



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tritons!

Last month we held our annual Triton Board of Director elections and the new Board is already working toward making your club better than ever. Congratulations to new Director Ron Levin and new Secretary Dave O'Malley. I am privileged to have been re-elected to serve another term as President and look forward to the next two years. I wish to thank all of the members who ran for office and to all of the members who participated in the voting process. I know the best is yet to come.

The big event this month is our 55th Triton Anniversary Party. If you haven't made your plans to attend yet, please get in touch with Judy Stephens to get your spot reserved. This year we will be at Chessie's 111 Grille in Barrington. For those of you who have never been here, Chessie's is near the Barrington train station and is made up of old railroad cars. You will find all the details posted later in this issue.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President – Randy Skiba
- Vice-President – Mike Leibovtiz
- Secretary – Dave O'Malley
- Treasurer – Ed Littel
- First Director – Ron Levin
- Second Director – Tricia Shields

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Audit – Appointed in Fall
- By Laws & Rules – Gary Duszak
- Entertainment – Dave Vemmer
- Equipment & Safety – S. Leibovitz
- Events – Pam Romund
- Membership – Adolph Habich
- Merchandise – Brian Clarke
- Nominating – Appointed in Fall
- 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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Now would also be a great time to look at our Events Calendar to start planning for the summer. As usual, we have many super events for you to enjoy starting with our Opening Dive at Haigh Quarry on Saturday May 26th followed on May 27th with the Annual Bike Ride, Walk & Eat hosted by Milt and Margy Levenberg. Join in to check out your equipment and to have a fun time with your fellow Tritons.

Remember our Business meeting is the 4th Tuesday of every month and I look forward to seeing all of you then.

Good diving to all, Randy

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

April, 2012

Our current membership is:

69 full members TOTAL 69 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

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EVENTS

As the new Events Chair I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jon Kitts for the excellent job he did over the last year.

Now it is under my watch and I am asking all of you to look over the calendar to see if there is an event you might want to run. It is very easy! I can give you directions on exactly what you will need to do – before, during and after the event, very simple and straightforward. We still have a few openings in the calendar, give me a call or talk to me at one of the meetings or events.

Thanks!

Pam Romund, Events Chair

TRITON 2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

April, 2012		
Saturday, 4/21	Anniversary Party – 55th	Judi Stephens 847-296-6421 - Chessie's 111 Grille
Tuesday, 4/24	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
May, 2012		
Saturday, 5/5	Dinner & Show	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 5/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 5/22	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 5/26	Season Opener – Haigh	Scott Reimer 847-788-0417 streimer1@comcast.net
Sunday, 5/27	Memorial Day Bike, Walk & Eat! (Chez Levenberg)	Margy and Milt Levenberg margyspec@comcast.net or milspec@comcast.net
June, 2012		
S&S, 6/2-3	Training Weekend/Pearl	Board of Education
Sunday, 6/10	Frontera Farmers Market And Tasting	Rosana Vemmer vmexicana@hotmail.com 847.698.1727
Tuesday, 6/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
*Saturday, 6/16	Rush Arena Football Allstate Arena Rosemont	Chris Demski 630-698-9410 cdemski@radiometeramerica.com
Saturday, 6/24	Charter Dive Waukegan	Ron Levin 630-529-4633 snappyron@sbcglobal.net
Tuesday, 6/26	OPEN HOUSE Invite Guests	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 6/30	Emergency First Responder Training	Mike Leibovitz, WA9EVF@COMCAST.NET Home: 773-465-0981
July, 2012		
Saturday, 7/7	Zip Lining Lk Geneva WI	TIC Needed
Tuesday, 7/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Friday, 7/13	Concert in the Park	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 7/14	On-Site Neurological Assessment Course	Mike Leibovitz, WA9EVF@COMCAST.NET Home: 773-465-0981
S&S, 7/14-15	Open Water Classes Begin - ITT Campus	Board of Education – Rich Schak 312-608-4112 or Steve Leibovitz: 847-833-5379
F-Sun – 7/20/22	Dive Mermet Springs	TIC Needed
Tuesday, 7/24	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 7/28	Charter Dive - Chicago	TIC Needed
August, 2012		
Saturday, 8/4	Class / DEMP	Mike Leibovitz, wa9evf@comcase.net 773-465-0981
*Sunday, 8/5	Howard/Etherton Day Pearl Lake	Board of Education – Contact Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Sunday, 8/12	Segway Tour, Chicago	TIC Needed
Tuesday, 8/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490, promund@kraftfoods.com
*Saturday, 8/25	Minor League Baseball	Adolph Habich (AHabich@aol.com)
Sunday, 8/26	Wreck Dive, Milwaukee	TIC Needed
Tuesday, 8/28	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM

*Date change

Contact Pam Romund to sign up for the event of your choice 847-698-5490



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RUSH ARENA FOOTBALL

When: Saturday June 16, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Allstate Arena

Cost: \$20- \$25 (we need a minimum of 10 people to get a group rate)

**TIC: Chris Demski
630-698-9410**

cdemski@radiometeramerica.com

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ELECTIONS

Many thanks to all who volunteered to run for office – our club is only as strong as those willing to lend a hand. The results of the voting, each elected for two year terms on the Board of Directors:

President: Randy Skiba
Secretary: Dave O'Malley
Director: Ron Levin

Thanks everyone!

