



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Desk



I have got the Pointer Sisters lyrics playing in my head "I'm so excited" and another little number that I am not going to go into right now. This is a busy time for us as a Club and I am grateful to all of the members that have stepped up to the plate to make Back to the Woods2 a success. Once again the HOT Bears will be hosting the largest Run this year at the TCC Landsite.

We have been planning the UnRun and contest in November, have got a date set for the Christmas party in December and you know, as a group we have got to get the best float award at the Pride Parade next year so we will have a complete set of awards.

The HOT Bears have ten new "Beartenders" to serve you at our two Beer Busts a month. That was a great surprise because I thought maybe four at tops would come over and take the test to become TABC certified. It was a little frightening because I have never seen that many Bears in one place

that quiet with clothes on.

The hard work, the volunteering, the great ideas and brotherhood of the members of this Club is very inspiring to me and it makes us as the executive board want to do more and more for the membership. All I can really say at this point is that the awards ceremony at our anniversary party next year is going to be a long one.

Though all of this planning and scheming an oversight occurred, we had completely forgotten to reimburse two members. Funny thing is these men who work so hard to give the HOT Bears a great event each Summer, and when they finally brought it to my attention, they decided they wanted us to use the money for Back to the Woods 2. We came up with the idea of a scholarship type of program to get a Bear in need back into the woods. Thanks Gary and Denny! And with your permission I would like this program to be implemented with the use of your names.

*Grande Bear Hugs,
Ed Burlison*



UnRun 3 and Mr. HOT Bear Contest – This November!

After much consideration, the Executive Board has decided to hold the 3rd Annual UnRun and Mr. H.O.T. Bear contest in November. Last year we decided to move it up to April but it turns out that the calendar would not allow such a move.

This year's contest promises to be the best ever. The date is Saturday, November 11, 2006. The Chain Drive will be the place and we have some guest performers this year. The renowned **Austin Baptist Women** will be helping us during the raffle ticket sale portion of the contest. Of course, as always, the money raised will go a local charity, yet to be determined. Last year we raised \$1200 in just 30 minutes.

We will be awarding four titles again this year: *Mr. HOT Bear*, *Mr. HOT Grizzly*, *Mr. HOT Polar Bear* and *Mr. HOT Cub*. The contest is open to everyone and all contestants

depend on the support of the audience. Plus, great door prizes will be award for lucky raffle ticket holders.

Don't forget to come early...you remember how packed the bar gets! Get up close to the stage, watch the monitor in the back bar, or watch on the big projection screen on the big patio! It's your choice.

The UnRun will be held Friday, Nov. 10-12. Registration will be held at the Chain Drive on Friday, Nov. 10 from 4-9 pm. Registration is **free** and the only way to participate in all the weekend activities is to register.

Visit HeartOfTexasBears.org/unrun for all of the details. We hope you all come to support the contestants and enjoy a great show!

See you at the UnRun!

John Cowart (Mr. HOT Bear Contest Chairman)

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WoodwardAustin.com

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 7

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!

Sunday, October 8

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at 1pm at the *Austin History Center*. The History Center is downtown at 9th and Guadalupe. Join us, hear about upcoming club events, and share your ideas! Remember... it's **your** club. Bear Beer Bust will follow the meeting at the Chain Drive.

Sunday, October 8

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, October 13 - 15

Back 2 The Woods 2 — The HOT Bears are having their second run at the TCC Landsite! As of this writing we have

over 132 bears registered for the event. There's a limit of 150 so sign up soon. This weekend will be a great time! See the "View From Buzzards' Peak" article in this newsletter, or visit www.HeartOfTexasBears.org/bttw for more information. See you there!

Wednesday, October 18

Coffee With Da' Bears! For a change of pace, join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine. We'll be meeting at *Spider House*, (2908 Fruth St., Austin, TX 78705) which is located just north of the campus area in Central Austin and offers a wide selection of food and drinks in a unique Austin atmosphere. Enjoy a cup of java and a snack! See you there at 7pm for a double (espresso, that is).

Saturday, October 21

2nd Bear Breakfast at 10am at *Austin Diner*, 5408 Burnet Road, Austin 78756, (512) 467-9552. This "2nd breakfast" for the month has become pretty popular. Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood!

