



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Tritons, I would like to thank Diana, Randy, Renee and Pam for an excellent anniversary party. It took a lot of work and time to put it together on short notice, and they gave freely of both.

I would you to read the following passage, and think about your relationship to the club

I know that all of you will be saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valuable acquaintances—**Someone Else**. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.

Our friend had been with us for many years, and for every one of those years, Someone did more than the normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was called for, this wonderful individual was looked to for inspiration as well as results.

Whenever there was a job to do, a problem to tackle, a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips. "Let Someone Else do it," everybody would say. It was common knowledge that whenever the need arose, Someone Else was one of the biggest contributors of time, spirit, self, and resources. Whatever the shortfall, everyone assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference. Someone Else was an extraordinary person, almost superhuman. But a person can only do so much.

Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else. Someone set a wonderful example for us to follow. But now, Someone is gone.

Who is going to do all the things we expected Someone Else to do? We can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

Can we depend on you? There are spots in our calendar that are still empty. Are you willing to fill them?

Safe diving, Steve

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

April, 2009

Up for vote at the April meeting:

Jan O'Malley

Bonaire Dive – Ed Littel

Bonaire Dive - Dave O'Malley

4 Meetings and Social Events

No new members to report this month. Our membership is:

72 full members

10 associate members

TOTAL 82 members

Adolph Habich- Membership Committee

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## DEADLINE CHANGE

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The deadline for the May issue of the newsletter will be earlier due to the vacation of the editor. I must receive all materials **no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, May 11.**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Steve Leibovitz

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## TRITON 2009 EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>April, 2009</b>		
Tuesday, 4/28	Business Meeting –Bon Bini BonairePresentation	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 8:00 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
<b>May, 2009</b>		
<b>*Saturday, 5/3</b>	Comedy Club Nite	Renee Tobias - cansculpt@ameritech.net
<b>*Monday, 5/11</b>	<b>Early</b> Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Sunday, 5/17	Season Opener – Haigh Quarry Dive/Picnic	Scott Reimer streimer@interaccess.com
Monday, 5/25	Memorial Day Bike, Walk and Eat	Milt & Margy Levenberg ( <a href="mailto:milspec@comcast.net">milspec@comcast.net</a> ) or 847-680-1223 (Margy home) 847-858-1271 (Milt cell phone)
Tuesday, 5/26	Business Meeting – Video Presentation	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 8:00 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
<b>June, 2009</b>		
Tuesday, 6/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Sat/Sun 6/13-14	Training Weeked, Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL	Pearl Lake – Board of Education
Saturday 6/13	Quarry Dive and Picnic Pearl Lake, South Beloit	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a> 10:00 AM
<b>*Sunday, 6/14</b>	Frontera Farmers Market & Tasting, Chicago	Rosana Vemmer (rvmexicana@hotmail.com), Lourdes Alonso ( <a href="mailto:lalonso@stepan.com">lalonso@stepan.com</a> )
Tuesday, 6/23	OPEN HOUSE – Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 8:00 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Sunday, 6/28	Dive Charter - Chicago	<b>Needs TIC</b>
<b>July, 2009</b>		
Friday, 7/3 to Monday, 7/6	Florida Dive Trip	Jim Hynan jim.hynan@occ.treas.gov
Tuesday, 7/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Saturday, 7/18	Milwaukee Area Dive	<b>Needs TIC</b>
<b>*Sunday, 7/26</b>	Jim Haigh Memorial Dive – Haigh Quarry	<b>Needs TIC</b>
Tuesday, 7/28	Business Meeting – Presentation Mountain in the Sea (Cocos Island)	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 8:00 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
<b>August, 2009</b>		
Saturday, 8/1-2	Training Weeked, Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL	Pearl Lake – Board of Education
Sunday, 8/2	Howard/Etherton Day Pearl Lake, South Beloit	Board of Education, Contact Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Tuesday, 8/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or <a href="mailto:promund@kraft.com">promund@kraft.com</a>
Sunday, 8/16	Waukegan Area Charter	<b>Needs TIC</b>
Tuesday, 8/25	Business Meeting – Live Presentation - TBD	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 8:00 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

**\*Denotes Date Change**

We have immediate openings for a few TICs, no experience necessary. Please contact Dave Vemmer if you are interested in running an event. We need to get TICs for all the events on the calendar. Thanks!

