



NEWS FROM The "Get Wet" Club

January 2005

The BAD Calendar

January, 2005

- 1 *Happy New Year*
- 4 BAD BOD Meeting
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting



February, 2005

- 1 BAD BOD Meeting
- 14 *Valentine's Day* ♥
- 23 BAD General Membership Meeting

March, 2005

- 1 BAD BOD Meeting
- 30 BAD General Membership Meeting

April, 2005

- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting

May, 2005

- 3 BAD BOD Meeting
- 14-21 CoCo View Trip-Randy Widaman
- 25 BAD General Membership Meeting

June, 2005

- 7 BAD BOD Meeting
- 29 BAD General Membership Meeting

July, 2005

- 5 BAD BOD Meeting
- 27 BAD General Membership Meeting

Have an event you want to lead, contact the Board for more details.



January BAD-BOD Meeting:

For our first meeting for 2005 we have invited David Lenderman from HUPS to come and give us his presentation on "Where to look for all the things you were missing". David will talk to us first on where to look for those small critters then he has 2 slide shows to present. This is certainly one meeting you won't want to miss. So hope to see each and everyone there. Guest all always welcome so bring a guest also.



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COME VISIT and DIVE WITH YOUR FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS

Bay Area Divers meet at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Road 1 at 7:30 pm the last Wednesday of each month (except December).
GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

The B.A.D. Board of Directors meet at Ryan's Steakhouse on Bay Area Blvd. on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.
All members are welcome.

Deadline for article submission for next month is: February 6th, 2005 E-Mail javan@wt.net

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



FINS TO THE LEFT . . . FINS TO THE RIGHT

by Mike White

Happy New Year! Welcome to the 2005 edition of Bay Area Divers. I hope you all have a very "BAD" year in 2005.

First, I still have not yet seen "Open Water", although I now see it is out of DVD. Do we need to buy a club copy so we can all have a good laugh when we need one?

Dues Are Due. Membership renewal and dues for 2005 are due in January. You should be able to find a copy of the renewal application form either on the BAD web page or at the monthly membership meeting. Please take a few moments to complete the form to update your information and send in your dues so we can get that taken care of early, and then concentrate on getting new members into BAD. Thanks.

Newsletter Articles. I want to remind everybody that Ja Van is always looking for articles and items of interest for inclusion in the monthly newsletter . . . and that means YOU! If you take an interesting dive trip, or see something that you think would be interesting to other BADDies, take some time and write an article

IT A NEW YEAR AND NEW BEGINNINGS.
Now is the time to renew you membership.

NEW BAD Members

**Jack & Cathleen Dwire,
Ken, Cindy, Chris & Brandon Jones**

about it for the newsletter. One of the benefits of being a BADDies should be to share our experiences with others to make our diving life better. And if the trip was not all that interesting, well, be creative in your writing and make the article interesting.

BAD Activities in 2005. The BAD Board approved the 2005 budget at the January Board meeting, and the budget has unallocated anticipated income that is available to fund club activities in 2005. Although we have a few activities already penciled in (our annual picnic, cookout, and diving day at Blue Lagoon in July; and our canoe trip), we have room for lots more. The Board wants to plan more local activities so members have an opportunity to share diving with each other. We have a few ideas in the planning stages, but I want to ask every member to come up with ideas for activities and bring them to the Board and the membership. Hopefully, if you have a good idea you will also take charge and run the activity, but the Board wants to hear from the members about what **YOU want to do.**

As I said in the November newsletter, Bay Area Divers exists to allow people with a common interest . . . scuba diving . . . to get together and enhance the enjoyment and understanding of that interest. It doesn't just happen by itself. **It needs YOUR help.**

Well, gotta go . . . get ready for diving in 2005!

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B.A.D.'s Monthly Specials

Did you know that BADdies have been afforded the opportunity to acquire select pieces of dive equipment at reduced rates? If you don't know about this, then where have you been the last four months? Let me tell you about it. Sometimes it is just one item, other times it is two or maybe three items grouped together and offered to us. These 'Specials' will not be advertised in our newsletter, but ONLY at our General Membership meetings. These are monthly Specials offered by our local dive shops. As of this date only one shop has approached us and offered all the Specials. If any shop wants to participate with BAD on a Special, please contact me at 713-898-9413, bcutler@pdq.net or one of the BAD BOD members to make arrangements. I'll be seeing ya at the next club Special.

