



# Air Bubbles



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## President's Message - October 2011

Can you believe the month of September is nearly over? This past weekend featured the club picnic with MetroWest Dive Club, the Bay State Council Dive Club, and several others. Attendance was good, and the day turned out nice and sunny. Glad the rain that was predicted held off. Meg, Lauren, and Vinnie were very helpful in making the picnic a great success. Bill Werner was the hero for the day; Bill bought all of the food and drink, brought tables, and a grill. Not only did he set up, but he manned the grill all day for our members and other divers who paid to enjoy our menu.

We sold raffle tickets on 3 well priced items that we received from Bobby Boyle, and also had a bottle of cheer raffle. This combined with the monies paid by hungry non-members should go far to help cover the picnic's expenses. I was thrilled to find that I won the new dive fins, since on one of my recent dives I ended up with a wrecked split fin.

I want to remind club members of Undersea Divers year end sale Oct 1st, and 2nd. This is a great time to pick up year-end close out specials, buy great condition used gear, and other items you may need to restock.

It is time for members to consider running for office. Our Club election of officers will be held in November. It's great to see the active new members shaping our Club's future. The President's Banquet will be held on Saturday December 10, 2011 at our PCYC. Hoping we can get some of our past dual members to join us this year. Members have been enjoying various different dives all summer. I have had a great time lately diving regularly on Jim Durso's boat. Jim has so much experience, and truly knows the area and what to expect at each dive location.

For the Diver of the Month I choose Bill Werner for all of the work he did for us at the picnic. For Member of the Month I choose John Ferrier who for years has greeted people for our Sunday club dives while carrying our club banner to attract new members.

*John P. Sears*



## Coming Club Events



### Oct 13: "Open video night"

**Bill Buckley presentation on How to Get the Perfect Shot** (previously scheduled for 10/6) **POSTPONED due to Halloween parade in Salem. New date TBD.**

**Jerry Shine presentation** (previously scheduled for 10/206) **POSTPONED due to family illness. New date TBD.**

**Susan Copelas presentation about her trip to Socorro Island. Date TBD.**



Pipefish, Pebble Beach, Sept 2010

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**\*Deadline for submissions\***  
to the November 2011 issue  
of *Air Bubbles* is  
**Sunday, October 23**

Please have all articles and  
information to the  
Air Bubbles editor  
by October 23, 2011.

### Meeting Summaries

#### **11-Aug-2011**

Meeting minutes not available at  
presstime

#### **25-Aug -2011**

Meeting minutes not available at  
presstime

#### **Abbreviated meeting for Presenta- tion by Norman "Dugie" Russell**

#### **01-Sep-2011**

Meeting called to order: 8:05 PM  
Attendance: 4 Officers, 17 Members

**Secretary:** Minutes not read

**Treasurer:** we have money

#### **Correspondence -**

- Pat and Annette said they're OK after  
hurricane Irene, but they had to  
abandon their van because of high  
water.

- Mary got an announcement through  
BSC that the **Seeker of Shadow**  
**Divers** fame is for sale. If you are  
interested, it's in Rhode Island

**Committees:** (see calendar for more info)

#### **-Program:**

- 9/25: Club picnic & BSC treasure  
hunt.

- 10/6: Bill Buckley presentation (now  
postponed!)

- Vinny has been in contact with Jerry  
Shine who is willing to do a  
presentation

- **Membership:** Dan Hering - one hit  
last week may be interested in  
joining. Vinny's neighbor came last  
week. Vinny's son did discover  
scuba this week talked with some  
people there.

#### **Old Business:**

- Vinny has been in touch with the  
caterer for the banquet; currently  
looking at ~ \$25-\$30ish/person. Still  
needs to discuss the appetizers.

#### **New Business:**

- Last weekend John Sears went to  
Paul Sauvageau's house with Paul's  
brother Marc to inventory the dive  
gear. Dry suit is in excellent  
condition, size XL; 2 pairs force fins; 4  
BCDs; one Sea Life camera. They

shared the list with Bobby for his  
used equipment sale.

- Paul also had some Club  
paraphernalia.

