



# Air Bubbles



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## *From the President's Slate*

23-Dec-04

Greetings to all my fellow divers!~

I hope everyone is enjoying this festive time of year, even if there's not a whole lot of underwater activity lately.

As the year draws to a close, we think of renewals of life and of our club. So let me at this time pass along a heartfelt thanks to at least part of our outgoing administrative team of 2004; our president Mike Donovan and our treasurer Rich Kinkade. It has been my pleasure to work with them during the past season and I am looking forward to their support in the coming months.

Our faithful secretary, Ray Porter is shifting left (or right from the audience's perspective) to be our new treasurer. We also welcome Dan Hering to the head table as our new secretary (Mystery ? Prize section) and John Ferrier as the club's new Vice President, Bug Bag division. Both above and below the water, these individuals bring to our club a wealth of energy and ideas to move into another dive season. Please welcome them to their new roles!!!

Turkeys on the table mean (for the club at least) one thing; pictures on the wall. Thanks to Mary Howard, we once again were entertained by another outstanding Photo Contest. Many fine entries were submitted. Selecting the winners was almost like dragging that pot-filling bug from out of a deep hole! The winners were once again on display at the annual holiday banquet. My congratulations to all of this year's winners. Remember, the camera records only what the photographer sees. You don't need a \$1000 Nikon to take great pictures! Let's make 2005 a banner year for photography!

The holiday season also gives us a time to drop our wetsuits and just hang out as regular people at the annual President's banquet. This year, we didn't have to mush the dogs through a driving blizzard to get to the Franco. We had a very enjoyable evening with the entertainment

provided by T. C. and the Torpedo's. It was a great evening of holiday merriment. Thanks to the Banquet committee for their efforts!

The activities committee has been busy providing us with "in house" entertainment during the winter months. Thanks to Daryl Findlay, this past month, we enjoyed a presentation of "Ghosts of the Abyss". The film was very long (we had originally planned to break it up into two parts), but everyone got into it so much that we just kept the reel running. It was amazing to see just how much of the wreck has deteriorated. The footage taken from deep inside the wreck was astounding to see.

We enjoyed another outstanding presentation by Jonathan Bird on November 18 when he came to speak to our club members about his experiences diving for National Geographic in the Philippines. See the December issue of this newsletter for a short article on that!

The best way to get some diving in during the long winter months is to go someplace WARM. I had such an opportunity to do that in November when my wife and I went to the Hawaiian islands of Oahu, "The Big Island", and Maui. I got four incredible dives at the Big I and at Maui. Truly a vacation setting, I was able to frolic in water that is gin clear and temps in the upper 80's. I saw such diverse life as sharks, rays, turtles, and all the assorted other creatures of the tropical sea. Please be sure to set aside January 8<sup>th</sup> to come and see the first presentation of the New Year, "Judy & Dave's Excellent Hawaiian Adventure 2004"! If it doesn't make you want to go to the islands after that, then you are truly a dedicated, hearty New Englander.

This is just one of the many outstanding presentations and activities for 2005! Also in January, we kick off 2005 with our annual New Year's Day "Splash 'n Crash" dive and party. This year's party will again be hosted by Holly

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and Peter Cassidy. Be sure to check out this month's activities listing for details. Also in January, we will be looking for people to help with the Activities Committee. Whether you are a "newbie" or have been with the Froggies for many years, we need your talent, your time, and your IDEAS to make the Froggies the best dive club around.

To keep updated on the latest events of the Froggies, check out the listing of events in this issue. Also, go online to:

<http://www.geocities.com/nsfrogmen/activities.html>

for a constantly updated listing.

We are eager to listen to any of your comments, concerns, and suggestions! Just send an email to:

[DiveTalk@hotmail.com](mailto:DiveTalk@hotmail.com)

and you WILL be heard!.

In closing, as I assume the awesome duties of this prestigious office, I just want everyone to know that I want to keep making the Froggies not just a great club, but also a great group of people who are fun to be with. Please come talk to me at meetings or email or call (check the buddy list for that stuff!) with any ideas, comments, or concerns to help me reach my goal.

