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# Air Bubbles

The Newsletter of the North Shore Frogmen's Club

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## President's Message

Dear Frogmen,

I hope everyone has settled into our new location at the Franco American Club in Beverly. The phone number is 978-922-1950.

Bill Gates is the manager of the facility (no, not that Bill Gates - a different Bill Gates...) and has extended his welcome by inviting the Frogmen to participate in any of the many activities posted on the board next to the bar downstairs.

Membership in the F.A.C. is available for \$25.00 per year. Our banquet is booked for Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, upstairs in the large room.

Thank you,

Linda Marshall

## Raffle Tickets for Sale

There are still 42 raffle tickets for sale before we can raffle off the U.S. Diver regulator. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

We also have a 25 inch color TV to raffle off. Tickets for this raffle are also available at \$5.00 each.

## Deadline for Next Month's Air Bubbles

The deadline for submissions to next month's Air Bubbles is May 18th. Get those articles, recipes, and other items in early!

E-mail articles to me at [megdoyon@cs.com](mailto:megdoyon@cs.com).

*Meg Doyon*

## Free Advertising for Froggies

Froggie members who own a dive- or water-related business can put an ad in Air Bubbles for **FREE**. Just email me an ad or write something up and I'll put it in.

Charge for non-member dive-related ads is \$50 per year.

*Meg Doyon*

## Winning Raffle Ticket

The winning ticket number for a Black gear bag pulled on April 6th was 008975 (Blue ticket).

If no one claims the item within the month we'll re-affle it.

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



## Recipe Corner

### Mary Howard's Sweet Soda Bread

So many people asked for the recipe at the St. Patty's Day party, that I decided to put it in Air Bubbles for you.

3 cups white flour  
 1 cup whole wheat flour  
 1 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 2 eggs, lightly beaten  
 1 1/3 cups buttermilk (I used powdered buttermilk)  
 1/4 cup melted butter  
 1 1/3 cup raisins

Sift together the dry ingredients.

Add eggs, buttermilk, butter and raisins. Mix briefly.

Turn batter out onto floured counter and knead lightly until smooth. Divide batter in half, forming into two rounds on buttered cookie sheet. With a knife, mark an X about 1/2 inch deep on top of each.

The recipe called for baking the bread at 350 for 45 minutes. I (by mistake) baked it at 300. I left it in for about an hour and a half because it didn't cook, and then at the end baked it for about 20 min at 350 when I realized I had the temp wrong. Bake until golden brown, and bread sounds hollow when thumped on the bottom.

*Mary Howard*

#### Member of the Month

APRIL

Diane Anthony

#### Diver of the Month

APRIL

Paul Blanchet

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## New Freddie the Frog Patches!

A **green** Freddie is on a **red** Dive Flag with North Shore Frogmen on the Stripe. The size is perfect for hats, jackets and gear bags. Wear Freddie on your stuff and display your club spirit!

**These are great looking, very colorful patches, and a steal at \$4 each or 3 for \$10.**

See *Mike Denneler* at the meetings.

## Help Scientists Count Frogs!

If you hear croaking around your house, the U.S. Geological Survey would like to know about it.

Through a program called Frogwatch USA, volunteers around the country are informing scientists of the results and helping them track the size and health of amphibian populations.

Biologists worldwide have noticed a decline in frog and toad populations for more than 10 years. Several species have even become extinct.

For more information, visit the Web sites <http://www.mp2pwr.usgs.gov/FrogWatch/index.htm>, or <http://www.Frogweb.gov>

## Treasure Hunt

The Bay State Council of Divers will be holding an underwater Treasure Hunt on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 am until 4 pm at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, MA. Advanced registration is \$7.50 and day of event registration is \$10.00.

For more information, contact Angelo Correnti, President of Bay State Council of Divers at 781-

391-1034.

## Club Information

Club dives are held every Sunday morning at 9:30 AM – meet at the Burger King on Rt. 128.

Night dives are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month – meet at Back Beach at 7:30 pm.

Club meetings are held every Thursday evening at 8:00 PM at the Franco American Club in Beverly. Guests are invited to attend the meetings! Directions: 128 North to Exit 20B – take 1A into Beverly, 1A becomes Rantoul Street. Take a right at the Post Office and a Right at the Depot. F.A.C. is on the left at 44 Park Street.

## Canoe Trip Saturday, June 3rd

Join us on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> for our annual Canoe Trip down the Ipswich River. This trip has always been a lot of fun and this year will not be any different!

Contact Ric Stamegna for more information.

## Tall Ships 2000

Fred Chase has reserved some “Froggie” space on Lovell's Island for tent camping for the weekend that the tall ships will be in Boston from July 14-16th.

Contact *Fred Chase* if you are interested!

## For Sale

Two XL Akona Back Pack bags in new condition, never used to haul dive gear to dive sites. These were bags I used to carry samples. \$60 each or best offer.

Contact *Al Morris* at [Mycaal@aol.com](mailto:Mycaal@aol.com)

## **PROPOSED BY LAW AMENDMENT**

There will be a vote at the regular meeting on Thursday, May 11 on the proposed change to the By-Laws. **Please attend and make your vote count!**

The proposed amendment reads as follows:

### **Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of the North Shore Frogmen's Club, Inc.**

Article 5 – Regular Members

Insert as Number 5 between the current Number 4 and 5. Rename number 5 to number 6.

5) All applicants for membership acknowledge that member participation within the club as either an Officer or on a Committee which supports various Club activities is an essential requirement for the Club to maintain its purpose and vitality and agree to serve in either capacity at least once during their membership.

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**SEE ABOVE - IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING  
PRPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT**