



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Tritons,

I can't believe it is almost summer already! The first big Summer event is coming up on May 26th, The Memorial Day Bike, Walk, and Eat hosted by Margy and Milt Levenberg and the season opener only a few weeks later.

I have a question. Would anyone like to volunteer to store the club equipment? Pam Romund has done this for many years, but has recently moved and no longer has the space. We have the option to rent a storage locker near to the primary board of Education members too. Storing the equipment is a labor of love and you need to be able to either provide access to the equipment for classes or bring the equipment yourself. A storage locker may be a better option, but I just wanted to put the request out there, in case there was a enthusiastic member who lived close to where we usually do our training, which is the Northwest Suburbs, like Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights, etc.

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Question of the month? When a submariner refers to "Assholes" what does he or she mean? First three people to send me the correct answer to streimer1@comcast.net get a \$5 gift card to The Tap House.

Hope to see you at the next meeting on the 28th.

Scott Reimer, President
(847)-561-2272
streimer1@comcast.net

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT May, 2019

I have made up a new roster, members please let me know if you want me to e-mail a copy to you.

Our current membership stands at:
59 full members 1 Associate Total Membership 60

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee.
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UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

Pam Romund
730 Creekside Dr. #210
Mt. Prospect, Il 60056 Phone & E-mail are unchanged

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2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

The 2019 Events Calendar was approved at the September meeting. Take a look to see what event you might like to TIC.

2019 TRITON EVENTS CALENDAR

May, 2019

Sunday, 5/26	Memorial Day Bike, Walk & Eat	Milt & Margy Levenberg
Tuesday, 5/28	Business Meeting	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM

June, 2019

*Sunday, 6/9	Season Opener	Mike Leibovitz Wa9evf@comcast.net and Dave Vemmer DavidVemmer@hotmail.com
Tuesday, 6/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Tuesday, 6/25	Business Meeting Open House	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM
Saturday, 6/29	Chicago Riverwalk Tour	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com

July, 2019

Tuesday, 7/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Wednesday, 7/10	Mid Week Dive	NEED TIC
Saturday, 7/13	Willy Dive - PM Dive	Steve Leibovitz kb9caw@gmail.com
Tuesday, 7/23	Business Meeting	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM
*Saturday, 7/27	Chicago Dogs Baseball Rosemont	Angi McKeon ammckeon@sbcglobal.net

August, 2019

Saturday, 8/3	Howard/Etherton Day Pearl Lake, South Beloit	Board of Education
Saturday, 8/10	Wine Tasting - TBD	NEED TIC
Tuesday, 8/13	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Sunday, 8/18	Road Rally	Pam Romund & ????
Saturday, 8/24	Charter Dive TIC Choice	NEED TIC
Tuesday, 8/27	Business Meeting	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM

September, 2019

Saturday, 9/7	Walking Tour	NEED TIC
Tuesday, 9/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Sunday, 9/15	Charter Dive	NEED TIC
Tuesday, 9/24	Business Meeting	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM
Saturday, 9/28	Chicago Maritime Museum	NEED TIC

October, 2019

Saturday, 10/5	Lake Geneva Dive Divers Delight	Jim Hynan
Tuesday, 10/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, promund@gmail.com
Saturday, 10/13	Mini Golf	NEED TIC
Tuesday, 10/22	Business Meeting	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM
Saturday, 10/26	Ghost Walk	NEED TIC

*** Notes Date Change**

Our Calendar was approved at the September meeting,



DINNER AND A SHOW SATURDAY, APRIL 27 9 TO 5, THE MUSICAL

Seven of us gathered at the Blackfinn Restaurant in Randhurst to enjoy all sorts of delicious fare. We had to fight our way through a blizzard - the last snowfall of the year and Mother Nature wanted to make sure we all noticed it. It was a heavy wet snow and it didn't seem to be much of a bother. However while inside the restaurant it came down and piled up. We then trudged over to the Prairie Lakes Theater in Des Plaines, There we were met by an additional five Tritons to round out the group. The play was very entertaining, a bit slow moving at first but then picked up once all the characters had been introduced. The Big Noise Theatre Company always does a great job, the singing, dancing and acting are wonderful. This is the sixth or seventh show we have been to see and never have been disappointed.

