](#). 🚩



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## From The Secretary

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*By Kris Harn*



### BOARD MEETING

**02-21-12**

Tracey called meeting to order at 7:36pm. Tracey, Dan, Corrine, Kris, Doug, Rick, John, & Mike were in attendance. Agenda was approved. Dan presented Treasurer's report. Corrine stated that program for next meeting was on shark diving. John needs newsletter articles by March 1. Doug gave trip reports. Board approved deposit for North Carolina trip. Corrine went over revised new member form. Rick went over Dive trip questions. Guidelines were approved. Dan went over membership renewal letter. Corrine to update letter for next board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:47.

### REGULAR MEETING

**03-13-12**

Meeting called to order at 7:35. 14 people in attendance. Tracey announced that 16 people were in the Philippines. Dan gave Treasurer's report. Corrine announced that Dive club hats are for sale. Tracey went over trips and dates since Doug is in the Philippines. Cancellation policy for trips was discussed by membership. John stated that newsletter is out. Mike has the website up-to-date. Rick went over his newsletter article on safety. Tickets were drawn for door prizes. Program on shark diving and South Africa trip were presented by Mike. Meeting ended at 9:08pm. 🚩





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## Safety Corner

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By Rick Stephan



**Note:** This month's article is from an aptly named site: [live-adventurously.com](http://live-adventurously.com).

*After many years of diving, it is very difficult to explain to experienced divers that they are doing something wrong. Whether it is ego, or simply familiarity with a certain way of doing things, they normally won't listen, or if they do, they certainly won't take your suggestion to heart. So, maybe one of the best things you can do is to be a role model for scuba behavior. How you check your gear, how you store it, how you follow dive crew instructions – all can help the other divers on your trip figure out what to do properly.*

*A very important part of that is diving etiquette. There are many other points that could be described, but the ones that follow cover many of the hot points.*

*A crucial by-product of proper etiquette is added safety, both on the boat and under the water. Read on, then, and determine if you are showing proper dive etiquette on your dive trips.*



*Remember, safe diving is fun!!!*

### **Top 10 Scuba Diving Etiquette Tips for your Next Diving Vacation**

#### **Written By Carin**

Wanna be liked on your next dive trip? Here are a few favorite tips above and below so that people will want to dive with you again!

### **Above the water...**

#### **1. Be organized and on time.**

Don't be the one constantly running back to your hotel room for your fins, mask, sun screen etc.... delaying everyone's day. Have your gear rigged, your Nitrox analyzed, weights checked and everything on the boat ready to go at least 5 minutes before dive time. Check your OWN gear. It is not the dive master's responsibility to be sure your gear is on the boat, you have a full tank, your weights are in your BCD and everything is in working order. Check it.



**Use a small dry bag** for sunscreen, hat, etc... have it ready to grab and go the night before.

#### **Gear.**

Put your booties inside one fin and your mask inside the other fin pocket or use your mask strap like a bungie to keep your fins together. Toss your wetsuit over your shoulder and good to go! Everything is compact, together, and organized.

#### **2. Don't pee in your wetsuit and don't forget to wash.**

The old adage and running joke has always been, "There are two kinds of divers, those who pee in their wetsuits and liars." YOU may be accustomed to your own smell but the rest of us aren't! Don't make us suffer! Trust me, we CAN smell you. Divers complain all the time (even those who don't pee in them) that their wetsuits start to smell in just a few days.

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At the end of every couple of days of diving, take your suit back to your room and throw it on the floor of your shower. While you soap and shampoo, rinse water runs down over your suit and keeps it smelling fresh. I just returned from trip of 38 straight dive days with NO smelly suit.

### 3. Stop complaining!

There is nothing worse than hearing a never ending string of complaints on the dive boat such as....

- The water's too cold...
- The ride is too choppy...
- It's raining....
- My wetsuit is cold and wet....

