



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi,

I attended the budget committee meeting several weeks ago. Diana, Renee and Ed, created a subsidy budget for 09', that they will be presenting to the membership at the August meeting. I have asked them to design a comprehensive budget for 10' that will mirror our P&L reports. This will enable the board to examine our finances more closely in the future. **THANKS, Committee**

What committee's have YOU participated in, or currently a member of?

Before the last meeting the Events Committee had the idea of using a business meeting as a brain storming session to plan the events for 09'. I heard that the idea did not work. The events committee is now working on planning next years events. Can you help or will you just sit and let other people make decisions affecting your club? Are you going to participate in the events that you vote for? It is every member's decision, make yours count.

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Stay safe,
Steve 847-253-5933

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

July, 2008

This month we welcome two new members:

Chris Dombek
1126 W. Glenn Trail
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Hm/Cell: 708-408-8050
Open Water YMCA 5/01

Dave Nicioli
1126 W. Glenn Trail
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Hm: 847-302-1097
Email: iharleydavid@aol.com
Open Water YMCA 6/06

Membership: 90 full members
9 associate members
TOTAL 99 members

Marnie Adamski - Membership Committee

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UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

Nothing to report this month. Be sure to let us know of any changes.

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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

TRITON 2008 EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST 2008		
Tuesday, 8/26	Business Meeting	Guiseppe's 1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL 847-824-4230
S,S, M- 8/30-9/1	Munising Wreck Diving Weekend	Contact Ralph Ripple at Divers Delight Charters for reservations – diversdelightcharter.com
SEPTEMBER 2008		
Tuesday, 9/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
*Saturday, 9/13	Chicago Chocolate Tour	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Saturday, 9/20	Waukegan Area Dive Charter – Enterprise	Scott Reimer Email: streimer1@comcast.net Cell: (847) 561-2272
Tuesday, 9/23	Business Meeting	Guiseppe's 1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL 847-824-4230
*Saturday, 9/27	Winery Tour & Tasting	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
OCTOBER 2008		
Saturday, 10/4	Lake Geneva Dive	Jim Hynan, Jim.Hynan@occ.treas.gov
Tuesday, 10/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Saturday, 10/18	Corn Maze or Oktoberfest	Needs TIC (You can decide which event you want to run)
Tuesday, 10/28	Business Meeting	Guiseppe's 1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL 847-824-4230
NOVEMBER 2008		
Saturday, 11/1	Theater Outing	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Tuesday, 11/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Tuesday, 11/25	Business Meeting	Guiseppe's 1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL 847-824-4230
Saturday, 11/29	Train/Light Festival Chicago Botanic Garden	Needs TIC
DECEMBER 2008		
Saturday, 12/6	Holiday Party	Board of Directors
Tuesday, 12/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Saturday, 12/13	Food Depository	Jim Hynan, Jim.Hynan@occ.treas.gov

*** Date and or Venue Change**

We have immediate openings for a few TICs. 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!

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ENTERTAINMENT AT THE AUGUST MEETING

We are fortunate to have Captain Jim Gentile address the group at the August meeting about the sinking of the *Buccaneer*. This is the latest ship that will be purposely sunk in Lake Michigan as a dive attraction.

The *Buccaneer* is 100 feet long with a capacity of 150 passengers. It served for many years as a party boat on Lake Michigan. Come and see the latest on this project.



Harry at OW Training, Lake Geneva

Harold Beilstein
1938 - 2008



Sue and Harry

By now most of you have heard of the passing of Harry Beilstein. Harry was found murdered in the basement of one of the buildings he owned on the city's West Side. Harry was always so full of life and truly had a twinkle in his eye - what a horrific and utterly senseless tragedy. I have attached a link to a story from the Chicago Tribune here.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-church-body-webjul31,0,2404376.story>

Harry joined the Tritons in 1966 – a member for over thirty years. He had served on the Board of Directors holding various positions throughout the years. He was also an instructor and involved with the teaching program. Harry was the Founder and Director of the Edgetown School, Chicago, from 1972-1985. In later years he worked in insurance and as a realtor. Harry could always be counted on to make you smile. He always had a joke (or three) ready to go.