After the show we headed out to the parking lot to clean off our cars, wishing Mother Nature a not so fond farewell. Don't know what the production will be next year but we will do it again!

TIC: Pam Romund

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SAD NEWS

I saddened to report the passing of Rosanna Vemmer's father, Cutberto Jaimes. He was coming to visit Rosanna and Dave for the first time in June and they were so looking forward to his visit. Please send a card or note of sympathy to:

Dave and Rosanna Vemmer
1515 N. Northwest Hwy
Park Ridge, IL 60068.

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WANTED

A new home for the training equipment.

Garage space to house Triton tanks, BC's regulators, weight's and other equipment. We need a space of at least 5'x10' that is street level and can be used to store wet equipment.

The location needs to be in the Northwest suburbs. The schools that we have been teaching at are in District #214. i.e. Mount Prospect and Wheeling High Schools.

Please contact me.

Thanks,
Steve Kb9caw@gmail.com

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REUNION JAZZ ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT Schaumburg Library - June 16th

Come on out for a music filled evening to listen to great music under the stars. Our own Ron Levin is a member of this group and they do not disappoint. Bring a lawn chair, your beverage of choice and maybe a nibble or two - you will have a wonderful time!

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**CHECK YOUR CALENDAR - THIS YEAR'S BIKE RIDE
IS SUNDAY!!!!!!!!!!!!**

MEMORIAL DAY BIKE RIDE

ON SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

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>

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UNTOUCHABLE TOUR OF CHICAGO

Saturday, May 18



We gathered at the Rock and Roll McDonald's to meet up with the tour bus. As we were waiting the skies opened up and it began to rain. We took shelter inside the restaurant and then a gentleman in a pin striped suit and fedora told us to come with him. We made a dash for the bus and settled in the comfy seats, all very grateful this was not a walking tour,

We headed all over the city, First to Holy Name Cathedral to check out the bullet holes still visible and heard stories of Bugs Moran, Hymie Weiss, Dion O'Bannion, and, of course, Al

Capone. Went down Michigan Avenue, to the Statler Hotel (now Hilton), the old Levee District, Chinatown, then up to Little Italy, Greek Town listening to tales of Johnny Torrio, Big Jim Colosimo, the Genna Clan, Machine Gun Jack McGurn and again Al Capone, We concluded with the Biograph Theater and John Dillinger. After the tour we headed to an Irish Pub, Fado, for a few Black and Tans and other pub fare.

We all agreed the tour was very well done, the guide was really good, very entertaining and kept the stories coming. If you want to do something different when guests come to town, try this tour,

TIC: Chris Demski

SNORKELER GETS SWALLOWED BY A WHALE

When Jonah of the Bible got swallowed by a whale, it was three days before he was finally spat out. Luckily, Rainer Schimpf of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, was released a lot sooner after he found himself inside the mouth of a whale.

Schimpf, 51, has been organizing trips out to the famous Sardine Run, 25 miles off Port Elizabeth, for more than 15 years. Sometimes they can be disappointing, others they can result in spectacular one-off experiences to be treasured. Austrian diver Heinz Toperczer got one of those cherished moments when he captured video footage of Schimpf being gathered up in the mouth of a charging Brydes whale while snorkeling in February.

Schimpf told the Daily Telegraph that there was no time for fear or any emotion . “I knew instantly what had happened. I knew a whale had come and taken me, and I instinctively held my breath, assuming it would dive down again and spit me out somewhere in the depths of the Indian Ocean .”

But then he felt enormous pressure around his waist, which is when the whale may have realized its mistake, Schimpf said. “As the whale turned sideways, he opened his mouth slightly to release me, and I was washed, together with what felt like tons of water, out of his mouth, while the whale himself was swallowing all the fish in his throat.”

