



# 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.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

 We are continuing our conference call/Zoom meetings. We are conducting a few outdoor events. The Clean Up Dive held October 2 at Greenwood Beach in Evanston. The lake was too rough to allow diving so we concentrated on the park. Many thanks to everyone who came out and volunteered their time.

The Underwater Pumpkin Carving will be held this Saturday, October 9, see the ad below for all the information. Remember to bring a couple of extra pounds of weight to hold down your pumpkin.

Everyone stay well.

Wishing You Safe Diving,  
Chuck Miller

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**UnderWater PUMPKIN Carving**  
**Saturday, October 9, 2021**  
**Haigh Quarry, Kankakee, \*IL 10:30 AM Start**

Quarry entrance fee is \$20.00 per Diver  
(Please - No pets or non-diving children under the age of 12)

**Illinois Council of Skin & Scuba Divers invite you to join them to join them for a fun filled day of Diving, Picnicking, and Underwater Pumpkin Carving**

Come enjoy a relaxing day at Haigh Quarry, "The Caribbean of the Midwest." Let your imagination run wild - Try your hand at Underwater Pumpkin Carving!

**Prizes will be awarded** based on the number of votes received from attendees (Divers and Non-Divers may vote). After carving your pumpkin, simply place on the judging table no later than 1:00. Judging will take place at 1:30 P.M.

**Pumpkins will be provided courtesy of Haigh Quarry** (or bring your own.) Don't forget tools to carve your pumpkins. If you are going to picnic, bring a dish to share and your non-alcoholic beverage of choice, we will have plenty of water on hand. You will need to bring a complete set of dive equipment (rentals are available. Contact Haigh for reservations.) Also be sure to bring your certification card. [www.haighquarry.com](http://www.haighquarry.com)

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# ICSSD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## General Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2021

### CLUBS AND PEOPLE PRESENT:

People	Clubs
*Margo Miller	Tritons, CASA, UASC
*Claire Gadbois	UASC, CSM
*Scott Reimer	UASC, CASA, Tritons, CSM
*Dean Nolan	UASC, CSM

(Note: \* denotes Board member.)

**CLUBS NOT PRESENT:** Windy City Seals

**NOTE:** This meeting was a virtual.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Claire Gadbois reported a balance of \$4613.44.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**INTERNATIONAL BEACH CLEANUP**-----September 18, 2021 Greenwood Beach

**PUMPKIN CARVING**-----October 9, 2021, Haigh Quarry

Members of former Atlantis Divers will help out.

The Council decided to cancel Presidents' Night for this year due to last year's lack of diving due to Covid. This would present difficulty in presenting awards.

**These events are tentative, depending on Covid-19 situation.**

### CLUB REPORTS:

#### *Tritons:*

Meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7:30pm. Club Casa, 353 North River Road, Des Plaines

September 18-----International Beach Cleanup

Greenwood Beach, Evanston

October 2-----Lake Geneva Dive

October 26-----Business Meeting

November 23-----Business Meeting

December 4-----Holiday Party, Creekside Condos,

725 Creekside Drive, Mt. Prospect

#### *Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago:*

Meetings on the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 social, 7:00pm meeting, 8:00 Speaker on Zoom the September meeting will be at Chief O'Neill's at 3471 North Elston

**THE NEXT ICSSD GENERAL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL ON OCTOBER 21 7:00 P.M.**

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## 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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## **COVID PATIENTS ARE FILLING HYPERBARIC FACILITIES**

The pandemic is affecting the safety of scuba divers.

You see, hyperbaric chambers from New Orleans to Tampa are filled with COVID-19 patients fighting for their lives, a preponderance of whom refused to get vaccinated, so many chamber operators will not accept injured divers.

Three medical facilities in Mississippi and Florida have stopped offering emergency hyperbaric services to divers in recent weeks due to the influx of COVID patients. A diver suffering DCS may need to travel to northwest Florida, Houston, or even North Carolina, taking up to 24 hours by road. The Wound Care and Hyperbaric Program director at Springhill Medical ICU says that about 50 diving injuries – one a week -- are reported every year in the Central Gulf Coast.

So, fellow divers, exercise more caution when diving and persuade your unvaccinated friends to get jabbed and save a diver's life

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## **EUROPE LEADS THE WAY IN DIVE SAFETY**

The Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment is an international program launched in 2018 and led by several DAN organizations around the world, with the goal to significantly increase the safety standards of diving operations, while reducing fatalities and preventing injuries. The first DAN HITA Excellence in Dive Safety Award has gone to the Swiss Lifesaving Society (SSS Lugano Section).

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## **OLD NEWS IS STILL NEWS**

You may have already forgotten about Hurricane Dorian that swept through part of the Bahamas two years ago, but much of the destruction in the Abaco chain of islands is still very much in evidence. It may be years before all repairs are made and the island is good again.

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## **THE RULERS OF DUBAI ARE COMPETITIVE**

Not content with having the world's tallest building, world's largest mall, and a host of other forward-thinking ventures that include flying taxis and fire-fighters with jetpacks, Dubai has now opened the deepest swimming pool in the world. Deep Dive Dubai takes underwater explorers to depths of 196 feet) where they can enjoy the make-believe relics of an abandoned sunken city. Located in Nad Al Sheba, 15 minutes from downtown Dubai, Deep Dive Dubai is a freshwater pool filled with 3.7 million gallons of water warmed to a balmy 86°F. The depth puts Deep Dive Dubai well ahead of the current deepest pool in the world, the 147-foot Deepspot in Poland, and even ahead of the 164-foot Blue Abyss under construction in the U.K.

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