I thought I would include a couple of Harry memories here.

From Gary Duszak: Harry joined the Tritons in 1966 and I joined in 1967. We both attended the 1967 Checkout Weekend as it was known at that time. Jim Colwell was Director of Training and checkout was held at the George Williams College Camp in Lake Geneva. Being relatively new members we weren't qualified to assist with any of the in water activities. On Sunday, it was a very cold and rainy day and Jim didn't want to checkout any students but he had some firemen that we had trained in class and pool who insisted that they be checked-out. Harry and I were given the assignment of going into Williams Bay and bringing back some hot coffee. It was a most unusual order at the restaurant - 40 cups of coffee, to go!

Contributed by Vic Longman and Adolph Habich: We, a committee of a few hardy souls, would gather at Klingberg School for a looonng evening of putting the Trib together. Harry was our host since he managed the school, business manager I believe. We cut, pasted and made those purple mimeograph masters and ran them off. Adolph's graphic arts skills [stripping] were a paramount part of the paper piecing puzzle to putting it all together. Harry was like a conductor of the band of clowns --- orchestrating the whole thing. As I remember there was some spiritual consultation involved too.

Contributed by Vic Longman: Harry was a clown, and a king of humor, the maestro!! One evening he

shared a lot of that with me. Harry & I had traveled together up to Kenosha. We had a club dive on the Wisconsin; we had taken all day to find it, it was a long late day and dragged into the evening before we got back and unloaded. I had borrowed Bruce's boat and trailer in case we had needed more deck space, but we didn't use it. On the way home, Harry and I ran into a traffic jam on I-94. This was long before cell phones, so we pulled onto the frontage road and parked. We climbed up in the boat and propped up our feet and watched the traffic sit for an hour at least without moving. Harry provided fine entertainment as we solved the problems of the world. The friendly officers came by and inquired and Harry entertained them as well. Finally when traffic began to move we wended our way home.

Harry was known for being the master at injecting humor at events, particularly on a shipwreck dives. He usually grossed everyone out, particularly on lumpy days on the pond, by bringing along some terrible smelly sardine sandwiches and demonstrating the proper way to eat them... head first, tail last, as I recall.

In all his endeavors his sense of humor came through – everyone has fond memories of Harry making them laugh and laugh. Dirty Harry we will miss you.

If you would like to send Sue and the family a card or letter the address:

Mrs. Sue Beilstein
1743 Tano Lane
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Memorials can be made to The Disabled Veterans Associations, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Their address 6285 Pearl Road, Suite #7, Parma Heights, OH 44130, phone number is (440) 885-1944 - toll free number is (866) 331-1944.

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*** * * COME DIVE LAKE GENEVA * * ***
SATURDAY OCTOBER 4th
\$35.00

The last dive of the local season is upon us, hard to believe. But it is one of the funnest, and certainly one of the easiest. We will depart Williams Bay in the morning for a 2-tank dive. These are easy, fun, and shallow. We can take up to 10 divers if we go in one shift, up to 20 divers if we go in 2 shifts. Our charter is the fine Divers Delight bunch, from West Bend WI. If you have not made a dive from a charter boat, they don't come any easier than this one.

If we go in one shift with 10, we will depart Williams Bay on the north end of the lake about 10 AM. Then we will adjourn to the house for pasta dinner, watching college football, walking down to the lake, and other stressful stuff like that. If we go in 2 shifts, the first will leave about 9 AM and the 2nd about 1 PM. We will feed both shifts back at the house.

This is a whopping \$35 for members, \$45 for guests. It includes diving and dinner after.

Sign up at August or September meetings, remember that only payment in full reserves your spot. I cannot make either meeting – it would help if someone who intends to make the event volunteers to take signups for me. This way Dave does not have to do that, he has enough to do (so does Pam).