Nominating Committtee
Margy Levenberg, Dave Vemmer, Renee Tobias

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POP TOPS

Many thanks to everyone for all the pop tops you have sent my way. On Saturday, April 7 I turned the latest collection in at the Ronald McDonald House in Hines, IL. I had two very large boxes and assorted gallon milk jugs and they weighed in at a whopping 50 lbs!! The House was very grateful for the contribution.

Keep them coming! Pam Romund

DAN TRAINING CLASSES

On-Site Neurological Assessment for Divers

Learn how to conduct a neurological assessment on a potentially injured diver.

The information gained in this assessment can help convince a diver of the need for oxygen first aid, and help a dive physician determine the proper treatment.

Approximately two-thirds of divers with decompression illness have evidence of damage to the nervous system. These signs are often vague and can go unrecognized by the diver. This can cause them to be dismissed as insignificant or not dive-related.

The information you gather while performing a neurological assessment will be useful to help the dive physician understand the extent of the injury and how it has changed in the time it took to get the diver from the dive site to definitive care.

Before the Class

- You must have a current certification in CPR.
- You will need to purchase the student handbook that goes with the class.
- You must have completed the DAN oxygen provider course within the previous 24 months.



The Class

- The four-hour class can either be split up on two weeknights or be completed over a weekend. See our schedule for days and times.

Date: Saturday, July 14, 2012 Location TBA

The Cost

- The course fee is \$50 and includes book and slates
- To Sign up call or E-Mail Michael Leibovitz email: wa9evf@comcase.net, Home Phone: 773-465-0981

Successful Completion card is valid for 24 months.

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Diving Emergency Management Provider Program

It is a rare event when a dive emergency is a single event. More often than not, separate small problems compound to create a larger problem.

Divers and dive professionals interested in understanding first aid care for dive emergencies can now take the Diving Emergency Management Provider course. This single program integrates the knowledge and skills from several DAN Training Programs into a single eight-hour day. The Diving Emergency Management Provider course includes:

- Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries
- First Aid for Hazardous Marine Life Injuries
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for Scuba Diving



The knowledge and skills from the DAN Advanced Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries module are optional in this program.

Before the Class

- You must have current certification in CPR.
- Let us know if you need a CPR Refresher before the class.

The Class

- The eight-hour class can either be split up on two weeknights or be completed over a weekend. See our schedule for days and times.

Date: Saturday August 4, 2012 and will last about 8 hours

The Cost

- The course fee is \$135 and Includes: DAN Student Handbook, Oronasal Mask, Non-Rebreather Mask, O2, Gloves and First aid supplies used in the class.
- To Sign up call or E-Mail Michael Leibovitz email: wa9evf@comcase.net, Home Phone: 773-465-0981

Successful Completion card is valid for 24 months.



Scott paddling fast and furious

UNDERWATER COMPETITION

Sunday, March 25, 2012

Many thanks to all who came on out to participate or just cheer their favorite team on! We were able to form five teams this year and again the over all winner was the UASC Team. Taking home second prize was the B Team from Chicago SCUBA Meet-Up and third place was taken by *The Tritons*.

Fourth place was the A Team from Chicago SCUBA Meet-Up and fifth went to Atlantis Divers.

Be sure to check out the ICSSD website (<http://www.illinoisscubacouncil.org/>) to view all the wonderful photos posted. Again a big thank you to Dan Kasberger for the excellent pictures.

Chuck and Margo Miller
Illinois Council of Skin & SCUBA

Charles in Charge!



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DINNER AND A SHOW

LEADER OF THE PACK is the story of Ellie Greenwich, whose doo wop sounds skyrocketed to the top of the sixties charts, includes "Chapel of Love," "Be My Baby," "Then He Kissed Me," "Do Wah Diddy" and more!