**ENJOY A NIGHT AT THE IMPROV  
IN SCHAUMBURG WITH MITCH FATEL  
SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
DINNER AT 5:30, SHOW STARTS @7:00 PM  
847-240-2001**

Once again we will be meeting at the Improv in Schaumburg for dinner and a comedy show:

For \$35.60 a person you will get:

- Your choice of cheeseburger, chicken sandwich, or chicken tenders. All come with a tossed salad and dressing and fries. The price includes tax and gratuity.
- The show featuring Mitch Fatel\*\*.
- Pre-reserved, preferred seating with no wait in line.

What is not included:

- Your beverages. All beverages are additional.
- The normal \$2.50 service charge per ticket is waived.
- A 2 drink minimum per order is also waived.

I will need payment by the April meeting. We must submit our final count no later than a week before the event. We are trying to get a minimum of 16 people.

**The Improv is located inside Woodfield Mall in the upper level parking lot between Sears and Lord & Taylor, right next to the Texas De Brazil Steak House. Valet parking is available to the east of the Improv Entrance. Last year finding a parking place took some time. Please allow a little extra time.**

**\*\*There may be some R-Rated material in this show.**

If you are not familiar with Mitch Fatel's work go to either of these for a sneak peek

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZtBI8Pga9I&feature=related>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8N7FpwigNCo&feature=related>



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## **FILIPINOS CATCH, EAT RARE SHARK**

MANILA (AP) — Fishermen in the Philippines accidentally caught and later ate a megamouth shark, one of the rarest fishes in the world. The 13-foot-long (4-meter-long) megamouth shark (pictured), caught on March 30 by mackerel fishers off the city of Donsol, was only the 41st megamouth shark ever found, according to WWF-Philippines. The 1,100-pound 13-foot megamouth died while struggling in the fishermen's net on March 30 off Burias island in the central Philippines. It was taken to nearby Donsol in Sorsogon province, where it was butchered and eaten, said Gregg Yan, spokesman for WWF-Philippines. The megamouth shark species, discovered in 1976 off Oahu, Hawaii, was so bizarre that scientists had to create a new family and genus to classify it. With its giant mouth but tiny teeth, megamouth, like the whale shark, is a filter feeder that preys on tiny animals and appears to be no danger to humans.

Go to: <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news> for more info

# MEMORIAL DAY BIKE RIDE ON MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009

MEET AT MILT & MARGY'S HOUSE AT **10 AM FOR DONUTS**

Join the Tritons for a bicycle ride, walk, or just lots of food.  
Bring your bicycle or feet, \$5 and a dish to share.  
We will take a short drive to access the Des Plaines River Trail,  
a great, crushed-gravel bike and hike trail.

Address, phone, & directions for  
Milt and Margy Levenberg's house:

31057 Prairie Ridge Road, Libertyville (really it's Green Oaks)  
847-680-1223 (Margy at home) 847-858-1271 (Milt on cell phone)



**I-294 North to I-94 North to Route 137**  
**(turn left/west on Buckley Road)**

to O'Plaine Road (turn right/north) to Guerin Road (turn left/west)  
to Prairie Ridge Road (turn right/north). Veer left on the circle  
to 31057 on the left. Park only on the left side of the street.  
<http://wizardcraft.net/map-to-levenberg.html>

Bring a cell phone or walkie-talkie to communicate on the trail.

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Many thanks to Chuck Miller for sending this to our attention. Excerpted from the Florida Keys News, Monday, 4/20.

## VANDENBERG HAS LEFT NORFOLK FOR THE KEYS

The 522 foot *General Hoyt S. Vandenberg*, is underway and heading down the eastern seaboard heading to Key West, where the former military ship is to be scuttled. This ship is expected to arrive in Key West sometime between Thursday evening and Saturday, depending on wind and sea conditions. A team will sink the ship about 5 miles off of Key West creating a habitat for marine life and a fishing, diving and snorkeling site.

