



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Tritons,

Hope everyone is doing well. I for one am sure glad it's finally getting nice outside! Still a little chilly. . . Hopefully we can get back to some diving by June or July.

I know at this time the lockdown is scheduled to end at the end of May so I am guessing the soonest we could consider an in person meeting is June, maybe. I don't see being able to hold the officer election sooner than June. For April there will be no in person business meeting. Please let me know how many members would be interested in trying a virtual meeting in May using Zoom or some other conferencing tool. The Chicago SCUBA Meet Up organization ran a successful online meeting with a presentation on Monday night, April 20<sup>th</sup> and it went smoothly.

I know the dive shops are feeling the effects of the lockdown so if you have any equipment maintenance or purchases you are thinking about, now would be a good time to consider acting. We have a list of local shops at the end of the Triton Trib.

### .BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President – Scott Reimer
- Vice-President – Brian Clarke
- Secretary – Joan Chibe
- Treasurer – John Guennewig
- First Director - Rosanna Vemmer
- Second Director – Renee Tobias

### 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
- Web Site – Milt Levenberg
- Director of Training – Rich Schak
- Editor of the Trib – Pam Romund
- Illinois Council Delegates – Chuck & Margo Miller

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As I said last month, the Tritons have always been like family watching out and helping each other. If someone needs something please don't hesitate to reach out. My email and phone number are at the bottom of this message

A shout out to Joan Chibe, whose last day of work was last Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Remember No meeting this month. The Anniversary Party has not yet rescheduled. The Memorial Day Bike, Walk and Eat is also postponed.

Hope to see everyone soon and that everyone stays well.

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

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

April, 2020

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

We are waiting on a few more dues payments but currently we have 57 total members, 1 associate.

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee.

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## UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

If you are moving, changing your phone or email be sure to let us know so we can keep you informed of the latest activities and events. Thanks!

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# 2020 TRITON EVENTS CALENDAR

## April, 2020

Saturday, 4/25	Dinner & A Show Into the Woods	<b>CANCELED</b> Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday, 4/28	Business Meeting	<b>CANCELED</b> Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM

## May, 2020

Tuesday, 5/12	Triton Trib Deadilne	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Saturday, 5/16	Escape Room	<b>CANCELED</b>
Sunday, 5/24	Bike, Walk and Eat! Memorial Day Weekend	<b>CANCELED</b> Milt and Margy Levenberg
Tuesday, 5/26	Business Meeting	<b>CANCELED</b> Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM

## June, 2020

Tue, 6/9	Triton Trib Deadilne	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Sat, 6/13	Season Opener - TIC Choice of Location	<b>TBD</b>
Tue, 6/23	Business Meeting - Open House	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM
Sat & Sun 6/27- 28	Training Weekend Location TBD	Board of Education

## July, 2020

Sat, 7/11	Charter Dive TIC Choice	<b>Need TIC</b>
Tue 7/14	Triton Trib Deadilne	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Sat, 7/25	United Center Tour	<b>Need TIC</b>
Tue, 7/28	Business Meeting	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM

## August, 2020

Sat, 8/1	Howard/Etherton Day Pearl Lake	Board od Education
Tue, 8/11	Triton Trib Deadilne	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Sun, 8/16	Charter Dive TiC Chouce	<b>Need TIC</b>
Tue, 8/25	Business Meeting	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM
Sun, 8/30	Arlington Park Horse Racing	<b>Need TIC</b>

## September, 2020

Tue, 9/8	Triton Trib Deadilne	Pam Romund 773-791-3142, <a href="mailto:promund@gmail.com">promund@gmail.com</a>
Sat, 9/12	Charter Dive TIC Choice	<b>Need TIC</b>
Sat, 9/19	International Beach Clean Up Day	Illinois Council of Skin and SCUBA Divers
Tue, 9/22	Business Meeting	Tap House Grill, 1472 Market Place, Suite 103-A, Des Plaines - 7:30 PM

TICs wanted. Take a look at the calendar and see what event you would like to run. Contact Pam Romund 773-791-3142, [promund@gmail.com](mailto:promund@gmail.com)-

# **SLATE FOR TRITON ELECTIONS**

The 2020 Triton Nominating Committee has put together the following slate:

**President:**

Scott Reimer      Rich Schak

**Secretary:**

Renee Tobias

**Director:**

Joan Chibe      Lea Hotten      Jeff Tucek

We will be happy to add your name to this list. Please remember that this is a volunteer organization, and we all need to participate.

