

June 1964

S C U B A S C O O P

President - Bruce A. Beckert
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WHY ARE WE EARLY THIS MONTH? We just don't want to have you miss mucking around in all those carp up at Wildfowl Bay this Sunday, June 7th!

Club meeting to be held Thursday, June 11th at the Saginaw Valley Bank, 7:30 PM. The program includes:

Bob Nagy MUCC Chairman, explaining his recommendations for reorganization of the MSDC.

Also movies: #1 - "The Restless Sea" courtesy of the Bell Telephone Co.
#2 - A Canadian film with octopus and other subjects.

This Sunday, June 7th, is the Carp Shoot at Wildfowl Bay Area ~~by~~ at 10:00 AM. Meet at the Wildfowl Bay Area by following divers flags, which you will find posted along Mud Creek Road. This area is located on M-25 between Bay Port and Caseville. There will be at least one tractor and trailer to haul the carp for us. The City Fish Company of Detroit is buying all carp over 10 lbs. at 2¢ per pound. All you need are waders or hip boots, rubber or canvas shoes, and a spear-fork or like object for spearing. Water shouldn't be over two feet deep. NO scuba masks or fins needed. Bring your picnic lunch. HAVE A BALL! Divers from all over the state to be there.

Our regular club dive is Sunday, June 14th, at the Higgins Lake State Park. Let's all be there to cheer Bob Nickodemus and his team to victory to retain the purple tank for another year. We've had it two years now. Come on Bob--get your boys hustling! For those who are competitive minded, the competitive events are to be held by the MSDC Saturday the 13th at the state park also. Nice trophies are given to the winners. If you can't make it Saturday, be sure to be there Sunday for the club dive in the ~~pink~~ picnic area, and the MSDC purple tank event.

A job well done at the Higgins cleanup. A pat on the back of the divers of the S. U. E., Bay City Aquarians, and the Midland Skindivers. This fine turn out for a common united effort shows we can and do work together when we want to. Thanks again for your efforts. A picture was in the May 21st issue of the Roscommon Herald, showing all the tin can pickers along with Miss Roscommon.

Congratulations to the Bay City Aquarians. Not only do they have their own diving tank, but now a portable compressor. Another club project well done.

For those of you who have not found it yet, here is the way to North Lake: Turn east at the light in Millington. 5 miles east to four-way. Stop - turn right (south) to end of road. Turn left, follow lake around about a mile--public beach, bath house and good entrance to the water. Lots of fish, not much junk and about 30 feet deep.

Tobermorey anyone? How many would be interested in a weekend at Tobermorey? When?? Let your desires and plans be known at the next meeting. Al Christian can go the second week of July. Joe Michaels and the Euricks can go in the middle of August. Anyone for a treasure hunt at Crystal Lake up by Beulah, Michigan. More at the meeting.

FOR SALE:

Women's large wet suit, 1/4" nylon lined jacket, 3/16 pants with high waist. Very good condition. \$30.00 -- owner went to college. If interested, see or write Donna Beatenhead, Route #1, Box 122, Unionville, Michigan.

1/4" skin both sides, wet suit material. 1¢ per square inch. See Bruce Beckert at the next meeting.

One only, K-valve \$5.00 -- See Jim Collins

New boots, about shoe size 7. See Bruce Beckert

SPECIALS FROM THE UNDERWATER GRAPEVINE:

Barb Muir is making her wet suit from scratch--finally (we hope).

Bob Nickodemus and Fred LaClair entered the spearfishing contest at Little Portage and came home -- with nothing -- but that's more than the rest of you sissys who didn't even try.

Somebody said the club was run by a non-diver--so your president went diving finally on May 15th. It was a real thrill. Why didn't someone bring up this idea before. He liked it so well he also went on the 17th, 18th, 22nd, 23rd, and 26th; and in all different places except once when Jack Hollis, Joe Michaels and son shagged (sp.) him back to North Lake. We hear he needs a whole 5 minutes to get ready when somebody calls to go diving.

The Mr. Cottenham story:

On Saturday, May 23rd, Mr. Cottenham's boat capsized in Mio Pond and he was drowned. His wife, who was also in the boat, was rescued and taken to shore. Shortly after the two State Police divers started search operations for the body. After an unsuccessful weekend, on Monday Mrs. Cottenham called Nancy Beckert and asked for club assistance in the search. Bruce then called the Bay City State Police and asked for permission to assist their divers. This clearance was finally given Monday evening after another fruitless day by State Police divers. On Tuesday Ruth Dolhoff and her calling committee swung into action. About seven SUE members were ready to go, but the body was recovered at 10:15 AM on Tuesday (May 26th) in 40 feet depth about 200-300 feet horizontally from where it went down.

