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## January Club Meeting and January Newsletter

**Date:** Jan 9 Tuesday,  
**Time:** 7:30-PM (business)  
Social at 7:00

**Location:** Roosters  
**Program:** Down Dive Club Trip  
**Memory Lane**

## President's Message

*By Kathryn Bowers*



A message from your  
Outgoing Safety Information Officer and  
Incoming President.

My time as your Safety Information Officer is coming to a close. I will be stepping out of this office and into that of Club President for 2024. I hope some of my Safety Information articles were of interest and hopefully some use to you all. I know I for one learned quite a lot sometimes about things that never made it into an article researching and preparing them. I always found something I didn't know, or know as thoroughly as I might have thought I did. I know I gained new insight into the wealth of knowledge that is available to us on line and in magazines such as Alert Diver. I encourage each of you to take advantage of

the wonderful opportunities we have to continue educating yourselves.

With that said I look forward to Bart Bertetto returning to his role as Safety Information Officer next year. Bart's articles were and I'm sure will be extremely informative. With Bart back in the Safety Information Officers position that leaves me to step in and give John a break from serving as the club President. I have served on the board with John for the past 4 years in the roles of Secretary, Vice President, Secretary again and finally Safety Information officer. John provided me with a good example of how one ought to preside over the board and move the club's business along, I hope I'll be able to do as good a job as John has for the past few years.



I want to let you know a few things as we move into this next year. We will be continuing our every other month meetings. Everyone's life is busy and we want meetings to be a chance to reconnect with your dive buddies but also a valuable use of your time. We will attempt to plan programs that will be engaging and informative. Our meetings will remain at Roosters, they are very gracious in

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## President's Message Cont.

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restaurant for no additional fee. We have explored other options but none were without charges that would have had very significant impact on our budget with no value added.



If you have an idea for an upcoming meeting topic let me know. If you are interested in finding out more about something diving related, you probably aren't alone. Send me an email or drop me a text message. All of us on the board want to make this a great club. We will be getting trips on the books! Let us know where you want to dive.



Is there somewhere you have been intrigued by and wanted to dive for years? Is there a trip where you really loved the diving and are aching to revisit? Let me or your new Trip Director Natasha know. I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday and I look forward to seeing you all at 7:00 pm, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Roosters in Lexington our first meeting of 2024. 🏴‍☠️

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## The Editor's Notes

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*By John Geddes*



In this issue the pics are from the Christmas Party and I would like to thank our host and hostess, Tracey and Alan for opening their home for this event. A lot of great food and Friends I haven't seen for a while. 🏴‍☠️



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## Vice President Report

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*By Kris Harn*



Thank you for letting me be your membership Vice President during 2023 and again in 2024! Looking forward to a great year of meetings and parties!

Hope to see you at the January meeting at Roosters on January 9th! 🏴‍☠️

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## 2024 BGDC Officer's

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Kathryn Bowers, President	859-619-0166
Kris Harn, Vice President	859-333-6911
Charlie Denham, Secretary	859-621-8655
Dan Miller, Treasurer	859-948-5133
Natasha Bowers, Trip Director	651-786-9574
Bart Bertetto, Safety Info Dir.	502-299-3656
Alex Fassas, Webmaster	859-582-1600
John Geddes, Newsletter	859-608-0682

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## Trip Director Report

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By Natasha Bowers



Hello, My name is Natasha, and I am a 32-year-old Minnesota native. I work as a registered nurse and am currently pursuing my doctorate as a nurse practitioner with a specialty in acute care.

I completed my open water dives on the 2017 club trip to Dominica and haven't been able to get enough underwater hang time since! My aunt is Kathryn Bowers and that is my affiliation to both KY and the Club.

My hopes for the next two years as Trip Director are to plan a variety of exciting trips and hopefully snag a few new club members along the way. Everyone I've traveled with thus far has been a absolute hoot, and I can't wait to meet even more on future trips! 🤿

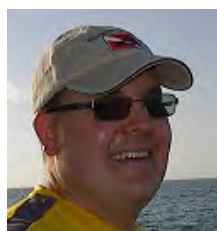


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## From the Treasurer

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By Dan Miller



### 2024 Membership Dues

Student with ID, New Diver, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year ..	<b>\$10.00</b>
Single & Family (1 diver)	<b>\$20.00</b>
Family (non divers)	"
Family (2 or more divers)	"

**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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## Webmaster

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By Alex Fassas



### Tales From The Watery Web

*"Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin', into the future"*

Lyrics from Steve Miller's "Fly Like An Eagle" song.

This article was supposed to be for an early December 2023 edition of the Undercurrents newsletter. Well that didn't happen, so now it is fully the new year 2024 and this article is reaching you in the first edition of 2024.

With New Years come new Resolutions. If you are a resolution maker and goal setter, then may your progress and milestones happen. I have a few and indeed it will be a journey to achieve my goals. Good Luck!



You can expect to see a new membership database where you can update your information with the dive club. Along with that update we will be trying out membership renewal reminders too. Wish your club Webmaster a little luck with this project. The timing of this could not be more needed. The club's existing membership database is currently on the hard drive of a non-functioning computer in Dan Miller's closet. While we will try to retrieve the old database, it is, well, old. Old data, old database program. You get the idea.



I am excited for our club with the new 2024 officers. We have new young blood in the Trip Director's role with Natasha Bowers, with an assist from her mother, Kristen Bowers. She and her mother love to travel and have been on 4 of the last 13 club dive trips. If you have traveled with them you would know how much fun they can be.

*Welcome to our Newest Members*  
A Christmas present of sorts for the Bluegrass Dive Club we have the following new members. We will get more information from them and properly introduce them in an upcoming newsletter.

Travis Land & Lavon Land, Harrodsburg, KY

Chris Baker & Becky Underwood,  
Harrodsburg, KY

Marissa Hawes & Shawn Harris, Lexington,  
KY

Walter "Butch" Alvey Mellot Jr. & Priscilla  
Mellot, Nicholasville, KY 🇺🇸



## Safety Information Director

By Bart Bertetto



Greetings everyone, I'm returning to the board again as your Safety Information Officer. I'm looking forward to an exciting new year of scuba diving fun and excitement with my old and hopefully new friends and dive buddies. As most of you know, I previously had this job for a number of years and wrote a lot of articles titled:

*I LEARNED ABOUT DIVE SAFETY FROM THAT.*



Being a former engineer, I tended to really get into my articles with much depth, pun intended, But I heard that they tended to be too detailed and too long, possibly losing the reader's attention and as a result the intended benefit. So this year I am taking a different approach and will focus on a single safety item in a bite size serving.

We will call it this month's *SAFETY BITE*. I've got some tasty tidbits in store and will be looking for some from you to share with the club. After all, the best safety resource we have is our tremendous collective experience.



## Bluegrass Dive Club 2024 Calendar

### January

9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
23, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

### February

13, Tuesday NEWSLETTER  
27, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

### March

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

### April

9, Tuesday NEWSLETTER  
23, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

### May

4, **Saturday** Club's Derby Party  
14, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
28, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

### June

11, Tuesday NEWSLETTER  
25, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

### July

9, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
23, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

### August

13, Tuesday NEWSLETTER  
??, **Saturday** Club Pig Roast  
27, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

### September

10, Tuesday Dive Club Meeting  
24, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

### October

8, Tuesday NEWSLETTER  
22, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

### November

12, Tuesday Club Meeting (Elections)  
26, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

### December

14, **Saturday** Christmas Party