Sign up early and often!

TIC Jim Hynan (8100 Foster Ln # 310 Niles IL 60714-1159)

Jim.hynan@occ.treas.gov

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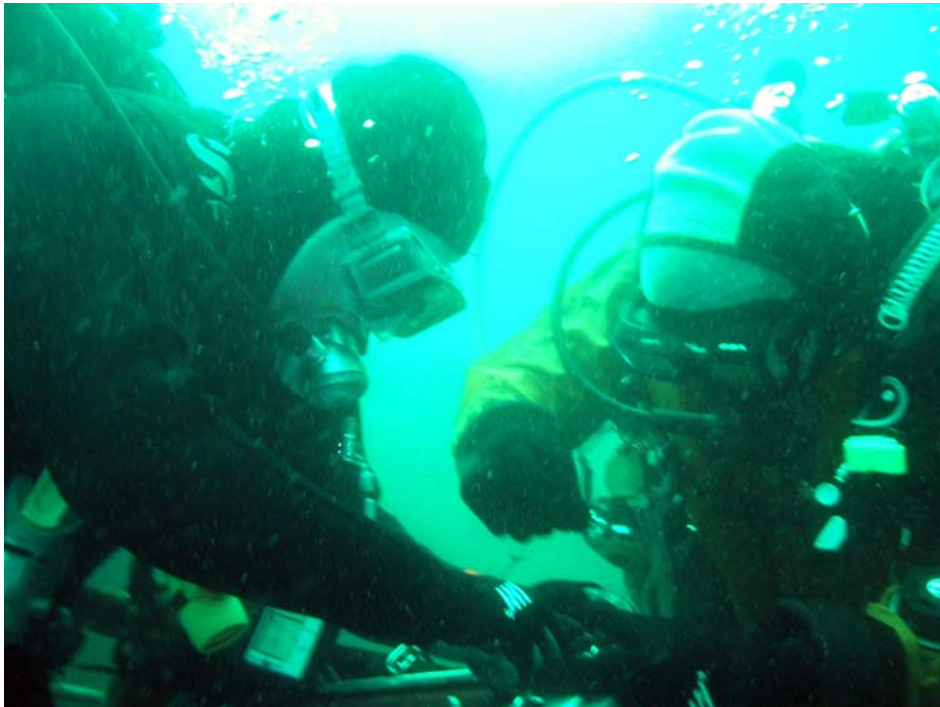
RAVINIA OUTING

There is a small group of Tritons heading to Ravinia Festival Park on Saturday, August 23 to see Tony Bennett. Anyone interested in joining in on the fun is welcome but you will need to get your own tickets for the lawn (don't wait this is usually a sell-out). If you have never been to Ravinia this is an excellent intro to experience listening to some great music under the stars. Contact Chris Demski or Pam Romund for more details.