OK, maybe Schimpf didn’t actually get swallowed, but it certainly was a one-off experience to find himself inside the whale’s mouth even for just 1 .8 seconds. Brydes whales can reach up to 55 feet long and weigh 30 tons, so they certainly have big mouths.

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DRAGON SMUGGLERS FORCING A SHUTDOWN OF KOMODO ISLAND

The allure of Indonesia’s Komodo Island for divers is the massive manta rays gliding around underwater, and the massive Komodo dragon lizards walking around topside. It is threats to the latter that may shut down the island entirely to tourists starting in January 2020.

Smugglers are stealing the dragons due to demand in other parts of Asia for dubious medicinal purposes (their blood is packed with antimicrobial peptides, a built-in defense against infections by all living creatures). The decision to close the island came just days after nine men were arrested on suspicion of selling more than 40 Komodo dragons for about \$35,000 each. The temporary shutdown is expected to give officials an opportunity to increase the dragon population and preserve their habitats. Some reports indicate there are just 6,000 of the dragons left in existence, and fewer than 500 of those are females capable of breeding.

But there’s still a glimmer of hope for divers wanting to see Komodo’s manta rays: We still don’t know how or if this would affect liveboards operating close to the island’s shores.

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OCEAN REEF’S FULL-FACE MASK RECALL

Not to be confused with its Aria snorkeling mask, Ocean Reef is voluntarily recalling around 1,000 Neptune Space integrated diving masks made between March and November 2018, because a manufacturing glitch with the regulator could restrict airflow. Check if your mask is affected by comparing its serial number with those listed at <https://oceanreefgroup.com/recall-information>. If yours is included, return it where you bought it so it can be checked and adjusted or for a free replacement or refund.

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APRIL ENTERTAINMENT

Several folks asked me if I can send them the link to last night's documentary. I figured It might be easier for you to include it in in the Trib.

Here's the link to the YouTube Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snQ6aMLaQCY>

It was called "The Last Resort - documentary about marine conservation"

Dave Vemmer

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CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE TOUR SATURDAY, JUNE 29 - 12:30 PM

Completed in fall 2016, the [Chicago Riverwalk](#) is a 1.25-mile promenade through the heart of Chicago. Locals and visitors flock to the area in the summer to enjoy bars, restaurants, boating, live music, public art and dramatic views. I originally wanted to do a tour of the Riverwalk but they are only offered on weekdays so instead we will do the Must See Chicago and we can take a walk on it ourselves..

Must-See Chicago is a fast-paced, 90-minute introductory tour to Chicago featuring some of its most famous buildings, including the Wrigley Building, Tribune Tower, the Art Institute of Chicago, Willis (Sears) Tower, the Chicago Theatre and more!

1.5 Hours

\$26 public (includes CAC admission)

Free for CAC members

Chicago Architecture Center, 111 E. Wacker Dr. 12:30 PM Tour Begins

Get a brief overview of more than a dozen buildings—as well as Chicago landmarks like [Millennium Park](#), the Loop and the Chicago River—on this whirlwind tour. To cover this ambitious route, we will explore the downtown area by hopping on and off the city's signature "[L](#)" trains, which will provide you with a unique view of downtown. There are lots of photo opportunities along the way, so be sure to bring your camera!

TiC: Pam Romund promund@gamil.com 773-791-3142



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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.

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NEW WWW.THETRITONS.COM

We now have a new Host for the "www.TheTritons.com" website. Our old web site was a Hodgepodge from many contributors and was well... a mess. Milt transferred the web site and there may be a few broken links so if you find any please let Milt know at milspec@comcast.net. Be sure to check it out.

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The article below is reprinted from Undercurrent On-Line, May, 2019

BABY BOOM

A little bit of good news about the ocean: Seven newborn right whales were spotted swimming off Florida's Atlantic coast last month, with a further three seen off the coast of Massachusetts. No newborns were seen last year. There are thought to be just 450 of this endangered species left in the world.

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**Off Miner Street (Route 14) turn north on to Lee Street and then right into the
Market Place**

Our next meeting:

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM

TAP HOUSE GRILL

1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A

**On your left is a large parking garage (free) or circle the lot, park and come
on in.**