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**Wednesday
December 8, 7:30 pm
Coliseum Bar**

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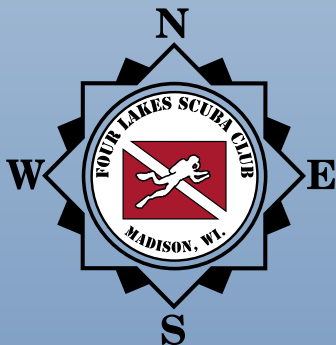
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Holiday Party

Food trays and beer are provided, dessert donations are welcome, so knock yourselves out.

Are you deserving of the coveted and most rare "All Five Lakes" certificate, and the "All Four Lakes" certificate? Come ready for the "Best Travel Story", "Best Dive Story" and "Best Dressed Diver" competitions. The Most Dives of the year trophy, a wooden tank, is due to circulate. Bring your log book, trust, but verify. Call all your old dive buddies. Check signs for location.

Thank You Much Mitch

Mitch Custer shared a DVD of his Cozumel trip with Breezeway Bubbles.

Underwater Hockey Schedule

Monday nights at the McFarland High School pool. Cost is about \$4. Contact Danny Aerts, 821-0048, UnderwaterHockey@FourLakesScubaClub.org.

Games from 8:00-9:00 pm:

December: 6, 13, 20, 27
January: 3, 10, 24, 31 (no game the 17th)
February 7, 14

Games from 7:30-8:30 pm

February 21, 28

Our World Underwater

January 14, 15, 16. Check the web for details. Kathy Green will be speaking.

The Ghost Ships Festival

This year's dates: February 18-19, 2005 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Milwaukee. Check their web site for details. www.ghost-ships.org

Kevin Willey Dive Trip Report

Truk Lagoon, Chuuk, Micronesia, in the Western Pacific November 7-14, 2004 on the Truk Aggressor II.

Truk Lagoon was the site of a 1944 attack by the United States against the Japanese Fleet during World War II, and is home to several dozen shipwrecks. We were able to visit about one dozen of these wrecks during our week of diving.

We dove with the Truk Aggressor II, a 107-foot 18-passenger live-aboard. The boat was clean and in good shape. Food was plentiful and very good, with nice varieties offered. Nitrox and air tanks were both available at the individual gear lockers on the dive deck. We did 26 dives over 6 different diving days, and typically dove one wreck in the mornings and a second wreck in the afternoons and at night. We did one shark dive during the week also. The diving is deeper than most traditional reef sites, but we never needed to exceed 132 feet to explore the wrecks that we were diving on.



The shipwrecks ranged in length from 300 to 500+ feet, and there was plenty to see in terms of wartime artifacts and marine life. Wreck penetration was possible at most sites, and guided tours were available for each dive, or you were free to do your own thing. The torpedo holes in some of these wrecks provided a conve-

nient and unique access into these ships. Water temperature was a consistent 86 degrees all week. There was little to no current in the water, and the surface was usually very calm. On the downside, there was always a great deal of particulate matter in the water. Visibility seemed moderate at best. The topside weather was



fairly comfortable all week.

After 60 years on the bottom of the ocean, the wrecks have become spectacular artificial reefs. For photographers shooting macro, there is plenty to see and shoot. I would certainly recommend a good wide-angle lens for any decent wreck photos.

At the end of the week, we spent one day at the Truk Blue Lagoon Resort before our flights home, and used some of that time to tour several of the concrete bunkers that the Japanese had built on one of the islands. The land tours were arranged through the Blue Lagoon Resort.

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**From Underwater Exposure:
Triggerfish, you say?
“Devilfish”, I say!**

By Barry Guimbellot

While on our last trip diving, Ruth and I were moving from one location to another. We were about 25 ft. from the bottom, which was just coral rubble. Suddenly, I felt a violent tug on my left fin. Sometimes, Ruth will tug on my fin to get my attention. This time, the tugging was so hard, it actually pulled me backwards in the water! I turned around to see what had Ruth’s attention and why she was pulling me around so hard. To my surprise, I found that the tugging was by a very large Titan triggerfish. She came around to my face and charged towards me. I put my camera in between us and made an aggressive move towards



Ruth's new fin, complete with triggerfish blade customization

her, while blowing out my regulator. The “killer” triggerfish then swam away. I could not wait to get back on board and tell Ruth what happened. What I found was that Ruth also was attacked. She showed me her new fin, which has a dime sized hole taken out of the blade. She then looked at mine and showed me a similar bite mark.

