



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tritons,

Ready for the warm weather yet?

I know I am and I'm looking forward to some thawing temperatures followed by the first flowers of spring. Which means it will soon be dive season here in Chicago. Time to go into your closets and storage lockers, get you gear out and give it a thorough check. If anything needs repairs or adjustments, now would be a good time to start the project.

I hope many of you were able to make it to the Our World Underwater Show this month. As usual, Pat and Sherry Hammer and their crew put together a fantastic show with shops, operators and some great film festivals to fill the cold void of these past few wintery months. If you weren't able to make it this year, be sure to mark your calendar for February 20-23, 2015. You will not be disappointed.

As you know, we will be voting on three of our Triton Board of Director positions at the March meeting.

Margy Levenberg and the nominating committee have been working hard to put together a slate of candidates for us. However, we still need some additional Tritons to step forward to make this a truly memorable election. Remember, it is you the membership that make this club work. So, please consider becoming the person who leads us to being the best scuba club we can be.

Finally, this month will be the last Business Meeting that I will be chairing as your President. Due to the timing of the warm water trip next month, I will be out of the country for that meeting. I hope you will be able to make this meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Good diving to all, Randy

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT February, 2014

Our current membership stands at:

70 full members
0 Associates
TOTAL 70 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee.

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UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

Nothing to report this month.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Randy Skiba

Vice-President – Mike Leibovtiz

Secretary – Dave O'Malley

Treasurer – Ed Littel

First Director – Ron Levin

Second Director – Scott Reimer

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit – Diana Skiba

By Laws & Rules – Gary Duszak

Entertainment – Dave Vemmer

Equipment & Safety – S. Leibovitz

Events – Pam Romund

Membership – Adolph Habich

Merchandise – Brian Clarke

Nominating – Margy Levenberg

Publicity/Web Site – Adolph Habich
/ Milt Levenberg

Director of Training – Rich Schak

Editor of the Trib – Pam Romund

Illinois Council Delegates – Chuck
& Margo Miller

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TRITON EVENTS CALENDAR

February, 2014

Saturday 2/22	Wolves Hockey Allstate Arena, Rosemont	Adolph Habich ahabich@aol.com
Tuesday, 2/25	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

March, 2014

Sunday, 3/2	DEMP Class 10:00 AM	Mike Leibovitz wa9evf@comcast.net
*Saturday, 3/8	Chamber Dive Lutheran General Hospital	Scott Reimer (streimer1@comcast.net)
Tuesday, 3/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Sunday, 3/16	Wine Tasting	Angi McKeon
Tuesday, 3/25	Business Meeting General Elections	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

April, 2014

Saturday, 4/5	Anniversary Party	TIC Needed
Tuesday, 4/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 4/22	Business Meeting Diveheart Presentation	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 4/26	Cooking for Charity	TIC Needed

May, 2014

Saturday, 5/3	Tour of Chicago	Chris Demski 847-255-9342
Tuesday, 5/13	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Sunday, 5/25	Memorial Day Bike Ride	Milt & Margy Levenberg
Tuesday, 5/27	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

June, 2014

Sunday, 6/8	Chicago/Milwaukee Dive	TIC Choice - TIC Needed
Tuesday, 6/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 6/21	Comedy Club Outing	TIC Needed
Tuesday, 6/24	Business Meeting OPEN HOUSE	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
S & S6/28/29	Training Weekend	Board of Education

July, 2014

Thu-Sun 7/4-7	Dive Trip	TIC Needed
Wed 7/16	Mid-Week Dive & Picnic	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 7/22	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 7/26	Ravinia Outing	TIC Needed
Sunday, 7/27	Jim Haigh DiveKankakee	Haigh Quarry Staff

* Denotes Date Change

Sign up now for the event of your choice – there are plenty of opportunities. Not sure all that is involved, talk to someone who has been a TIC or

**PIZZA GET TOGETHER
FIRST EVENT OF 2014!
GINO'S EAST PIZZA**

Saturday, January 25, 2014



As we did most of this winter, a large group of Tritons trudged through the snow and ice to Gino's Restaurant to share some excellent pizza. There we shared tales of how much and when - shoveling, more shoveling, snow blowing and even diving!

This is always a wonderful time – a chance to get together and have some fun, it was even better this year as we were all trying to escape our homes since cabin fever had already set in.

The pizza was great and the company even better.