The show will be at **Prairie Lakes Theatre 515 E. Thacker Street Des Plaines, IL 60016, Saturday, May 5 at 8:00 PM.**

Tickets are approximately \$28 per person. If we have 15 or more we qualify for a group discount. For anyone interested we will go out for a bite and/or beverage before the play, this time Chinese - meet at 6:00 PM at

Tasty Cuisine Chinese Restaurant
1225 South Elmhurst Road (just south of Algonquin Road)
Des Plaines, IL 60018
Telephone: 847-228-7733

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



CHECK YOUR CALENDAR - THIS YEAR'S BIKE RIDE IS

SUNDAY!!!!

MEMORIAL DAY BIKE RIDE

ON **SUNDAY**, MAY 27, 2012

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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SEASON OPENER!

Time to get your gear out of hibernation and bring to Haigh Quarry for the first dive of the 2012 season. Have that new piece of gear you want to try or maybe an older piece that just was repaired? Come out to the Quarry and enjoy the day, lots to eat and drink and friends to say hi!

Haigh Quarry, Kankakee, IL Saturday, May 26

More details to come at the April Business meeting.

Contact TIC: Scott Reimer
847-788-0417 streimer1@comcast.net

Many thanks to Dave Vemmer for sending this to our attention. Reprinted from the March 26, 2012, <http://news.sciencemag.org/sciencenow/2012/03/scienceshot-robot-records-fish.html>, article by Jane J. Lee

SCIENCESHOT: ROBOT RECORDS FISH FARTS



Credit: National Undersea Research Center/UNCW

Researchers hoping to better understand fish distributions by recording the sounds they make have picked up something unusual: barely-audible, cricket-like noises they think could be nighttime fish farts.

The team programmed a torpedo-shaped robot called a glider to head out to sea from Tampa Bay and back, running up and down the water column in a saw-tooth pattern, sampling ocean sounds for 25 seconds every 5 minutes. The glider also recorded location data and measured seawater temperature, salinity, and depth over the course of 1 week. By comparing the grunts and whistles on their recordings to known fish calls, University of South Florida researchers found red grouper (shown, *Epinephelus morio*) and toadfishes (*Opsanus* spp.) were the most frequent fish sounds recorded, the team reports this month in *Marine Ecology Progress Series*. These fish produced sounds throughout the day and night, mostly deeper than 40 meters.

The probable farts were recorded shallower than 40 meters, and were most likely a group of fish, including menhaden and herring, releasing gas from an internal buoyancy organ called a swim bladder. By mapping these sounds, the researchers hope to get a better picture of species distributions and likely spawning areas—important information for management and conservation efforts.

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DAN SAFETY QUIZ

Want to test yourself and see how well you remember some of your training? Head over to the Divers' Alert Website: http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/quiz/safety_quiz There is a great quiz on safety this month. There are also 8 or 10 more that you can take to brush up some of your skills or just to have some fun! Some of the quizzes offered are:

Ears and Equalization
Shark ID
Hollywood Diving Myths & Mysteries
Hand Signals

Thermal Stress & Diving
Hazardous Marine Life
Cardiovascular Risks Factors for Diving
And many more!!



DIVEHEART UPDATE
Mark your calendars now!

SPLASH INTO SUMMER
May 6th 12 – 4 PM
Ballydoyle Pub & Restaurant
5157 Main Street
Downers Grove, IL

Save the date! Our annual fundraiser, Splash Into Summer is just around the corner. This fun family event includes food, live entertainment, a silent auction, drawings for great prizes, a clown, face-painting and more.

Proceeds from this very important fundraiser, help us to continue to provide scuba diving opportunities to children and adults with disabilities and wounded veterans.

We are seeking donations of auction items, in addition to event sponsors and volunteers. If you are able to help, please call Janice at 630-880-1366.

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Reprinted from: <http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/4253267/Monster-fish-dragged-three-men-and-a-boat-a-mile-down-river.html>, Article by Dan Sale

FISHING IS SUCH A DRAG

Monster catfish pulled boat for a mile

A MONSTER fish dragged three men in a boat nearly a MILE down a river as they battled to land it. The anglers hooked the huge catfish on the River Po in Italy, but when the creature from the deep took their bait it started to 'run' with it. The men leapt from the bank into a motorized dinghy, but were powerless to act as the Wels catfish pulled them along for an hour.



After taking them one mile the exhausted beast gave up and the fishermen — German anglers Stefan Seuss, 31, Uli Schuppler and Patrick Nimz — were able to guide it into the shallows.

After it was caught the fish weighed in at a mighty 218lbs and measured 7ft 8ins.

Tour guide Stefan said: "It was the hardest fight from a catfish I have ever witnessed. "When a fish runs off like that we have no choice but to follow it. We followed it down the river in a little boat. "It dragged us

along for 1.5km and there was little we could do but hold on until it tired. It was quite a fight."

The fish was more than 30lbs off the official world record for a Wels catfish. That was caught in the same river in 2010 by Roberto Godi and weighed in at 250lbs 3ozs. After capturing their catch on film the men returned it safe and well back to the water.