READING RACK (Cont.)

SCUBA II by Dick Melpass, Joe Strykowski, Dr. Bob Leavitt, Price \$1.00

Good reading for experienced divers or advanced students, as the title implies. Excellent research.

DIVING WITH A COLD

CEN CAL NEWS

Everyone knows that you should never dive with a cold, but most people do it anyway. Diving with a cold is dangerous because it becomes difficult to equalize the pressure on the ears and sinus cavities because of clogging of the Eustachian tube and sinuses with mucus. Many divers use Dristan or some other decongestant, which helps the equalizing process. The greatest hazard is getting an infection in the ears. In the process of equalizing the pressure on the ears, mucus is forced into the inner ear carrying with it much bacteria. Once an infection starts in the inner ear, there isn't much that can be done about it.

DON'T DRINK THAT WATER

CEN CAL NEWS

Dr. J. E. McKee, professor of environmental health, reminds us that we have the same molecules of water now that we had in prehistoric times. The water on earth neither increases or decreases appreciably; and that water that you blew from your snorkel last Sunday may once have been the sweat from a Phoenician galley slave, or a part of Cleopatra's bath. Dr. McKee stated that even the mighty Mississippi, with its tremendous volume of water passing New Orleans, is sporting water that has been used, contaminated, purified, and re-used on the average of 14 times. Keep this in mind the next time you wash your hands, or you mix bourbon with water, and wonder exactly where that awful stuff was, the last time around!!!!

DRY-LAND DIVER (Nogetti wetyet)

GARY BUTLER

This species is gregarious and vociferous. At club meetings he is outspoken regarding programs, trips, conventions and legislation. He is self-proclaimed authority on all types of equipment, rules and regulations, medical problems, diving areas. He has a ready store of lurid tales regarding his underwater adventures...but no one has ever seen him wet his flippers. His excuses for staying out of the water are legion (a cold, an ear infection, a pulled muscle, extra work at the office). The DRY-LAND DIVER is becoming increasingly common and at least one will be found in every club.

NEW MAGAZINE

A fairly new magazine is now available. The name is "SEA VENTURES". Subscriptions are \$3.50 per year and may be obtained by writing Sea Ventures Magazine, 3917 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago 13, Illinois.

SOCIETY TO PUBLISH NEW BOOK

USA NEWSLETTER

The Underwater Society of America will publish a new book this year. Divers, old and new, will find it the best collection of true stories and exciting pictures of the underwater world, yet to appear.

James Dugan, the editor, collaborated with Captain Cousteau to produce their latest work, The Living Sea. Mr. Dugan is contributing his service to the Society without cost, as are all contributors. He has lined up a colorful "catch" of authors that cover every aspect of underwater activity. Over 100 writers, photographers, explorers, artists, and scientists are contributors to the new work. Some of the well-known authors include Captain J. Y. Cousteau, Clare Booth Luce, Peter Throckmorton, and James Jones.

Chilton Books of New York City will publish the new book nationally at no expense or obligation to the Society. This is possible because the publisher will market it through regular bookstore channels. Authors' royalties, based on the \$5.95 list price, will be paid entirely to our Society's treasury. In addition, we will receive the retail profits from the sale of the book to our membership.

Members are eligible for a special pre-publication offer of the Society. The offer is based upon the Society's desire to clear our remaining stocks of the Underwater Society of America's 1962 Yearbook. This book originally sold at \$5.00 and is considered a "must" for divers. The Yearbook and The Living Sea have a combined value of \$11.95. While this offer lasts, both will be sold to members for only \$8.00 in this pre-publication offer.

Only a few hundred copies of the 1962 Yearbook remain. Get your orders in now before stocks are exhausted. To receive both books, send your check or money order for \$8.00 to:

Underwater Society of America
Room 492, Bourse Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

You may also order either book alone. The Underwater Yearbook, 1962, at \$5.00 postpaid, or The Living Sea at \$5.95. The latter will be sent postpaid to you when it is published.

DIVER INSURANCE PAYS OFF

USA NEWSLETTER

Skin and SCUBA diving, we are happy to report, is a safe sport. Nevertheless, it is good to know that members of the Society have additional insurance protection while diving.

Dues in the Underwater Society of America automatically entitle you to \$500 insurance. This coverage protects members, without additional cost, in the event of death resulting from diving. Certain very desirable safety practices must be observed for the insurance to be valid. A good diver would observe these anyway.

Six claims were paid by our insurance company in 1962. We are pleased to note that this figure was cut in half last year. Interestingly enough, the nine claims that have been met so far comprize more money than our Society has paid for its three-year premium. Let's hope that this year we will have no casualties and the insurance company will show some profit!