

Newsletter - Triton's Call

NASJAX SCUBA DIVING CLUB

19 February 2019

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President's Waves

Greetings, divers!

February's meeting held in La Nopalera's party room was a lot of fun! Many people commented that the food was great and they liked not feeling pressured to buy a whole buffet. We had a great turnout for the meeting, held for the first time on a Tuesday night instead of a Wednesday. When I asked everyone for their preferences on meeting dates, some preferred Tuesdays, some preferred Wednesdays, some had no preference, and some were just confused by the voting! After a few laughs we decided to try Tuesday again next month at the same location. Mark your calendars now for Tuesday the 5th of March at the La Nopalera on San Jose in Mandarin.

We have also discussed the possibility of holding meetings at libraries or schools. We are still exploring this option. It may provide us a roomier venue for presentations but it would mean people would have to bring their own food and drink to the meeting if they wanted to socialize over dinner. Another tantalizing option is the Elk Lodge in Green Cove Springs, which is on the west side of the river near the Shands bridge. The lodge is not available on Tuesdays, but it serves legendary burgers on Wednesday evenings. As of now there are traffic construction delays in that area but we may try to reserve it for a meeting on that site later this year.

Chet Tomlinson has valiantly volunteered to take a stab at the club Safety Officer position. I'm sure we will all learn a great deal from him. My thanks go out to Ben Storey who served as our Safety Officer last year.

We welcomed Jenn Jantzen as a guest to the meeting this month. She hasn't been diving for 15 years or so but is ready to get back into it. She will be accompanying Bill Davis and Kim Walther this summer on their trip to Cuba.

Many dives and trips are being planned for this year including a club trip to Rainbow River for an afternoon picnic and a leisurely river drift dive. Stay tuned and watch the calendar!

Monster Molyneux

Upcoming Dive Trips and Events

Key West – March - Bill Davis and Kim Walther

Curacao – March – Chet and Dawn Tomlinson

Rainbow River – 27 April Jax Dive Club

Little Cayman – April - Mark Vogel

Cuba – June - Bill Davis and Kim Walther

South Africa – June/July - Mark Vogel

Cozumel – July - Marshall Gross

Gadeloupe – July - Marshall Gross

Antiga – August – Marshall Gross

Fiji – September - Marshall Gross

Caribbean Cruise – December - Bill Davis and Kim Walther, Craig Stoops and Arvilla Scureman

Dive Club Executive Officers' Reports

Treasurer - Evan Ball

Currently we have \$930 in the account and have all of our paperwork filed to keep our Club legal. Please remember to pay your 2019 dues. If you haven't paid your dues by the March meeting, your name will be dropped from the roster and the mailing list.

Webmaster - Sharon Green

The website is doing well. We had 1480 unique visitors last month. Please share your dive pictures so we can post them. If you are planning a dive send the info and the calendar will be updated. Please put "NAS JAX DIVE CLUB" in the subject of the email so I know to open it.

Secretary – Craig Stoops

Just a reminder that if you can send your dive reports via email to me before the meeting, that will help me with accuracy in the newsletter.

Vice President – Venessa Wood

The issue of needing a new place to meet is still high on the agenda for the club. There will not be an Eboard meeting this month.

Dive Reports

Chet and Dawn Tomlinson

Last Sunday we went over to Blue Grotto. The water was clear with most or all of the green water was gone. The water was still over the deck but the ramp is back in place. Virgil the turtle was not spotted. The Springs fee is \$38.

Dippy Diver Award - For minor diving offenses.

No nominations this month.

Coprolite Diver Award - For more serious diving infractions.

No nominations this month.

This Month's Raffle Winners:

Dawn Tomlinson – Club Towel
Mitch Maxson – T-shirt
Bob Carmichael – T-shirt
Edd Dilworth – \$10 Dive Shop gift certificate

Members present at the February dive club meeting:

Billy Schofield, William Davis, Howard Feingold, Ed Fite, Elmer Osborne, Marshall Gross, Art Larue, Mitch Maxson, Kathy Maxon, Richard Green, Sharon Green, Jax Germeyer, Annette Molyneux, Monster Molyneux, Bob Carmichael, Edd Dilworth, Mark Vogel, Chet Tomlinson, Dawn Tomlinson, Glen Atkins, Bill Davis, Evan Ball, Major Nimock, Carol Hughes, Vanessa Wood, Rylan Serrano, Eric Wilson, Craig Stoops

First Time Visitors to our Dive Club:

Jen Jantzen

Diving Club EXTRAS

If you want to watch an excellent documentary on the development of SeaLab....check out this episode on PBS's American Experience:



<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/sealab/>

SUBMERGE YOURSELF.

Film Description

On a February day in 1969, off the shore of northern California, a US Navy crane carefully lowered 300 tons of metal into the Pacific Ocean. The massive tubular structure was an audacious feat of engineering – a pressurized underwater habitat, complete with science labs and living quarters for an elite group of divers who hoped to spend days or even months at a stretch living and working on the ocean floor. The Sealab project, as it was known, was the brainchild of a country doctor turned naval pioneer who dreamed of pushing the limits of ocean exploration the same way NASA was pushing the limits of space exploration. As Americans were becoming entranced with the effort to land a man on the moon, these divers, including one of NASA's most famous astronauts, were breaking depth barrier records underwater. *Sealab* tells the little-known story of the daring program that tested the limits of human endurance and revolutionized the way humans explore the ocean.



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NASJAX DIVE CLUB OFFICERS for 2019

President - Monster Molyneux

Vice President – Vanessa Wood

Secretary – Craig Stoops

Treasurer – Evan Ball

Safety Officer – Chet Tomlinson

Webmaster- Sharon Green

JAX Dive Club T-Shirts for Sale

Our dive club now has four different colors of t-shirts for sale for only \$15 each. We have all sizes. If you would like one, contact Venessa Wood. We've added lime and sapphire blue colors to our line of shirts.