Thursday, October 26

This month we're going north for a *spooky* dinner at Drakula. They offer a tremendous selection of traditional Romanian foods, ranging from stuffed cabbage to whipped cream cake. All of their dishes are created from scratch and are served in ample portions. Join us at 7pm! Drakula is located at 8120 Research Blvd., Suite 104B, Austin, TX, 78758 and their phone number is (512) 374-9291.

Sunday, October 29

HOT Bear Fur Frenzy. Join us from **4pm — 8pm** at *The Cockpit Club* (2nd and San Jacinto). This is a new event, at a new bar, and we're excited about it. There was quite a turnout last month! We'll be serving beer on the back patio with plenty of Bear Brotherhood!

Saturday, November 4

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

Saturday, December 16

The annual HOT Bear Christmas Party. This year it's at a new location!



Pictures from the Dive-In Pool Party at Tom and Joe's House — August 26, 2006



October Birthday Bears

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| Jonny Finley.....10/2 | Ted Dittrick.....10/19 |
| James McKenney.....10/3 | Gary W. McLeod.....10/20 |
| Tom Leger.....10/8 | Ed Casler.....10/21 |
| Lieu Tran.....10/11 | Richard Bivens.....10/21 |
| Kevin Bourque.....10/15 | James Maxwell.....10/21 |
| Max Schubert.....10/15 | David "Mutt" Davila..10/22 |
| Ray Hayworth.....10/17 | Chuck Dunn.....10/30 |
| Ismael Ortiz.....10/18 | Robert Sanchez.....10/31 |

BearTender Certification Party – The Results

When we decided to hold a BearTender party to increase the ranks of HOT Bears with TABC cards, I thought perhaps a few people, maybe four, would respond. We'd set up a few computers, and that would be it. To my total amazement, ten HOT Bears responded that they wanted to earn their TABC card, and serve with their fellow bears. We asked around and found additional laptops for the course; thanks to Mickey, Marcus and Tom. Extra thanks goes to Steve Glaser, Eric Greatsinger, James Bryant and Tom Brabandt for bringing their own computers with them! We remembered headphones for everyone, put a network-in-a bag together, and viola! — we had a classroom. By 1pm all ten of them were hard in study ... or at least trying to keep the boring lady's voice from putting them to sleep. We were never sure which. ☺

We caffeinated them to keep the keyboard prints off their foreheads and made sure they had breaks and beverages as required (thanks for the attention to the guys Marcus. It was much appreciated!)

The guys helped each other with the trick questions in the quiz portion of the program and everyone finally got through the

lectures and passed the final exam. When most of them had finished, we ordered up some pizza. Then everyone took a dip in the pool to cool off. Of course, we had to check everyone's armpits for hair to ensure they were over 21, as suggested by the TABC Certification program. ☺

I'd like to thank Marcus Montemayor and Ed Burseson for being the fantastic hosts and opening their home and pool to this esteemed institution of learning. But most of all, I want to thank the HOTB TABC Graduating class of 2006 — Tom Brabandt, Harry Boudreaux, Steve Rison, James Bryant, Steve Glaser, Eric Greatsinger, Jacob Duncan, Bill Bohrer, Jon Miller and James Acuña — for stepping up to the plate and earning their TABC certification so they can help their Bear club. Also thanks to Kelly Stephens, Eric Miller and J.D. Collins for recently earning their TABC Certificate on their own. Good job men!

Look for all of these great and handsome HOT Bears serving at a Beer Bust soon, and be sure to tip them well! They've earned it.

Jack Landers





Welcome to Back 2 the Woods 2!

Thanks to all of you who made it this year. We have a lot in store for you. Cocktail parties, games, great food, a show, and the camaraderie of other Bears.

What is there to do?

On Saturday, there are tournaments of dominoes, cards, croquet, horseshoes, and a few twisted games. All are designed to allow something for everyone to participate in. If I see anyone sitting on their ass and pouting with nothing to do, I will personally come over and drag you into one of the games.

Best Campsite

Pick a theme and decorate your campsite with lights, banners, flowers, stuffed animals, mannequins, paper cutouts, blow-up dolls, or whatever you can think of. We will have undercover judges roaming about. We encourage you not to use electric lights. Battery power and candle power is preferred.

