




Illinois Council of Skin and SCUBA Divers, Inc

is a state-wide coalition of skin and scuba diving clubs and individuals with interests in the sport of skin and/or scuba diving or interest in the prudent preservation and conservation of our marine environment.

March, 2020

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

 Due to the current National Emergency our monthly meeting will be held as a conference call. We are also postponing our annual Underwater Competition. We trying to keep everyone healthy. We will decide about the April meeting inn a couple of weeks. Everyone stay well,

Wishing You Safe Diving,
Chuck Miller

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DAN DIVE ACCIDENT INSURANCE

In last month's article, "The Ins and Outs of Trip Insurance," we erroneously confused dive trip insurance with dive accident insurance . DAN's dive trip insurance does indeed cover those 70 and older . Rachele Deal of DAN now tells us it "offers dive accident insurance coverage options for divers of over 70 years-of-age in all states (with the exceptions of Vermont and Washington) . Plus, the Guardian Plan is still available for those of 70 years and older in 39 states.

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"GBR IS DOWN TO THE WIRE"

Australia's Great Barrier Reef could be heading for a third major coral bleaching outbreak in the space of five years if high ocean temperatures in the region do not drop in the next few weeks, says Prof . Terry Hughes, director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies at James Cook University. Heat stress is already building across the world's biggest reef system, with reports of patchy bleaching already occurring. But a major widespread event is yet to take place.

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CHECK OUT THE POSTINGS PAGE

There are new postings – be sure to check them out. Visit: <http://www.illinoisscubacouncil.org/> and click to open the **POSTINGS** section on the left side. Be sure to also look for recent event photos, such as the Underwater Competition, Pumpkin Carving or Underwater Beach Clean-Up. Also posted there are our newsletters so if you want to revisit something you read in an earlier edition you can do so easily. There is also our up-to-date Calendar of Events so if you are planning to dive or otherwise participate in a Council activity you will always have the latest information at your fingertips. Check it out!

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2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

Meetings: Usually third Thursday of every month is the Illinois Council Business Meeting. Until further notice all will be held at Mr. Beef and Pizza in Mount Prospect. Exit I-90 (Northwest Tollway) at Elmhurst Road (Illinois 83) northbound. Go north 2 lights. Meetings begin promptly at **7:30 PM (Note time change)**. Directions can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

February 20	March 19- Conf Call	April 16	May 21
June 18	July 16	August 20	September 17
October	November	December*	*No meeting

POSTPONED UNDERWATER COMPETITION - Elk Grove Pavilion Pool

At the Elk Grove Pavilion Pool Aquatic Center, 1000 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove, IL. Check-in will start at 11AM and the events will start promptly at 12 noon. Relay races, puzzle building, tricycle races all done on or under the water. Come on out for the fun!!!

September 19 INTERNATIONAL BEACH CLEANUP - Greenwood Beach, Evanston

This annual event is the world's largest one-day volunteer effort to clean up the aquatic environment. The event is coordinated by Ocean Conservancy and Project Aware. Divers see first-hand the effects of harmful debris. Without dive volunteers thousands of pounds of trash would remain "out of sight, out of mind."


October 4 PUMPKIN CARVING DIVE - Haigh Quarry, Kankakee

Annual underwater pumpkin carving - show off your creativity and your buoyancy control, pumpkins are very, very buoyant. Can you do it? Come see the bobbing pumpkins.

October 24 PRESIDENTS' NIGHT - Location TBD

Annual dinner and awards presented to the Club, Diver & Humanitarian of the Year. We will be collecting Toys for Tots to help ensure that underprivileged kids receive a toy for the Holidays. Fantastic raffle throughout the evening featuring trips, gear & more! This is always a fun evening and most go home with a prize!!

November 10 BOARD BUDGET MEETING - Mr. Beef & Pizza, Mt. Prospect.

 Any comments or items you would like to include in the next newsletter send to the editor, Pam Romund, 730 Creekside Dr. #210, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 or promund@gmail.com. Deadline is **April 2, 2020**.

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The two articles below are reprinted from Undercurrent Online, March, 2020

JELLYFISH MUCUS FOUND TO BE A CAUSE OF SEA ITCH

Thimble jellyfish, the tentacles of Portuguese Men-of-War: the seas seem full of stuff that hurts . Sometimes you don't get to see what stings you . At least one culprit for stinging water, that irritating phenomenon often encountered by divers in tropical waters, has been discovered to be the invisible mucus of Cassiopeia xamachana, a jellyfish that spends its time hanging upside-down . After years of research, scientists led by Cheryl Ames, a marine biologist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, found the answer right under their noses . It's a malicious mucus emitted by the jellyfish shot into the surrounding water . You can get stung just if you get near . One of the best protections for a diver fully clad in a wetsuit is to grow a beard . Ladies need not try

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CLIVE CUSSLER PASSES

The prolific and popular author of adventure novels featuring the recurring hero Dirk Pitt, has passed at the age of 88 . Dirk Pitt was a marine engineer with a government agency, an ocean-going version of James Bond and Cussler's third novel, Raise the Titanic! established the popularity of his genre of writing . His books are easy reading for those on dive trips .