*urino incumbo* (Dive ON!)

Dave Smith  
President  
NSF '05

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### New Year's Day Dive Second Edition

Several club members are planning to meet at 10AM at Back Beach in Rockport for their "**First Dive of 2005**". Any and all are welcome to come and test the waters, so get out your gear and get it ready. At this time the forecast is for relatively warm weather, so it shouldn't be as bad as is possible.

See information on the First Edition of dive choices in the Merrimack River in the December issue of Air Bubbles.

Holly and Peter Cassidy will be hosting the New Year's Day Party at their house starting at 1PM. It should be a great way to start off the year. Please see flyer with this newsletter for directions to their NEW house in West Newbury.

## Dive Trip to Honduras

### April 16-23 Fantasy Island Resort Honduras

\$1699 includes airfare, 2 boat dives a day, unlimited shore diving, transfers, welcome drink, hotel based on double occupancy and 3 meals a day!! *What a deal!!!*

Contact Susan Copelas for more information at:  
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Member of the Month  
January 2005

Michael  
Donovan

For a job well done as our  
leader for 2004.

Thank You!!!"



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## Meeting Summaries

### **25-November-2004**

No Meeting  
Happy Thanksgiving to All!!

### **2-December-2004**

Meeting called to order: 8:16 PM  
Attendance: 2 Officers, 17 Members  
Guests: 1, Al Morris

**Announcements:** Election tonight.

#### **Committees:**

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – No report.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.

- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing to report.
- **Program:** Dave Smith & Daryl Findlay - See activities list.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – Next deadline is Dec 20.

**Old Business:** There's still time to buy tickets to the President's Banquet.

**New Business:** Election tonight, and Photo Contest voting. Officers for 2005:

President – Dave Smith  
VP – John Ferrier  
Treasurer – Ray Porter  
Secretary – Dan Hering

#### **Dive Talk:**

**Dave Smith** did 4 dives in Hawaii.

- 2 dives on the Big Island (1) Turtle Pinnacle – cleaning station for turtles. (2) The Pentagon – coral head with 5 entrances.
- Maui – Molokini Crater 85-90 ft depth, lots of neat stuff. Vis over 100 ft, water temp mid 80's and Turtle Town

**Graham Smith** went to New Zealand – beautiful place.

**Susan Copelas** dove in the New England Aquarium; it was like a dream come true. Water temp 77°F.

#### **General Discussion:**

- **Susan Copelas** has trip to Roatan, Honduras. Confirm with Susan before Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Deposit \$100.
- **Mike's moments:**
  - AP - Louisiana casino was robbed, most of the money found by divers in beaver dam.
  - PETA now started to work on the eating of fish.
  - BBC – Belize Barrier Reef is decaying.
  - Poco the beluga whale now deceased. Had enlarged lymph nodes.
  - BBC – Dolphin had lost part of tail. Bridgestone made him a prosthetic replacement.
  - New Zealand and Australia – over 200 whales beaching.

- Divers protected by a pod of dolphins from Great White Sharks in New Zealand.
- Dave Smith – REEF is now starting to think about doing a fish count in Hawaii.
- John Ferrier – Scuba Diving articles on diving in Cape Ann.
- John Ferrier – Ski Schedule is in.

**Raffles:** Dollars Box: Dawn Denneler  
Mystery Prize: Roslyn Smith  
Bug Bag: none



Dancers enjoying the music at the banquet



### **9-December-2004**

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM  
Attendance: 4 Officers, 12 Members  
Guest: 1, Steve Levy (former Froggy)  
**Announcements:** Will be showing movie: **Ghosts of the Abyss** after the regular meeting

#### **Committees:**

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – no report.

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- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – no report.

**Membership:** John Ferrier – Mike Tyson's membership application has been received. Application is complete. Motion to accept Mike's application has been made and seconded. Motion passed.

- **Program:** Daryl Findlay & Dave Smith - See activities list.
- **Air Bubbles:** Mary Howard – articles for AB due Dec 20.