The ship will be anchored at East Quay Wall at the Truman Waterfront upon arrival but must be on the ocean floor by the start of the hurricane season, June 1.

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## APRIL BUSINESS MEETING *Bon Bini Bonaire*

Back by popular demand it will be the Al and Dan show. Those of you attending the January Business meeting were privileged to see Images of Sulawesi (and Bali) given by our own Al Krenz and Dan Balsam. It was a knockout presentation; they covered the landmarks, the culture as well as the diving – fantastic photos and a chance to learn more about the area. Well, they are going to do it again, this time presenting images of the Club's recent trip to Bonaire, **Bon Bini Bonaire** (Welcome to Bonaire). Come on out!

## **2009 WARM WATER TRIP TO BONAIRE**

Great diving, friends, accommodations and food! Nothing else really needs to be said but I'm going to say something anyway.

Our merry band departed from Chicago on Friday afternoon March 6<sup>th</sup> for any overnight flight that would land us in Bonaire at 6 AM the next morning. The flights were uneventful with the exception of a passenger assaulting a flight attendant before take off from O'Hare and being forcibly removed from the plane. And, no it was not one of us.

We arrived in Bonaire to a partly cloudy but beautifully warm new day. After eventually finding all of our luggage and clearing customs, we were driven to our waiting rooms at the Plaza Resort. The Plaza is a wonderful resort with a big private beach and great accommodations. After settling in and unpacking our gear we enjoyed our first breakfast and lunch then headed to the dive shop for our orientation. The orientation was followed by a check out shore dive from the beach and then a nice restful afternoon and evening.

What followed was 5 days of terrific diving from our own private dive boat. We had a total of 18 divers and 1 non-diver in the group. If we weren't diving, we were enjoying the amenities of the resort or exploring the island. The corals and sea life were outstanding. If you want to hear more, be sure to be at the next meeting when this trip will be the entertainment for the evening. We had no trouble finding some great restaurants both at the resort and in the nearby town of Kralendijk. And, every evening the resort had some kind of activity going on at the bar by the beach.

Sadly, like all good things, this trip too came to an end. As we headed home, we began to think about next year and perhaps coming back here again one day soon. We all hope you will be able to join us for our next trip. Watch the Trib for the date and place.

Enjoy this picture from the trip and good diving to all.

Randy Skiba



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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Kudos to Teresa Byrne on being awarded one of the 2009 Sodexo Heroes of Everyday Life! award. This award recognizes Teresa for her dedication in fighting hunger and poverty in her community. Teresa will be traveling (all expenses paid) to Washington, DC for the awards ceremony, June 4. Way to go Teresa!!

# CHOCOLATE TOUR

Saturday, April 18, a picture perfect day to walk the streets of the Mag Mile. – a bit sunny and 70 degrees. We gathered at the 900 N. Michigan building and introduced ourselves to the rest of the group, most of the others from the south side but one couple from Urbana. We then set off on our adventure. In addition to the sharing their knowledge on the finest chocolates the tour guides also gave us a bit of history and some architectural tidbits on some of the buildings in the area.

First stop was Teuscher Chocolates on the fifth floor. They are known for their champagne truffles – if you ever get the chance try them - absolutely delicious! We then headed out and over to MORE. This is a place that sells only cupcakes. We sampled two mini cupcakes – chocolate and vanilla, yummy! They also featured Brie, Foie Gras and other savory flavors but none of us wanted to come off the chocolate and sugar high we were enjoying.

The next stop was at Sarah’s Pastries and Candies for a sample of their specialty – caramelized almonds, pistachios, crushed wafers and chow mien noodles covered in either milk or dark chocolate. Could this be considered somewhat healthy with the nuts and noodles, perhaps not. . . but wonderful! If you get to Sarah’s check out the wedding cake photos, amazing what can be done with cake, fondant and sugar.

We then headed over to Water Tower Place to check out the Lindt and Frango Mint stores. At each place we were given samples to try and told a bit about the business and their history. And even a couple of specials if we wanted to purchase anything.

We left Water Tower, walking past both the Hershey and Ghirardelli stores to the Argo Tea Shop. We finished up with chocolate croissants and chocolate mint tea.