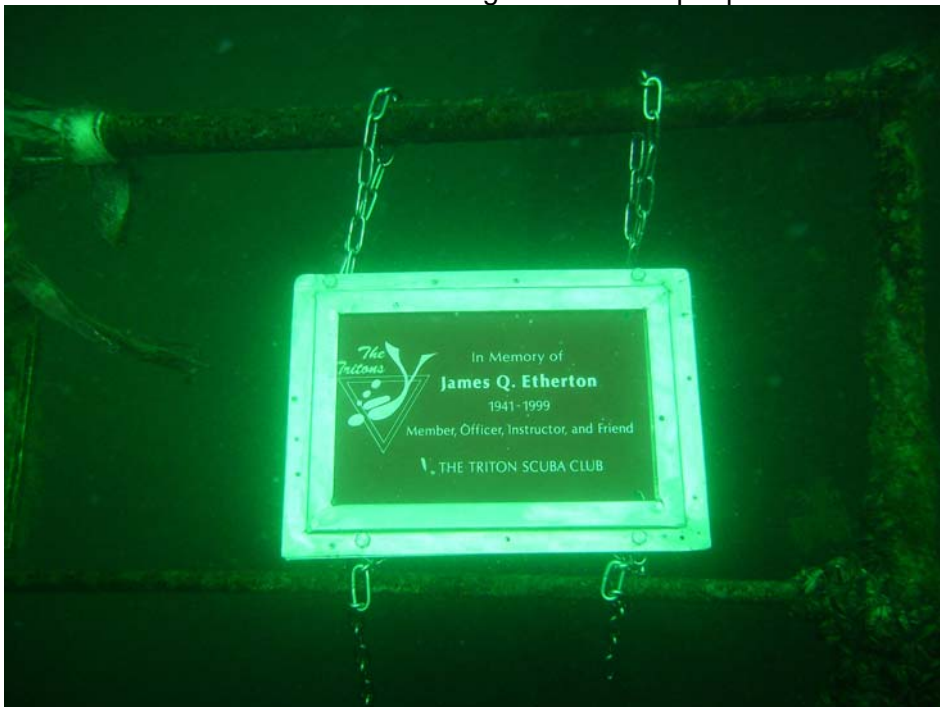
DIVE THE PRINS WILLEM

RE-DEDICATE THE JIM ETHERTON MEMORIAL PLAQUE

A MEMORABLE WRECK DIVE EXPERIENCE



Joe and Steve Leibovitz working to attach the plaque to the rail



Mission accomplished – plaque with the new framing on the rail.

Ten divers gathered mid-morning on Sunday the 17th to dive our favorite Milwaukee Area wreck and re-hang the memorial plaque in honor of our departed member Jim Etherton. Jim or someone was smiling down on us, because we had a near perfect day even without Sun goddess Pam in attendance.

First, the plaque. Young Joe Leibovitz did a wonderful job recoating it and framing it in aluminum. He and Dad Steve hung it with a stainless chain in a perfect position on the port rail (where it was in residence before). Mother Nature will never knock it off again. I think there are pictures with this article; a picture is worth a thousand words. It was a fitting tribute to our friend Jim. We recommend that as many get on it as possible this season and next to see it. Steve, Al, and Andy took some great pictures, and I know that Andy has some video.

Second, the conditions. Low 80's on the Lake, 25 to 30 foot visibility, and water temperature in the *freaking high* 60's (my gauge showed 71) right to the bottom with no thermocline. Andy and I spent 37 minutes on dive one, a record for me. Next to no waves on surface. Couldn't ask for better.

Ten of us made great dives. Bubble-watchers Bud and Dave V helped on top, good to see Dave feeling better again. Most of us adjourned to the Brat Stop after for libations and to re-live the day.

Thanks to all who made it possible. It was a privilege to run this dive, like none other.

Jim and Steve

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TRITON DIVE TRIP TO BONAIRE

MARCH 6, 2009 TO MARCH 14, 2009

If you have never been diving in Bonaire or even if you have, you will want to take a look at what we have to offer for next winter. You may remember winter. It's that nasty, cold, snowy, icy time of year that we put up with each December to April. Well, here's your chance to get away from it for a week and do something you can't do here in Chicago – namely dive in warm water.

If this sounds good to you, here are the details of the trip.

Where: Bonaire, NA

Resort: Plaza Resort/Toucan Diving

When: March 6 to March 14, 2009

Cost per diver: \$1239.00 based on double occupancy

Cost per non diver: \$932.00 based on double occupancy

What is included: Seven nights, standard suite room with either a lagoon or garden view. Full breakfast daily. 5 days of 2 tank boat diving and a 1 tank boat dive on the last day due to our next day flights. Unlimited shore diving. Airport transfers and taxes.

In addition, I am holding group space on Continental Airlines from Chicago to Bonaire through Houston. If you want to do your own air using points etc, just let me know. If you would like to be part of the group air package, the price is \$685.00/person. This price is subject to change if there are any changes in the taxes.

We will also be arranging rental trucks to use for the myriad of shore diving locations. I will have details available for those might be interested.

