
Air Bubbles

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Message from the President

Another very cold and stormacious winter is over! Let's get that gear checked out, tuned-up and refit. The postponed Easter Egg Dive, on April 8, is a perfect place to begin the year if you have not already been under yet. Later this spring (Friday, May 4 at 7:30 PM), John McColley and Jeanie Rahilly have planned a "Gear Tune-up and Pool Party" at the Lydon pool in Danvers followed by pizza.

As I wrote in last September's Air Bubbles, I had not been diving in several years and made last year's goal to get back in the water. I'm glad I did. If you have not been diving in a while, don't slip away from the underwater scenery. Spend a few bucks on that new suit or whatever it is that's holding you back. You will feel the excitement all over again! Come join us at some of the club's special events or at one of our Sunday morning dives.

Peter Cassidy
President
North Shore Frogmen's Club

Presentation "Safety First: Lessons from The Last Dive."

Bernie Chowdhury – author of *The Last Dive* – is scheduled to speak on Monday, April 9, 2001, at a special meeting at the **Naval Reserve Base on Sea Street in Quincy**. Time (to be determined) will be in the evening, around 7:30 PM.

For more information, contact Mary Howard

If one event can reveal the complexity of the diving world and the irrepressible bond between man and challenge – a bond even stronger than blood – it is

the one portrayed in Bernie Chowdhury's mesmerizing new book, *THE LAST DIVE* (HarperCollins; October 4, 2000; \$25.00).

On October 12, 1992, Chris and Chrissy Rouse, an experienced father and son scuba diving team, hoped to achieve widespread recognition for their outstanding and controversial diving skills by solving the secrets of a mysterious, undocumented, WW II German U-boat that lay in 230 feet of water only a half day's mission from New York harbor. Yet something went terribly wrong that day, and the Rouses paid the ultimate price for chasing their personal challenge: death from what divers dread the most – decompression sickness, "the bends."

In *THE LAST DIVE*, Bernie Chowdhury, a personal friend of the Rouses, recounts in riveting detail the events that led up to that fateful day. Yet *THE LAST DIVE* is more than a dramatic account of this fateful dive. Chowdhury's portrait of the complex dynamics between father and son is the backdrop to illuminate the psychology of the explorer's willingness to risk it all for the pure, raw adrenaline rush of the unknown, the extreme, and notoriety.

As *THE LAST DIVE* unfolds, Chowdhury weaves together the Rouses' personal story with the history of sport diving, including its legendary figures, most celebrated successes and notorious disasters. He explains the evolution of various diving technologies, including the relatively recent advances in using mixed gases.

In *THE LAST DIVE*, Chowdhury – who narrowly avoided a gruesome death during his own severe case of bends – examines the psychology and motivations of the explorer using himself and the Rouses as prime examples. *THE LAST DIVE* is a modern morality tale that examines our compulsion to seek fame while expanding our knowledge and

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the limits of human endurance through exploration and extreme sports, along with the potential consequences. All divers will benefit from this discussion of safety, no matter if they venture to depths of 30 feet or 300 feet.

BIO:

Bernie Chowdhury is the founder and co-publisher of "immersed: the international technical diving magazine," a six-year old quarterly with subscribers in 63 countries. Bernie is widely known in the diving community, and frequently lectures at dive shops, dive clubs, and diving conferences worldwide. He has worn many hats during his 17 years in the diving industry, including recreational diving instructor, recreational diving trip leader, technical diving expedition organizer and leader, consultant for the marketing and development of new lines of diving computers, accident analyst with the National Underwater Accident Data Center, and co-producer of the Icelandic Cave Diving Expedition special, a documentary on the first survey and mapping expedition to any of Iceland's underwater caves, which he organized and led. At the invitation of the British Army, he also participated in the successful search for H.M.S. Pheasant, a missing WW I destroyer, which he and expedition members found and dived in 280 feet of cold, Scottish water. Bernie is a Fellow of the Explorers Club. His articles have appeared in numerous magazines, including Skin Diver, Underwater USA, National Geographic Adventure and, of course, immersed. Bernie has been named Beneath the Sea's 2001 Diver of the Year for education. Rights to his first book, The Last Dive, have already been sold in ten foreign languages.

**Directions to Naval Reserve
Sea Street Quincy MA**

From the north or from the south take Rte 93 / Rte 3 to exit 8, follow sign to Quincy Furnace Brook Parkway. Follow Furnace Brook Parkway to the end, which is Wollaston Boulevard. At light, turn right, and follow it until the end.

At light, turn right, which will be Sea Street. Continue for approx. 100 feet, A Chinese Restaurant will be on left. The Naval Reserve Building will be

next building. Quincy Underwater Recovery Truck will be present at driveway entrance. Lecture will start between 7-7:30 PM, Monday, April 9th.