#### **Dive Talk:**

- **Dan** at Back Beach. Undersea Divers  
had advertised a night dive Friday  
with Jerry Shine. **Lauren, Laura** and  
**Amy** were there. Good dive. Saw a  
big squid, a big eel, some pipefish,  
and some lobsters out walking. Amy  
got a picture of a tiny tropical fish.

- **Vinny, Adam, Tony** and **Lauren** at  
Back Beach on Monday post Irene  
dive, ~ 50°F; vis was 3 inches to 30  
feet, varying in bands. Lying on back  
at 20 ft could see flag on the surface,  
then vis would go back to almost  
nothing. 2 bugs, flounder, sea raven  
and a big anchor that looked old, but  
had modern rope and piece of rubber  
strapping on it; 20' away, thick chain,  
really low and shallow. - They were  
approached by the harbor master who  
told them they need to have 4"  
numbers on tank and flag. They're  
out there looking, also watching for  
people switching bags at the edge of  
the water.

- **John S, Jim D** and Jim's son at  
Tinker's ledge. They dove to 72ft.  
Jim had 120 steel tank; John had an  
80. Vis 15-20'; at 74ft, it was 48°F.  
First two bugs for John for the year.  
Jim and his son had a 45min dive.

#### **General Discussion:**

- Maine: a 1647 ordinance states that  
you can traverse the intertidal lands  
(between high and low tides) for  
fishing, navigation or hunting even if  
on private property. Maine Supreme  
Court upheld ordinance 6-0, and it  
includes diving.

- Mike has hats and pins w/ Club logo  
for sale tonight.

- Mike's Moments:

- Japanese tsunami is breaking off  
chunks of ice from Antarctica,  
largest about the size of Manhattan

- Two guys flew the pirate flag and  
broke into a boat in Gloucester

- June 1975 lobsterman in Salem  
pulling pots found stuff from the  
ship Margaret - sunk in 1797 near

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Goose Island; he has been in lawsuit w/ person who supposedly helped him.

- Silicon Valley millionaire Pay Pal founder, gave money to build floating countries in international waters
  - Mike Murray, off Emerson Point, Rockport, was shocked when he fell on top of a torpedo ray – he's OK now.
  - 18 lb lobster found off Canada – donated to NY Aquarium in Coney Island
  - Microbes can transmit from humans to coral – one is effective in killing coral in the FL keys
  - Blue shark spotted in Annisquam River
- Raffles:** Dollars Box: John Marren  
Mystery Prize: John Marren  
Bug Bag: John Marren

### 08-Sep -2011

Meeting called to order: 8:07 PM

Attendance: 3 Officers, 13 Members

Guests: 1 – Michael Metlock from Lexington, member of PCYC wants to dive with us

**Secretary:** Minutes read and accepted as amended.

**Treasurer:** we have money. We now can do online banking, and can take credit cards for payments. There is a fee of a few percent. Dues if by PayPal or credit card will be \$45; dues paid by cash or check will be \$42. We're getting into the late 20<sup>th</sup> century now that we're a decade into the 21<sup>st</sup>!

**Correspondence** – Email from former member **Barbara Jones** now in FLA; she says hello to everyone. Someone in the Club told her if she wanted to see a shark to bring a marshmallow, the next week she showed up with a bag with marshmallows.

### **Committees:**

**Program:** (see calendar for more info)

-9/25-Club picnic and BSC Treasure Hunt at Stage Fort Park. The picnic is to be held in a general area, no specific location assigned, first come, first served.

**Of note:** we have a really good projector and good speakers. You cannot hook up sound to the PlayStation. We may want to think about raffling off the PlayStation and get something better for sound.

-**Membership:** Mike Metlock who is visiting may join.

-**Air Bubbles:** The September issue is out! Lot of cool things that aren't Froggie events are in there. Read your *Air Bubbles!*

**Announcement:** Fred Calhoun wants to run some ads in AirBubbles. Fred will have boat in water for next 6 or 7 weeks. Raffle off one boat dive each week.

**Old Business:** Picnic – looking for volunteers. Ray will bring his grill. John can work on raffle prizes. We should check with MetroWest about if they're bringing a grill.

