



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tritons

Well, I don't know about you, but I've had my fill of snow and cold for this year. I hope you are all looking forward to warmer weather and some great dive outings. Be sure to check out our calendar for up coming events and dives and start making your plans now. And, speaking of plans, are you planning on attending Our World Underwater. The show starts on Friday the 18th, runs through Sunday the 20th, and is being held once again at the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center in Rosemont. This is a great opportunity to meet with dive equipment suppliers, local dive retailers (many of whom support our club in various ways), dive travel operators and to take advantage of some really interesting seminars and training classes. If you know any new divers or people who are interested in learning about diving, be sure to let them know about this once a year show. You can find information about the show on the internet at www.ourworldunderwater.com.

We are also quickly approaching our annual March elections. Margy Levenberg and her committee have been working hard to put together a slate of candidates for your club but we could use a few more good men and women to step forward and accept the challenge. If you have every wondered what goes on behind the scenes at the Board of Directors meetings, getting elected would be a great way to find out and to help keep our club vibrant and strong. Our Board meetings are now held as conference calls. The list of current candidates is posted in this issue so take a peek and then take that big step forward. You can contact Margi Levenberg, Renee Tobias, Dave Vemmer or any current board member to submit your name. Who knows, you may be more popular than you think.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Our World Underwater and of course at our next business meeting. Good diving to all.

Randy

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Randy Skiba
Vice-President – Mike Leibovtiz
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First Director – Dave O'Malley
Second Director – Jackie Heirbaut

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Audit –Dianna Skiba
By Laws & Rules – Gary Duszak
Entertainment – Dave Vemmer
Equipment & Safety – S. Leibovitz
Events – Dave Vemmer
Membership – Adolph Habich
Merchandise – Pam Romund
Nominating – Margy Levenberg
Publicity/Web Site –Mike Leibovitz
Director of Training – Rich Schak
Editor of the Trib – Pam Romund
Illinois Council Delegates – Chuck & Margo Miller

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

February, 2011

Our current membership is:

71 full members 1 associate member

TOTAL 72 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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

TRITON 2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

February, 2011		
F-S/ 2/18-20	Our World Underwater Rosemont, IL	www.owu.com - Equipment, Photo Gear, Trips, Films and more! Donald Stephens Convention Center.
Saturday, 2/19	OWU Dinner	Margo Miller – margommiller@sprynet.com
Tuesday, 2/22	Business Meeting A Visit to Yap!	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
*Saturday, 2/26	Chicago Wolves Hockey	Adolph Habich 773-625-3019 or AHabich@aol.com
March, 2011		
*Saturday, 3/5	Whirly Ball-Vernon Hills	Jon Kitts (jon13@voyager.net)
Tuesday, 3/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 3/19 – Saturday 3/26	Warm Water Dive Trip St. Eustatius	Randy Skiba (847) 312-9208 cell phone (224) 392-2131 office or r_skiba@comcast.net
Tuesday, 3/22	Business Meeting General Elections	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
April, 2011		
Saturday, 4/9	Chamber Dive/LGH	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 4/12	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 4/16	Anniversary Party	Needs TIC
*Saturday, 4/23	Dinner and a Show	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Tuesday, 4/26	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 4/30	Pizza Tour & Tasting	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
May, 2011		
Tuesday, 5/10	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Sunday, 5/15	Road Rally	Jon Kitts (jon13@voyager.net)
Tuesday, 5/24	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Saturday, 5/28	Quarry Dive & Picnic	Needs TIC
Monday, 5/30	Memorial Day Bike Ride, Walk and Eat	Margy & Milt Levenberg margyspec@comcast.net or milspec@comcast.net
June, 2011		
Saturday, 6/4	Port Washington Pirate Fest	Needs TIC
Tuesday, 6/7	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 promund@kraftfoods.com
Saturday, 6/12	Frontera Farmers Market & Tasting	Rosana Vemmer (rvmexicana@hotmail.com) 847.698.1727
Tuesday, 6/21	Business Meeting OPEN HOUSE	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Sat & Sun 6/25- 26	Training Weekend Pearl Lk, South Beloit, IL	Board of Education
Saturday 6/25	Quarry Dive & Picnic	Needs TIC Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL
July, 2011		
F, S & S 7/1-4	Florida Wreck/Reef Diving	Needs TIC

