



# Air Bubbles



The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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## President's Message, January 2004

Greetings Fellow Froggies,

I hope that this message finds you enjoying the Holiday Season. I would like to take this opportunity to give my heartfelt thanks to my predecessor, Paul Sauvageau, for the tremendous work that he has done for us as our NSF 2003 Club President. He has left some pretty big shoes to fill, and I will endeavor to rise to the occasion with the help of my compatriots at the front table, as well as the club membership as a whole. I wish to congratulate and personally thank my fellow officers for taking up the challenge of moving the club forward into the New Year. I am sure that Dave Smith, our new Vice President, will continue to bring his passion and enthusiasm for all things aquatic to benefit the club. Rich Kinkade and Ray Porter have graciously offered to continue their roles as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, and I am grateful for their assistance through the coming year. Thanks also to Mary Howard for offering to continue to act as Editor for the "Air Bubbles" club newsletter; I'm sure that we can all agree that she has done an excellent job over the past year. I wish to thank Rob Falk for reprising his role as club Webmaster; and a special "thank you" is extended to Daryl Findlay, John Ferrier and John Sears for their tireless work behind the scenes to make club activities and fund raising efforts such a success. A loud "THANK YOU" goes out to all of the people that I have failed to mention above who took time out of their busy schedule to help make the North Shore Frogmen Dive Club--YOUR CLUB--such a success; I will continue to draw upon your support during my tenure as your President.

Unfortunately, I was unable to make it to this year's Annual Banquet, but I was told that it was a rousing success; kudos to those who braved the poor weather to spend a night of festive camaraderie with their fellow divers. I speak for the entire club

membership when I thank Bobby Boyle, owner of Undersea Divers, for once again supporting our club through his donations of dive equipment for our fundraising efforts at the Annual Banquet, and throughout the year. His efforts on our behalf have benefited our club tremendously over the years. The year-end pizza party went very well on the 18th, with the Greek Salads a surprising hit with those who attended. With eight different varieties of pizza to choose from, just about everyone found something they liked. Thanks to V.P. Dave Smith for helping me out with the beverages for the party, and to Mike Denneler, Paul Sauvageau and Peter Cassidy for helping with the cleanup.

Next year's activities are already taking shape; with the first Activities Committee meeting held a couple of weeks ago, we have several suggestions for boat dive opportunities, club activities, and possible guest speakers. If anyone knows of something or someone that the club membership might be interested in seeing or doing during the upcoming year, I encourage you to attend future Activities Committee meetings, or speak to a club officer about the activity or potential guest speaker in question. Remember, this club is here for your benefit, and the club officers need your input to make the North Shore Frogmen a club that you are proud to be a member of. Don't forget the New Year's Day Party being held at Peter Cassidy's home this year. Thanks Peter!! Happy Holidays!!!

Michael Donovan  
2004 President  
North Shore Frogmen

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## Meeting Summaries

### **27-November-2003**

No Meeting - Thanksgiving Day

### **4-December-2003**

Meeting called to order: 8:02 PM  
Attendance: 4 officers, 19 members  
Guests: 1 – Patti Steele

**Announcement:** Abbreviated meeting format due to club officer elections, photo contest and rebreather demonstration

**Correspondence:** RE: invitations to banquet: Jonathan Bird cannot attend;

family conflict. Lt Tulick did not respond. Andy Martinez had personal conflict.

**Secretary's Report:** No report

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**Membership Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Program Committee:** See activities list.

**Air Bubbles:** December issue sent out.

### **Old Business:**

- Club officer elections – Ballots distributed and 23 ballots cast. Roslyn Smith and Michael Donovan to count ballots. Results are as follows:

President – Michael Donovan

Vice President – Dave Smith

Treasurer – Rich Kinkade

Secretary – Ray Porter

- Photo Contest – Ballots distributed. Vote for 1, 2 and 3 in each category. Winners to be announced at banquet.
- Member of the Year. Ballots distributed. Winner to be announced at the banquet.
- Annual President's Banquet – Friday evening the last count will be taken. About 85 tickets sold to date.