### **Dive Talk:**

-**John F** in Eastport after Irene. Viz was pretty bad; he lost **Amy** on a dive, could hear her, but not see her. Eastport is already not known for its viz. There are now 4 wolfish; a juvenile, Gene and his mate, and one named Pat that swims out and waits for you. Eastport is pretty sheltered. Amy got some good bottles. They made an outdoor theatre on the side of the barn and watched "The Deep."

-**John F, Jeff, Meg & Bill** went to Lanes Cove; strong current, hardly any bugs, though John got 2. Saw **Dan T** and **Genci** who were there kayaking.

-**Claus** missed hurricane, was in Western Canada; he met his brother and family in Calgary where it was very dry and sunny. Started diving in the lakes, clear but no life. Last two weeks were on Vancouver Island; the water is like here but 5x as much stuff, with small starfish to ones that are 2 feet across with 26 arms. Great Pacific Octopus, wolf eels at 70'. They look mean but don't hurt anything. Last dive at Victoria Ogden Point breakwater made with big chunks of granite. Claus did ~ 12 dives and highly recommends this

diving, though it was a little tough to the organize tanks. In some areas there's a 30 knot current. Even if you don't dive, Vancouver Island is a great vacation. 3 weeks total 4000km (2800mi).

-**Dan & Lauren** went out with Fred Calhoun last Sunday, Gap Cove, lots of bugs, tons of fish at 20'; then to Folly Cove, not much there.

-**Dan** went free diving off Cocktail Cove of b-i-l's boat; got lobster at 15', and found an unopened beer covered in barnacles. They later drank it, it was fine.

-**Vinny, Tony & Lauren** saw 1" flounder at Back Beach.

-**John S** dove off Halibut Point on Monday w/ **Jim D**; 1-3' seas. When he went overboard, his bc shoulder strap broke; got 2 bugs anyway. 50' dive, Viz 15', minimal growth on rocks, no heavy kelp. 2<sup>nd</sup> dive off Folly, tied his bc together, got a couple more bugs.

-**Tony**, training, first two open water dives with a student; she did well. She was blown away seeing a skate.

### **General Discussion:**

-Claus is looking for 2 120s; has 100s to trade.

-Dodie picked up a Jade plant of Paul's to give to Pat and Annette. During the hurricane floods they went somewhere where they had leave the van because of high water. Still haven't been able to get it. Bridge on rt 5 was closed over the Williams River. Bellows Falls Dam was open fully. Water has finally settled down. Westminster Bridge was closed for a while.

-Mike's Moments:

-2 students 10 yrs ago at U Maine in Orono bred tropical fish in closet of their dorm room; they were selling clown fish at \$100/ea. Got a grant at Taunton Bay, only place in NE breeding and selling tropicals. Started selling in 2003, when *Finding Nemo* came out. Most tropicals for sale have either been captured with poison or dynamite

-Mississippi man caught stuffing

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Mystery Prize: Jeff Lynch  
Bug Bag: Mike Denneker

food, including 2 live lobsters into cargo shorts; one of the lobsters' band came off.

**Raffles:** Dollars Box: John Marren  
Mystery Prize: Ginny Cookson  
Bug Bag: john m x2 (Dive on Fred's boat and dive light).

### 15-Sep -2011

Meeting called to order: 8:08 PM

Attendance: 4 Officers, 11 Members

**Secretary:** Minutes read and accepted as amended.

**Treasurer:** we have money!

**Correspondence** – got SSN newsletter. Also got something from REEF thanking for our donation.

#### **Committees:**

- **Program:** (see calendar for more info)
- Undersea Divers sale Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Used bin has great deals. Bob is selling Paul's stuff and giving the money to the family.

#### **Old Business:**

- If we sell the play station, probably won't be too expensive to get something new, something that can accept headphone jack. Mike made motion to authorize up to \$100 to buy a DVD player to replace the PlayStation.
- Picnic coming up; need someone to purchase food, raffle prizes.

