



Bear Briefs



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The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

HEART OF TEXAS BEARS—FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

At some point during the holidays, one memory will always surface and take me back to the First Grade and Miss Tickle in her most serious voice telling me to run home as fast as I can. She is bundling me up in my burgundy winter coat, tying the hood under my chin too tight and making me put the gloves on that are tied to a cord running down both sleeves. Before Doppler Radar and five-day extended forecasts, a snowstorm would hit the Appalachian Mountains with little or no warning.

I am running through the woods

and the only sounds are sleet hitting branches and my breathing. I stop and in one quick moment, I am lost, my excitement turns to fear and I am alone for the first time in my six years when I hear it. Very faint at first, I run out of the woods into a



huge open field and I hear it again. It is the sound of warm summer evenings, of being called in for supper or bath time just as the hide and seeks gets really good.

It is my name being called out across the snowy landscape. She materializes right before my eyes and relief washes over us both. She bends down on one knee and I leap into the arms of the Snow Queen, my Mom. It was pure magic and still is.

Merry Christmas,
Ed Burluson

MR. HOT BEAR 2002—MR. TOM B

Hello!

This is Tom. The man that somehow got himself voted Mr. HOT Bear 2002. When I woke up Sunday morning and saw that little leather clad teddy bear sitting there, I knew it was not a dream. I have to thank all of you for welcoming me into your club. My reasoning for joining was to find people I could be with and be myself. You have allowed that and more. I thank you again. I have met so many new friends in the past months my mind is a jumble of names and faces. Despite what I did on Saturday night, I am really a shy person. It is amazing what a few

beers and bar full of HOT Bears can do to a man! Woof! Several people asked me if entering the contest had crossed my mind. Honestly, no. When I was told there were only a few contestants, I felt compelled to at least give them a run for their money. I did not think winning was even a possibility. Especially after seeing the bears I would be going up against. Woof! My hat goes off to the other five competitors! They deserve a big WOOF! and CONGRATULATIONS! Every one of us on stage that night was a winner. The woofing and yelling from the crowd said that! I understand that in

winning this contest, I will be representing the Heart of Texas Bears at TBRU7. I will give it my best effort! To the judges and MC, my hat, shirt and pants came off for you!

Again, my thanks go out to all of the officers and members of the Heart of Texas Bears. As well as the Dallas Bears that joined us for the weekend. I cannot forget all of the patrons at the Chain Drive that night. Thanks!

Special thanks to my big bear!!! I may have won, but he gets the prize!

Tom B
Mr. HOT Bear 2002



REFLECTIONS ON OUR "MINI-RUN"

I want to thank each of you that hosted a Dallas Bear or couple in your homes. You've shown through this simple gesture true Bear Brotherhood and what the HOT Bears are all about. I want to thank the Dallas Bears for the fine cocktail party they gave us after the contest, Scott C for his graphic artistry, our sponsors for donating prizes for our contest-

ants and the Sunday Raffle. A special thanks to Donald and William, the management of the Chain Drive, for their support, and the fine bartenders and bar backs. I want to thank the contestants for entering and Tom B, our Mr. HOT Bear 2002, for sharing his feelings about the contest and being a member. And I want to thank each of you that come to

the events and make our Club work. Lastly, I want to thank each of you that have allowed me to make a mistake here and there without demanding my head on a stick. I am quite honored and humbled to know such a great bunch of HOT Bears.

Mucho Hugs,
Ed



BEARS DAY OUT—1 DECEMBER

Laura's Bluebonnet Kitchen, 10 a.m.
5408 Burnet Road
This will be our third

breakfast at Laura's and somehow, each time the food and service just gets better and better. If you're not an early

riser, they have a great lunch menu as well. Just tell them the hairy, larger-than-life guys sent you.

BEAR MOVIE NIGHT—8 DECEMBER

Tom B.'s Den—7 p.m.
Tom B opens his Den to the HOT Bears for one of our fa-

vorite events. Bring a favorite dish and enjoy a break from the holiday madness with a

movie and some great company.

BEAR BUST—9 DECEMBER

Chain Drive
504 Willow, 4-8 p.m.
With the family coming in for the holidays, shopping and wrapping expensive presents for Ed and Roy, what a great

way to get away from it all and enjoy your fellow HOT Bears and patrons of the Chain Drive. Our own Beartenders serve up a mean draft for only a dollar and the Chain Drive

always offers great drink prices seven days a week. Who knows? Santa may show up to see who has been naughty or nice...

THE HOT BEAR CHRISTMAS PARTY—15 DECEMBER

Marcus and Ed's Den—7 p.m.
For the third year, Marcus and Ed once again open their home to the HOT Bears mem-

bership and their guests. There will be plenty of food and drink provided. The party is always a great way for new members and prospective

members to meet the bears in a relaxed social setting. Bring sunglasses; we will not be responsible for any retinal damage.

BEARS AT THE THEATRE—20 DECEMBER

The Blue Theatre—8 pm
916 Springdale Road
This December, Art Davis directs the world premier of his hilarious musical fantasy about Igor Stravinsky living and composing in the capitol city under the glow of the omnipresent moonlight towers.

Stravinsky claims the glow of towers in magical and inspirational as he re-

counts his life in Austin for a big-city reporter from Chicago. Naturally, the reporter doubts the validity of Igor's identity, even more so after he meets Stravinsky's daughter, Vivien Leigh, her barbecue-obsessed husband Jimmy Dean (the sausage guy) and Igor's imaginary dog. The confused reporter must also grapple with the maestro's muses—the mythical Petrushka and his own transformation.