### Old Business:

President's Banquet:

- Report on photo contest. Winners for each category announced
- \$1176. Received Including a dues check from Dave Metrano.
- Attendance about 65.
- Total meal and bartender \$950.

### Dive Talk:

- **Steve Levy** - Saturday – Back Beach Vis poor, water cold, dry suit leaked.
- **Rich Kinkade** – Caribbean – Dove at various islands along his cruise. Water was warm. Got pictures of turtles, morays, rays. Like Barbados.

### General Discussion:

- Daryl asked to give a presentation on photo editing
- **Mike's Moments**
- 19 lobsters peeled and eaten in 35 minutes in eating contest in NH
- UK to ban fishing in 30% of their waters because of limited species
- Pensacola Bay – Aircraft carrier to be sunk in 200 feet of water. Available to divers at 100 ft
- Oil rigs in the Caribbean have micro ecosystem around them. Environmentalist want the rigs cut off rather than removed.
- Critter cams have discovered new things. A seal with a critter cam revealed that an area protected was the wrong area and the correct area was found.

**Raffles:** Dollars Box: Rich Kinkade  
Mystery Prize: Peter Cassidy

Bug Bag: Shadow Divers book  
– Mike Denneler

### 16–December–2004

Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM  
Attendance: 3 Officers, 10 Members  
Guests: 1, Al Morris

### Correspondence:

- Junk mail appropriately filed.
- John Ferrier talked with Rob Falk. He agreed to meet with club after the New Year.
- Rob reported that military officer friend reported that what the troops need most are prepaid phone cards (\$5 dollar value). John planned to get a bunch of phone cards to send to Bethesda Naval Hospital if others want to chip in.

### Committees:

- **Secretary's Report:** Ray Porter – Minutes from 12/2 meeting accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rich Kinkade – Account balances accepted as read.
- **Membership:** John Ferrier – Nothing new to report.
- **Program:** Daryl Findlay & Dave Smith - See activities list.
- **Air Bubbles:** Articles for AB due on Monday, Dec 20.

### Dive Talk:

- Dive trip with Susan Copolas to Fantasy Island in Honduras. See Susan for details
- Steve Levy to go to Bonaire. Seeking suggestions for places to stay.

### General Discussion:

- Mike's Moments
- Whale carcass found on Cape Code, death still unknown.
- Drag line fishermen are against the wind farm.
- Robber/diver/thief got 11 years
- Taxi driver shot a guy dressed as Osama Bin Laden with a pellet gun.
- Unmanned boat found with a rope dangling off the side. A dead man was found half way down the rope and a speared shark on the end.

**Raffles:** Dollars Box: Steve Levy  
Mystery Prize: Steve Levy  
Bug Bag: Log book – no players

### Dues are Due!


Don't forget that your 2005 membership dues are due during the month of January. Any dues not received by March will be considered delinquent.

Dues for a regular single membership are \$42 per year, \$63 for a couple. Associate Member dues are \$21.

**Deadline for submissions to the January issue of Air Bubbles is Monday, January 24**

Be sure to check out the Activities Website at:  
<http://www.geocities.com/nsfrogmen/activities.html>

**Activities Calendar**

<b>December 2004</b>				29	30 Pizza Night 7PM	31		
<b>January 2005</b>								1 New Years Day Dive & Party
2	3	4	5	6 8PM Speaker Meeting	7	8		
9	10	11	12	13 8PM Meeting	14	15		
16	17	18	19	20 8PM Meeting	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27 8PM Meeting	28	29		
30	31	<b>February 2005</b>						
		1	2	3 8PM Meeting	4	5		
6	7	8	9	10 8PM Meeting	11	12		
13	14	15	16	17 8PM Meeting	18	19		
20	21	22	23	24 8PM Meeting	25	26		
27	28							

**Activities List**

- **Dec 30, Thu, Pizza Night**, Franco American Club, 7PM.
- **Jan 1, Sat, New Years Day Party**, 1-6PM at the Cassidys' new house. See flyer included with this newsletter.
- **Jan 1, Sat, New Years Day Dive**. Choice #2, 10PM at Back Beach. See article.
- **Jan 6, Thu, Video Presentation: Judy and Dave's Excellent Hawaiian Adventure**. After the regular meeting.