*** Note Date Change** Sign up now for the event of your choice, contact Dave at DCVemmer@comcast.net!

BREWERY TOUR

Sunday, February 13

It was a bit of an adventure just to find the brewery. It is truly off the beaten track and no sign marking the building. However fourteen of us made the trek and were well rewarded. The manager of the restaurant attached to the brewery, The Tap House, gave us the tour. Gabe was most knowledgeable: he gave us the history of Two Brothers, discussed the various types of equipment and ingredients used in beer making, why they use what they do and then showed how the beer gets from the initial stages, to the actual wooden casks for some aging, to the bottling area and ending up in the 6 pack and then the case. All during this time Scott was peppering Gabe with questions – he was very good-spirited and they had a good back and forth rapport, entertaining the entire group.



Once the tour was completed we went back to the restaurant for some beer sampling and something to eat. The food was good and plentiful and there were 9 to 10 beers to taste. Adolph (a true beer conisueur) thought the stout was great. My personal two favorties a Domaine Dupage (won an award at the International Beer Festival in 2010) and a limited time offer specialty beer, Coconut Beer, very light with just a hint of coconut, we all agreed this would be great to have in the islands sipping around the pool or just vegging out at the beach on the sand.

These tasting/sampling events are always fun – you can learn what goes into to make the item, how it is made and then sample. Glad everyone was able to attend, next up PIZZA TASTING in April.

TIC: Pam Romund

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ENTERTAINMENT AT FEBRUARY MEETING A VIST TO YAP!

Yap, also known as Wa'ab by locals is an island in the Caroline Islands of the western Pacific Ocean. It is a state of the Federated States of Micronesia. The "island" of Yap actually consists of four continental



islands. The four are very close together and joined within a common coral reef and entirely formed from an uplift of the Philippine Sea Plate. The land is mostly rolling hills densely covered with vegetation. Mangrove swamps line much of the shore. An outer barrier reef surrounds the islands, enclosing a lagoon between the fringing barrier reef (see the map on the back page of the newsletter). Yap is notable for large stone money (see photo) and for giant manta rays, which often congregate in the waters around the island, and have made it a top scuba diving destination.

Photo: A large (approximately 8 feet in height) example of Yapese stone money (Rai) in the village of Gachpar. Stone money indicates great wealth. Most stones were mined on Palau and carried by outrigger canoe some 450 kilometers (250 miles).

PHOTO SHOW BALLOTING

Attached with this newsletter is a recap of the items submitted by your fellow Tritons for the photo show in November. Now is your chance to vote for your favorite. Send your votes for your 3 favorites (ranked 1st through 3rd) to Dave Vemmer, and we'll be able to award the prizes at the February meeting. You can vote early but not often. **DEADLINE FOR VOTING: 5:00 PM Sunday, February 20, 2011.** Thanks in advance! Dave at DCVemmer@comcast.net

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DINNER AND A SHOW!!! THE DROWSY CHAPERONE April 23, 8:00 PM

Something a bit different this time, we will be going to the theater and seeing a play.



The Drowsy Chaperone, a "musical within a comedy," debuted on Broadway in 2006 and was an instant hit, winning seven Drama Desk Awards and five Tony Awards. To chase his blues away, a modern day musical theater addict known simply as 'Man in Chair,' drops the needle on his favorite LP, the 1928 musical comedy The Drowsy Chaperone. When the record begins to play, the musical magically bursts to life on stage, telling the tale of a pampered Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to get married, her producer who sets out to sabotage the wedding, her chaperone, the debonair groom, her Latin lover and a pair of bumbling gangsters.

