



Photo - Molasses Reef, Key Largo, Florida

NASJAX SCUBA CLUB

NEWSLETTER for June, 2017

FROM THE DIVE CLUB PRESIDENT

We had a pretty good dive club meeting last night. I want to thank our dive club members that are pitching in and helping. Mitch for selling raffle tickets and Bingo cards prior to our club meetings. Mitch was absent last night; so Sharon and Annette did this. This helps Art and me a lot, enabling us to get ready for our meetings. Also, a big thanks to these club members for stepping up and taking on the

responsibility for bringing in the following items: Venessa - a large suitcase of T-Shirts, Sharon - a box of Polo shirts, Carol - awards, Billy - two foam board price signs, Mitch - a large suitcase and Elmer - his movie projector, screen and equipment. We just need a volunteer to bring in and put up our dive club banner each meeting.

It was good to hear dive reports from club members that have been diving recently.

Still waiting for a response from Ned DeLoach. I'm trying to get him to give us a Fish Identification presentation soon. He lives right here in Jacksonville and periodically publishes an awesome Fish Identification Books.

Glen



File Fish on Molasses Reef

Key Largo, Florida

Upcoming Dive Trips

People are interested, but we didn't schedule any dives. We'll come up with a south Florida dive in a few weeks. The water is nice and warm now. Anybody going diving and wants some company, let me know; so we can put the word out.

Treasurer's Report

As of 7 June \$879.55 is in our dive club account. Made \$44 off the raffle and \$16 off of Bingo. Rick Reckert won the Quarterly Raffle prize, a \$48 Ned DeLoach Fish Identification Book. Monster Molyneux won \$16 from SCUBA Bingo - Congrats!

Webmaster's Report Sharon says submit any good dive photos you take to her and she'll put them on our Webpage. If you haven't looked at our webpage lately, you need too look at it. It looks awesome.

Safety Officer's Report - Randy Jordan, who runs a south Florida dive charter, was at the receiving end of a shark bite recently. Feeding sharks is legal only in federal waters. He also had the tip of his finger bitten off a few years ago by a puffer fish.

Rick also discussed "reverse dive profiles". A study states it doesn't matter much whether you dive the deepest dive first or not. Marshall pointed out, you'll get less bottom time diving the shallowest dive first though.

Dive Reports -

Mark Vogel stayed at the Little Cayman Beach Resort recently and dove. He said this was "valet diving" at it's best. Everything was awesome on land and sea. He highly recommends this resort. Sharon will post some of his photos on our website soon.

Ed Fite, Elmer Osborne and Glen Akins dove the Santa Fe River looking for fossils. No valet diving here. Found a lot of fragments, but no real good specimens. Ed and Elmer dove the Santa Fe a second day with about the same results. They did meet a couple of young bohemians that were completing a large sailing raft that they were going to float/sail down the

Santa Fe River to the Gulf of Mexico, then around to Mexico! The picture Elmer took was very interesting. Lots of Luck guys, especially since there's a rocky shoal about six miles downstream from you that your raft isn't going to pass over unless there's enough rain that the Santa Fe River is up very high!

Doc and Martha dove under the Blue Heron Bridge. Doc said the dive was "wonderful." I don't know of anybody ever being disappointed diving under the bridge. They saw everything; eels, lobsters, morays, an octopus, stingrays, starfish, etc. The water was warm with a really good visibility. Their dive was 90 minutes long!



Art LaRue diving on Molasses Reef, Key Largo

Club Members present at the June meeting:

Glen Akins, Howard Feingold, Ed Fite, Rich Green, Sharon Green, Marshall Gross, Art LaRue, Monster Molyneux, Annette Molyneux, Major Nimock, Elmer Osborne, Rick Reckert, Mike Sible, Doc Smyk, Martha Smyk, Mark Vogel and Venessa Wood

NASJAX Dive Club Officers

President - Glen Akins

Vice President - Art LaRue

Treasurer - Howard Feingold

Safety Officer - Rick Reckert

Training Officer - Vera Thomas

Web Master - Sharon Green

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Next Dive Club Meeting will be 5 July at the Mandarin Golden Corral.

Next Executive Board Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. 21 June at the Mandarin Bob Evans Restaurant.



June 8, 2017



Photos by Mark Vogel while diving Little Cayman Island