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### 2004 Photo Contest

I want to thank everyone who submitted their beautiful photographs for this year's contest to make it such a great display. I had a wonderful time working with the pictures as I mounted them for viewing. I think it really adds to the banquet to have the photos there for everyone to see.

The pictures were all so nice that it made it very hard for the club members who voted on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Below are the prizes awarded in each category of this year's contest.

#### Above Water Dive Related

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Daryl Findlay – Winter Island Light in Winter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daryl Findlay – Crazy Diver under Ice
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Daryl Findlay – Hard Hat Jack

#### Cold Water, Standard/Wide Angle

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Daryl Findlay – Sea Raven at Isle of Shoals
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daryl Findlay – “Why Me?”, picture of Dan Hering with lobster
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dave Smith – “Gotcha”, picture of Mary stuffing lobster in catch bag.

#### Cold Water, Close-Up/Macro

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Daryl Findlay – “Giddy up!” Picture of a hermit crab riding on a pipe fish.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daryl Findlay – “Lil’ Lump Sucker”
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Daryl Findlay – “Hermit the Crab”

#### Warm Water, Standard/Wide Angle

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Daryl Findlay – No-Name Wreck in Bonaire
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chris Martinez –
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – John Ferrier – Orange Tube Sponges with Fan Coral

#### Honorable Mention:

- Blue Anemone – Daryl Findlay
- French Angelfish – John Ferrier
- Shark Frenzy – Dave Smith
- Underwater Scene with Purple Fan Coral – John Ferrier
- Dive Boat Ladder Silhouetted against Surface Light – Chris Martinez
- ? Fish among Soft Corals – John Ferrier
- Parrotfish – Daryl Findlay
- Ascent – Daryl Findlay
- Fan Coral Silhouetted against Surface Light – Chris Martinez
- Underwater Scene, no Flash – John Ferrier

#### Warm Water, Close-Up/Macro

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Daryl Findlay – Bristle Worm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chris Martinez – Christmas Tree Worm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Daryl Findlay – Anemone with Shrimp



Photo Contest on Display at the Banquet

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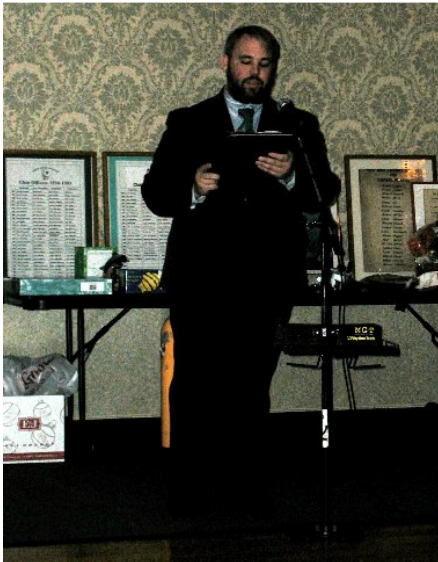
## Fun at the Banquet, Dec 4, 2004, Photos courtesy of Daryl Findlay



Two of our newest members: Dan & Mia



Two life members: Dodie & Jerry (& Marlene)



Mike at the Mic



Dancing up a storm!  
Mary & Ray and Holly & Joe



### MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR THE BAY STATE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

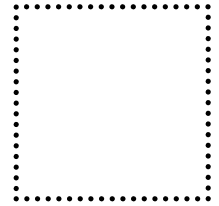
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# Upcoming Events!

- Dec 30: Pizza Night
- Jan 1: New Years Day Dive & Party
- Jan 6: Speaker Night



**“Winter” Sunday Dives: Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly, at 9:00AM ready to depart for dive site at 9:30AM.**

**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.