Several years ago, George Bogard was bitten through a 5 mm. wet-suit on his leg. His leg was badly bruised, even through the suit.

The lesson to be learned here—stay well clear of triggerfish while nesting, even when you think you are well above their nests.

From Undercurrent:

A Diving Twist on the Nigerian Internet Scam

Dive operations, resort owners, and travel agents beware. If you get e-mail, you've probably heard from a Nigerian who wants to share millions of dollars with you if you will just send him your back account and social security numbers. Now Pacific Magazine and Maravu Plantation Resort are reporting a new twist on this

scam in which a Nigerian travel agency going by the name of Soft Link Travel is booking fake client names with stolen credit cards and having the commissions on these “sales” wired to them, then vanishing with the money before the fraud is discovered.

Baja to Panama

One of the best things to happen to diving since fins was when Ned Deloach and Paul Humann teamed up to bring us their series of underwater identification books. Now they're giving us another volume, Baja to Panama, identifying reef fishes from the Gulf of California to the Pacific coast of Panama, including offshore islands, with more than 500 photographs of 400 species taken in their natural habitat. I have a lot of respect for these guys. Check it out at: <http://www.undercurrent.org/UCnow/bookpicks.shtml>. All of the profit from your purchase will go directly to projects to save coral reefs.

Doug Perine + Baitball + Sharks = Wildlife Photographer of the Year

Hawaiian underwater photographer Doug Perine beat out 18,500 other entries with his shark photo, taken off the east coast of South Africa. Marvel at the bronze whaler with sardines hanging out of the corner of its mouth, and then picture yourself a few feet away behind the lens! <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/3761114.stm>

Two Places You Have Not Been Diving

Here's two unique u/w destinations you'll want to add to your dive travel log. First is a chance to dive with the penguins in the polar regions of Antarctica. Voyages depart from Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world, with prices starting at \$4890 per diver. Drysuit required; however, there is a sauna aboard. Contact Quark Expeditions, <http://www.quarkexpeditions.com/index.shtml> or call 800-356-5699. Next, I'm guessing you haven't been in the waters of New Zealand's Kermadec Islands Marine Reserve. New Zealand Dive Experiences has negotiated with New Zealand's Department of Marine Conservation, which administers the marine reserve, for a once-only trip for 46 u/w photographers to explore its spectacular marine life. Check out the trip at <http://www.nzdivexperiences.com> or e-mail info@nzdivexperiences.com

Trips Planned:

Diver's Realm

Bonne Terre Mine - April 8-10
Cozumel Mexico Trip - March 6-13

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Elections Next Month

Consider what position you would like and join the fun. We need your new ideas.

Assistance needed

Divers and EMTs are needed for the September 11, 2005 Iron Man safety teams. Contact Howard Schuck.

Dive for DAN Benefit

Howard Schuck will be the contact for the 2005 organization effort.

Renewal Month

Membership renewal is a biannual event, occurring either in May or November. If you need to renew or don't know, see Howard.

We Need Raffle Prizes

If you have something suitable, bring to our president.



Our Four Lakes

Second Edition

\$14.95. See Danny at the meetings or call 821-0048.

If you have material you think should be in this newsletter (stories, reviews, dive reports, gear for sale) contact the editor. Please submit your written trip reports by email as YOU were there and I WASNT. If you are willing to receive your newsletter electronically instead of by US mail and are not already doing so, send an email and let me know at:

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Calendar 2004-05



December 8—Winter Party

December 29—Board Meeting:

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January 8—Meeting

Jan 30 or Feb 5 or 12—Ice Dive

**May 14, 15, 21, 22—Stake
in the Lakes Clean-up Dives
(Kegonsa, Waubesa, Monona,
Mendota)**

June 5—Dive for DAN, shelter 1

**September 24—Club Picnic and
Phoenix Party**