For further information, contact Jeannine Fabian at (617) 365-5588 or Angelo Correnti at (781) 391-1034.

Wear Freddie the Frog with pride!

Patches (3/\$10), Baseball Caps (\$10), Polo Shirts (\$10), and Enamel Pins (\$10) are for sale at the FIRST meeting of each month. See Mike Denneler to purchase these goodies!

Increased Dues!

The club passed a motion to increase the dues. This motion followed the results of the unanimous recommendation of the Board of Directors that met prior to the meeting and presented the motion. The overall process was in full compliance of the procedure set forth in the bylaws. The dues for the year 2001 are \$42 for members, \$21 for associate members and \$63 for couples.

Member of the Month

March 2001

**Dive Times
Effective January, 2001**

Meeting times for both Sunday mornings and Wednesday night dives have been changed.

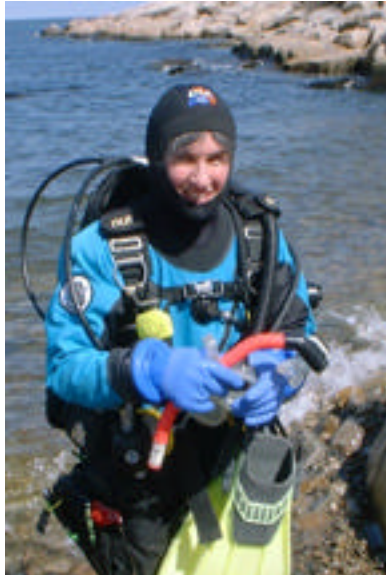
Sunday dives are now meeting at 9:30 and departing at 10:00 AM. This will be the schedule until April.

Night dives are now meeting at 6:30 PM - still at Back Beach, except only on Full Moon Nights.

Secretary's Reports



Thursday Date: 15-Feb-01 Location: Franco Club
Meeting called to order: 8:10 PM Attendance:
Officers:4 Members: 15 Total: 19 Guests/Visitors: 0
Announcements Peter Cassidy will meet with Bill
Gates about future Froggie events at the Franco.
Says the Franco is VERY PLEASED with the
Froggies to date. Correspondence Mary Howard
has received the South Shore Neptunes newsletter.
We have received an invitation to the Metro West
Wreck Program April 7th. Committees:
Membership: No report. Finance: Rich Kinkade read



Amy Maurer gets ready at Folly Cove
Photo: Rodney Dahlgren

the report and it was accepted.
Program: Next meeting
February 15th @ 6:30PM.
Upcoming Events & Presentations:
Feb. 17th Boston Scuba Show (see Air Bubbles)
Feb. 18th Skating night at the old MDC rink by Breakheart Reservation on from 1:50 to 3:30 PM. Cost is \$2pp; \$4 skate

rental (if needed). See Candi Sousa. Feb. 22nd Angelo Correnti, South Shore Neptunes presentation. Feb. 28th Bay State Diver's Council Meeting. March 11th Omni Theater, Museum of Science South Pole movie. March 17th St. Patrick's Day party @ Mary Howard's. 6PM. April 5th Presentation by Dick Long. Calendar: No report. Air Bubbles: Looking for people to print out the newsletter for those who do not have internet access. Old Business: Peter Chapman had requested financial numbers for the Calendar (to date). Rich Kinkade reminded members that dues are now due! New Business None Dive Talk: No dive talk!

General Discussion: Dave Smith discussed the need for blood donors for Beverly teen Scott Varney. Mary Howard is going to donate platelets on 2/27. Bring plenty of clothes because blood is returned a couple of degrees cooler. Mike Dennler presented a Salem Evening News article on the Ulysees S. Grant dispatch boat wrecked off Misery Island. Dawn Dennler is organizing a casino boat trip out of Lynn. If you would be interested, please contact Dawn. Raffles: Dave Smith, Dollars Box Nancy Gannett, Mystery Prize (Beach Chair) AND the knife/tank cover. Daryl Findlay, Tank Radio AND Poster Selection. Notes for next meeting: None Adjourn: 8:50 PM