Details are as follows:

- When:** Saturday, April 23 (Note date change)
Where: Prairie Lakes Theater, Des Plaines Park District
515 East Thacker, Des Plaines (just west of Wolf Road)
Cost: \$23.00 per person (if we get more than 15, we can get a group rate)
Time: 8:00 PM
TIC: Pam Romund Hm 847-698-5490 Cell 847-414-4347 or promund@kraftfoods.com

We will then head for some refreshments after the show, this is an additional cost, place TBD

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ELECTIONS

It is that time of year again, elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the March Business meeting. The preliminary slate is as follows:

- Vice President: Mike Leibovitz
Treasurer: Jan O'Malley
Director: Brian Clarke, Scott Reimer, Tricia Shields (Vote for One)

We are looking for a few good people to serve on the Board for the next two years. Most Board meetings are held as conference calls so you can attend without leaving the comfort of your own home. If you would be interested in running for an office or would like more information on what is involved please contact a member of the Nominating Committee or a member of the Board of Directors. Thanks!

Margy Levenberg, Dave Vemmer, Renee Tobias
Nominating Committee

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VOTE FOR TRITON AND EVENTS OF THE YEAR

Enclosed with this month's newsletter are the ballots for Triton of the Year and Events of the Year. These must be returned no later than the Tuesday March 22 business meeting so the ballots can be tallied and the awards prepared for presentation at the Anniversary Party. Thanks!!

Editor's Note: While this article deals with a dive shop, it could just as well be any sort of business. Be aware when folks are making claims they are "going green" or "greening up" you have to really look closely to see how committed they are to bettering the environment. I don't agree with a couple of points Mr. Davidson makes but overall I think the idea of the piece is good. Many like to promote whatever is the current in thing – check it out, don't take it at face value. If you see something that could be done better speak up: call, write a letter or an email. It is up to each one of us to help take care of the planet

Many thanks to Dave Vemmer for sending this to our attention. Reprinted from Undercurrent.

AND THE "GREEN DIVER B.S. AWARD" GOES TO . . .

More and more, dive shops and operators are promoting themselves as greener and eco-friendlier. Sometimes they deserve kudos, sometimes they're just blowing smoke. For example, we came across a press release last month from Darcy Kieran, owner of Total Diving in Montreal. To become an eco-friendly dive shop, he announced, Total Diving was going to cancel all ads in printed books distributed door-to-door, like the Yellow Pages. "We're going green as a sign that we care about our planet and our dive sites," Kieran said. "We need to take more actions consistent with protecting the environment. This is just one step in the right direction."

"One step?" To us, this seems to be pure exploitation of the green concept. And it sounds like this is just a slick way to gloss over the fact that his Yellow Page ads were a waste of money and didn't bring divers through the door.

So we called Kieran and, yes, he admitted that Yellow Page ads aren't generating leads like they used to. "But also I'm tired of these books. I don't understand why I get a full tree in front of my house every few months." Does he advertise anywhere else? Kieran says it's mainly online, but print is still in the mix. "But we don't do newspaper anymore." What about giving up other paper sources like business cards and printed brochures? "Well, we still do that." How about green efforts to improve the shop, like solar panels to heat the water? "We throw plastic bottles out. Montreal water is good enough for drinking."

So all in all, going green to Kieran boils down to nixing the Yellow Pages.

You need a press release to promote that? "Hey, I don't pretend to be a role model for the environment, but you got to start somewhere. We'll take a first step, then move to the second step." Fair enough, but press releases should promote innovative ways to go green. How about finding ways to pay carbon taxes for dive travel? Or getting manufacturers to reduce their unnecessary and excessive packaging. Or taking an active role in local, national or international conservation issues, by contributing a percentage of sales.

Well, Darcy, I apologize for picking on you, but we need the dive industry to stay honest about going green. We need real steps, not rhetoric. Or the next thing we know dive stores will be advertising that they fill their tanks with recycled air.

