



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Den



Change. That one simple word can bring up varying emotions among different people. For some it brings up emotions of fear (or dread) of the unknown, while others may find it exciting and look forward to the adventure that lies ahead.

As a member of the HOT Bears board, I find myself falling somewhere in the middle of these two emotions. I know that sometimes change is necessary, yet "fear" that the changes we make may fall flat among the membership. At the same time, I also look forward to the good times and fun that we can all have by spicing things up, or improving areas where they seem needed. After all, brotherhood, fun, and friendship... that's the very reason this club exists. So it's with these goals in mind that we take on change.

Of course you may have noticed some of this change over the last few months. We've added a very popular second beer bust, called Spurs-n-Fur held at the Rusty Spurs, to the monthly lineup, changed the day and time of our BearBeerBust at the Chain Drive, and have taken up activities such as bowling, frisbee golf, and a dog walk... all suggestions from the membership or others. We are also looking at re-introducing some traditions that

have, for one reason or another, fallen by the wayside, such as the membership roster that is sent out quarterly to the member-ship. All this with the goal of adding value to your member-ship in the HOT Bears.

And as we continue looking at improving areas that we feel are needed or just seem logical, we need your help. If you have any suggestions concerning any of the events we host (new or existing ones), please feel free to contact any of the board members, and let your voice be heard. After all, it is YOUR club and YOUR voice is important to us, and is always welcome.

WOOF n GRRRRS
Kelly Stephens

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Welcome new Mem-Bears

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you who joined our little "den" over the last couple of months. We look forward to meeting you at any of our events or meetings and getting to know you. If you have any questions please contact any of the officers listed on our website, HeartOfTexasBears.org.

Website Update

We are in the process of updating the photo section of the website! We are currently adding photos for 2009 and will work our way back for the years we are missing. Take a look and let us know what you think. And if you have pictures that you have

taken at any of the HOT Bear events, (G to PG please) feel free to forward them to us if you would like to have them included on the site.

Membership Cards

If you need a new membership card...whether you lost the old one, it was stolen by some unscrupulous trick (stranger things have happened), or you just never got that new one when you joined or renewed (OOPS...our bad)...please contact secretary@HeartOfTexasBears.org and we'll get one out to

you ASAP!. And remember to use your membership card at Tapelenders for your HOT Bear discount. John Cowart and his crew generously support the HOT Bears, so in turn let's support them too!

Remembering

Kiwi

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Tuesday, November 3

HOT Bears Planning Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 6:30pm. This time, it will be held downtown at the Rusty Spurs. See the HOT Bear Happenings email for the address. Your input will help make the Club better!

Saturday, November 7

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at **Ryan's**. Let's try something different! Join us at Ryan's for their great breakfast buffet! [1813 Parmer Lane West, Austin, TX 78727 (512) 835-8366]

Friday, November 13

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

Saturday, November 14

FrisBear Golf! We had so much fun last time...so we're doing it again! Join us in **Pease Park** at **12 noon** for lots of Bear Brotherhood and fun in the park! [1100 Kingsbury St. Austin, Texas 78703 - (512) 974-6700]

Sunday, November 15

Join the HOT Bears for our new beer bust each **3rd Sunday of the month**. Join us from **4pm — 8pm** for \$1 pints on the back patio and BBQ cooked up by the

Rusty Spurs Staff at **Rusty Spurs**, just west of I-35 on 7th street. See you there at 4pm. [405 East 7th, 78701, (512) 482-9002]

Tuesday, November 17

Live in Texas but don't know how to "scoot-a-boot"? Then head on down to the Rusty Spurs and grab some **free** lessons every Tuesday night. Rusty Spurs is just west of I-35 on 7th Street. See you there at 8:15p. [405 E. 7th St., 78701, 482-9002]

Thursday, November 19

Bears Night Out. Dinner this month is in Central Austin at **El Greco**. Come join us! They have something that everyone will enjoy. See you at **7pm** (Bear Time). [3016 Austin, Guadalupe St. Suite C200, 78705 - (512) 474-7335]

Saturday, November 21

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

Saturday, November 21

Barbearian Adventure. Rowdyric will be hosting a get together for those of you that don't have families to join or just

don't want to do the **traditional holiday** event. Rowdyric will supply the Turkey and Ham, and everyone else is encouraged to bring a favorite family side dish. It's also the last weekend to experience **The Renaissance Festival**. Lots of good deals and great fun! RockinRanch.net/events.html for details.