TIC: Angi McKeon

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**HYPERBARIC CHAMBER DIVE
"DIVE DRY"
GIVEN BY OUR FAVORITE HYPERBARIC TECHNICIAN:
DAN MAZZONLINI**

Where: Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
1775 Dempster St, Park Ridge, IL 60068
When: Saturday March 8, 2014, 9:00am to 11:30am
Cost: \$25

Limited to an absolute maximum of 13 divers. Must be a certified diver and you must bring your C-card. The chamber will be pressurized to an equivalent maximum depth of 130 ft. We will plan to go out and eat afterwards. If you have not been on one of these, please consider coming, you can safely experience narcosis and get to talk funny too!



A very special Thanks to the S.T.A.R.S. International organization for making this time slot available to us, otherwise we would be waiting until 2016!

TIC: Scott Reimer Email: streimer1@comcast.net Mobile: 847-561-2272

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**33RD GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECK FESTIVAL
FEBRUARY 22, 2014 - WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE
YPSILANTI, MI**

A film festival celebrating our rich heritage of shipwrecks in the Great Lakes along with worldwide exotic dive travel. Presented by the Ford Seahorses SCUBA Diving Club in Southeast Michigan

This year's program features presentations about the formerly-unsolved mysteries of shipwrecks, including David Trotter with the amazing story of the Keystone State which went down in Lake Huron in November of 1861 and went undiscovered until last year. Historian and marine artist Robert McGreevy will tell the story of the Howard Hanna and the harrowing experience of their crew during the Great Lakes Storm of 1913. Tony Gramer will share video from the wreck of the three-masted schooner William Young lost near the Straits of Mackinac in 1891

Tickets go to: <http://shipwreckfestival.us/>

57th Annual Triton Anniversary Party

Saturday April 5, 2014 6 PM to 10 PM

Here ye, Hear ye. All Triton Members, family and guests are cordially invited to this year's annual anniversary party. We will be partying at The Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove, IL from 6 PM to 10 PM with plenty of high jinx and camaraderie. So, if you are looking to celebrate the coming of spring and our Club's Anniversary, plan on joining us for this annual Triton event. Here are the details.



When: Saturday April 5, 2014 6 PM to 10 PM

Where: The Continental Restaurant, 788 S. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Cost: \$36.00/person includes dinner, tax and gratuity

Menu: Appetizers, soup, entrée (3 to choose from), desert and unlimited soft drinks, coffee and tea.

There will be a cash bar for purchasing your favorite alcoholic libations.

****You will be able to choose from the following entrée selections****

Chicken Marsala, Broiled Salmon or Roast Prime Rib of Beef

Please let us know your entrée selection when you sign up.

The **absolute deadline** for signing up is **Monday March 31, 2014.**

If at all possible, please let either Ed Littel, any Board of Director member or myself know by the March Business meeting if you will be attending and if you plan to bring family members or guests with you.

Hope to see all of you on April 5th.

Randy Skiba TIC

Ed Littel Assistant TIC

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THINK SPRING

Spring is right around the corner – or so we hope. A sure sign that it isn't too far off:

Haigh Quarry in Kankakee will open on April 5 & 6 (as of February 10th there was 10 inches of ice!).

Pearl Lake will open April 26 at 8:30 AM. Also congratulations to Mike and Cheryl Witte who were name recipients of the Middle Coast Award at Our World Underwater. Mike and Cheryl are the owners of Pearl Lake and have a fantastic facility for diving, swimming and camping. The Wittes summed it up best: "After 50 years of providing a safe open water environment, the hope is that Pearl Lake will be here another 50 years offering the same good Midwest diving. Thanks for the award and your support over the years."

Many thanks to Pete Kloga for sending this to our attention. Reprinted from:
<http://www.grindtv.com/outdoor/nature/post/whale-shark-about-to-eat-diver-or-so-it-appears/>



Marine biologist Simon Pierce, who studies whale sharks, happened to be in the right place at the right time to capture amazing photo off Cancun, Mexico. Check out the article for more amazing photos.

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DINNER & A SHOW! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Big Noise at Prairie Lakes Theater

It was a fun evening, in spite of the cold and snow (what else is new). Ten of us gathered at Leona's Restaurant in downtown Des Plaines for a pre theater dinner, everything from salads, pastas, pizzas and sandwiches and, of course, beer and wine! We then drove over to the theater less than a mile away.

The play was an all-too-familiar story for today's parents. A middle-aged couple whose children have finally left the nest, are finally alone together...but not for long! All three sons come charging back home after experiencing some hard knocks in the real world, and Mom and Dad have quite a time pushing them out again! This was a story that hit home for many of us. It was funny and poignant at the same time. As always the Big Noise Theater Company did not disappoint, their productions are first rate.

Thanks for attending I am sure we will do this one again next year.