Stefan, from Birkenau near Frankfurt, works for Team Black Cat which runs fishing tours to the River Po.

Many thanks to Bob Gadbois for sending this one to our attention. Reprinted from Yahoo News, LiveScience.com, March 20, 2012

MARINE SCIENTISTS HUNT FOR WORLD'S STRONGEST CORALS

Corals living in the tropical paradise off the Ofu Island in the South Pacific Ocean may be some of the strongest corals, living in lagoons with water temperatures high enough to kill most of their brethren. They are not just surviving, but these coral reefs are thriving, according to a marine biologist who is trying to find out just how they do it, during an expedition running from March 18 through April 7.

"In fact, they're growing faster than the same species elsewhere," said Stephen Palumbi of Stanford University.

Studying these seemingly heat-resistant corals could help scientists find ways to protect these and other corals, which scientists worry are at risk as climate change warms the oceans. Coral reefs are a crucial part of the environment; they support more species per unit area than any other marine habitat. They are home to many fish we eat; they attract divers; buffer coasts from the effects of storms; and have been the source of medicinal substances according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"Our research tries to find the corals that are better at resisting the negative effects of high temperature, and find out at the molecular genetic level how they accomplish this," Palumbi said in a statement put out by the university.

To test the corals' strength, the researchers will use a computer-controlled aquarium that lets them increase water temperature to a precise degree. They will place the corals from different locations into this so-called coral stress tank, ramp up the temperature over the course of a day and monitor which of the corals survive and which bleach and die. Bleaching refers to the whitening of corals that occurs when they eject their symbiotic, and photosynthesizing, algae that live within their tissues. It generally is a sign of stress.

The first part of the team's expedition takes place in Ofu Island in American Samoa; from there, they will travel to Rarotonga and Aitutaki in the Cook Islands in the South Pacific Ocean.

"We do not know if the strong corals we find tomorrow will be dead the next day," Palumbi said. "But if we do not find them, we will never know where to protect them."

Reprinted from: <http://www.deeperblue.com/jenna-mcgrath-new-usa-freediving-record/>,
posted 4/15/12, by Francesca Koe

JENNA MCGRATH NEW USA FREEDIVING RECORD



A relative newcomer to the sport of freediving, Jenna McGrath grabbed her first official title. At the Culver City Plunge Pool in Los Angeles, California McGrath successfully completed a dynamic apnea dive (DYN) of 150 meters in two minutes and :04 seconds, garnering her a national record and quite a triumphant Sunday. An acclaimed screenwriter and former synchronized swimmer, Jenna has spent the better part of the last two years getting acquainted with renowned dive locations such as [Deans Blue Hole](#) and [Grand Cayman](#) in pursuit of her version of [plato's tripartite](#) theory. "Freediving is where

you have the body, the mind and the soul" Jenna explains, "for me, my mind is telling my body to overcome its instincts so that I can truly experience my soul."

EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE^{AE}

Help save the lives of
your family, friends and
neighbors

Get prepared with Emergency First Response



Recent world events have proven that the ability to manage medical emergencies is critical when disaster strikes and emergency services are overwhelmed or nonexistent. Now you can get prepared to save the lives of your family, friends, coworkers and neighbors by taking Emergency First Response CPR and first aid courses. Or, become an Emergency First Response Instructor and pass these essential skills on to others in your community.

Contact your local Emergency First Response Instructor:

Michael Leibovitz

Wa9evf@comcast.net or 773-251-7463

Class Date: June 30, 2012

Note: Class will last 6 – 8 hours

This will be a Emergency First response and First Aid class



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

7840 W. Ogden, Suite #9
Lyons, IL 60534
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

SCUBA SYSTEMS

3919 Oakton
Skokie, IL 60076
847-674-0222

TOUCAN DIVE CENTER

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

BERRY DIVE CENTER

3042 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

SEA LION DIVE CENTER

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

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

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

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE APRIL BUSINESS MEETING



Be sure to attend this month's meeting to view a short film on Mermet Springs. Mermet is a full service scuba diving site located downstate in Vienna, Illinois. It is one of the most popular dive facilities in the country, attracting the attention of National Geographic, national news media and the scuba diving industry. You can dive a 727, a railroad car, pickup truck, a Cessna and more. They even have an underwater petting zoo!

It's a nicely done video that shows some of the features and amenities of the facility and if you like what you see the Club is running a trip there in July. Coincidence, me think not!



The Tritons

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April, 2012

Triton DIVE LINE: 847-394-0975

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The Tritons

See you April 24, 2012 at 7:30 PM

ENTERTAINMENT: Mermet Springs, Home of 1st Class Diving

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