Thursday Date: 22-Feb-01 Location: Franco Club
Meeting called to order: 8:07 PM Attendance:
Officers:4 Members: 17 Total: 25 Guests/Visitors: 4
Angelo Correnti, Jennine Fabian, Ken Hayes, and John Blackadar of the South Shore Neptunes
Announcements None. * * * * ABBREVIATED MEETING FORMAT ~ S.S.NEPTUNES PRESENTATION * * * * Correspondence None
Committees: Membership: No report. Finance: Rich Kinkade read the report and it was accepted.
Program: Upcoming Events & Presentations: Feb. 28th Bay State Diver's Council Meeting. March 11th Omni Theater, Museum of Science South Pole movie. March 17th St. Patrick's Day party @ Mary Howard's. 6PM. March 25th Easter Egg dive April 5th Presentation by Dick Long. June 16th Catch the Wave Benefit Dinner Calendar: No report. Air Bubbles: No report. Old Business: Bill Gannett reported that the Blackbeard's 3/02 Cruise is completely booked. Now taking names for standby. New Business None Dive Talk: The SS Neptunes had an ice dive in Long Pond. 11 people were in the water. Mike Denneler went diving at Pebble Beach. 25 feet vis. General Discussion: Mary Howard and Pete Cassidy are going to Children's hospital to give platelets for Scott Varney. Paul Blanchette reminded the crowd to get their tanks in for hydro testing. Raffles: Daryl Findlay, Dollars Box Mary Howard, Ultimate Scallop Kit. Mike Denneler, Kinkade Coat Hanger (Mystery Prize). Notes for next meeting: None Adjourn: 8:28 PM

Thursday Date: March 1, 2001 Meeting called to order: 8:14 PM Attendance: Officers:4 Members: 21 Total: 25 Guests/Visitors: 0 Announcements Pete C. reminded everybody to spread the word that the Froggies meet EVERY Thursday!

Correspondence Ray Bates [(781) 639-2544] has requested a chair @ our Sea Rovers booth to push his book. Committees: Membership: No report. Finance: Rich Kinkade read the report and it was accepted. Program: Presented a Sea Rovers review before the meeting. Upcoming Events & Presentations: March 11th Omni Theater, Museum of Science South Pole movie. March 17th Gear Swap, 6PM before the regular meeting. March 17th St. Patrick's Day party @ Mary Howard's. 6PM. March 25th Easter Egg dive April 5th Presentation by Dick Long. June 16th Catch the Wave Benefit Banquet Calendar: Rob Falk said that sponsorships were not well accepted at DEMA. He has redrawn the 2002 calendar at a club cost of ZERO dollars. Air Bubbles: Rob Falk reminded everybody that the next AB deadline is March 18th. Photo Contest: Rob Falk said he is getting responses from the West Coast, Hong Kong, and Italy. The Froggie website is getting lots of responses regarding the photo contest. Old Business: Mike Dennler suggested the Froggies send a thank you note for last week's presentation. (Pete C. has done this). New Business Mary Howard gave a report on the Bay State Council meeting 2/28. There was a report by the artificial reef society. Also, new bug restrictions have not yet been implemented but are imminent. Upcoming BSC events: May 20th Treasure Hunt June 2nd Used equipment sale. June 20th CTW Benefit Banquet. Dive Talk: Rob Falk did 4 dives in 2 days in San Diego. Saw green morays sheep coral and sea lions that nip at your fins. Second dive was the Yukon. Doug Howard dove at San Benidedo Island. Underwater volcanoes 300 miles SW of Baja penninsula. Lots of sea life. Lots of whales. Dolphin pods, manta rays and sharks. Vis 30-100 feet. General Discussion: Mary Howard and Dave Smith gave a review of the Boston Scuba Show. Faith Ortins and Pete Cassidy gave a report on the recent seal sightings on northeast beaches. Raffles: Mike Denneler, Dollars Box Angelo Correnti, tank Mike Denneler, catch bag. No mystery prize this week. Notes for next meeting: None Adjourn: 9:15 PM Thursday, March 8, 2001, Franco Club Meeting called to order: 8:13 PM Attendance: Officers:4 Members: 14 Total: 18 Guests/Visitors: 0 Announcements None Correspondence None Committees: Membership: No report. Finance: Rich Kinkade read the report and it was accepted. Program: Presented a Sea Rovers review before the

meeting. Upcoming Events & Presentations: March 11th Omni Theater, Museum of Science South Pole movie. March 15th Gear Swap, 6PM before the regular meeting. March 17th St. Patrick's Day party @ Mary Howard's. 6PM. March 25th Easter Egg dive April 5th Presentation by Dick Long. April 9th Bernie Chowdhury, author of "The Last Dive". June 16th Catch the Wave Benefit Banquet Calendar: No report. Air Bubbles: No report. Deadline for the next issue is March 18th. All members are strongly encouraged to make at least one contribution to Air Bubbles during the year. Photo Contest: No report. Old Business: Mary Howard said Vincent Mabukardo of Mass Marine Fisheries announced last year's bug permits will be good until April 15th. Dawn Denneler discussed the availability of FAC rooms for club functions. As of now, we will need function rooms for the Club Night In (April 28th), the Photo Contest Exhibit (May 17-20), and the Holiday Banquet (Dec 28th). Need to determine if we should get a bartender for Club Night In. New Business MOTION by Mary Howard: "Complete and sign the 2002 Sea Rovers Show application (March 2nd and 3rd) and submit same with a \$40 deposit". MOTION passes 18-0. Dive Talk: John Ferrier recapped his trip to Palau (23 dives) and Gap (7 dives). Coral from surface to 30 feet is completely destroyed. The water had reached a temperature of 104F for 9 days. LOTS of huge man rays. Big currents at German Cove. No boat anchoring; "hook" diving. Water temps: 85F. Air temps 95F. No local diving again due to rough surf. General Discussion: Amy Maurer discussed the "Diver's Down" program. Raffles: Bill Gannett, Dollars Box Dave Smith, Mystery Prize Daryl Findlay, Dive Flag. Nancy Gannett, Mask Notes for next meeting: None Adjourn: 9:03 PM