Saturday, November 21

Bears Bowling. We had so much fun last time...so we're doing it again! Come join your fellow "Kingpins" as we hit the boards at **Dart Bowl**. Join us at **7pm** sharp for lots of Bear Brotherhood as we take aim at those little white pins! [5700 Grover Ave. Austin 78756, (512) 452-2518]

Friday—Sunday, November 27-29

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

Saturday, November 28

Beer Bust at the **Chain Drive** from **6pm — 10pm**. **New night! New Time!** Join us at our home bar this Saturday evening for \$1 draft beer. [504 Willow Street, Austin, 78701, (512) 480-9017]

Saturday, December 5

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am.

**Forever our Friend...
David "Kiwi" Low
1957-2009**

David "Kiwi" Low passed from this life the week of October 18th, 2009. Kiwi was a great friend of the Bears and all those who knew him. Whether it was making sure we had cold kegs during a beer bust, to tending the bonfire at Back-To-The-Woods, Kiwi was always there to lend a helping hand. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

A Celebration of Life was held at 'Bout Time on Saturday October, 24th to celebrate his life and share the memories that so many had of him. A balloon release was conducted to symbolize Kiwi's soaring spirit and personality and was a very moving experience. Later in the evening, during the Bear Beer Bust, a toast and tribute to Kiwi was held at the Chain Drive. His brother Rob and sister Glenda were in attendance at both events and they were able to meet Kiwi's friends and family on this side of the globe. Donations were also taken to help defer some of the costs of his final expenses. If you would like, and feel led to donate, please contact president@HeartOfTexasBears.org.



Back To The Woods 5 Wrap-up

WOW! What a ride. If you did not attend this years annual campout, you missed out on the biggest (and might I say the best) run we have to date! After tallying all the numbers and checking the list twice...we counted 150 actual attendees out of a total of 162 that registered by mail, online, or at the gate. Despite the rains that fell on us Friday as we set up, and Sunday as we were getting ready to leave...the weather cooperated with us and we had a blast...just check out all those happy faces! Starting with the 10 cocktail parties hosted by various clubs and individuals to the SUPERB prime rib (read again...prime rib) dinner on

Saturday evening, and finishing up with a show and masquerade ball, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Many thanks go to Kevin Knecht for volunteering to coordinate this years run, and making it a huge success. We also want to thank the DOZENS of people who volunteered throughout the weekend to make sure everyone had a good time. THANK YOU!!!! Be sure to mark your calendars for next year as we anticipate another great time!

*Woofs and Grrrs
Kelly Stephens*



Heart Of Texas Bears present
Back to the Woods 5
B2W5

The 1977 Bears in the Woods Campout has become the most popular weekend-long campout event in the TCC Land State of Texas. 3 days and 2 nights of camping under the stars with Bears in the woods. All-around fun, food, games, and a new job are included in one low price. Don't have a tent or cooler? No problem. Stay in the hammocks. A small number of tent and cooler rentals are available for a small charge. The earlier you register, the cheaper it'll be. We'll be at the gate just past the main entrance.

Registration is online
HeartOfTexasBears.org/btw

**October
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THE HEART OF TEXAS BEARS

November 2009

HOT Bears

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 TCC Bound by Desire Camp Out Daylight Savings Time Ends	02	03 Election Day 6:30pm» HOT Bear Planning Meeting	04	05	06	07 10am» Bears Day Out Breakfast
08	09	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 6pm» Guerilla Queer Bar	14 12pm» FrisBear Golf
15 5pm» Spurs-n-Fur	16	17 8:15pm» Dance Lessons at the Spur	18	19 7pm» Bears Night Out	20	21 BARBEARIAN ADVENTURE 10am» 2nd Breakfast 7pm» Bears Bowling!!!!
22 BARBEARIAN ADVENTURE	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 TCC Activity Weekend	28 TCC Activity Weekend 6pm» BEAR Beer Bust - NEW DAY...NEW TIME
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