



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Den



And the winners are... EVERYONE!

The UnRun

Wow! What a great UnRun weekend. We started out on Friday. The weather was with us most of the time when we had the meet and greet at 'Bout Time. Some folks don't like this bar, but I dig

it. Its funky, remote, caters to a very divers clientele (cowboys to drag queens), and is rarely empty. Service is always good. We had about 75 show and get their run guides, buy patches, pins, t-shirts and beer from 7-10 before departing at 10pm for the Chain drive. I understand that the Chain Drive was fun for those who got there in the rain.

On Saturday morning it was sunny! There were breakfasts, followed up by various activities around Austin hosted by HOT Bear-guides. I heard that Eeyore's Birthday was well attended by many, along with the tour of the Capital by Jon. Robert hosted a small group of folks at the Wild Flower Center. There were a good number of bears on South Congress at Joe's Coffee Bar. I guided a group of folks at the Blanton and viewed the current show (it's great!). Although only a few showed for the Blanton, we enjoyed ourselves a great deal- 3 guys with a common interest started as strangers and ended as friends.

Saturday night was very successful. John Cowart played the MC for the contest while a host of Beartenders served beer at the back bar. A slew of volunteers had spent the previous Thursday as well as that Saturday afternoon decorating and setting up the stage for the event. As part of their competition, six contestants sold raffle tickets and raised over \$1100 in 30 minutes. Special thanks to Tapelenders, Lobo, Texas Pie Kitchen, Central Texas boys of Leather, Chain Drive, The Court, Dig Space, Harry & Kelly, along with The HOT Bear Membership, for providing prizes and services for this event. Combining raffle ticket sales, boot black tips, t-shirt sales, and tips from the beer bar, we raised close to \$1400. 100% of the money will go to Out Youth and The Wright House. It was well worth our efforts!

On Sunday morning, I heard that there was an intimate, but fun turn out for Dim Sum. Sorry I missed it!

This was the current boards first UnRun. We realize that we can improve and do some things differently next year. If you have constructive complaints or suggestions, I encourage you to email them to me: president@heartoftexasbears.org. We have a running list and will implement changes to make next year even better.

Anniversary Party

The sun came out at 4pm- but that did not help since the marina had closed 2 hours before. Tom Bolt volunteered his house and the board, along with those that drove out in the rain, spent a few hours redirecting cars and getting the word out through cell phones and text messages. Thanks to everybody who was part of the email chain, yahoo group, phone calls, and text messaging effort. The result was a fine casual party with excellent food at Tom's house in Manor. We had about 60 people and plenty of beer and food to go around. A small gift of thanks (a stone "spirit bear") was given to all participants (If you were unable to get to the party and would like yours, please see me at beer bust for one). This re-directing was a perfect example of the club pulling together when needed. It was not the boat ride at sunset with music that we had envisioned, but it was still a fine time. Since we got our money back for the boat, we will have funds for another party later on this summer. The new board will, no doubt, be involved in the planning and execution. Stay tuned to these briefs for it!

Your New Board Is...

Last but not least is the announcement of the new board for the HOT Bears. **Kelly Stephens** as vice president, **Shawn Fox** as secretary, **Jon Sofley** as treasurer, and yours truly as president. We have also appointed **Kevin Knecht** as the run coordinator for Back to the Woods 4. Thanks to the 15 or so folks who showed up to vote at the quarterly meeting.

As always, I welcome your emails! Keep them coming: president@heartoftexasbears.org.

-Peter

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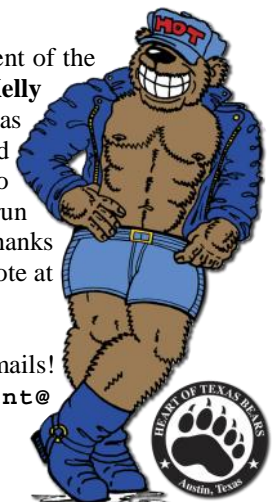
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Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 3

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at **Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar**, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 454-1474. Join us at Trudy's for their great breakfast buffet!

Tuesday, May 6

HOT Bears Planning Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 7:15pm. Your input will help make the Club better!

Friday, May 9

Guerilla Queer Bar from 6pm to 9pm. See SmokingBanana.com for details.

Sunday, May 11

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the **Chain Drive** (504 Willow Drive, Austin, TX 78701) from **4pm — 8pm**. Join the Bears for **\$0.50** draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying the afternoon with your Bear Brothers.

Friday—Sunday, May 16—18

BearWatch 9 — “BootyCamp.” This annual event, hosted by the Houston Area Bears, is always a fun bear gathering on Galveston Island. Get more details from www.bearwatch.net.