**NOTE: We will hold elections at our next business meeting,**

2020 Triton Nominating Committee

Margy Levenberg, Chair

Jim Hynan, Renee Tobias

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**ANNIVERSARY PARTY  
TO BE RESCHEDULED  
CONTINENTAL RESTAURANT  
755 Buffalo Grove Rd.  
Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089**

**Appetizers:** BBQ Ribs -- Veggie Egg Rolls -- Chicken Satay

**Salad Bar:** Dressings; Ranch, Italian, 1000 Island

**Entrees:** Broiled Salmon, Roast Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala Oven Browned Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables

**Desserts:** Cookies, Eclairs, Cheesecake, Fruit Tray

**Beverages:** Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks (Coke products) Beer \$2.00 Wine \$4.00 Mixed Drinks \$6.00

All Above included for **\$35.00** including tax and tip “

**Meal Buffet Style”** “Doors Open 6:00 pm, Dinner Served 6:45 pm”

**Call Ed Littel @ 847-215-0805** with any questions.

**Send checks to:** Ed Littel Unit D-2 1608 Newburn Court Wheeling, IL 60090.

**TIC:** Ed Littel [ee2littel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ee2littel@sbcglobal.net)

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## **GOOD NEWS FOR CORAL IN SOUTH CAICOS**

The Caribbean has been hit particularly hard by coral loss, losing around 80 percent of its coral cover since the 1970s, which became even worse during the 2014-17 global bleaching event when particularly warm waters pushed some reefs over the edge. But it's not all bad news. Since 2012, a citizen science program in the Turks & Caicos Islands in the Caribbean has been surveying 104 sites off South Caicos Island. Its findings, reported in Applied Sciences, reveal that boulder type corals demonstrated no significant bleaching and plate-type, less resistant to high water temperatures, were able to rebound. Hurricanes Irma and Maria, which passed by either side of the islands, might have actually helped because they churned up colder water from the depths. A few reefs off Hawaii and at the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef have also been observed to be resisting the global trend for coral die-off, but this latest discovery in the TCI is on a larger scale.

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## **CALIFORNIA'S GIANT SEA BASS A PROMISING STORY**

Giant sea bass, relatives of the potato cod of the Cod Hole in the Great Barrier Reef, were among the most overfished species in Californian waters during the 1930s. Today, the species — which can grow up to seven feet long and weigh up to 550 pounds — is as imperiled as the black rhino. A recent genetic study suggests there are fewer than 500 breeding adults cruising Central and Southern California's coast, where occasionally divers at Catalina or other offshore islands will spot the behemoth.

Things might be about to change — by way of a biological surprise in the laboratory of Larry Allen, professor of biology at Cal State University Northridge. Last May, an adult male and two adult females under study produced thousands of viable eggs, and the larvae hatched from those eggs became several hundred pampered fry in carefully monitored tanks at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro. About 200 were given to Long Beach's Aquarium of the Pacific. They feasted on a daily diet of squid, sardines, mackerel, clams, and shrimp.

In early March 255 of these fry were released into the ocean. Their parents, each weighing around 200 pounds, had been tagged and released last October.

It takes around 15 years for these fish to reach maturity; at 10 years old, they weigh about 100 pounds. Supervising divers report that the young sea bass were behaving as though they'd been raised in the wild rather than in captivity. While eluding predators is no easy trick, scientists hope many will survive.

If you photograph a giant sea bass, you can aid in their survival. Send your shots, the date, and the location to research scientist Molly Morse of the Benioff Ocean Initiative at the University of California in Santa Barbara or the Spotting Giant Sea Bass Project. Every giant sea bass has a unique spot pattern. A photo of an individual's side can be matched to another photo of the same side. Or your giant sea bass may be a new addition to their database. More information at: <https://spottinggiantseabass.msi.ucsb.edu/submit.jsp>

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## **NAUI ISSUES A WARNING**

Criminal gangs take advantage during times of crisis and NAUI's email has been hacked, resulting in fake emails sent from [jsnively@naui.org](mailto:jsnively@naui.org) asking for a favor. NAUI instructs all members to disregard this email . It's a phishing scam.

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# 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

### **DD DIVE SHOP**

552 E. Northwest Hwy  
Palatine, IL 60074  
847-657-3483

### **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 SENSATIONS**

2475 W. Pratt Blvd  
Chicago, IL 60645  
**312-404-7785**

### **CHICAGOLAND SCUBA**

890A South Rand Road  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
847-540-7211

### **DJ'S SCUBA LOCKER**

9301 W. Ogden Ave.  
Brookfield, IL 60513  
708-442-43883

### **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

### **TOUCAN DIVE CENTER**

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

### **UNDERSEAS SCUBA CENTER**

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

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## **COVID-19 MAY HARM DIVERS LUNGS**

Divers who suffered from Covid-19 disease may never be able to dive again, says senior physician Frank Hartig at the Innsbruck University Clinic in Austria. The clinic has treated dozens of corona virus sufferers including six active divers, none of whom had to be treated in hospital but cured themselves in home quarantine and are considered recovered. But, "the damage to the lungs is irreversible," said Hartig. "After a Covid-19 infection, even if you have only mild symptoms, you should definitely have a dive doctor examine you thoroughly even if you still have an upright medical examination.

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**Our next meeting:**

# **CANCELED**

***There will be no meeting in April and May due to the Corona-19 Pandemic. Elections will be held at the next meeting, hopefully in June, that is still to be decided.***

***Everyone stay well.***