**New Business:** None

### **Dive Talk:**

- Rich Kinkade. Grand Cayman – Large moray Water temp mid 80's
- Paul Blanchette. Dove on the Polling- 3 rebreathers on boat
- Linda Marshall – 3 months ago (end of Sept) – assisted lobster-man retrieving his traps near Essex River

**General Discussion:** Dave Smith: Ten of the stupidest laws. Illegal to take seaweed from shore in NH.

Meeting adjourned: 8:14

### **Raffles:**

- Bug Bag – Pony bottle and Regulator – to be raffled at Annual Banquet
- Mystery Prize – Paul Sauvageau
- Dollars Box – Dawn Denneker

### **11-December-2003**

Meeting called to order: 8:11 PM  
Attendance: 4 officers, 15 members

### **Announcements:**

- Next week is pizza party night.

### **Correspondence:**

- Letter from UMass Boston – CoastSweep participation thank you
- Notes from new life members Mary Murphy and Barbara Crisman.

**Secretary's Report:** Meeting minutes accepted as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:** Account balances accepted as amended. Bills of \$131.25 & 123.06 for trophies and awards. Jim Follis paid dues.

**Membership Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Program Committee:** Planning for 2004 has begun.

**Air Bubbles:** President's message is due.

### **Old Business:**

- NSF Annual President's Banquet. 50 people attended despite heavy snow fall.
- FAC controlled the canceling of the event. Club deposits for food and band not refundable.
- John Sears did a GREAT job of coordinating the event
- Book Dec 4th for next year.
- Lost – Glass dolphin (Roslyn); Canvas bag with dance shoes (Ray & Mary)
- Awards not presented at the banquet were presented at meeting.

### **New Business:**

- **CHANGE of CLUB OFFICERS**
- **Next meeting.** Pizza party night, sign up for pizzas
- **Movie night.** Michael's house now has cable so Deep Sea Detective series on Andrea Doria can be shown at movie night.

### **Dive Talk:**

- **Mike Turner.** Nov. – dove in FL Keys. Spiegel Grove; French Reef and Mola Reef. Vis 50 to 60 ft. Water temp. 70 to 75oF. Seas 5 feet on Spiegel Grove.

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### General Discussion:

- **Mike Turner.** Moving to Ft. Meyers, FL. Applying to Cape Coral Police Dept.
- **Mike Denneler.** CNN – Coral Reefs being closed to divers in National Parks
  - 13 foot tiger shark ate a spear fisherman
  - NY Times – SS Republic 1865 Bound for New Orleans found with 20,000 gold coins (\$400K)

Meeting adjourned: 8:50

### Raffles:

Bug Bag – None

Mystery Prize – Mike Denneler

Dollars Box – Roslyn Smith

### 18-December-2003

Pizza Party Night – No Club Business Conducted

### 25-December-2003

No Meeting - Christmas Day

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## 2003 Photo Contest a Great Success

Mary Howard

A great big thank you to those who submitted photos for the 2003 Photo Contest. We had a lot of beautiful pictures which made for an outstanding display at the banquet, but which also made it really difficult to choose which picture to vote for. I finally decided that I was not qualified to vote since I knew who had submitted which pictures, for which I breathed a great sigh of relief since the choices were so tough. There were five categories for the contest, and all were hotly contested as there were so many really good pictures.

Above Water Category prizes went to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Charlene Colella for her picture of the beach on Wakatobi
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daryl Findlay for “*Friendship of Salem* from the Waterline”
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Charlene Colella for a photograph of a coral reef in Bali taken from the air

Warm Water – Standard/Wide Angle Category:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jack Munro for his picture of a school of fish on one of the wrecks in South Carolina
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Roslyn Smith for her photograph titled “Colorful Neighborhood”.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Daryl Findlay for his “Soft Coral on Shipwreck”
- This group included 18 pictures which made the voting decision even more difficult than in some of the other categories.

Warm Water – Close-Up/Macro Category:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Roslyn Smith for her picture of tunicates entitled “Blue Bells”

2<sup>nd</sup> – Roslyn Smith for “Christmas Time”, a picture of Christmas tree worms

3<sup>rd</sup> – Charlene Colella for her anemone photo

Cold Water – Standard/Wide Angle

1<sup>st</sup> – Daryl Findlay for his picture of “Mr. Crabs”

2<sup>nd</sup> – Daryl’s picture “Hold Still”, of John Ferrier trying to gauge and bag a big lobster

3<sup>rd</sup> – Linda Marshall for her “Frilled Anemone”

Daryl won all three places in the Cold Water – Close-Up/Macro division, but considering that he was the only contestant in that category, that is not too surprising.