If you are interested in joining us, here is what you need to do. For the resort and diving I will need a deposit of \$100.00/person payable by check to Global Access, Inc. If you are going to be part of the air group, I will need an additional deposit of \$100.00/person payable by check to Global Access, Inc. If you are doing both, you can send in one check for \$200.00/person. Final payments will be due in December 2008 and I will send out an invoice to each participant with the final amount due around the first of December. Final payments will need to be paid by check.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please call or email me. Space is filling up very fast (**21 out of 24 spots gone to date**) so please let me know as soon as possible so that I can put your name on the group list. Also if you are interested in purchasing trip insurance please let me know, I can provide you all the details. I hope you will be able to join us next year.

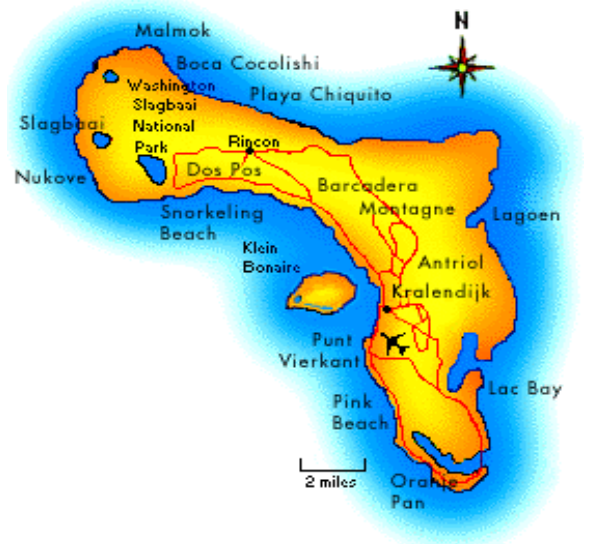
Randy Skiba

Global Access, Inc.

309 E. Rand Road, #138 Arlington Heights, IL 60004

(224) 392-2131 (local number) or globacc@quixnet.net

The value of any freebies generated by the group will be shared on a proportional basis by all participants after the completion of the trip in the form of a rebate. This event is being run by Global Access, Inc., a profit based travel agency, Randy Skiba, Owner.



Want a sneak peek? Go to: <http://www.bonairewebcams.com/TheWorks.php> There are several webcams located on the island including one mounted under the pier. It updates every 4 minutes so you can see first hand what is happening. It also does have north and south beach views, beach bar, yellow submarine as well as a donkey cam view. . you can tour the island from in front of your computer.

ALL DAY ENTERPRISE DIVE CHARTER

Saturday, September 20

Originally this was going to be a 2 tank morning charter, but after there was so much interest in another all day trip, I received permissions to extend it.

Right now I have 2 definite and 3 maybes, there is room for a total of 7 dives max. The cost is \$140 for Tritons, \$150 for non-Tritons, checks should be made out to: "The Tritons".

We would leave the dock at 7:00 am and return probably around 6 pm. If you go, you need to be on the dock by 6:30 am.

Please call or email me to let me know if you are interested. Thanks,
Scott Reimer

Email: streimer1@comcast.net Cell: (847) 561-2272

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JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU

TO GIVE QUEST LECTURE

***The ocean explorer, environmentalist and educator will present
"The Great Ocean Adventure" on Sept. 21.***

This fall, Elmhurst College will welcome oceanographer, activist and explorer, Jean-Michel Cousteau to deliver its annual Quest Lecture. His talk, titled "The Great Ocean Adventure," will begin at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 21 in Elmhurst College's Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel. Admission is free and the public is welcome. As reservations are not required, seating is limited and available on a first come first served basis.

For more than four decades, Cousteau has used his vast experience to communicate his love and concern for the ocean. Since first being "thrown overboard" at age seven by his father (ocean explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau) with newly invented scuba gear on his back, Cousteau has been exploring the seas. He spent much of his life with his family exploring the world's oceans and founded [Ocean Futures Society](#) (a non-profit marine conservation and education organization) in 1999 to carry on the pioneering work of his parents.