#### **Dive Talk:**

- Sunday dive **Jeff & Graham** at Pebble, only people there at first; viz poor 3-4 feet, short lobsters. Graham tried out new dry suit; it's awesome. Just did one dive, surgy but it looked calm.
- **Tony** training dives at MIT Sat – the pool is the best he's been to viz was outstanding!
- **Lauren** tried new fins in the pool; they're fantastic.
- **Dan w/ John S & Jim D** Monday going for scallops Baker's, Misery Channel. 15' vis. Went in different directions. Combined they got one bag's worth. Second dive between Big and Little Misery. 20' vis but lots of algae blooms. Lots of bugs, but small and eggheads. Found an anchor. Pulled up a really old weight belt,

probably 40lbs lead. 2 dives over 60'. John's backup BC didn't inflate; had to drop bag and weights to get back to surface. Current was strong that day. Moral of the story, if you have old equipment you haven't used in a while, make sure it works properly before you go to 70'.

- **Dan** day 2, House Island (deep side). 20-25' viz dropped to nil at 60'. Was in the shallows where a gorge turns into an underwater cave, 2' crack at surface 25' at the bottom. Didn't have a light. 25' in big round room.

- **Dan**, yesterday w/ **Jim**, Graves Island at the wreck of NH, could see the bottom clearly from surface; beautiful 35-40' vis. Got some j-nails, saw big eggheads. Met up with **John Tooley**. Jim did 2 dives, got a couple of lobsters. John T got 5 bugs total, but 4 got away. Jim had problem by end of third day, getting charley horses in backs of the thighs.

- **Meg** dove at Back Beach Sunday night, met up with some folks from a Facebook group and a Finatic. Looking for squid, didn't see any. About 20' max, did an hour dive. First dive with the camera at night, defiantly different when you can't see what you're trying to take a picture of; got pictures of lobster tails; good dive.

- **Ginny** now has full set of gear and is looking to go to the beach and figure out how much weight she'll need.

#### **General Discussion:**

- **Jim**, fishing, saw big fin in the water off Baker's Island, thought it was a shark. It was an ocean sunfish, maybe 4-500 lbs; he got close to it.
  - **Mike's Moments:**
    - 3 guys staying in FL condo; one, a 23 yo former marine, was killed by an exploding tank. Story was from two different sources, but no mention of why the tank exploded.
    - There is a website for getting kids interested in the ocean: [adventuresofscubajack.com](http://adventuresofscubajack.com).
  - Dates left for raffles on Fred's boat, this week is the 17<sup>th</sup>. No substitutions.
- Raffles:** Dollars Box: Jim Durso

### 22-Sep -2011

Meeting called to order: 8:06 PM

Attendance: 4 Officers, 14 Members

**Secretary:** Minutes read and accepted as amended.

**Treasurer:** we have money

#### **Committees:**

- **Program:** (see calendar for more info)
- Picnic at BSC Treasure Hunt are this Sunday!
- Jerry Shine presentation is on hold due to family commitments.
- Bill Buckley presentation may be postponed because of Oct 6 Halloween Parade in Salem. (The easiest way to get to Salem in Oct: take Rt 1A from Beverly, stay left after crossing the bridge.)
- **Undersea Divers** is having an end of season sale Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>! - Most of Paul's stuff going there to be sold in the next few weeks. Al Sauvageau says hello.
- Maybe over the winter we could have an "open video night" when members can bring videos and we can see some Sea Hunt videos.
- **Membership:** Dan Hering. When Vinny was at Bob's shop, ran into the person from PCYC who is interested in joining, seems ready to go.
- **Air Bubbles:** deadline tonight.

**Old Business:** Turns out Ray will be away for work this weekend; need to get another grill or someone to pick up Ray's grill. Bill may be able to help.

**New Business:** Club officer nominations are coming up soon; think about running for office.

#### **Dive Talk:**

- **John M** and his sister, on Easy Diver, went to the USS NH. Water was 58°F viz fair; sister had a piece of the wreck caught on her catch bag, didn't realize it.
- **Claus** at Dutch Springs two weeks ago, water 6' higher than usual from the runoff from the storms, taking video of some students. Two days later he had bad ear infection from

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storm runoff. Dan recommended ear drops.

- **Lauren** finished her advanced cert w/ **Tony** on Sat. Lauren was babysitting while Tony finished an open water class. **Peter Ernst** called a lot to bring over the boat. Plan: Lauren and Tony swim to the boat and get pulled in. Boat was pulled into the harbor by tide, toward the rocks. Went into water trying to find 60'; deepest they found was 57'. Lauren saw a lobster, pulled it out of its hole to try to find 60 ft depth, gauge said 59'. Hit 60' in lobster hole or divot next to it! (See sketch of evicted lobster below.)



