



# 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.

**February, 2019**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

 We have survived the polar vortex, it was brutal but hopefully the worst is behind us. Time now to turn our thoughts to the upcoming diving season and no better way that to check out all the exhibits, seminars, equipment, films, cameras, books and more at Our World Underwater at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare. This is the midwest's largest consumer dive show. Make your plans now to attend.

Wishing You Safe Diving, Chuck Miller

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## **OUR WORLD UNDERWATER 2019 FEBRUARY 16th – 17th CHICAGO MARRIOTT O'HARE**

8535 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631

OWU runs 2 days offering informative Workshops, Seminars & Exhibitors from all over the world. There are seminars on wreck diving, photography, videography, editing, dive medicine, dive resorts. For more information, to purchase tickets for the show or register for the workshops go to:

[www.ourworldunderwater.com](http://www.ourworldunderwater.com)

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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!

# 2019 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 21	March 21	April 18	May 16	June 20
July 18	August 15	September 19	October*	November 21
December*	*No meeting			

**February 16-17** **OUR WORLD UNDERWATER** - Marriott Chicago O'Hare, 8535 West Higgins Road, Chicago, 11L  
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**March 2** **GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECK FESTIVAL** – 4800 E Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
 The Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival is a annual program held in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The show opens at 830am and runs till 5pm. With an exhibition hall and 2 presentation halls giving hour long talks about various topics. Tickets: [www.greatlakeshipwreckfestival.org](http://www.greatlakeshipwreckfestival.org)

**March TBD** **UNDERWATER COMPETITION** - Elk Grove Pavilion, Elk Grove Village.  
 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 21** **INTERNATIONAL BEACH CLEAN-UP DAY** – Location TBD  
 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 TBD** **Pumpkin Carving Dive** - Haigh Quarry, Kankakee, IL  
 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. The event will be hosted by Atlantis Divers.

**October TBD** **PRESIDENTS; NIGHT** - Mack's Golden Pheasant Restaurant, 668 W. North Ave, Elmhurst  
 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!!

 Any comments or items you would like to include in the next newsletter send to the editor, Pam Romund, 1031 N. Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068 or [promund@gmail.com](mailto:promund@gmail.com). Deadline is **March 1, 2019**.

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## ICSSD General Meeting Minutes

The January meeting minutes were not available at press time. The newsletter is being issued early duer to the vacation plans of the editor,. Hope to see you at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting .

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## CONDOLENCES

I am saddened to report the passing of Chuck Miler's daughter, Karen Mudd, age 43. She had been ill for some time and had been undergoing dialysis. If you would care to send a note to Chuck and Margo their address: Chuck & Margo Miller, 214 N Olbrich Rd, Harvard. IL 60033

***THANK YOU*** to the following businesses  
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

**SEA LION DIVE CENTER**

422 Springsouth Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60193  
630-289-1680

**BERRY DIVE CENTER**

3042 N. Milwaukee  
Northbrook, IL  
847-358-3848

**DD DIVE SHOP**

1039 Waukegan Road  
Glenview, IL 60025  
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

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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.

*February, 2019*  
*News from ICSSD*  
***The Illinois Council of SCUBA Diving Clubs***  
*P. O. Box 6602*  
*Villa Park, IL 60181*

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# Directions

The next regular business meeting will be held **February 21, 2019** at **7:30 PM** at **Mr. Beef and Pizza**. Directions to Mr. Beef and Pizza: Exit I-90 (Northwest Tollway) at Elmhurst Road (Illinois 83) northbound. Go north 2 lights. Mr. Beef is located just north of the intersection of Algonquin Road and Elmhurst Road on the left side. Hope to see everyone there!

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