
Newsletter - Triton's Call

NASJAX SCUBA DIVING CLUB

September 6, 2017



Horseshoe Beach
Bermuda 2017 - Akins

From the Dive Club President

Looks like hurricane Irma will stop a lot of Florida diving as it gets closer to south Florida. Soon as the water settles and clears we will plan a dive trip to south Florida or Venice Beach. Club members are diving, we had four dive reports at last night's club meeting.

Last night was Keith Turner's first club visit. He paid his membership dues and joined the club. Keith is retired Navy and started diving in 1994. This summer he attended an extensive dive school in Vero Beach, Florida and was certified in 12 specialities. He made 90 dives and was certified an instructor! Bill Davis, a former club member, visited us last night. He brought his friend Kim with him. Kim started diving in high school and started out diving in black water looking and feeling for artifacts. Ed, maybe Kim would like to go diving with you in Black Creek or the St. Mary's River! Kim also dove while attending the University of Florida doing underwater archeology.

At the October Dive Club meeting we will nominate club members that want to run for our dive club executive board positions; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The other four positions; Safety, Training, Webmaster and Dive Coordinator are appointed each year by the President. We need volunteers that want to put in the time and effort to make our dive club outstanding. Our election will be in November. There will be no nominations in November. If you want to run for an executive position and can't make the October meeting, ask someone to nominate you even though you are absent. Our nominations and election will be ran in accordance with our Dive Club Constitution and By-Laws. I'll send them by separate correspondence.

Glen

Upcoming Dive Trips -

- * South Florida, Keys or Venice Beach in about 2 to 3 weeks.
- * Cozumel, Mexico 11 - 15 November. Point of Contact is Marshall Gross.

Treasurer's Report - We have approximately \$723.16 in our dive club account. This includes - \$65 from raffle ticket sales and Glen paid \$253 for new t-shirts. We didn't play SCUBA Bingo.

Webmaster's Report - Sharon Green

Safety Officer's Report - Rick Reckert

Training Officer's Report - Vera Thomas

Vera and JJ will do CPR training sometime during the last two weeks of January.

Dive Reports -

** Billy Schofield and his grandson, Brandon, did two days of diving off Key Largo, Florida a few weeks ago. They dove from the HMS Minnow dive charter. The boat is a "six pack". They dove on the WW II shipwreck, Benwood and on Pickles Reef. They got one lobster to the boat. They also dove the boat Captain's "secret" lobster spots. Found out the lobsters had their secret spots to.*

** Mark Vogel dove the Xcalak/Chinchorro Bank off Mexico. These are closeup dives with American Crocodiles. To see Mark's photographs, go to our club webpage.*

** Ed Fite and Howard Feingold dove in Black Creek. Howard found out real fast why they named it "Black" creek. Ed found an old metal "stirrup" from a horse saddle.*

** Doc and Martha Smyk dove Blue Heron Bridge. Doc said they dove at low tide and the current wasn't very strong. They also drove to Key West and snorkeled at different locations. The girls are snorkeling now and really have an interest in what they see and fossils. Snorkeling, they all saw lots of sea*

life; rays, nurse sharks, an octopus and fish. On a separate trip they went to Venice Beach. They found 100's of small shark teeth.

Diver Profile - Rick Reckert will be our next speaker at the October meeting. He'll tell us about his diving back ground.

Dippy Diver Award - August's winner was Monster Molyneux for not recognizing our dive group, when he and Annette caught up with us underwater. Even though we were the only dive boat in the area.

Coprolite Diver Award - Awarded to Howard Feingold for leaving his dive buddy, Ed Fite, while diving in Black Creek. Ed said, "I only saw Howard as I was going down and he was coming up!" Congratulations Howard!



Bermuda



Quiescence Dive Charter Key Largo



Key Largo

Glen Akins took these photographs recently, while snorkeling off "Sea Glass" Beach, Bermuda. There's an amazing amount of "Sea Glass" on the bottom and on the beach. It's from trash discarded off the beach by the British Royal Navy Dockyard over the last 300 years. Like the saying goes, "One man's trash is another's treasure." Bottom right photo is a concrete and sea glass serpent made by local children.



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Raffle Drawing Winners -

Divers' Supply \$35 Gift Certificate - Mitch Maxson

New Design Club T Shirt - Keith Turner

Old Design Club T Shirt - Monster Molyneux

Ball Cap - Glen Akins

Dry Bag - Kim

Mesh Bag - Bill Davis

Members present at the September meeting:

Glen Akins, Evan Ball, Ed Fite, Marshall Gross, Carol Hughes, Art LaRue, Monster and Annette Molyneux, Mitch and Kathy Maxson, Doc Smyk and Vera Thomas.

Visitors - Keith Turner, Bill Davis and his friend Kim. Welcome to the Dive Club.

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 4 October at the Mandarin Golden Corral, 7:00 p.m. (club annual officer nominations)

1 November meeting (officer elections)

Next **Executive Board Meeting** will be at 6:30 p.m., 20 September at the Bob Evans restaurant in Mandarin. All club members are welcome to attend.

SCUBA DIVING FACTS

- While official statistics of SCUBA diving lists barotrarrumatic injuries as the number one injury, in reality, broken fingers and toes are more common. Be careful climbing up those boat ladders and dropping air tanks and weights.
- The modern wetsuit was invented in 1952 by Hugh Brandner. O'Neill was the first successful manufacturer.
- Spit does keep your mask from fogging, because it coats your mask lens with a layer too smooth for the condensed vapor to hold on to. Baby shampoo or detergent will do the same trick and your dive buddy will appreciate it better than you spitting in his or her mask.
- Every year over 70 unprovoked shark attacks are reported worldwide. We get even though, about 30 million sharks are killed each year by humans.
- Worldwide, approximately 90 SCUBA divers die each year in SCUBA diving related accidents.