An experienced filmmaker, Cousteau has produced over 70 films, and has been awarded the Emmy, the Peabody Award, the 7 d'Or (the French equivalent of the Emmy), and the Cable ACE Award. Named to honor the late Elmhurst alumnus Roland Quest (an engineer, Class of 1936), The Quest Lecture brings outstanding speakers to Elmhurst to present new ideas and contribute to the intellectual vitality of the community. For more information call (630) 617-3033.

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NEWS FOR DIVERS

[Coral Spawning Coming up in the Florida Keys:](#) The full moon on August 16 is expected to kick off annual coral mass-spawning rituals. Millions of sperm and eggs will be released into the water to unite at the surface. Branching corals like finger and staghorn typically spawn three to five days after the full moon, two hours after sunset. Star and boulder corals spawn six to eight days after, about three hours after sunset. Marine researchers suggest booking with Florida Keys dive operators for night dives August 19 to 24. One dive shop, Atlantis Dive Center (www.captainslate.com) in Key Largo, is predicting spawning times at 11:20 p.m. on August 22 and 23, and has set aside two boats for each dive.

Protect your SLR camera from housing leaks: Since most housings suspend the camera in the middle of the space on a platform mount, any absorbent material in the housing bottom will capture the water before it reaches the camera. While you can stuff an old sock in your housing, a feminine hygiene pad is more compact and far more absorbent

To make your dive planning easier we have condensed all the Triton dive events on this one page.

TRITON DIVES - SUMMER OF 2008

8/30 to 9/1, Labor Day Weekend – Munising Wreck Diving, Munising, MI

Excellent Lake Superior wreck diving – *Smithmore*, *Selvick Bermuda* and more. Contact Ralph Ripple at Divers Delight Charters for reservations - diversdelightcharter.com

9/20, Saturday – Waukegan Area Dive – Enterprise Marine, Waukegan, IL

Originally this was going to be a 2 tank morning charter, but after there was so much interest in another all day trip, I received permissions to extend it. We would leave the dock at 7:00 am and return probably around 6 pm. If you go, you need to be on the dock by 6:30 am. Contact Scott Reimer for your reservation.

10/4, Saturday - Lake Geneva Dive – Williams Bay, WI

Time for our annual trek up to beautiful Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. We will gather at the Public Boat Launch in Williams Bay. This is a great dive for novice or advanced, just a fun time diving and enjoying the fall foliage around the lake. We also compete to see who has brought up the most interesting find (usually at least one anchor). More information as we get closer to the event. Your TIC is Jim Hynan Jim.Hynan@occ.treas.gov.

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MARSH HOWARD/JIM ETHERTON DIVE

Saturday, August 2

Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL

Twenty-six Tritons and guests ambled out to Pearl for another picture perfect day at the Lake - if we had ordered the weather this would have been it. This year, in addition to everyone coming out to enjoy the day, we combined it with both Open Water and Rescue Dive Training. This made for a busy, fun day.

Loads of activity as everyone went in and out of the water – the call of Pizza! Pizza! I need Pizza!! echoed through the woods from those in the Rescue Class. Pizza wasn't on the menu but we feasted on burgers and brats, potato salad, coleslaw, watermelon as well as chips, popcorn and all sorts of cookies and birthday cake – Happy Birthday to Margy Levenberg!

We welcomed a guest, Curt Carpenter, from Indiana who drove all the way to Pearl to dive. However since we was alone he couldn't enter (everyone must have a buddy). Rich Schak extended an invitation for him to join up with us and he did. He was happy he got to dive and join in on the fun.

Many thanks to everyone for helping make the day a success – as always a group effort – from erecting the banner, setting up and tearing down the food and drink tables, and all manner of logistical help. A very big thanks to everyone for digging in and eating well so I didn't have a bunch of leftovers. We look forward to next year - hope to see you there!

