Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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Greetings and Happy New Year to all Club Members!

I would like to thank Dave, John, Ray and Dan for their efforts to make 2005 a very successful year. With some effort from all club members, we can make 2006 even more successful.

Some of the goals I have for this year are to: increase our active membership by at least ten new members; regain the interest of some of the members we have not seen for a while; offer more opportunities to our members to do something we all love to do, DIVE. That is what we are all about.

This month we have named Dave Smith as our "Diver of the Month". He has been an inspiration to all of us over the past year. Prior to his election to President, he was always there willing to help whenever needed. Dave, from all the members, a big "THANK YOU".

We have elected Bob Boyle as the "Member of the Month" for January. Ever since I have been a member of the club, Bob has showered the club with his generosity from Undersea Divers. At every function he is there with a generous supply of raffle prizes, donations and his quick sense of humor. He has always been there to support the club. We all owe him a big "THANK YOU". When you're in the area of 42 Water Street stop by and show our support for him. Bob thanks again.

Air Bubbles needs our ongoing support. A few years back members would publish their favorite "summertime" recipes. It didn't make the winter go by faster, but they were fun to try. If you have any favorite recipes, send them off to Mary. To the Dive Masters and Instructors in the club, why not share some safety tips and equipment checks with other club members. Maybe some funny stories of dives you made with students that keep you teaching the newest in a sport we all love.

Lastly, I would like to thank Daryl Findlay, Mary Howard and John Ferrier for heading up activities, membership committee and *Air Bubbles*. The club would not work without these members.

Dave Metrano NSF President, 2006

A note from Capt. Dave (Metrano) 1/18/06

Last night I took a leisurely drive to Quincy to visit our friends at the South Shore Neptunes Dive Club. I was very well received by the membership. The 'Neptunes' are very interested in doing some combined club activities during the year. We will touch bases with them at the Sea Rover's Show in March. If you have any ideas or some activity you might be interested in, please let me or Daryl know. As I crossed Quincy Bay Bridge, I was thinking maybe an underwater hockey tournament or volley ball game? Who knows, this could become a "rivalry" in the making.

The main event at the meeting was the showing of the Aaron Faulls film *"Still On Her Keel"*. This is a completed film of the Chester A. Polling. The film was very well done and very interesting.

Tom Huff will be showing this film at our meeting on February 9th. I urge everyone who can to attend this meeting. You will be very pleased that you did. Bring a guest and enjoy the evening. Let's give Tom a big welcome and have a great attendance.

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Meeting Summaries

22-December-2005

Attendance: 4 Officers, 13 Members **Committees:**

- *Secretary's Report*: Mia Peluso Minutes from last week not available to new secretary, not read.
- *Treasurer's Report*: Ray Porter Accepted as read.
- *Program*: Daryl Findlay See activities list.
- *Membership*: John Ferrier nothing to report

Air Bubbles – February 2006

Old Business:

- Thank you Dave Smith, club president for 2005!!
- The Salem Trolley ride was great fun, very well done.
- New Business:
- Dave Dodge will be holding an ice diving class on February 18 & 19, and maybe also the next weekend for day 2. Keene, NH. Contact him or Susan for more information.
- Dave Metrano has a new grandson, Aidan.
- Paul Sauvageau has request from Fred Calhoun to put an ad for the Boston Scuba Show into Air Bubbles.

Dive Talk: Susan, Mia and Daryl: discover scuba, 2 classes. It was a lot of fun.

General Discussion:

- Mike's moments:
- **Globe**: Article about Salem waterfront area by the power plant.
- NH has limited commercial lobster licenses to 100 traps.
- Raffles: Dollars Box: Mia Peluso Mystery Prizes: Mia Peluso & Jack Munro Bug Bag: none

29-December-2005

Pizza Party – no formal meeting

5–January–2006

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

Correspondence: Paul Sauvageau: Fred Calhoun will donate tickets to Boston Scuba Show to club in lieu of \$\$ for ad.