Bay State Council of Divers' Seminar

Date: Saturday May 12
 Time: 1-4 PM
 Location: Boston Public Library (Copley Square, Boston)
 Cost: \$00.00
 Speakers: Dr Fabian of the Chamber at the Mass Eye and Ear
 A representative from the US Coast Guard
 The Division of Marine Fisheries will be represented by Vincent Malkowski

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Email Address Information

Attention Members: Does the club have your email address? Is it correct? Please visit the website and check to see that we have your current email address. Last minute announcements are sometimes made by email. Your email address is password protected and only available to NSF members. If your address is not listed, or is incorrect, please send email to **webmaster@northshorefrogmen.com** with the information. Thank you.

Photo Exhibition and Contest

Our dates and places for all contest & exhibition events are as follows:

Franco American Club, 44 Park St. Beverly, MA
Admission to all events is Free*
You must be 21 or older, and either a club member or contest entrant to attend the cocktail reception.

Thursday, May 178 - ?? PM Grand Opening and
Cocktail Reception: Live Music, Cash Bar, Hors
d'Oeuvres Members, Entrants & Invited Guests Only

Saturday May 191 PM - 5 PM Exhibition & Judging.
Everyone who attends will be able to vote for their
favorite photos!

Sunday May 201 PM - 5 PM Exhibition and Winners

Announcement

Froggies: We have not yet requested any funds from the club in support of this event, except for a bartender for the evening. We hope that this event will be club / self supported.

We are asking all members for the following support:

1. \$\$\$ contributions and pledges to go towards purchasing appetizers and decorations for this event. Please send your check to Rich Kinkade c/o North Shore Frogmen's Club, Inc., P.O. Box 3604 Peabody, MA 01961, or by cash or check in person at any meeting, and tell him its for the contest fund.
2. volunteer to help set up on the afternoon of Thursday May 19. We will be hanging photos, loading in and setting up a jazz group, heating and setting out food.
3. volunteer to expedite/waiter/waitress trays of Hors d'Oeuvres during the reception. We really need a few people to step up and take shifts for this!
4. volunteer to help take down photos, etc. on Sunday evening - informal party to follow!

If you are willing and able to do any of the above, please let us know, either by response to this email, or message to the new club telephone: (617) 598-1046 EXT. 9976

Don't worry, we'll be asking for more help as the date approaches, but these are the main things for now.

Thank you.
The NSF Photo Contest & Exhibition Committee

For Sale

DUI Dry Suit. Ideal for 5'4", no more than 125 lbs. New zipper. Less than 20 dives. Very good condition. \$500. Call Patty at (978) 373-9381.

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

CF 200 Men's XLshort in great condition front entry color Red and Black (no rock boots) asking \$1000 or best offer.

Women's CF200 rear entry medium (about a women's size 8), black (no rock boots) asking \$1000

or best offer.

A pair of Genesis double100's oxygen clean need VIP used four times. Asking \$800 or best offer. Miscellaneous Regulators

Contact Rodney @ Rokfish2@aol.com

Club dives are held every Sunday morning– meet at the Burger King on Rt. 128 starting at 9:30. Depart at 10 AM.

Night dives are held on the Wednesday before Full Moon of each month.

Meet at Back Beach at 6:30 PM.



Rob Falk enters at Folly Cove as Roslyn Smith and Amy Maurer wait patiently

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.

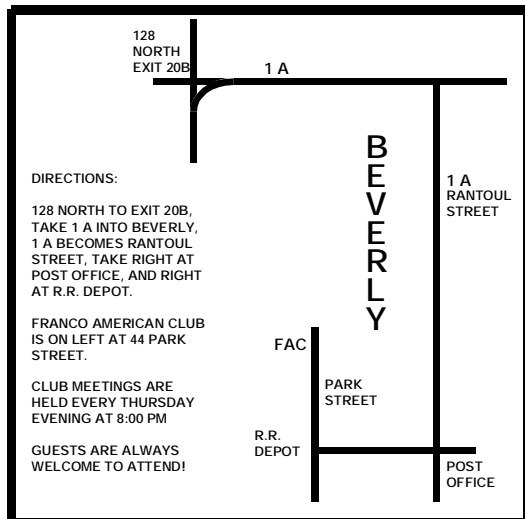
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