- **Tony** finished class with Vinny's neighbor here a few weeks ago; she's interested in joining our Club.

### General Discussion:

- Maybe the Froggies will have a snorkel team for the BSC Treasure Hunt?

- **Mike's Moments:**

- Since 2004 NOAA been making electronic charts, until this week, there were 2 different systems, one electronic and one paper; this week they go to just one system for both, transitioning to just downloadable e-charts; will be distributed by Coast Guard regions. - Claus noted that we are fortunate in the US to be able to download the charts; it's not the same in other countries, even Canada.

- Russian nuke sub, sitting at anchor. Crew saw approaching trawler, trawler ignored signals and hit the sub, the whole crew was drunk. No real damage, though.

**Raffles:** Dollars Box: Ginny Cookson

Mystery Prize: Ginny Cookson  
Bug Bag: Fins being raffled off on Sunday.

### 29-Sep -2011

Meeting called to order: 8:04 PM

Attendance: 2 Officers, 11 Members

**Secretary:** Minutes read and accepted as amended. (Mary filling in)

**Treasurer:** we have money. Lauren took money from non-Club members; we will share some with MetroWest. We did have leftovers.

### Correspondence:

- Email from **Al Morris** advertising a DUI Demo day in Portland ME on 10/15 (will be forwarded to Club members).

- If you get an email from John Sears with a subject line, don't believe it. He reuses previous emails. Note to John: You CAN change the subject line.

### Committees:

- **Program:** (see calendar for more info)

- Both presentations on hold. Bill Buckley doesn't know when he will be available again, he will let us know. Jerry Shine, family issues.

- Do we want to have open-projector night on 10/13. Claus has something. Cenote video from Vinny. Sea Hunt video?

- Undersea Divers is having end of season sale Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>!

- **Air Bubbles** is in process

**Old Business:** Thank you to Bill Werner, Lauren, Vinny, John Sears for all the work done for the picnic. Ron donated a beautiful pen which Lauren won; Marlene donated a basket of bath supplies won by John's mother; John S won the fins.

### New Business:

- **Dodie** suggested we formally announce next year that we will support the local food bank. They really need "protein in a can", i.e. chicken, tuna, peanut butter, etc. Let's make a more significant donation next year, and include in our plans for the picnic.

- **Nominations for Club officers coming up soon! Think about it.**

### Dive Talk:

- **Bill W** 2 weeks ago at OGB, lousy viz. Found a gear net that was full of crabs; tried to cut some out but too hard. Otherwise nice dive, saw badge star.

- **Tony** tried to dive.

- **Lauren** did her 50<sup>th</sup> dive on Sat 9/24 w/ **Meg** at Fort Sewell, around to left; 30 ft; regulator was leaking, so not long. Saw huge skate, tons of little fish, really warm, ~ 60°F. Couple bits of broken china.

- **BSC Treasure Hunt** was a nice event. One of the snorkel teams from Salem State U won the trophy for most treasure found. **Mary** was "safety kayaker", and won a pair of fins.

### General Discussion:

- Great white attack in SAfrica; warnings all up and down the beach but a guy decided to swim and got mauled.

- **Mike's Moments:**

- Someone bought the Nantucket Lightship, redone w/ mahogany and cherry interior, now available for vacation rentals.

- Maine lobstering is a sustainable catch. One of the walls of the trap is biodegradable. Territories are assigned, if you invade another's territory, your lines get cut. If you are caught stealing from another's traps, lose license, boats and gear.

- **Man In The Sea Memorial Monument Project** planned to honor military divers, at navy yard in DC.