On 1/23 in Warwick RI, there will be a meeting about amendment to/change in scallop rules.

Committees:

- *Secretary's Report*: Mia Peluso Accepted as read.
- *Treasurer's Report*: Ray Porter Accepted as read.
- *Program*: Daryl Findlay
 On 2/9 Tom Huff (From Northeast Scuba) will show a film on the Chester Polling.

- Is anyone interested in running Boat/Seal dives? If so, please contact Dave M. Need to make sure you get \$\$ up front. And it's YOUR responsibility to find your own replacement not the person in charge!!
- 2/23 video of the OCEAN ODYSSEY
- See activities list for more info.

New Business:

- Don't forget dues are now due. \$42.

- Membership cards: do we want them? Daryl is willing to make them
 President Dave Metrano: we had a meeting before the meeting to discuss how do we increase member-ship? Maybe put brochures in local dive shops about the club. Website. Susan has offered link w/her site.
- Susan C has Open Water Class on 1/23 @ 5:30 @ N.Andover YMCA.

Dive Talk: Starting off New Year with a dive were Daryl and Jack. They dove near Chandler Hovey (about 500 ft away) walked to the other side. It looked good, (water temp 37°) but had to use "cliff access" to beach near Corinthian Yacht Club. Their equipment froze. Not bad sea wall. Daryl's dry glove cracked. "Not a living thing except kelp". The total dive time was 12 min. Nice area. Would do again.

General Discussion:

- Mike's moments:
 - **Boston Herald** "Aquarium team documents reef damage from tsunami" More than a year after tsunami ravaged parts of S.E. Asia scientist from the N.E. Aquarium "the most important steps to recovery is occurring beneath the depths of the Indian Ocean.
 - Boston Globe -"Electricity arrives in remote Welsh valley" YSTRADFELLTE a town in Wales finally got electricity. Only two things changed for Jennet Llewellyn, 72 years old since WWII first she got a phone and now she has electricity.

 Raffles: Dollars Box: John Sears Mystery Prize: Roslyn Smith Bug Bag: Daryl Findlay

12–January–2006

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM Attendance: 4 Officers, 19 Members Guests: Joe and Terry Donovan, past members who moved to Hawaii and are now planning to move to SC. Look up Rich Kinkade!

Committees:

- *Secretary's Report*: Mia Peluso Accepted as amended.
- *Treasurer's Report*: Ray Porter Accepted as read.
- **Program**: Daryl Findlay See activities list. - On 2/9 Tom Huff (From North East Scuba) will show a film on the Chester Polling.
- *Membership*: John Ferrier nothing to report
- *Air Bubbles*: deadline for submissions is Jan 23rd.

Old Business:

- John F is going back about 4-5 years to see where old members are and what's happening with them, why they don't come anymore, to see what we can do about getting membership up.
- Don't forget "Dues" are due \$42.
- Daryl will make membership cards.

New Business:

- Need banquet committee. So far we have Mia, Candi, Dave M, Ray and Susan C (Budget total =\$3,000. comes to approx: food=\$1,000, raffle prizes=\$1,000, and music=\$1,000)

Dive Talk:

Steve L dove 1/11 at Nahant (Canoe Beach) not too cold 40°F. His friend was trying out his dry suit.

General Discussion:

- SSS Decompression Chambers will not accept DAN Insurance (N.America), as they are 2 years behind in payment.. If you want more info here is a website Mia found: <u>www.wetpixel.com</u>
- Steve Levy would like any info on Granada. If any one can help him please contact him by e-mail, phone or drop by a meeting sometimes.

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- Skiers went to Stratton Mt. John F, Susan C, Paul S, and John's friend Steve H. Had fun.