- Ben Davison, Undercurrent

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CHAMBER DIVE SATURDAY APRIL 9 LUTHERAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

Are you suffering from pressure withdrawal? Is your body is rebelling at just being at sea level? Why not join with your fellow club members and go for a "dive" in the hyperbaric chamber at Lutheran General Hospital? We will meet in the hospital for a brief lecture on the history of hyperbaric medicine, where we stand today and some of the common treatments the chamber is used for – it isn't just the bends any more. After the lecture we will dive in the chamber under the watchful eye of Dan Mazzolini. Dan has led our adventures before – he has seen us do the hokey pokey, blow up ballons and won't be surprised at any of our antics, he keeps a careful eye on us as we descend come back to the surface. If you have a dive computer bring it along but be sure to have a container to place it in – it must be submerged in water or it will break guaranteed!!

After the dive we will head out for some sustenance, pizza, burgers, whatever the group decides. Space is limited for the chamber.

Contact: Pam Romund, 847-698-5490, 874-414-4347 or promund@kraftfoods.com.



February 18, 19 and 20
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center -
Rosemont, IL



Don't miss the Midwest's oldest and largest dive show – equipment, travel, underwater photography, books, training – see everything all in one place. Fantastic and not to be missed are the Friday and Saturday Film Festivals. In addition there is a silent auction, in-depth workshops, trip giveaways and so more. If it has to do with diving you will find it here. Got to: www.ourworldunderwater.com.

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SLICE OF CHICAGO PIZZA
TOUR AND TASTING
SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH 2:30 PM
29 E. OHIO AT PIZZERIA UNO



We have done beer, wine, chocolate and now PIZZA! The roving foodies in the club are off again on another adventure! We will sample three of the best Chicago style deep-dish pizzas, without long lines or waiting times, the pizza will be hot and ready. You will learn all about Chicago Pizza history and its legendary creators. Enjoy the sights and sounds of downtown Chicago while burning off the calories that you consume!!

You will be able to compare several different Chicago style deep-dish pizzas: the crusts, cheese and sauce, all while learning the history of the restaurants, their owners and the pizza ingredient suppliers. We will visit three of the best; among the pizzerias we may visit are Pizzeria Uno, Giordanos, Pizano's and Pizzeria Ora.

We will be sampling cheese pizza, however if you have a particular favorite topping on your pizza let the TIC know. Depending on the size of the group we might be able to accommodate some other toppings. I recommend you wear comfortable shoes, temperature appropriate clothing, bring bottle of water and a healthy appetite. You will be able to purchase beverages at each restaurant but bring some water with you, you can work up a thirst. We will be covering approximately 1.2 miles on our walk around the city.