TIC: Pam Romund

Many thanks to Randy Skiba for sending this to our attention. Reprinted from: <http://news.yahoo.com/palau-ban-commercial-fishing-promote-tourism-043457332.html>, article by Edith M. Lederder.

PALAU TO BAN COMMERCIAL FISHING, PROMOTE TOURISM

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The president of Palau declared Tuesday that his Pacific island nation will ban commercial fishing and become a marine sanctuary.

President Tommy Remengesau Jr. said in a keynote address to a U.N. meeting on "Healthy Oceans and Seas" that once current fishing contracts with Japan, Taiwan and some private companies expire only fishing by island residents and tourists will be allowed in its 200-nautical-mile exclusive economic zone.

Remengesau said establishing "a 100 percent marine sanctuary" will enable Palau to preserve "a pristine environment" and promote snorkeling, scuba diving and ecotourism as an alternative way to grow its economy. "It will make a difference if it's just a matter of feeding ourselves and feeding the tourists," he told a news conference. "As it is right now, we're feeding the tourist and ourselves plus millions of people outside the territory."

Palau's population of about 20,000 people is spread across 250 islands. It shares maritime boundaries with Indonesia, the Philippines, and Micronesia.

The country announced in 2009 it was creating the world's first shark sanctuary by banning all commercial shark fishing in its territorial waters. It has also adopted the most restrictive law against bottom trawling. In 2012, its Rock Islands Southern Lagoon was named a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Remengesau, a fisherman, said he has seen fish stocks dwindle and the size of fish grow smaller around his island nation. With a marine sanctuary, he said, "we will do our part of making sure that there's a healthy stock of fish in Palau that then can migrate to other places."

Remengesau said snorkelers and scuba divers come to Palau to see sharks, which can live up to 100 years.

According to a study, he said a live shark is worth \$1.9 million as a tourist attraction compared to a dead shark which is worth several hundred dollars for its fins for shark fin soup, which is an Asian delicacy.

To enforce the ban on commercial fishing, Remengesau said Palau is working with potential partners to obtain radar equipment and drones to monitor its waters.

Remengesau said climate change and global warming have been having a serious impact.

"For us in Palau and the Pacific islands, there's been a tremendous amount of what we call unpredictable weather patterns that brings typhoons and storms and all kinds of destructive forces to the islands," he said. "We have other problems of sea level rises."

Palau is also urging the United Nations to adopt a new goal to clean up the world's oceans, restore fish stocks and bring some equity to resources being taken by others.

Remengesau said "the fishing revenue has been breadcrumbs — it's been nothing compared to, or in fairness to the billion dollar industry that this whole fishing industry is."

DIVING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROVIDER SUNDAY, MARCH 2

When a dive accident occurs, multiple things happen. Separate small problems can compound to create a larger problem. DAN's Diving Emergency Management Provider (DEMP) program prepares you to handle the kinds of multifaceted accidents that may occur. We will be covering in order:

- 1) Basic life-support CPR and AED
- 2) Emergency Oxygen for Scuba Diving Emergencies
- 3) DAN Neurological Assessment
- 4) Dan First Aid for Hazardous marine Life Injuries.

Anyone needing an EFR update can attend the first section. Class will be held at my home at 10:00 AM.

More information at the January meeting and you can sign up then. Thanks!

Michael Leibovitz wa9evf@comcast.net

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 H2O

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

CHICAGOLAND SCUBA

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

DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER

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

HAIGH QUARRY

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

PIRATE'S COVE DIVING

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

TOUCAN DIVE CENTER

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

BERRY DIVE CENTER

3402 N. Milwaukee
Northbrook, IL
847-358-3848

DD DIVE SHOP

1039 Waukegan Road
Glenview, IL 60025
847-657-3483

ENTERPRISE MARINE

420 Michael Court
Des Plaines, IL 60016
847-640-8113

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

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

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

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15 Years! Ghost Ships Festival 2014 March 14-15, 2014 Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel

By way of his underwater camera, Cal Kothrade takes us on a visually stunning tour of some of the more photogenic and commonly dived shipwrecks of Lakes Superior, Huron, and Michigan.

Sixteen Shipwrecks, over 80 incredible images, many never before seen, and a brief story of each tragedy, help to tell the tale of life and loss on the tempestuous Great Lakes. Now you can finally see these shipwrecks with detail and clarity like you've never seen them before.

Tickets to the presentations on Friday night and Saturday are \$20.00 now through March 13, 2014. <http://www.ghost-ships.org/> to purchase your tickets online. The exhibit hall is FREE.



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February, 2014

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See you Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Giuseppe's

1062 Lee St Des Plaines, IL
(847) 824-4230

The restaurant is situated on Lee Street, north of Algonquin and south of Northwest Highway