- Mike's moments:

- Oceans of noise threaten whales says researchers. "A man-made undersea cacophony threatens to drive marine mammals away."
- "Infectious fungus aggravated by global warming has killed an entire population of "harlequin frogs & golden toads" too many clouds. Polar bear in Artic also, endangered.
- **Boston Globe**: "The Gonatus onyx squid, unlike most squids, sticks around to care for its eggs." Researchers led by Brad Sibel from URI used a remotecontrolled sub to catch this image.
- **Boston Herald**="Greenpeace & Japanese whalers blaming each other for collision. GP will keep on hounding the whaling fleet.
- Raffles: Dollars Box: Ray Porter Mystery Prize: Jack Munro Bug Bag: ongoing

19–January–2006

Meeting called to order: 8:15 PM Attendance: 3 Officers, 14 Members Guest: Jason Copelas

Committees:

- *Secretary's Report*: Mia Peluso minutes accepted as read.
- *Treasurer's Report*: Ray Porter not present, no report.
- Program: Daryl Findlay -
 - 1/26 video Reef of Riches-Equator
 - 2/9 Tom Huff (From North East Scuba) will show a film on the Polling.
 - 2/8 Bay State Council meeting.
 - 2/23 video of the OCEAN ODYSSEY
 - 2/25 Boston Scuba Show (Let's CAR POOL!!)
 - 3/4 –3/5 SEA ROVERS

Old Business:

- The Warwick RI meeting RE: Amendment/change in scallop rules has been postponed from 1/23, new date tbd.

- 1/24 Northeastern University Marine Science Lecture in Nahant. Meeting at Kelly's (The one in DANVERS) @ 5 for dinner and will be leaving at 6PM. CAR POOLING
- Daryl made 4 different kinds of membership cards. They came out great. Thanks

New Business:

- Dave M went to South Shore Neptune meeting. They are interested in doing joint adventures with us. Maybe we can get other clubs together as well, such as Merrimack Valley dive club (Susan C will get contact for us)

- Dave Smith, RE: the NSF Library. Putting together the things the club has. If you want something e-mail him and he'll bring it next time

General Discussion:

- Dave M.: Share summer recipes or any kind of recipes that you think the club would like. Give them to Mary for Air Bubbles.
- Mike's Moments:
 - **Boston Globe**: For every 1lbs of fish caught there is about 4lbs of waste.
 - **Boston Herald**: A man's family sues Benihana Japanese Steak House chiefs were tossing shrimp in air and heard neck crack. Went to hospital and had to have surgery and later died.
- Raffles: Dollars Box: Susan Copelas Mystery Prize: John Sears Bug Bag: John Ferrier

Bonaire Anyone??

We are putting out feelers to see how many people might be interested in a NSF club trip to Bonaire. The suggestion so far is for some time in September.

Contact Dave Metrano if you are interested.



Hello Scuba and Marine Enthusiasts!

Here's a quick reminder to get your tickets now for our 52nd Annual Boston Sea Rovers International Underwater Clinic, March 4-5, 2006, at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, MA.

Our theme this year is Exploration and Discovery, and the weekend has something for everyone, and full details are available on our website,

http://www.BostonSeaRovers.com.

Two new features have been added to the clinic this year. Saturday will feature a technical diving forum, and Sunday includes an interactive kid's exploration room.

A limited number of discount hotel rooms are available until February 4th at the Fairmount Copley Hotel, accessed through our website, or by calling 800-441-1414, and using Promo Code GRBSR1. Please make your reservations early to ensure availability.

You can purchase tickets through the web site by credit card, or by mail using the form in the flyer that is coming out soon (some discounts are available).

We look forward to your continued support and hope you will be able to join us on March 4th and 5th.

The Boston Sea Rovers

January 1, 2006

NEWS RELEASE

The BOSTON SCUBA SHOW scheduled for February 25, 2006 at the Marlboro, Massachusetts HOLIDAY INN and REPORT headlines Capt. Spencer Slate (NAUI Board of Directors member) from Key Largo presenting "THE RIGHTING OF THE SPIEGEL GROVE!". Directed by Alan Budreau, the show will also feature: SUBS SUNK ON THE EAST COAST (some within easy reach), by Dave Clancy; a new video by Fred Calhoun and the crew of EASY DIVER featuring Dave Norman, Jerry Comeau, Peter Donahue, and Cathy Myers...and narrated by Pat Walsh; and Cousteau's Classic (up-dated) THE SILENT WORLD. The show starts at 10a.m. and runs through to 4p.m. Various dignitaries will be onboard for Q-&-A and general discussion following the show.