Thursday night admission is 2-for-1; tickets are \$15 for General Admission. Contact Ed B. before 17 December if you want to attend. Email Ed at Ed-BearTX@aol.com or call 491-8888.

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BEARS NIGHT OUT—27 DECEMBER

Johnny Carino's—7 p.m.
5601 Brodie Lane, #1600

For Bears that desire the countryside of Italy, Johnny Carino's

menu starts with appealing appetizers like pepperoni bread and bruschetta. Inspired from Southern Italian cooking this dining experi-

ence should be a welcome change from the standard holiday fare.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY—31 DECEMBER

Glenn and Jamie's Den—
7 p.m.
Ring in the new year with the

HOT Bears in the pool at the home of two of our most gracious hosts, Glenn and Jamie. This will be a

potluck so bring a favorite dish and a bottle of champagne to welcome in 2002.

PROJECT TRANSITIONS

Project Transitions
Austin, Texas

www.projecttransitions.org

Again this month, the board has decided to ask our generous members to donate to Project Transitions. "Project Transitions (a non-profit 501(c)3 organization) is

dedicated to serving people with AIDS by providing hospice, housing and support in a compassionate and caring environment." Their Fall 2001 Wish List is quite long and includes such items as bandages, toasters and a Xerox Machine. The complete list can be

found on their web site. Or, contact the HOT Bears secretary at info@heartoftexasbears.org.

We did an outstanding job for the animals in Austin, now let us help our fellow humans.

PHOTOS FROM MR. HOT BEAR 2002

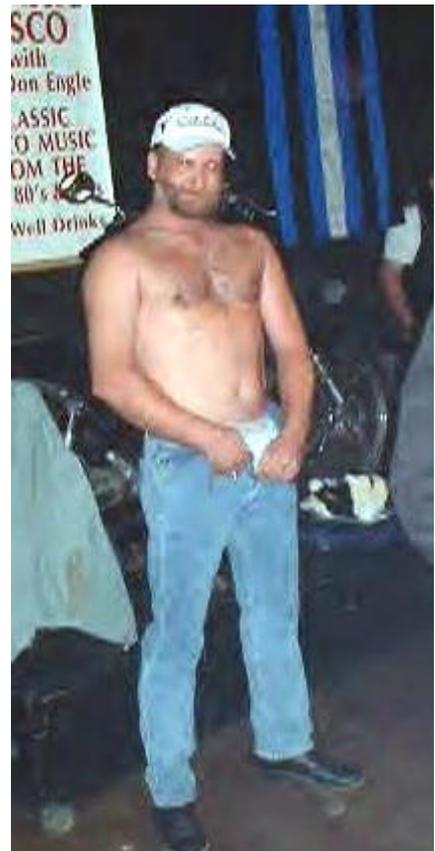
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Our Master of Ceremonies, John C, Manager of Tape Lenders, confers with our own President on the contest.



Contestants and HOT Bears



Mr. HOT Bear 2002, Tom B.

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BEARTHDAYS AND NEW MEMBEARS

Wish the following HOT Bears a Happy Birthday this month!

Dave H.....	12/4
Tom M.....	12/4
Mark W	12/4
Carl H	12/5
Randy B.....	12/7
TJ R	12/7
Robert D Y.....	12/7
Phil N.....	12/9
Rick D	12/11
Larry H	12/14
Darrell B.....	12/18
Jose L.....	12/21
Phillip R	12/21
Loyd P.....	12/23

November has been a busy month with five new members this month! Please welcome Cecil S, Ying-Da L, Thomas B (Mr. HOT Bear 2002), Tom M and Chad S. We also had 4 renewals. This brings the HOT Bear Count up to 119!



HOT Bears and Dallas Bears in the Pool at Marcus and Ed's.
Photo courtesy of remarkablemark.com

BEAR BITS...

RemarkableMark.com—The HOT Bears President and Bear Briefs Editor would like to thank remarkablemark.com for the use of his photos. Visit his website!

Fire and Ice II—Tired of spending New Year's Eve alone? Then come spend it with us. Meet new friends and see the best kept secret in Texas. Bring your own food, drinks and camping gear! For more info call or email Danny B at (210)

4346498, dannyb@world-net.net.

Queer Waves—Taylor Cage hosts *Queer Waves*, a showcase for GLBT musicians and special guest on **KOOP 91.7 FM** every Saturday at 4:30 p.m. *This Way Out* airs Fridays at 5 p.m., followed by *Outspoken* at 6 p.m.

Santaland Diaries—See this classic on ZACH's Kleberg Stage through January 6th.

IBR 2002—International Bear Rendezvous 2002 Registration is now open! This year, the registration is open to only **500** attendees and they will return registrations past number 500 unprocessed. Any questions regarding IBR can be sent to IBR@bosf.org.

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Bears Day Out Laura's Bluebonnet Kitchen, 10 am
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Movie Night Tom B's Den, 7 pm
9 Bear Bust Chain Drive, 504 Willow, 4-8 pm	10	11	12	13	14	15 HOT Bear Christmas Party Marcus and Ed's, 7 pm
16	17	18	19	20 Bears at the Theatre The Blue Theatre, 916 Springdale Rd 7 pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Bears Night Out Johnny Carino's, 5601 Brodie Lane, #1600	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve Party Jamie and Glenn's Den, 7 pm					

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