BAD AFTER MEETING GATHERING

by Beverly Cutler



How about we gather at **Boondoggles** in Seabrook for snacks and more socializing??? It is located on NASA Rd. 1, near highway 146. Plan to have even more fun and socializing. **See you there!**

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BAD LOGO MERCHANDISE



Hi! **Baddies!** Do you have a club shirt with a BAD Logo on it? Do you have a BAD Patch to put on your back-pack or, etc? Would you like any of these items? In case the answer is "Yes" to any of the above, I thought I would list the different BAD Merchandise items we have available for purchase.

- BAD Patches \$5.00 ea
- Short Sleeve Polo Shirt \$19
- Zippered Sweat Shirt \$22
- Short Sleeve Button Down Dress Shirt \$27
- Long Sleeve Button Down Dress Shirt \$29

*Prices slightly higher for XX & XXX sizes

Shirts/Jackets come in all sizes and colors (your choice), we can even put the 30th Anniversary Logo on them. We still have a few 30th Anniversary Patches available.

Also available for purchase is a Cozumel Dive Guide & Log Book . . . \$20. ea. (no logo)

If you have questions or special requests, you can contact me, Verna, at butch@pdq.net or at the next club meeting.

JANUARY BOD BRIEF

By Larry Albritton

Get ready to get wet! An exciting dive year is in the making.

The new BOD had its first meeting Tuesday and for those of you who weren't there, you missed a lively meeting.

The BAD BOD reviewed all items listed on the 2005 budget and approved them for 2005.

Mike (A.K.A. "The Wing Man") discussed the need for more ideas for local dive trips, weekend camp/dive trips and get-togethers by club members. So bring your bod and your ideas to this months meeting.

The BAD BOD will meet Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005 at Ryan's Steak House at 7:00 p.m. Come early, partake of the fine food and get ready for an exciting meeting.



AFTER THE SUNSET

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Los Angeles California. From **New Line Cinema**, the latest movie involving Scuba Diving arrived in Houston theatres in time for Thanksgiving. **“After the Sunset”** is the story of what happens after a master thief achieves his last big score and an FBI agent is still obsessed with his capture. The film touts a high-stakes game of cat-and-mouse starring **Pierce Brosnan, Woody Harrelson** and **Salma Hayek**. This is a must-see for “real men”!



Once again, my friend **Stuart Cove** of **Stuart Cove’s Aqua Adventures** provided a base of operations and logistical support for the movie’s marine and scuba sequences.

The cast and crew were mesmerized by the magic of Scuba Diving. They dove the wrecks of the **Bahama Mama, Ray of Hope, Sea Viking**, and **The Steel Forest**. Hayek dove with Cove on his **Shark Adventure Dive** teaching her how beautiful these misunderstood creatures are.

Brosnan was already a certified diver. Hayek, Brosnan’s love interest in the film, and her celebrity friend **Josh Lucas** of “Sweet Home Alabama” (2002) decided to learn to dive together. Harrelson’s daughter found herself hooked on diving and became certified while her father was shooting the movie.



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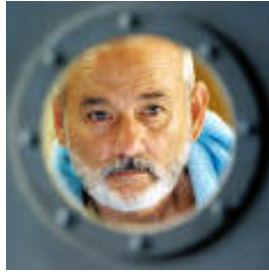
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LIFE AQUATIC

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Los Angeles California. From **Touchstone Pictures**, "Life Aquatic" is the latest movie involving Scuba Diving, arriving in Houston theatres in time for Christmas. **Bill Murry** plays an Jacques Cousteau-like internationally famous oceanographer that sets sail on an expedition to hunt down a mysterious and possibly non-existent **Jaguar Shark** that killed his partner during the filming of their latest documentary.



The underwater scenes were shot at a Disney studio sound stage tank. **Murry** was certified as an **Open Water Diver** for the movie. **Willem Defoe** was a certified diver before going into the project.

The movie is loaded with outrageous and funny scenes placed in serious situations. **Jeff Goldblum** and **Angelica Huston** round out the cast.

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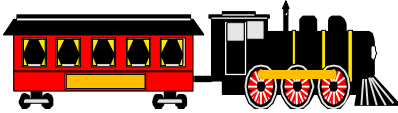
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Austin Steam Train Trip



The Train Trip to Burnet, Texas was a great success. In all we had 19 BADDies and guests take the ride. We all arrived at Cedar Park, Texas and got checked into our hotel room then walked to the train station where we boarded the Santa Fe lounge car then off we went for a 2 hour ride where upon arrival we toured the City of Bethlehem. Afterwards we re-boarded the train for the ride back to Cedar Park. During the ride back we all had a wonderful time with the White Elephant gift exchange. We then meet in the lobby dining room for some cake and social hour, then to bed for some rest. Next morning we all got up and had a light breakfast and each headed our separate ways back to Houston.

Thank you, Peggy Lee Widaman for the pictures.

You should have been there!



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