Tickets at \$20.00 per may be acquired through the mail (recommended) by writing to Cecile Christensen, 2 Ocean Ave (1-H), Magnolia, MA 01930. Tickets will be available at the door also. Show phone is: 1-978-525-3432...there's a machine on the line, we'll get back to you promptly. Checks payable to Cecile Christensen.

Save the Date

Saturday, April 29, 2006 Oceanic Research Group Benefit

Don't miss a rare East Coast presentation by world renowned underwater photographer Marty Snyderman

Proceeds to benefit Oceanic Research Group Marine Scholarship Program See <u>www.OceanicResearch.org</u> for details

Activities Calendar

Feb	ruary a	2006	1 Ski Killington	2 8PM Meeting	3	4
5 Super Bowl	6	7 NEU Lecture 7p	8 Ski Stratton Mtn. BSC Meeting7:30	9 8PM Meeting Speaker Night!	10	11
12	13	14	15 Ski Sunday River * <i>Nordica</i>	16 8PM Meeting Mar-AB deadline	17	18
19	20	21	22 Ski Burke Mtn.	23 8PM Meeting Video Night	24	25 Boston Scuba Show
26	27	28		March	2006	
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5 Boston Sea Rovers Symp.	6	7	8 Ski Mount Snow	9 8PM Meeting Video Night	10	11
12	13	14 NEU Lecture 7p	15 Ski Sunday River * Solomon, K2	16 8PM Meeting	17 St Patrick's Day	18 St Patrick's Day Party
19	20	21	22 Ski Stratton Mtn.	23 8PM Meeting Video Night	24 Apr-AB deadline	25
26	27	28	29 Ski Killington	30 8PM Meeting	31	A Contraction of the second se

Activities List

- Feb 8, Wed Ski Trips continue.
- Feb 8, Wed Bay State Council Meeting, Quincy, 7:30PM. Check w/ Dave Metrano for ride.
- Feb 9, Thurs <u>Speaker Night Tom Huff</u> from Northeast Scuba the Chester Polling. See pg 1.
- Feb 16, Thurs Deadline for March issue of Air Bubbles
- Feb 23, Thurs Video Night, showing "Ocean Oasis", Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California desert
- Feb 25, Sat Boston Scuba Show 10-4 information on page 4.
- Mar 4&5, Wknd Boston Sea Rover's 52nd Annual Clinic at the Copley Plaza
- Mar 9, Thurs Video Night, showing "Sharks Under Glass"
- Mar 18, Sat St. Patrick's Day Party at Mary's
 - Mar 23, Thurs Video Night, showing *Blue Realm "Giants of San Benedicto"* about the giant manta ray.
- Apr 29, Sat ORG Benefit Save the date!

Visit our website at www.northshorefrogmen.com

SALEM TROLLEY RIDE – A CHRISTMAS CAROL DECEMBER 20, 2005



Ghost of Jacob Marley



Our host Bob Cratchit



Ghost of Christmas Past



Ghost of Christmas Present



Some of "The Gang"



Ebenezer Scrooge



Grave-diggers with Scrooge

Pinky and her friend with the dead animal







A couple of people (literally) even got wet! Jack & Daryl

















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From the Library of the



Hi Froggies!

What does a retired president usually do when they leave the **GREEN HOUSE**? Why, they build their LIBRARY, of course! So, since I have the ENTIRE North Shore Frogmen's library at my disposal, I will be, over the coming months, cataloging what is in it and make this information available to all the members of Froggie nation!