One would think by then end of the tour we would be done with chocolate for the day. However as we walked back toward our car we again passed the Hershey store and decided to stop in – of course Hershey’s chocolate and Reese’s Peanut Butter Candy in every shape and form as well as Twizzlers, Kit Kat and many more

We concluded the day by heading back out to the burbs and having a wonderful dinner at Johnny’s Kitchen and Tap, in Glenview - great food! Many thanks to Angi “chauffeur” McKeon, our navigator Dave “I got lucky!” O’Malley and Jan O’Malley for being an excellent back seat partner. We all said it was just a wonderful day and so much fun!

TIC: Pam Romund

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

General elections were held at the March Business Meeting. The following were elected to serve on the Board for a term of 2 years:

**Vice President** - Randy Skiba

**Treasurer** – David Gross

**Director** - Renee Tobias

We thank everyone for their cooperation and willingness to serve on the board. We could not have done it without you – your participation in the process is appreciated.

### Nominating Committee Members

Margy Levenberg, Dave Vemmer and Lourdes Alonso

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## NEW CERTIFICATION CARD FOR CONSERVATION

Cast your vote for the next Project AWARE version of the PADI certification card. The most popular vote getter will be featured as the 2010 limited edition card and become a central fundraiser for global conservation projects. Divers and PADI Professionals can receive the Project AWARE version of their certification card with a minimum donation toward underwater conservation. Simply indicate how likely you are to choose the images for your next certification or replacement card. There are many choices, make your voice heard. Go to: [www.projectaware.com](http://www.projectaware.com)

# TRITON 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY

April 4, 2009

This year the Tritons celebrated our 52<sup>nd</sup> year as an established scuba club. To honor this achievement, a group of 36 members and guests met at the condo association clubhouse of Renee Tobias. This event was a group effort put together by Renee Tobias, Pam Romund, Dave O'Malley, Diana and myself.

Since we had decided on a low key get together, we decided on a simple buffet style dinner before the traditional ceremonies presenting the social and dive event of the year and the ever prestigious Triton of the Year awards. After an hour of hors d'oeuvres and socializing, we sat down to a dinner of salad, Italian beef, fried chicken, mostaccioli and other goodies. We followed this up with a selection of desert items to tempt one and all.

The main focus of the evening was of course the presentation of the above mentioned awards. The winners were Jim Hynan and Steve Leibovitz for Event of the Year – Willie Dive and the Etherton Plaque Rededication; Milt and Margie Levenberg for Social Event of the Year, Bike, Walk and Eat! And, a well deserved Triton of the Year to Adolph Habich. Congratulations to all of the recipients.

My thanks to all who helped put this together and clean up afterwards and to all who attended and made all the work worthwhile. I hope to see more of your at next year's party.

TIC: Randy Skiba

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## CAPTION CONTEST IS BACK!!



A great way to being the dive season - by putting captions under a dive related photo!

This picture was taken on the recent trip to Bonaire. It is a picture of the Prez at the back of the dive boat.

Think you have a clever caption for the picture? Send it on to the editor:

Pam Romund  
[promund@kraft.com](mailto:promund@kraft.com)

or to:  
1031 N. Northwest Hwy  
Park Ridge, IL 60068

The top three captions (as determined by the judges) will win a fantastic prize!

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## PEARL LAKE DIVE AND PICNIC

Saturday, June 13

Come one, come all. Get those winter kinks out and enjoy Pearl. Have that new piece of gear you want to try or maybe an older piece that just was repaired? Come out to the Lake and enjoy the day, lots to eat and drink and friends to say hi! Time - be there by 10 to dive or 12:30 to eat. TIC: Pam Romund

Many thanks to John Stepien for sending this one to our attention. Reprinted from:  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/bangladesh/5091797/Thousands-of-rare-Irrawaddy-dolphins-found.html>

## **THOUSANDS OF RARE IRRAWADDY DOLPHINS FOUND**

Thousands of rare dolphins have been found in Bangladeshi waters, a wildlife advocacy group said on Wednesday, with a warning that the mammals were threatened by climate change and fishing nets.