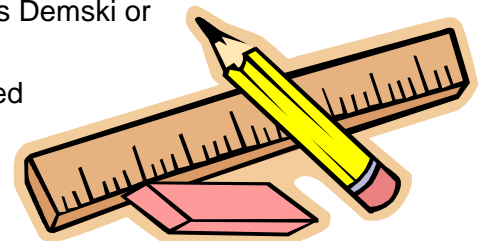
Pam Romund

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

As part of the ongoing community service efforts the club has been asked to assist with the WINGS program in providing school supplies for the new school season. As you are out and about this summer and see things on sale why not pick up an extra one to donate to the program. The usual supplies- crayons, spiral notebooks, #2 pencils, paper, etc. - all will be needed and welcomed. Bring your donations to the monthly meeting, you may hand them off to either Chris Demski or Pam Romund.

WINGS (Women In Need Growing Stronger) helps homeless and abused women and children by offering integrated services that meet their needs for shelter, education, guidance and support. They provide safe, secure living environments, through transitional housing and emergency shelter, in residential neighborhoods that allow women to go to school, work, and care for themselves and their children.



Many thanks to Bob Gadbois for sending this one on. Article by By DAVID McFADDEN, Associated Press Writer.
Reprinted from: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080814/ap_on_sc/lionfish_invasion

VENOMOUS LIONFISH PROWLs FRAGILE CARIBBEAN WATERS

A maroon-striped marauder with venomous spikes is rapidly multiplying in the Caribbean's warm waters, swallowing native species, stinging divers and generally wreaking havoc on an ecologically delicate region. The red lionfish, a tropical native of the Indian and Pacific oceans that probably escaped from a Florida fish tank, is showing up everywhere — from the coasts of Cuba and Hispaniola to Little Cayman's pristine Bloody Bay Wall, one of the region's prime destinations for divers.

Wherever it appears, the adaptable predator corners fish and crustaceans up to half its size with its billowy fins and sucks them down in one violent gulp. Research teams observed one lionfish eating 20 small fish in less than 30 minutes.

"This may very well become the most devastating marine invasion in history," said Mark Hixon, an Oregon State University marine ecology expert who compared lionfish to a plague of locusts. "There is probably no way to stop the invasion completely."

A white creature with maroon stripes, the red lionfish has the face of an alien and the ribbon-like look of something that survived a paper shredder — with poisonous spikes along its spine to ward off enemies.

The invasion is similar to that of other aquarium escapees such as walking catfish and caulerpa, a fast-growing form of algae known as "killer seaweed" for its ability to crowd out native plants. The catfish are now common in South Florida, where they threaten smaller fish in wetlands and fish farms.

In Africa, the Nile Perch rendered more than 200 fish species extinct when it was introduced into Lake Victoria. The World Conservation Union calls it one of the 100 worst alien species invasions. "Those kinds of things happen repeatedly in fresh water," Hixon said. "But we've not seen such a large predatory invasion in the ocean before."

The lionfish so far has been concentrated in the Bahamas, where marine biologists are seeing it in every habitat: in shallow and deep reefs, off piers and beaches, and perhaps most worrisome, in mangrove thickets that are vital habitats for baby fish.

Some spots in the Bahamian archipelago between New Providence and the Berry Islands are reporting a tenfold increase in lionfish just during the last year.

Northern Caribbean islands have sounded the alarm, encouraging fishermen to capture lionfish and divers to report them for eradication.

The invasion would be "devastating" to fisheries and recreational diving if it reached Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, according to Eugenio Pineiro-Soler of the Caribbean Fishery Management Council.

"I think at the best they will have a huge impact on reef fish, and at the worst will result in the disappearance of most reef fish," said Bruce Purdy, a veteran dive operator who has helped the marine conservation group REEF with expeditions tracking the invasion.

Purdy said he has been stung several times while rounding up lionfish — once badly. "It was so painful, it made me want to cut my own hand off," he said.