This month, I want to make you aware of a series of GREAT oceanographic periodicals! These collections were printed from 1990 to 1993. The topics range from:

ISSUE SUBJECT	<u>VOLUME</u>	<u>NO:</u>	<u>NSF#</u>
Naval Oceanography	Vol 33	No 4	P1
Ocean Engineering & Technology	Vol 34	No 1	P2
Reproductive Adaptation in Marine Organisms	Vol 34	No 3	P3
Mid-Ocean Ridges	Vol 34	No 4	P4
Marine Chemistry	Vol 35	No 1	P5
Physical Oceanography	Vol 35	No 2	P6
Biological Oceanography	Vol 35	No 3	P7
Marine Geology & Geophysics	Vol 35	No 4	P8
Coastal Science & Policy I	Vol 36	No 1	P9

Each issue has includes several topics relating to the title. For example, the *Marine Geology & Geophysics* issue has topics relating to deep sea trenches, underwater volcanoes, deep-ocean drilling, and history of the great ocean conveyor. A plethora of information for the person really interested in our oceans!

NSF Number: P8 Issued: Winter 1992/93 Pages: 104

This is just a small sample of what is available to us in the Northshore Frogmen's Library. As time permits, I will be going through the library and showcasing various books of interest. I will post an updated library listing on www.geocities/nsfrogmen/nsflibrary.html. I hope to get together a listing of all the books, videos, periodicals, and other goodies contained in OUR library.

To borrow something from the library, please contact me at: DiverDave8@hotmail.com

Please put in the subject: **NSF Library** and then tell me what you want. Be sure to include the all important NSF number! I will then bring it to the next meeting at the Franco. You will be able to have it as long as you want, as long as there isn't anyone waiting for it. The only requirements for borrowing from the library are that you are a paid member of the club for the current year, and you return your selection in the same condition in which you got it! That's all there is to it!

So if you're not diving into the ocean, DIVE INTO A BOOK!!!

Your librarian,

DiverDave Smith

Bay State Council of Divers

The next Bay State Council of Divers meeting will be on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:30 at the South Shore Neptunes' Clubhouse in Quincy (corner of Joyce and Quarry Streets). Evening refreshments will be provided (including box of Joe!)

We are especially interested in having the dive shop operators in attendance. Please contact your local dive shop and drag them along.

Message from Jeannine Fabian, member Bay State Council South Shore Neptunes Dive Club, dated 1/25/06

Member of the Month January 2006

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Diver of the Month January 2006

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NEU Marine Science Center Evening Lecture Series

The Northeastern University Marine Science Center holds a series of lectures on Tuesdays at their location in Nahant, 7-8:30PM. The lecture given by Connie Merigo on January 24th about **"New England Aquarium Rescue and Rehab"** was very interesting and greatly enjoyed by the NSF members who attended. One useful bit of information that we learned was that now that "everyone" has digital cameras and email capacity, emailed photographs of "stranded" seals, dolphins and whales can be very helpful to rescue personnel in determining the status of the animals prior to arrival at the site.

Following is a list of the lectures coming up in the next several months.

February 7^{th —} "Sustainable Aquaculture of Softshell Clams on Massachusetts' North Shore" by Dr. Joe Buttner, Associate Professor at Salem State College and Aquaculture Program Coordinator NMAC, and Jack Grundstrom, Shellfish Culturist. Aquaculture is used to harvest much of the seafood and shellfish that we consume today. Dr. Buttner will present the mechanics behind aquaculture, specifically for soft-shell clams. Jack Grundstrom, a lifelong resident of the North Shore will let us in on the ins and outs of his business.

March 14th — "Ten Hours From Dawn: A True Story of Heroism and Tragedy aboard the Can Do" by Michael Tougias.

During the height of the Blizzard of 1978 the pilot boat *Can Do*, with five men aboard, set out from Gloucester to assist a lost Coast Guard boat and an oil tanker that was in Mayday situation. *Ten Hours Until Dawn* tells the story of what happened on that awful night when the seas were producing monstrous waves of 40 ft and the wind was screaming at 100 mph."