1<sup>st</sup> – Sand and Moon Snail

2<sup>nd</sup> – Flounder Face

3<sup>rd</sup> – Renter Hermit Crab

I did learn a few things for next year’s contest. If I forget before that time arises, please remind me. 1- Make sure everyone submitting photos indicates the orientation (up and down) of each picture, and 2- suggest they give a title to each picture, as I am not comfortable making up names for other people’s work.

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## December Member of the Month

My final tribute as President for December Member of the Month, goes to recognizing the achievements of Paul Blanchette. He shared his extensive knowledge and experience on closed circuit rebreathers with the membership in a very interesting and informative presentation as our guest speaker on December 4. This was made all the more fascinating when audience participants were able to see up close and compare his own Megalodon rebreather with Doug Howard’s Cis-Lunar and Daryl Findley’s Inspiration whose contributions Paul recruited specially for this evening.

Paul further organized two successful dive trips to North Carolina enjoyed by NITROX certified members of our dive club last summer and in 2002.

Paul’s background includes production management experience for Cis-Lunar, the pioneering manufacturer of technically advanced rebreathers. He also holds numerous technical certifications for Enriched Air Nitrox and Trimix, as well as vast experience in conducting and organizing challenging dives to famously deep wrecks such as the Andrea Doria, assorted U-Boats among many other wrecks of every description. He is therefore and by far, one of our club’s most experienced divers. I was happy to recognize his contribution as December Member of the Month.

Paul Sauvageau

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January 2004				1 New Years Day Dive & Party	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 8PM Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14 Ski Trip/Sunday River	15 8PM Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 8PM Meeting Movie Night	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 8PM Meeting	30	31

				February 2004		
1	2	3	4	5 8PM Meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11 Ski Trip/Sunday River BSC meeting	12 8PM Meeting	13	14
15 Boston Scuba Show	16	17	18	19 8PM Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 8PM Meeting	27	28
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### Winter Sunday Dive Times

Arrive at Burger King at 9:00, ready to leave for the dive site at 9:30AM.

### New Year's Day Dive

If anyone wants to dive on New Year's Day, some of us are meeting at Old Garden Beach in Rockport at 10AM. This later time should give most people time to recover from the night before. It is also early enough to get in a decent dive and still get to the Froggie New Years Day Party at Pete and Holly Cassidy's.

Roslyn Smith

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### Activities

(Due to ongoing work on the Activities Calendar, these pages will be updated and added to on a regular basis. Please check monthly for updates to the Activities Calendar.)

- **Jan 1, New Year's Day Dive.** Meet at Old Garden Beach at 10 AM
- **Jan 1, New Year's Day Party** at Peter and Holly Cassidy's house, 1-6PM. (See map and directions included on pg. 6)
- **Jan 1, New Year's Day, NO MEETING**
- **Jan 14, Ski Trip** to Sunday River with Ski Market. Contact John Ferrier.
- **Jan 22, Movie Night**
- **Feb 11, Ski Trip** to Sunday River with Ski Market. Contact John Ferrier.
- **Feb 11, Bay State Council Meeting** at South Shore Neptunes' Club House. Contact Mary Howard.
- **Feb 15, Boston Scuba Show**
- **Mar 6-7, Sea Rovers Show** at Copley Plaza, Boston.
- **Mar 17, Ski Trip** to Okemo. Contact John Ferrier.
- **Mar 20, St. Patrick's Day Party** at Mary Howard's house.
- **Apr 25, Easter Egg Dive** (and Party?).
- **May 15, Club Night In.** (Subject to change. Check schedule closer to date.)
- **Jun, Canoe Trip** on Ipswich River
- **Sep 11, Coast Sweep.** Contact Dave Smith.
- **Sep 19, Annual Club Picnic**, Stage Fort Park.
- **Dec 4, Club Banquet** at Franco American Club.