It's GOING to happen at some point. It is all part of the amazing fortune you have to be able to spend your vacation on gorgeous coral reefs. Build a bridge and get over it!



### 4. Tell interesting stories humbly.

The braggart on the boat or at the bar is the first person to be thrown off the island so to speak. We'd all love to hear about an unusual fish you found but when the story begins with..."On my 12th trip to Palau..." we're all going to tune out.

### 5. Dive Guides are people too.

They are your guides, not your servants and can be a wealth of information. They may be only 25 years old but most likely have done more dives than you. They will work harder if you treat them well. And don't forget to tip!



## Under Water Etiquette

### 1. Be aware of where you are.

How many times have you been kicked and run over on a dive? Don't be that diver lacking spatial awareness. Look around you at all times as well as UP and DOWN. Remember that if you get kicked, it may be that YOU are the culprit.

### 2. Take Turns.

A good dive guide will take time to point out interesting and unusual things on the reef. However, think before you rush in to look. Are there others wanting to see? Approach one at a time slowly, take a quick look and then allow others the same opportunity. If you want a longer look, go back after everyone has had a chance.

### 3. Slow Down.

Rushing from here to there underwater causes you to: run into other divers, scare away fish, crash into the reef, use up your air, lose your buddy and the list goes on.

### 4. Play fair with photographers.

If you are looking at a fish that you know the photographers want to shoot, be extra careful not to stir up sand or scare the fish out of the area. Photographers ~ let non shooters see the fish first; they won't take near as long as you will. Then take a few shots and let other shooters have a chance. If you want to camp on the subject wait until everyone has seen it. Special note for video: Generally, a videographer only needs 8-10 seconds for a shot. Still photographers, please let them in first. Also, stirring up sand and sediment will do more to ruin a shot for them than someone



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shooting a still image.

### 5. Be a good buddy.

NO excuses. If you lose your buddy, you did something wrong. The majority of accident reports begin with...."buddies were separated". And, by the way, it is NOT the responsibility of the dive guide to keep track of your buddy.



Even if you are an experienced, long time diver, it's nice to be reminded of a few tips to make your and others diving more enjoyable! 🚩



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## Dale Hollow Lake

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### \* Dive \* Swim \* Play\*

The Dale Hollow Lake dive/eat/swim/float-around-in-the-lake trip is the weekend of July 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a great trip for divers and non-divers alike. We have pontoon boats reserved for Saturday and Sunday to transport us on the lake for fun, sun and diving.

Enjoy a weekend of lake diving, swimming, relaxing and a pot-luck dinner on Saturday evening. Thanks to financial assistance from the Bluegrass Dive Club, the cost for participants is only \$20.00 per person per day for pontoon boat users. For members that bring their own boats, there is no fee; however, registration and waiver forms must be completed for each person.

Overnight accommodations are up to you----pitch a tent and camp, reserve a rustic cabin or stay at the State Park Lodge. Our pot-luck dinner will be held in the State Park Campground. Campers are encouraged to utilize campsites near cabin site C006 such as K008, K007, K006 and L001 and L003. (I've got campsite L002 reserved for me and my little tent).

First come, first served – get your reservations and payments in as soon as possible to secure your spot! Visit the BGDC Website and sign-up today. 🚩





# Bluegrass Dive Club 2012 Calendar

## April

10, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
24, Tuesday Board Meeting

## May

5, Saturday Club's Derby Party  
8, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
29, Tuesday Board Meeting



## June

12, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
16, Cozumel Dive Trip  
26, Tuesday Board Meeting

## July

10, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
24, Tuesday Board Meeting



## August

14, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
18, Saturday Club Pig Roast  
28, Tuesday Board Meeting

## September

11, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
25, Tuesday Board Meeting



## October

### Dive Trip

9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
30, Tuesday Board Meeting



## November

13, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
(Elections)  
27, Tuesday Board Meeting

## December

??, Saturday Club Christmas Party