Michael Tougias is the author of 15 books including his latest book, *Ten Hours Until Dawn*. Using slides of the boats, the men involved, and photos of the storm, Tougias will take the viewer through this incredible night where many lives hung in the balance.

April 25^{th —} "Salt Marsh Ecology" by Dr. Pat Ewanchuk of Providence College. More details coming soon for this lecture!

Schedule information adapted from NEU MSC flyer.

Upcoming Presentations

Date: Feb 9

Presentation: Tom Huff presents "Still On Her Keel"

Description: video about the sinking of the vessel Chester Polling.

Date: Feb 23

Presentation: Ocean Oasis.

Description: a fascinating journey into the bountiful seas and pristine deserts of two remarkably different, but inextricably linked worlds - Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California desert. Alternate: Run Time: 30 min

Date: **March 9** Presentation: **Sharks under glass** Alternate: Run Time: 60 min

Date: March 23 Presentation: Blue Realm "Giants of San Benedicto" Description: Examine the fascinating life and biology of the enigmatic giant manta ray. Alternate: Bun Time: 60 min







Mary,

Since I asked the members to submit their favorite "Summer" recipes I'll start off

"Chapter Two Swizzle"

Combine the following in a large pitcher:

- 4 1/2 oz of Black Gosslin's Rum
- 4 1/2 oz of Gold Gosslin's Rum
- 4 1/2 oz of Light Gosslin's Rum
- 3 3/4 oz of Grenadine
- 28 1/2 oz Unsweetened Pineapple juice
- 15 oz Hood O.J.
- 6 shakes of bitters

Add some crushed ice and stir or "swizzle" vigorously. Enjoy!

I've been making the "swizzle" since I went to Bermuda in 1972. It is even better the next day!

Dave Metrano

Can you identify this member?

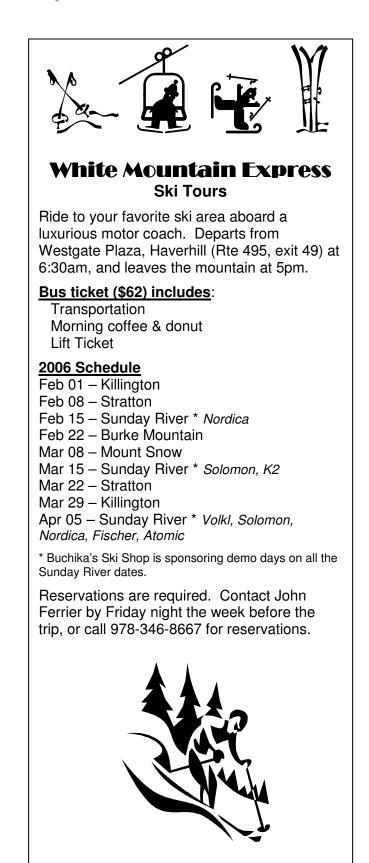
Granted, the picture was not taken yesterday, but let us know who you think it might be! And where!!





Deadline for submissions to the March 2006 issue of <u>Air Bubbles</u> is Thursday, February 16, 2005.

Please have all information and articles to the Air Bubbles editor by that date.



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Upcoming Events!

- Feb 9: Speaker Night: Tom Huff
- Feb 23: Video Night
- Feb 25: Boston Scuba Show
- Mar 4&5: Boston Sea Rovers Clinic

The North Shore Frogmen's Club Meetings

are held every Thursday night at 8PM (except Thanksgiving) at:

The Franco-American Club 44 Park Street Beverly, MA

Directions: From Rte 128, take the Rte 62 exit, #22E, towards Beverly. Turn RIGHT onto BRIDGE ST at the new light after Danversport Yacht Club. At the end of Bridge St, turn LEFT onto RIVER ST. Turn RIGHT onto FEDERAL ST, turn RIGHT onto PARK ST. Free parking in lot across from Franco-American Club.