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# NORTH SHORE FROGMEN'S CLUB

## 2004 NEW YEAR'S DAY PARTY

On

January 1, 2004

From

1:00 PM UNTIL 6:00 PM

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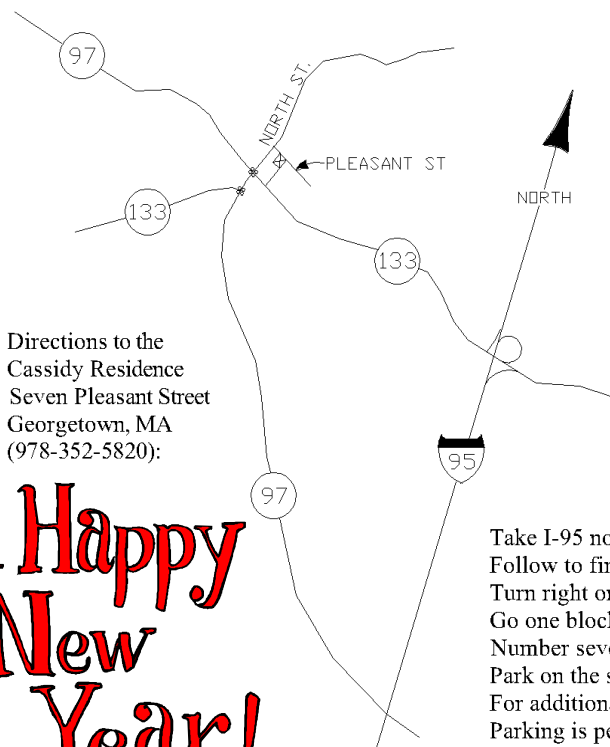
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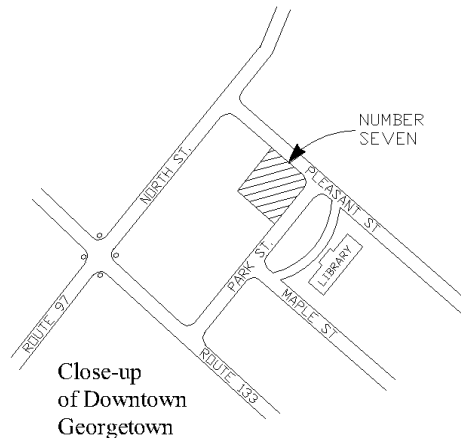
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Please bring a food or dessert dish if possible and a beverage if you want something other than soft drinks.



Directions to the Cassidy Residence  
Seven Pleasant Street  
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(978-352-5820):



Take I-95 north to exit 54B (Route 133/West).  
Follow to first set of lights in the center of Georgetown.  
Turn right onto North Street.  
Go one block and take the first right onto Pleasant Street.  
Number seven is the first house on the right (large gray Victorian).  
Park on the street and come to the front door.  
For additional parking turn right onto Park street immediately after our house.  
Parking is permitted on both sides of both streets.

**A Happy  
New  
Year!**

Visit our website at [www.northshorefrogs.com](http://www.northshorefrogs.com)

### Year End Wrap-Up

Election night for the 2004 officers was Thursday December 4. Those elected to offices are: Michael Donovan – President, Dave Smith – Vice President, Rich Kinkade – Treasurer, and Ray Porter – Secretary. The voting for member of the year and for the photo contest was also held that night. (See article on page 3 for a full account of photo contest winners.)

The President's banquet on Dec 6 was a great success and a lot of fun for those able to attend in spite of the stormy weather. Annette Spaulding and her husband Patrick should get the award for driving the farthest; they came down from Vermont, picking up Dave Dodge in New Hampshire along the way. Frank and Dodie Carvalho picked up Bobby Boyle on their way to the banquet. Outgoing president Paul Sauvageau made announcements congratulating members for their various roles and accomplishments throughout the year, including the much deserved "Member of the Year" Award to Daryl Findlay and Life Membership Awards for Mary Murphy and Barbara Crisman. Paul also gave special thanks to Bobby Boyle for his generous continued support of the club. Awards for the Photo Contest first place winners were delivered and a lot of wonderful prizes were raffled off to lucky winners. The prime rib dinner was excellent, the band played music, many folks danced, and all had a wonderful time, at least until it was time to try to dig vehicles out from the snow.

**Member of the Month  
December 2003**

**Paul Blanchette**

(See outgoing President's last message on page 3 for details.)

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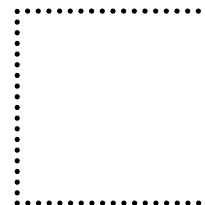
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## Upcoming Events!

- Jan 1: New Year's Day Dive
- Jan 1: New Year's Day Party
- Jan 14: Ski Trip / Sunday River
- Jan 22: Movie Night
- Feb 11: Bay State Council Meeting



**Sunday Dives: Meet at Burger King on Rte 128 in Beverly,  
at 9:00 AM, 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.