

scuba

POOP

SEPTEMBER 1962

SEPTEMBER MEETING:- American Red Cross Building - 426 N. Jefferson - 7:30 P.M.
Business meeting followed by a movie (unknown at this writing) and coffee and

SEPTEMBER DIVE:- Otter Lake - Located 5 miles south of Millington off
Sunday, Sept. 16 - 12 noon - family dive

POOL SWIM - Thursday - Sept. 20 - 7:30 p.m. - Ssginaw High Pool

SPEARFISHING CONTEST - Sunday, Sept. 23 - Harbor Beach - details on page 3

HOW COME?...you didn't get your August Scuba Scoop? A heavy work schedule prevented the publication of it in time. We're sorry this had to happen but we'll try to bring you up to date with this edition.

TWO EVENTS were notable for the month of August. One was the club Treasure Hunt at Higgin's Lake and the second a non-scheduled club dive off Port Sanilac. The Treasure Hunt drew quite a few members and all enjoyed the day despite a heavy downpour that hit later in the day. Bob and Nancy Nickodemus took the buddy-breathing event with their fast moving teamin work. They navigated the course in 34 seconds. Second best time went to Jim Wagner and Bob Baille with 35 seconds. Depth guessing brought out a variety of estimates but Dick Monville won this with by hitting within one inch of the true figure. Second best guesstimate was by Fred Davis. Bonnie Carlson left no doubt an anyone's mind as to who is champ at doff and don. Bonnie's swift work put her in first place in this event and in 15 feet of water too! Congratulations to all of you...it is well deserved. The main event, Treasure Hunting was a wild scramble but nearly everyone came up with a prize. Prizes were given to everyone that entered this event even if their luck was bad just for making the effort. As usual there was an abundance of good food and coffee, thanks to the gals. Only sad note about the dive was a broken trailer axle belonging to Bob Baille. Fortunately this happen in the park and not on the highway, it might have a bad one if it had. No ~~trailer accidents~~ accidents marred the diving during the day for which we are thankful...all in all it was a good day.

The Port Sanilac wreck dive drew fewer Explorers but those attending agreed it was a worthwhile dive. Visibility was limited during the first rush to be on the wreck but those making the second descent to the wreck found it crystal clear. Dick Monville and Fred Davis brought up a mast cradle that must have weighed a ton...biggest souvenir yet and many others brought up smaller mementos of this 100 year old wreck. A tip of our old snorkle to Sally Heineman for her dive to the wreck. 80 feet down is a lot of water for a gal with only two previous open water dives even with two YMCA instructors with her, huh, Sally?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in diving on this wreck at Port Sanilac, there a two boats available to take partys out to it. The larger boat, whick can hold up to 22 divers, is available for \$50. for the day. Write Captain Bill, Port Sanilac, Michigan. The second is a smaller boat and will hold about 10 divers with gear and it rents for \$30. a day. For this one write Jim Campbell, 7 So. Howard Avenue, Crosswell, Michigan. Phone 785. Both are very seaworthy vessels and equipped with sonar and radio. Also Coast Guard approved.

WE HAVE IT GOOD DEPT. In recent conversations with Chicago area divers your reports found that they envy us our water. Lake Michigan in the Chicago area is poor diving and use of diving gear is prohibited at all public beaches. Inland lakes are few and those that are within reasonable distance are motor boat crowded and poor in visibility. Diving gear is less costly in Chicago but the cost of going to Wisconsin and Michigan for good diving makes it a little rough. Aren't we lucky?

VACATION DIVING EXPERIENCES WANTED...we would like to hear about your vacation diving experiences this summer. Where, what and when. It will be of interest to your fellow diver and might provide us with some new diving spots for the future.

SNORKLE SALUTE to Bruce Beckert for his excellent promoting...again. This time V.P. Bruce came up with a nother contribution to the efficiency of the operation of the club compressor.

You may have noticed the water pan that is beneath the compressor to catch the oil and moisture that comes from the compressor filters. This will carry the oil discharge and flush it down the drain, making the air just a little cleaner. Bruce managed this at no cost to the club.

DECOMPRESSION TAGS FOUND...but we will need many more to take advantage of the quantity price. We had 18 but two were done seperately and we now have a grand total of 16. We are short 34 to make up the 50 needed to get them for a dollar apiece. If you so desire we will wait one more month and if we are still short the amount, the cards and money will be returned for you to purchase your own at the single price of 1.75 Blank cards are available at the compressor atd also at the next meeting.

NEVER DIVE ALONE...we all know this to be the first rule of diving. Yet in recent weeks we have heard and seen of several incidents of divers in our club straying away from their buddy while underwater and failing to reestablish contact with him. This is a dangerous practice and is a clear cut invitation to trouble. Could you forgive yourself if YOUR buddy drowned because of your neglect of this most basic safety rule?