Nearly 6,000 Irrawaddy dolphins, which are related to orcas or killer whales, were found living in freshwater regions of Bangladesh's Sundarbans mangrove forest and the adjacent waters of the Bay of Bengal, the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society said.

Prior to this study – which the Wildlife Conservation Society news release said used rigorous scientific techniques – the largest known populations of Irrawaddy dolphins numbered in the low hundreds or less.

The news release did not say when the study was conducted but Bangladeshi researchers in the team said it was launched in 2004.

"This discovery gives us great hope that there is a future for Irrawaddy dolphins," said Brian D. Smith, the study's lead author. "Bangladesh clearly serves as an important sanctuary for Irrawaddy dolphins, and conservation in this region should be a top priority."

Ainun Nishat, the Bangladesh head of International Union for Conservation of Nature, said the finding was an indication that "ecology in the area is not dead yet."

"There is plenty of food, mainly fish, in the area for the dolphins to eat," said Nishat, who was not involved in the study. "What is now needed is to restrict fishing in the area to protect the dolphins."



The study also warned that the dolphins are becoming increasingly threatened by accidental entanglement in fishing nets. During the study, researchers encountered two dolphins that had become entangled and subsequently drowned in fishing nets – a common occurrence, according to local fishermen.

Rising sea levels caused by climate change also threaten the freshwater dolphins, the researchers said.

The discovery of nearly 6000 of Irrawaddy dolphins gives the species great hope for the future

Photo: EPA

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## **CHICAGO INDOOR RACING**

On March 28, the Tritons decided to pursue again high speed adventures. Five courageous drivers participated this time. This year Jon Kitts lead the group, with the exception of one non-Triton extra driver who drove like crazy (we suspect it's one of those people who go there daily). Steve Leibovitz found that the Formula One attire is not as comfortable as a dry suit. After the races, a group of eight talkative Tritons went to enjoy good food at George What's Cooking? in Deerfield.

TIC: Lourdes Alanso

Many thanks to Lynn Funkhouser for sending this one our way. Copyright by the Associated Press.

## ***TURTLE WITH ARTIFICIAL FIN NO LONGER DOOMED TO LIFE OF SWIMMING IN CIRCLES***



*Allison, a green sea turtle who lost three flippers to sharks, swims with the aid of a fin attached to a neoprene suit at Sea Turtle Inc. at South Padre Island. When an attempt to build a prosthetic flipper failed, researchers came up with a carbon-fiber dorsal fin.*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — For most of her life, 5-year-old Allison the green sea turtle has been stuck doing what you'd expect from a creature with just one flipper: Going around and around and around. Her tight, dizzying, counterclockwise circles would make for a mind-numbing way for any animal to spend its day, never mind a simple reptile with a life expectancy of another 150 years or so.

But Wednesday, researchers finally set Allison straight. With the help of a black neoprene “ninja” suit — which looks like a wetsuit covering about three-quarters of her body and has a carbon-fiber dorsal fin attached to her back — Allison was gracefully gliding across a 12-foot pool along with the other turtles. “That’s a sea turtle doing what a sea turtle does,” said Dave Cromwell, a worker at Sea Turtle Inc. who joined the cheering crowd gathered around the 3,000-gallon pool.

Allison moved along tranquilly, cutting lazy arcs, diving to munch lettuce and nipping at other turtles. The fin was acting like a rudder and giving her stability, and she could change direction by varying the strokes of her front right flipper. The first time Allison dove down to feed at the improvised salad bar of waving Romaine, some people watching wept, Cromwell said. It was a pretty standard turtle move — but not for one who'd lost three flippers to a shark attack then went through lengthy yet failed attempts to add a prosthetic fin to help her swim right.

Allison arrived as a hand-size, bloodied turtle with little chance of survival in 2005. Rescuers believe a shark probably chomped the three flippers. Two-flipper turtles can be adopted by zoos and three-flipper turtles can be safely returned to the wild, but with only one, a turtle spins and struggles to break the surface to breathe. They are usually euthanized, said Sea Turtle Inc. curator Jeff George.