Cocktail Parties

Last year, we had 9 cocktail parties thrown by various clubs and individuals. They are a traditional part of the weekend. We are giving awards for best tasting, best presentation, and best overall. We will have undercover judges attending all of them.

Special

There are also other awards that will be named and presented at the closing ceremony on Sunday. For those who came last year, you know what I am talking about. Remember, roaming judges are everywhere! Your efforts at keeping the land site clean, participation in activities, and helping out if needed will be remembered and appreciated.

The Big Bear Show

On Saturday night, after dinner, we put on the Big Bear Show. Some of you might recall last years show and its morphing into something very special involving body paint. This year will be even better. So, if you have (or think you have) a talent and would like to perform in the pre-show on Sat, you can sign up when you register. To accommodate everyone, we ask that you keep your performance to around 3 minutes. Special recognition will be given out to all performers.

Join in the party!

To get the most out of your weekend, make a new friend. If you see a group gathered together, walk on over, introduce yourself, sit down, and join in. If you see someone sitting by themselves, walk over, introduce yourself and join them or invite him to join your group. Great friends are made that way.

FRIDAY

- Noon Check-in begins at front gate.
- 5pm Serve yourself cold subs with chips soda and beer.
- 7:30pm Check-in closes
- 8:30pm Opening Ceromnies- Pole Barn
- 8:30pm Cocktail Party- Pole Barn
- 9pm Bonfire- fire pit.
- 10:30 Cocktail Party
- 11pm All quiet

SATURDAY

- 7:30am Early Risers Breakfast- Kitchen
- 9-10am Breakfast bell- Kitchen.
- 9-10am Late Registration- Pole Barn
- 10:30am Games Begin
 - Dominoes Mexican Bear- Pole Barn
 - Cards- Pole Barn
 - Bear Horseshoe- Flag Poles
- 12-1pm Lunch bell- Kitchen
- 1-2pm Quiet Time- Pole Barn
- 2pm Games continue
 - Bear Croquet - Flag Poles
 - Dominoes finals- Pole Barn
 - Raise the Bear!- Field
 - Ladder Bear Golf- Field
 - What's in the Bear Box?- Pole Barn
- 3pm Cocktail party
- 4:30pm Cocktail Party
- 6pm Cocktail Party
- 7pm Bear Banquet Under the Stars- Kitchen
- 9pm Big Bear Show- Pole Barn
- 10-12am HOT Bear Bash- Pole barn
- 12:00am Midnight Snack- Kitchen

SUNDAY

- 7:30am Early Risers Breakfast- Kitchen
- 9-10am Breakfast bell- Kitchen.
- 10am Awards and closing ceromnies

October

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 TCC Bound By Desire	2	3	4 7:30p: HOT Board Meeting – North	5	6	7 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast Trudy's North Star, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX, 78757 (512) 454-1474
8 1p: Quarterly Membership Meeting at Austin History Center 4-8p: Bear Bust at The Chain Drive	9	10	11	12	13 TCC - Back 2 The Woods 2 – HOT Bears	14 TCC - Back 2 The Woods 2 – HOT Bears
15 TCC - Back 2 The Woods 2 – HOT Bears	16	17	18 7p: Bear Coffee Spider House 2908 Fruth St. Austin, 78705 (512) 480-9562	19	20 TCC – Discipline Corps Retreat (through October 22 nd)	21 10a: 2nd Breakfast Austin Diner 5408 Burnet Road Austin, TX, 78756 (512) 467-9552
22 TCC – Discipline Corps Retreat	23	24	25	26 7p: Bears Night Out Drakula 8120 Research Blvd. Austin, TX, 78758 (512) 374-9291	27 TCC Activity Weekend (through October 29 th)	28 Memorial Service: Diahna Morris 1p: TCC Fall Mtg TCC Landsite
29 Daylight Savings Time Ends 4p-8p: HOT Bears Fur Frenzy at The Cockpit	30	31	View the latest calendar information for this month and future months on the HOT Bears web site			

Austin History Center - 810 Guadalupe Street (9th & Guadalupe), Austin, TX 78701 (512) 974-7480
 The Chain Drive – 504 Willow St., Austin, TX, 78701 (512) 480-9017
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