Researchers believe lionfish were introduced into the Atlantic in 1992, when Hurricane Andrew shattered a private aquarium and six of them spilled into Miami's Biscayne Bay, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Biologists think the fish released floating sacs of eggs that rode the Gulf Stream north along the U.S. coast, leading to colonization of deep reefs off North Carolina and Bermuda. Lionfish have even been spotted as far north as Rhode Island in summer months, NOAA said.

They are not aggressive toward humans, and their sting is not fatal. There are no estimates so far of tourists who have been stung. But marine officials say swimmers will be more at risk as the venomous species overtakes tropical waters along popular Caribbean beaches.

The slow-moving fish, which measures about 18 inches, is easy to snare, though lionfish swim too deep for divers to catch in nets — a common method of dealing with invasive species.

So researchers are scrambling to figure out what will eat the menacing beauties in their new Caribbean home, experimenting with predators such as sharks, moray eels — and even humans.

Adventurous eaters describe the taste of lionfish fillets as resembling halibut. But so far, they are a tough sell. Hungry sharks typically veer abruptly when researchers try to hand-feed them a lionfish.

"We have gotten (sharks) to successfully eat a lionfish, but it has been a lot of work. Most of our attempts with the moray eel have been unsuccessful," said Andy Dehart of the National Aquarium in Washington, who is working with REEF in the Bahamas.

One predator that will eat lionfish is grouper, which are rare in the lionfish's natural Southeast-Asian habitat. Scientists are pinning long-range hopes on the establishment of new ocean reserves to protect grouper and other lionfish predators from overfishing.

Hixon said there is some evidence that lionfish have not invaded reefs of the fully protected Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park, a 176-square-mile reserve southeast of Nassau. But unprotected locations in the vast archipelago are more vulnerable.

Containing the spread of the lionfish is an uphill fight. As lionfish colonize more territory in the Caribbean, they feed on grazing fish that keep seaweed from overwhelming coral reefs already buffeted by climate change, pollution and other environmental pressures.

Dehart said: "If we start losing these smaller reef fish as food to the lionfish ... we could be in a whirlwind for bad things coming to the reef ecosystem."

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CHICAGO CHOCOLATE TOUR
Saturday, September 13

Yes, indeed you did read that correctly, we will be touring the Magnificent Mile and sampling Teuscher, Lindt, Frango, Argo and many more chocolates along the route. Learn about fine chocolates, the world history of chocolate and Chicago's beautiful architecture as you savor the flavors (and walk off the calories!).

This is a walking and eating tour so please come prepared to do both. The tour begins at 3:45 PM and we will meet at the information desk inside 900 N. Michigan Avenue (validated parking is available in the building for \$12 for 3 hours). The cost of the tour is \$40 and I will need your payment in advance.

TIC: Pam Romund
847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com

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WINE TASTING
Saturday, September 27

Wow!! A double wammy, first chocolate, now wine – it doesn't get any better than this. What a way to spend a wonderful fall day. We will be going to the new Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant in Wheeling. We will sample 8 different wines – 3 whites, 3 reds, 1 sparkling and one dessert. Cost for this event is a mere \$10.00. This will be a popular outing so sign up early – space is limited!

Originally this was scheduled for the Cooper's Hawk in Orland Park but since the Wheeling location is now open I didn't think any one would mind the change in location (given the current price of gasoline).

Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant
583 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, IL

The facility is located just south of Lake Cook Road on the east side of the street. For those so inclined we will probably grab a bite somewhere in the area, this cost is not included in the price.

TIC: Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com

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If anyone has any XL (or larger) 7mm used men's wetsuits that they would be willing to donate as we found ourselves 3 suits shy this year which forced us to rent to get by, spending funds that can be used elsewhere.

Our purchase of all new Regs, Bags, Weights along with donations of BCDs from Omega and tank donations from the **Tritons** really saved us a ton of cash this year. We are in the home stretch for the year but our cash reserves are running near dry... so we need to pull off one more fundraising event to finish the year. Stay tuned for more news.

Kevin Vaughn, kevin@starsinternational.org



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