ICSSD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2020

CLUBS AND PEOPLE PRESENT:

People	Club
*Claire Gadbois	UASC, CSM, Atlantis
*Scott Reimer	UASC, Tritons, CASA, CSM

(Note: * denotes Board member.)

CLUBS NOT PRESENT: Diveheart

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Claire Gadbois reported a treasury balance of \$4,136.17. Diveheart, CASA, UASC, and the Tritons have all paid their 2020 dues. Claire gave Scott Reimer bank account update forms for Chuck and Margo Miller and Dean Nolan to sign. (The papers have all been signed and have been turned into the bank. The treasurer has copies.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

WAVE FILM FESTIVAL-----Feb. 29, 2020

Columbia College Downtown

UNDERWATER COMPETITION----- March 22, 2020 Elk Grove Pavilion

Claire reported that she mailed out the check for the Underwater Competition on February 4th. (The check has since cleared.)

INTERNATIONAL BEACH CLEANUP----- Sep 19, 2020

Greenwood Beach, Evanston.

PUMPKIN CARVING DIVE-----Oct 4, 2020 Haigh Quarry

Claire said she would check with Atlantis and see if they will help run it again.

PRESIDENTS' NIGHT-----Oct. 17, 2020

BOARD BUDGET MEETING-----Nov. 10, 2020 Mr. Beef & Pizza, Mt. Prospect.

DIVE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (DCAC) REPORTS:

Fund Raisers:

Claire Gadbois gave Scott Reimer some items to give to Chuck and Margo for raffle prizes .

NEW BUSINESS: Claire Gadbois said she wouldn't be able to make the March meeting, but that she would furnish an up-to-date treasurer's report.

CLUB REPORTS:

Diveheart:

Go to www.diveheart.org for a full list of events, places and times.

Tritons:

Meetings 4th Tuesdays, 7:30pm, **(New Location)** Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Street, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines, IL.

03/15/2020----- Candy Making.

03/24/2020----- Business Meeting, Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Des Plaines 7:30 p.m.

04/04/2020-----Dinner and Show - Into the Woods.

04/28/2020----- Business Meeting, Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Des Plaines 7:30 p.m.

Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago:

Meetings on the last Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Chicago Maritime Society Headquarters, 1200 W. 35th St, Suite OE 5010, free parking in back, enter back door & down the stairs.

Special Thursday night charters for research purposes.

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for their support of the Illinois Council!

BELOW H20

554 S. Route 59
Naperville, IL 60540
630-820-2531

CHICAGOLAND SCUBA

890A South Rand Road
Lake Zurich, IL 60047
847-540-7211

DIVE CHICAGO CHARTERS

586 E Waldron Dr
Chicago, IL
312-922-5090

DIVE RIGHT IN SCUBA

24222 W. Lockport St.
Plainfield, IL 60544
815-267-8400

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF DIVING

245 W. Roosevelt Road, Bldg 2 Ste 8
West Chicago, IL 60185
800-469-3483

PIRATE'S COVE DIVING

1103 West Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-482-1430

SCUBA SENSATIONS

2475 W. Pratt Blvd
Chicago, IL 60645
312-404-7785

BERRY DIVE CENTER

200 Northfield Road
Northfield, IL 60093
847-827-3100

DD DIVE SHOP

552 E. Northwest Hwy
Palatine, IL 60074
847-657-3483

DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER

9301 W. Ogden Avenue
Brookfield, IL 60513
708-442-4388

HAIGH QUARRY

2738 E 2000 North Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
815-939-7797

PEARL LAKE RESORT

Highway 251
South Beloit, IL 61080
815-389-1479

SCUBA EMPORIUM

16336 S. 104th Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60467
708-226-1614

TOUCAN DIVE CENTER

756 Frontage Road
Lake Villa, IL 60046
847-356-7826

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

611 N. Addison Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181
630-833-8383

COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

**Ongoing
Community
Service**

Toys for Tots – New Toys, non-violent, not gift wrapped and no stuffed animals
Council member clubs collect Toys for Tots throughout the year. We present them to the
U.S. Marine Reserve at the annual Presidents' Night Dinner. Ask your Membership bring a
new toy to an event – an easy way to collect a lot of toys for a worthy cause.

Pop-Top Pull Tab Collection

The clubs collect the pop-top pull tabs from aluminum cans. The tops are donated to the five Ronald
McDonald Houses in the Chicagoland area. The homes provide a supportive residence for families
while their child is being treated at a nearby hospital. The proceeds from the tabs go to the wish list
for the Houses.

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Check Out Our Website

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Directions

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