### **Like a canoe**

Allison recovered from her injuries and wormed herself into the hearts of her rescuers enough that last year a team of scientists spent months trying to develop a prosthetic flipper to counter the thrust of her remaining paddle. They made casts of hind flippers and high-tech prosthetics, but there was not enough of a stump remaining to attach it, George said. It would either wobble loosely or cut off circulation if clamped down.

Tom Wilson, a 21-year-old intern at Sea Turtle Inc. who stayed on to fine-tune Allison's new gear, watched the failed attempts with the prosthetic and began thinking of a simpler solution. He thought of paddling a canoe and how its long keel allowed it to cut a fairly straight path through the water even if paddled from one side. When Wilson pitched the idea, George said he had doubts.

They fashioned an old piece of neoprene into a harness and tried a variety of fin shapes and lengths. In February, the early model was crude with a thin plywood fin. But as it became clear the design would work, the materials improved.

Allison has gradually worked up from a few minutes swimming in the suit to two hours. George hopes that by summer she will spend six hours a day gliding through the large pool. She is gradually building strength in her underutilized flipper.

“The whole reason we’re doing this is to improve her quality of life,” Wilson said. “She swims away from us now when we try to take her out.”

They have already begun planning for what should be an extremely long life. Since Allison could reach a weight of 500 to 600 pounds, they have developed equations that will allow them to tailor new suits and fins for her for years to come. They envision a figure-8 shaped pool with a shallow end where they will be able to get her in and out of the suit without carrying her from small pool to big pool as they do now.

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## **CHANGE TO BY LAWS**

This change was adopted by the Membership at the March, 2009 Business Meeting.

### **Amendment to the Bylaws**

**Red/Italics = Add**

### **ARTICLE V**

Section 4. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the full active members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting, *except that where Previous Notice\* is given a quorum shall consist of the membership attending the meeting.*

Section 5. Previous Notice\* shall be written *or electronic* notification, stating precisely the motion and the time and location of the meeting at which it is to be considered, distributed or postmarked to all full active members at least seven (7) days before the meeting.

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## **LET’S DIVE FLORIDA !!**

## **FORT LAUDERDALE, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> TO JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

I have done some research on the options for this trip, and we should make our selections soon. Hotels seem to have good availability now. I found about 6 decent options that range from \$90 to \$110 per nite for a double room. Several are right on the ocean. There are options for lesser prices, but I am a bit leary of most of them. Have narrowed it down to 2 dive charters:

- American Dream Dive Charters, south part of Ft Lauderdale (17<sup>th</sup> Causeway). It is \$75 per 2-tank dive (including 2 tanks) for a group of 6 or more. I assume the price is a bit higher for less than 6. Big boat, certified to take about 30 divers.
- South Florida Dive Headquarters, leaves Pompano Beach (a little north of Ft L). Price is \$66 for a group of 5 or more, \$75 if under 5. They have 3 boats of various sizes, we stand a chance of taking the smallest boat to ourselves if we have a decent number.

Both charters will do one wreck and one reef for a 2-tank dive. Last I checked airfares (not recently), it was \$300 to \$350 round trip to Fort L. Not sure about fares to Miami.

We can dive Tuesday through Friday, or Tuesday through Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Or stay all month if you like. Let’s make some decisions at the April meeting, and then go do us some fun diving in Florida.

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## **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

If any member would like a copy of the business meeting minutes to review please send a note to Pam Romund (promund@kraft.com) and she will email them to you before the meeting. Thanks!

A big *Triton* THANK YOU!

The following businesses support our organization and we thank them for the generosity. The next time you stop in mention you are a Triton & personally thank them for their support.

**BELOW H20**

2950 Ogden Avenue  
Aurora IL 60504  
630-820-2531

**BERRY AQUA PARADISE**

1620 Pebblewood Lane, # 124  
Naperville, IL 60563  
630-579-1150

**BERRY DIVE CENTER**

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

**CHICAGOLAND SCUBA**

732 S. Rand Road  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
847-540-7211

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847-657-3483

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7840 W. Ogden, Suite #9  
Lyons, IL 60534  
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420 Michael Court  
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847-640-8113

**HAIGH QUARRY**

2738 E 2000 North Road  
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815-939-7797

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