Friday — Sunday, May 16 — 18

Activity Weekend at the TCC Landsite. Camp out and help work on some improvements for the Landsite.

Wednesday, May 21

Coffee With Da' Bears! Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine (caffeine is good!). This month Bear Coffee is on South Congress at Dominican Joes. See you there at 7pm! [515 South Congress, Suite 108, Austin, TX 78704, (512) 448-3919].

Friday—Monday, May 23—26

Lonestar 20 at the TCC Landsite. See the ad on page 3 for details and visit

www.tcclonestar.org.

Saturday, May 24

2nd Bear Breakfast at **10am** at **The Bakehouse Restaurant & Bar**, 5404 Manchaca Road, Austin 78745, (512) 443-5167. Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood! (austinbakehouse.com)

Thursday, May 29

Bears Night Out dinner this month is south. We're headed to **Furr's Cafeteria** on South Lamar, just north of Ben White. Come join us at 7pm for some good food. And guess what?! It's **all you can eat!** [4015 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin TX 78704, (512) 441-7825]

Saturday, June 7

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at **Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar**.

UnRun 4 Recap

UnRun 4 is over but the memories still linger in the air. In case you missed any of it, here is a brief recap of the weekends events.

Friday evening, we kicked off UNRUN at that funky bar to the North.. 'Bout Time. It got quite crowded into the evening, and the rain came down, but all in all, a good time was had by all. We then moved the party to the Chain Drive to help them celebrate their 22nd Anniversary. Even though the rain continued, it didn't stop anyone from having a good time.

We started the day off Saturday morning with a good hearty breakfast held at various locations about town, and then proceeded to spend the afternoon attending a multitude of fun activities to showcase all the great things that Austin Texas has to provide. Events included everything from kayaking to SOCO shopping, and garden tours to Eeyore's Birthday. How's that for keeping Austin Weird?

After a brief nap time and dinner, we returned once again to the Chain Drive to enjoy the evening and much anticipated HOT Bear Contest. Emcee John Cowart hosted as a good sized audience gathered on the back patio to enjoy the show and purchase raffle tickets from the contestants in hopes of winning one of the many door prizes that were donated this year. In conjunction with the H.O.T. Beartenders at the back bar and the Central Texas boys of Leather manning the boot-blackening stand, the contestants helped to raise approximately \$1400 that will be donated to the two charities that were selected this year – Wright House Wellness Center and OutYouth Austin. Winners of the contest this year not only received the titles of Mr. HOT Bear, Cub, Grizzly, and Polar, but each were also awarded a free basic registration to Back-To-The-Woods 4 in October. Winners this year are:

Mr. HOT Bear 2008 – David “Mutt” Davilla

Mr. HOT Cub 2008 – **Tim** Ryan

Mr. HOT Polar 2008 – **CJ** Stratford

Mr. HOT Grizzly 2008 – **Daniel** Trevino

I also want to give a great big hand to Rudy Alonzo and John Blackman for entering the contest and being part of the fundraising effort. Great job to all you guys!!!! By the way... In case you missed any of the contest, or would like to see it again, you can find videos, pictures, and audio at cubsoutloud.com. CubsOutLoud is an online blog and podcast hosted by club members Jeff Anderson and Mr. HOT Cub winner, Tim Ryan... check it out!

UnRun wrapped up Sunday, with a Dim Sum Brunch, followed by a Beer Bust in the afternoon hosted by the Lonestar Bears of Austin.

We hope you had a good time this year, and we look forward to doing it all again with all of you next year.

And Thanks to our Unrun volunteers...

Now that another UNRUN has come and gone, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who helped sponsor, organize, setup, decorate, tend bar, host events, donate prizes, judge, dejay, emcee, breakdown, and cleanup. We literally had dozens and dozens of people who helped with all stages of this event. Without you guys, we never could have accomplished all that had to be done.

THANK YOU! - THANK YOU! - THANK YOU!

*Woofs and Grrrs,
Kelly Stephens*

Lonestar 20—cost is **\$95** for the three day weekend. Includes all meals and drinks. The HOT Bears are doing the lunches and throwing a **cocktail party** on Saturday night. **Don't miss it!**

At Lonestar 20 on May 23–26, 2008 great things happen in the dark...



The Texas Conference of Clubs invite you to our 20th annual weekend at Buzzards' Peak. One set price gets you a campsite, all meals, beer and soda, entertainment, comraderie, and some things that you probably will not see anywhere else. Folks from all over Texas come to this event. Please join Us!
For information and to sign-up online:
www.tcclonestar.org



The UnRun and HOT Bear Contest



May

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View the latest calendar information for this month and future months on the HOT Bears web site - www.HeartOfTexasBears.org

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