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WHIRLYBALL

Saturday, March 5th

Come join your fellow Tritons Saturday March 5th

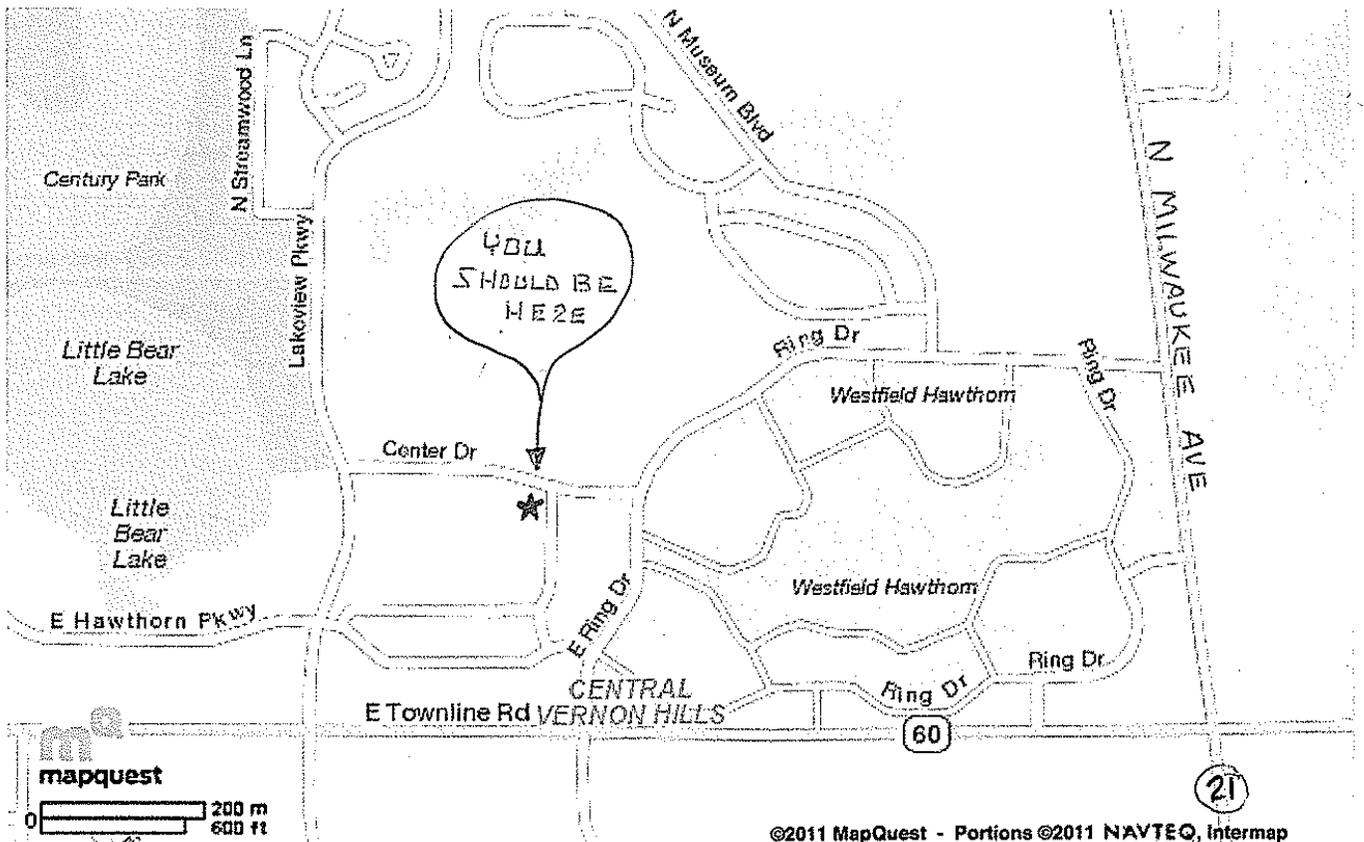
For a challenging game of Whirlyball.

285285 Center Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061, Phone: 800-8-WHIRLY

Cost is just \$18.00 per player.

Spectators Can Watch for FREE!

Start Time: 9:00 PM



To reserve your spot behind the wheel or on the sidelines contact
TIC: Jon Kitts (jon13@voyager.net)

JOIN THE TRITONS
FOR
WOLVES HOCKEY



CHICAGO AND PEORIA

7:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 26 2011

\$19.00

ALLSTATE ARENA
TIC ADOLPH HABICH
E-mail ahabich@aol.com

JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE GAME



HAWAII PILOT SPOTS BADLY INJURED WHALE

A humpback whale with an apparently broken back has been spotted in waters near Hawaii, a newspaper reports.

Gerry Charlebois, who takes student pilot/tourists for coastal excursions in ultralight aircraft, spotted the injured whale from the air Monday in shallow water near Kauai. "He wasn't moving his fluke and was just staying near the surface and sort of limping down the coast," he said. "It's kind of sad to see a full adult whale in that condition. ... It's definitely something he's not recovering from."

"This is one of the most disturbing sights I've ever experienced while photographing whales," Charlebois, the owner of Birds in Paradise Flight School, told The Garden Island Newspaper. "It was freaky. The whale was bent in half. Obviously some kind of blunt force trauma on the side, the poor guy was in trouble."

A large boat or ship must have struck the whale, which hasn't been seen since Monday, he said. Humpbacks normally are pretty agile, so this one may have been old or sick and unable to move out of a ship's way, he said.

