



Photo - Nurse
Shark on
Molasses
Reef

NASJAX SCUBA CLUB

NEWSLETTER for May, 2017

FROM THE DIVE CLUB PRESIDENT

Hello to all of you dive club members. I just did a couple of recent dive trips. It was really good to get out and do some diving again. A big thanks to Annette and Monster Molyneux for giving their presentation at the May meeting on diving and traveling in Australia. It was very informative, covering diving and things to do while "Down Under." Also, a big thanks to Elmer Osborne for bringing in and setting up his movie screen and projector. Looking for a future

speaker, I recently talked to Ned DeLoach and followed up with an email. I'm trying to get him to give us a Fish Identification presentation soon. He lives right here in Jacksonville and periodically publishes awesome Fish Identification Books. No excuses, we are in warmer weather and water temperatures, it's time to start diving. Check out all your dive equipment and get wet!

Glen



Marshall Gross Diving Key Largo

Upcoming Dive Trips

The Blue Heron Bridge during Memorial Day Weekend. If interested, contact Doc Smyk.

If you want to join Elmer and Ed Friday and dive the Santa Fe River for fossils, give Elmer a call.

Treasurer's Report

As of 3 May \$803.37 in our dive club account. Made \$65 off the raffle tonight. Marshall won the special raffle prize, a \$35 dive knife. Next month we will raffle a \$48 Ned DeLoach Fish Identification Book for our quarterly prize.

Safety Officer's Report - Rick couldn't make the meeting due to a recent ankle operation, but encourages everybody to get their dive gear checked/serviced before diving this season. He can't walk on his ankle for awhile; so that leaves a

lot of time on the computer, watching T.V. and reading all his old dive magazines again.

Training Officer's Report

Webmaster's Report Sharon says submit any good dive photos you take to her and she'll put them on our Webpage. As always, our webpage looks great.

Dive Reports

Elmer and Glen dove "Jug Hole" at Ichetucknee Springs. Always a good dive. No other divers, but lots of snorkelers and families swimming.

Art, Marshall, Elmer and Glen dove two dives on Molasses Reef off Key Largo 24 April. They saw a large moray eel, a Reef Shark, Nurse Shark and lots of tropical fish. Water temperature was 79 degrees with 40' visibility and a mild current. They always enjoy eating at Mario's Cuban Restaurant in Homestead, Florida and staying at Homestead Air Reserve Base.

New Business - None

Club Members present at the May meeting:

Glen Akins, Howard Feingold, Ed Fite, Rich Green, Sharon Green, Marshall Gross, Carol Hughes, Art LaRue, Mitch Maxson, Kathy Maxson, Monster

Molyneux, Annette Molyneux, Major Nimock, Elmer Osborne, Billy Schofield, Doc Smyk, Martha Smyk, Vera Thomas, Eric Wilson and Venessa Wood

A special welcome to first time visitors and hopefully new club members:

Rob Thomas and Carlos Benavides

Rob is retired Navy. He grew up in Ocala and is a Master Diver. Carlos is also from Florida and has done most of his diving in the Caribbean. Both divers are wanting to do some diving in Florida.

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 7 June at the Mandarin Golden Corral.

Next Executive Board Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. 17 May at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Mandarin.