INSTANT BOAT...that's what Dale Purchase, John Garner and company had on a recent dive off Old Mission Point in Traverse Bay. Having no boat to take them out to the shipwreck there, the boys discovered a rowboat on the bottom close to shore, raised it (it floated) and use it to get out to the ship wreck. They made their dive on the wreck then returned the rowboat to the bottom where they found it for future use. Darned clever, these divers, eh wot? Incidentley, John's luck isn't all good...Dale Purchase stepped on a hornet's nest and the little beasts rose up to sting JOHN not Dale...how's that for injustice?

LOST...TREASURE MAP...belonging to Don McLellan. It was loaned to someone but both of us have forgotten who. So if I loaned you my copy of the Great Lakes Treasure map, would you make us both happy by getting it back to ole Don. Thanks. Incidentley I have a list of wrecks that any club member is welcome to look over anytime they wish. It has been compiled from newspaper files library and personel digging.

WE NEED A HOME...it's about time the Explorers found a permanent home. Someplace to hang our collection of treasure and artifacts, a base of operations, a picture gallery, a place to store gear and to hang charts and maps and above all a meeting place so we won't be bounced from one end of town to the other. If we establish a permanent address we can become our own supplier of diving gear and buy our equipment at cost...but we need an address. Let's look around a bit... find an old store, a building or back room that we can rent for a modest fee and fix up into a fine headquarters. We all have friends and connections... let's get rolling on this for fall.

DIVING CLASS STARTS SEPTEMBER 14...the second 12 week certified diving class will begin on Friday, September 14th at the Saginaw YMCA. Dick Heineman and Bruce Beckert will be assisting in instructing for this period. If you have friends that are interested ask them to contact the Y for the registration day. Hours of class are 7:30 to 10 on Friday nights.

CLUB DECALS are available from Treasurer Dick Heineman at next meeting. Pick up your free one at that time. Extras are available at 50¢ each. Should be varnished if used on scuba tank.

PIAN AHEAD...the club Christmas party will be held at the Heinemans' on December 15. Should be a lot of fun if last year's party is any indication...it was a good'n! Plan to be there, O.K.?

FOR SALE...or trade. Voit 50 Fathom regulator- contact John Garner at SW 2-6864

USA CONVENTION in Chicago was attended by Prez George Morley and wife Cathy. They had a lot of fun and picked up a lot of useful and interesting information to pass on to club members.

COUNCIL MEETING in Lansing this last Sunday. Report on this from Fred Davis at next meeting.

CLEAR LAKE near Atlanta good diving is the word From the Flint Pescadores. They spent the Labor Day Weekend there and were enthusiastic about the visibility. File this for future use.

FIRST ANNUAL
TRI-CITY SPEARFISHING MEET

Here is a spearfishing event open to all members of the Saginaw, Bay City and Midland diving clubs and if successful will be a yearly event with a perpetual trophy awarded. In addition, individual trophies or medals will be awarded for the highest individual scores. The event to be sponsored by the Saginaw Underwater Explorers.

DATE:-Sunday, Sept. 23, 1962 TIME:-1:30 to 3:30 p.m. PLACE:- Harbor Beach, Michigan
REGISTRATION:- 12:30 to 1:00 at Harbor Beach City Park REGISTRATION FEE:- 50¢
EQUIPMENT:- Arbeletes - pole spears - spring guns - Hawaiian slings (NO CO2 guns - illegal)

Awards will be made for the following:-

1. LARGEST FISH SPEARED (weight)
2. GREATEST NUMBER OF FISH SPEARED
3. GREATEST TOTAL WEIGHT (individual diver's catch)
4. CLUB TOTAL POINTS (all club total)

RULES

1. Divers must dive in pairs.
2. One float for every two divers.
3. Only carp, suckers and rough fish to be taken. Spearing of any game fish will be cause for disqualification.
4. No spear guns to be loaded above water. All guns must be unloaded before coming ashore. Careless use of spearguns will be cause for disqualification.
5. Scuba use is not mandatory but is recommended for reasons of safety against prolonged breath holding.

SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

1. Make sure of your target before you shoot, especially if the water is murky.
2. Attempt to fire at a downward angle at your quarry. Never shoot up toward the surface.
3. Stay within sight of your diving partner. If you lose contact, avoid firing, surface and relocate each other. Use a stringer to avoid going ashore to often.
4. Only one man shooting at a time. Other to act as lookout and safety man for man firing.
5. Stay in the same area. If you must move, come ashore and walk along the breakwater to the new area. Do not swim thru an another area where spearfisherman are firing.

PROCEDURE OF EVENT

Divers will register and assemble at 1:00 p.m. for boat transportation to the breakwater. Event will start at 1:30 or as soon as all are in position on the breakwater. Signal will be given to enter the water and at 3:30 event will be ended. Watch for cards marking time when you surface.

NAME _____ CLUB _____

Total number of fish speared:-(5 points per fish) _____ Points _____

Largest fish speared: _____ lbs.(100 pts) Points _____

Total weight of fish speared: _____ lbs.(1 pt. per lb) Points _____

Total Points _____