Birds in Paradise manager Kirk Johnson said Charlebois and others on the flight first thought they'd seen an albino whale, but when they came around to take another look, they could see that it was discolored instead.

Ed Lyman of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Maui told the paper the whale appeared to be in poor health - emaciated, shedding skin and surrounded by parasites - and there is no established method for euthanizing a large whale.

These big whales tend to die slowly, Charlebois said. When they do, they sink to the bottom until decomposition gases make them float to the surface, where they attract large numbers of hungry sharks, he said. "It's amazing to see these 15-foot sharks all feeding on a whale," Charlebois said. "You don't want to be snorkeling around there. You don't want to be in that neighborhood."

Charlebois said he and his three other pilots would look for signs of the injured whale again today.

About 2,000 humpback whales live in the waters off Alaska, and many of them migrate to Hawaii's warm waters between November and May, according to Earthtrust.org. Whale watching is a major part of Hawaii's tourism industry. Adult humpbacks range in size from 35 to 48 feet, and weigh about 1 ton per foot.

Editor's Note: If you were at the January meeting you heard Ed Littel and Tom Atchison describe their diving on this wreck, they were among the first 50 or so divers to visit the site!

U.S.S. KITTIWAKE ON THE BOTTOM IN CAYMAN



Diving details

The Kittiwake now rests at the northern end of Seven Mile Beach, on the west or lee side of Grand Cayman at latitude 19 21.714'N and Longitude 081 24.073'W for her bow, just off of the Sand Chute dive site. The bottom is flat and sandy. The Kittiwake will rest 64 feet deep at the bottom and be only 10 feet from the surface, making her ideal for both divers and snorkelers.

Residents and individuals wishing to dive the site are advised that the shipwreck is a private park and attraction managed by the tourism association and all visitors are required to pay an entry fee. Funds collected will be used for maintenance, safety and management and a portion of the visitor fee will be paid to an environmental contingency fund.

Scuba diving medallions cost US\$10 per visit, a snorkel wristband US\$5 and an annual pass CI\$25. These are available from the CITA office on West Bay Road. Tour and commercial operators must be licensed by the Cayman Islands Tourism Association and are advised to contact CITA for further details of insurance, safety and other requirements.

For more photos and info go to: <http://www.kittiwakecayman.com/>

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

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

1158 Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60107
630-289-1680

UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER

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

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HEADING TO OUR WORLD UNDERWATER?

Will you be attending the show on Saturday, February 19 and plan to take in the film festival Saturday evening? Why not join with your fellow club members to discuss the events of the day, the most intriguing new items you saw, the most interesting seminar you attended, whatever you found on your travels around the show? We will be gathering for dinner at the top of the escalators and just behind the bank of elevators at the Hyatt to dine in their restaurant, O'H. The last couple of years we have had a private room in the back to ourselves, hopefully we can grab that again.

If you have never been to Our World this is a great opportunity to see why this is the biggest and best consumer show in the Midwest. If you are attending please drop me a note so that I can have enough spots reserved for everyone.

See you at OWU, Margo Miller – margommiller@sprynet.com



The Tritons

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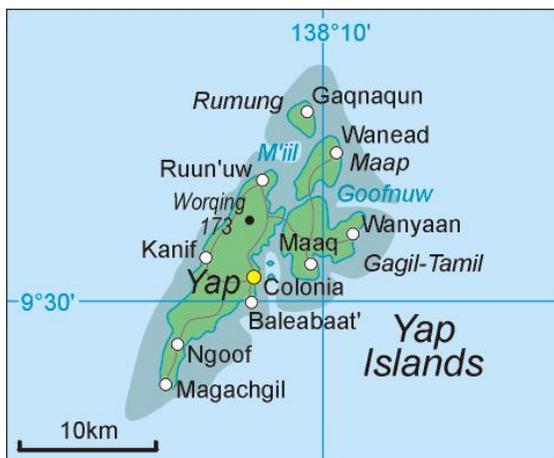
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February, 2011

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The Tritons

**ENTERTAINMENT:
A VISIT TO YAP!!**

See you February 22, 2011 at

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