**Raffles:** Dollars Box: Dawn Denneler  
Mystery Prize: Lauren Byrne



## Calendar of Events

2 Sunday Dive	3	4	5	6 8:00 PM Meeting	7	8
9 Tropical Fish Rescue	10	11	12	13 8:00 PM Meeting <b>Open video</b>	14	15 <b>DUI - Maine Demo Day</b>
16 Sunday Dive	17	18	19	20 8:00 PM Meeting	21	22
23 Sunday Dive	24	25	26	27 8:00 PM Meeting	28	29
30 Sunday Dive	31			<b>October 2011</b>		
		1	2	3 8:00 PM Meeting	4	5
6 Sunday Dive?	7	8	9	10 8:00 PM Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 8:00 PM Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <b>Thanksgiving No meeting</b>	25	26
27	28	29	30 BSC meeting	<b>November 2011</b>		

### Activities List

- Oct 6, Thur **POSTPONED!** Bill Buckley presentation at NSF; The Perfect Shot
- Oct 9, Sun **Tropical Fish Rescue** diving in RI with NEADC
- Oct 13, Thur **Open Video Night.** The video projector will be available at the meeting. Bring your (short) video to share.
- Oct 15, Sat **DUI Demo Day in Portland, ME** (see info on pg. ?)
- Oct 20, Thur **POSTPONED!** Jerry Shine presentation at NSF
- Nov 24, Thur **Thanksgiving – NO MEETING**
- Nov 30, Weds **BSC Meeting** in Quincy, MA
- Dec 10, Sat **Annual NSF President’s Banquet** at PCYC

**Upcoming Club Events**

At this time we have no presentations scheduled, but do have a few in the wings waiting for new dates. Those dates will be announced when we have them.

**Susan Copelas** on her trip to Socorro Island.

**Bill Buckley**, renowned underwater photographer, on “How to get the perfect shot”

**Jerry Shine** author of *A Shore Diving Guide to New England*, and photographer extraordinaire of northeast nudibranchs

**Other Events of interest to SCUBA divers:**

**Annual Tropical Fish Rescue and BBQ 2011**

<http://www.neadc.org/tropicalfish/2011TropicalRescue.pdf>

**Sunday October 9, 2011**

**9:30am to 4:30PM**

**Fort Wetherill, Jamestown, RI**

Tropical Fish in New England?

**This is a great family event, especially for the kids!**

We will be seining; which is pulling a fish net through shallow water, up onto the beach, and discover all sorts of marine life, letting the children help gather the fish and marine life collected in the net. There will be a large touch tank set up, for all to enjoy, with lobsters, crabs, starfish, baby tropical fish, etc. As we gather our catch, let our experts teach you about the tropical fish you can observe in our on-site holding aquariums. There will be organized regular scuba diving as well as designated tropical collecting areas.

There will also be volleyball, music, silent auction, and of course diving and a great variety of food.

Never caught tropical fish before? Let our experts show you how. Extra collecting nets will be available.

All are welcome. Join us for a fun filled day!

**All proceeds will benefit the Cotting School.**

If you plan to attend, please contact Al Bozza at [Programs@neadc.org](mailto:Programs@neadc.org) so we can get a headcount.

**DUI Dog Rally and Demo Tour**

**Portland, Maine**

**October 15, Kettle Cove Beach**

Most of our Club members are familiar with the DUI Demo Days and Dog Rally at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, and some of you have been to the one at Dutch Springs in PA.

This year, for the first time, there will be one day of DUI demos near Portland, ME, at Kettle Cove Beach. Kettle Cove Beach is on Cape Elizabeth just south of Portland. There is easy access from the highways via Rt. 1 and Rt. 77. Admission to the facility is free and there is plenty of parking. You will see the DUI tents when you arrive.

The requirements are the same as for the same event in other locations. Bring your own air, your C-card, your license or credit card, weights, regulator, mask, fins and snorkel, etc. DUI can outfit you with drysuits, “divewear insulation”, weight and trim systems, rock boots and zip gloves.

There will be a barbeque lunch provided (I assume for the usual fee).

In any case, Portland is a fun place to visit! Who’s going?

More info in the May 2011 issue of AB.

**The Next BSC Meeting**

The next meeting of the Bay State Council of Divers is scheduled for **Wednesday November 30, 2011** at the South Shore Neptunes’ Clubhouse in Quincy at 7:30PM.

*All are invited to attend the BSC meetings*

## Bad Day Diving

It all started off as a fun day diving with Jim Durso, and Dan Hering. We left Winter Island and headed out around Misery Island. After a little discussion we chose a site between Big, and Little Misery Island. Our goal was to search for scallops, and if not found search for bugs too. I had brought my back up BCD to use since I had recently had a mishap with my everyday BCD.

Jim and Dan were first to jump in the water as there is room on the boat for just two divers to get ready at one time. They both dove with steel 120's, while I had my aluminum 80. I had figured that I would finish my dive first, and they could catch me on the boat soon after. I blew air into my BCD before entering the water. I jumped overboard and descended to a depth of 70 feet. Once at the bottom I tried to inflate my BCD with a little air and found that it did not work. I figured I'd do an easy dive, and when I got to 1500psi I would surface. I gathered about a half bag of scallops as I went along.

I hit 1500psi, and tried to start to surface kicking hard to leave the bottom. I went up about 3 feet, and then found myself standing on the bottom. I tried this once again with the same result. At this point I knew I was in trouble, and dropped my catch bag. I was able to start heading to the surface, my progress was a bit faster than before. I was not able to do a moment of hang time at 20 feet. I worried that if I stopped, I would sink down again. After getting to the surface, I tried to orally inflate my BCD. I ended up getting a small mouthful of water, and decided not to try that again.

I was a good distance away from the boat and the current and wind was pushing me towards House Island. Already tired from my earlier experience I didn't take long to decide to drop my weight belt. This helped me float better at the surface, as I started a trying swim back to the boat. My efforts paid off, and I eventually made it back on board. I was happy to climb back inside, and shed my dive gear. As I sat there thinking of my buddy, Jerry Sutherland, I grabbed a cold PBR. I enjoyed that cold beer, celebrating the fact that I had not drowned.

I share this experience with you, so that you might not make some of the mistakes that I did. Namely using gear I hadn't used in years, or even tested to see that it

would work properly. I had heard stories of divers drowning by not being willing to give up a scallop bag. I have been diving since 1988, and this was the first time that I had to drop my weight belt. Safe diving to all.

*John Sears*



**Diver of the Month  
for October 2011**

**Bill Werner**

**for all the work he did for  
and at the picnic**

**Member of the Month  
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**John Ferrier**

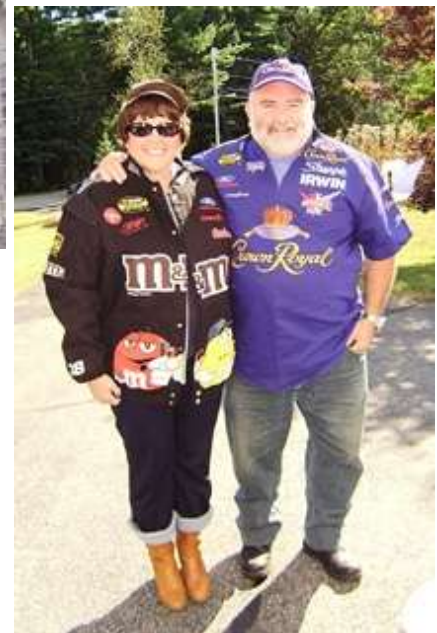
**who, for years, has greeted  
people for our  
Sunday Club dives**

**SHON DUBOIS AND LAURA GALLAGHER'S REDNECK PARTY**

*by Dodie Carvalho*

On Sat. the 17<sup>th</sup> (of September) the NSFC were invited to a great Redneck Party given by Shon-Bob and Laura-Sue in Pelham, NH. We had a great time with good “eat’ns” enjoyed by club members along with Shon and Laura’s families and friends. They had really pulled together a great atmosphere with toilet-lid horseshoes, Nascar banners, and one huge ice chest of a front-end loader to chill our moonshine in. As you can see by the pictures we had a great time, appropriately decked out for the redneck occasion. Grub was delicious! One contribution was a “turtle meatloaf” with sausage appendages and bacon shell. This delicious dish might rival Roslyn’s incredible artistic edibles she has brought to many parties. Fried turkeys, homecooked beans, and lots of other great dishes combined into a delicious feast. Here’s a few pictures taken at the party. Thanks Shon and Laura for putting on a great party.

*Yee Haww!!!*





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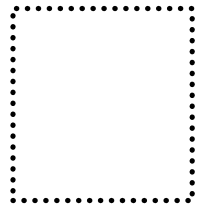
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