

# The Scuba Scoop

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**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**  
-Serving the Tri-Cities since 1958

<http://community.mlive.com/cc/sue>



**Club Meetings-**  
7:30pm on the 2d Tues  
of each month. Held at  
Sag. Twp. Fire Station #1  
on Shattuck Rd

**Officers-**  
**President:**  
Val Geldans 781 1552  
**Vice-President:**  
John Ruthig 781 1512  
**Secretary:**  
Mike Peterson 792 3623  
**Treasurer:**  
Terry Lisk 777 1956  
**Compressor Chair:**  
Don Cunningham 7994385  
**Board Member at Large:**  
Joe Jablonski 893 7970  
**Editor:**  
Don Storck 642 8436  
**Dive Coordinator/Ambassador:**  
Tom Fritz 771 3649

**Club Dues-**  
\$25 per year  
**This Meeting:**  
March 12  
**Next Meeting:**  
April 9

*In This Issue...*

*Election Results  
Banquet Report  
(w/ pics!)  
Dive Reports  
(from DK!)  
Pool Swim  
Calendar*

*and selected short  
subjects*

*\*note that VIP's will start  
in April*

## '02 ELECTION RESULTS !

Your new SUE Board Members are:

President- Val Geidans  
Vice Pres- John Ruthig  
Treasurer- Terry Lisk  
Secretary- Mike Peterson  
Compressor Chair- Don Cunningham  
Board M@L - Joe Jablonski  
SCOOP Ed- Don Storck,...

SUE welcomes them to their new positions, and thanks the outgoing board for all of its dedicated work.

-And now a few words from the President:  
"We are a great club, because of our members. I would like to plan more club dives, where we get together to share experiences and knowledge. To get more members at the meetings, I'll try to have incentives such as reps from dive companies. To begin, everyone attending the March meeting will receive free air!"

## BANQUET

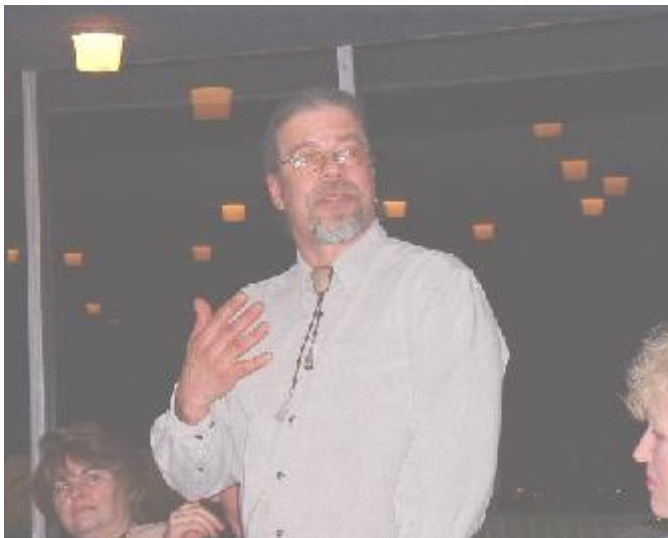
In a fine mellow atmosphere, SUE members met for the annual banquet last month at the Skyroom of Tri-City Airport. Everything from the meal to the service to the socializing was top-notch! After the meal, the new board members were introduced followed by a short talk by new president Val Geidans. The diver of the year was then introduced; Tom Van Den Boom. The plaque with Tom's name added was presented to him by Terry Lisk, last year's recipient.



Diver of the Year; Tom Van Den Boom  
(-presented by Terry Lisk)



The Banquet Tables



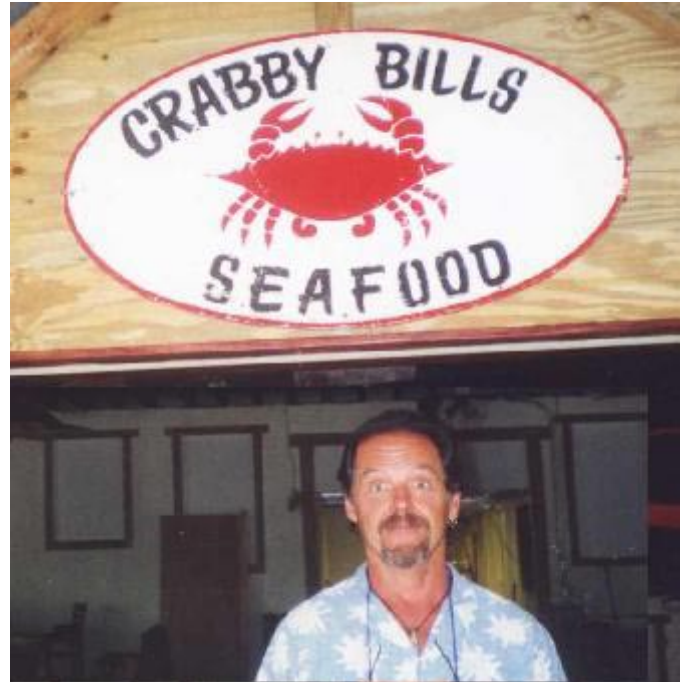
SUE President; Val Geidans



"What did I order?"

## DIVE NEWS

Understanding that the ice hasn't been thick enough, and the water hasn't been open enough, has anyone made any dives? You should be aware that Leo Dupuis is planning a dive trip to the southern end of N.C. in the 3d week of May. If you're interested in going, give Leo a call at 810 727 7278.



Who?...

## DENMARK DIVE NEWS

Our honorary member from Denmark, Michael Lauridsen, has written describing some of his diving activities. He belongs to a club ([www.faksedyk.subnet.dk](http://www.faksedyk.subnet.dk)) that dives in the Baltic Sea off an old fishing vessel. They dive old wrecks at depths of about 30-40 meters. The water temperature is just above freezing, and visibility varies. (sound familiar?). Michael writes:  
“ Hej Don

I am looking into my logbook today about a dive on SS Aras who sank in 1906. A cold dive on Aras again. I and Jan were (moving) a decksp plank to get into the pantry; there was a lot of hand painted china and bottles in the pantry. It is very hard work underwater; I am using a lot of air on the depth. The water temperature is 2°C. Jan's regulator was freezing on the way up. It is not usual that we have that problem; on that day 3 divers had it. The depth was 28.4m, total diving time was 23min plus 2 min deko at 3m level; on one 15L tank. –Michael”

Thanks for the report, Michael. Maybe we can send you some similar reports!

## CLUB POOL SWIMS

This month's pool swim will be on March 17 from 6 to 7:30. The pool swim will be held at Garber HS pool, in Essexville. Plan on the swims each Sunday following the club meeting through April(?).

The SCOOP is trying to increase delivery by e-mail. Note you do not have to be a member to receive this. For a free e-subscription; just send e-mail to [dstorck@hotmail.com](mailto:dstorck@hotmail.com) with the word 'subscribe' in the subject. Sign on your friends!

## 02 EVENT CALENDAR

March	12	Club Meeting
	17	Pool Swim: Garber HS
April	9	Club Meeting; VIP
	14 ?	Pool Swim
May	14	Club Meeting: VIP
	TBD	Dive Trip?; N. Carolina?
June	11	Club Meeting
July	9	Club Picnic;&Meeting
August	13	Club Meeting
September	10	Club Meeting
October	8	Club Meeting
	TBD	Pumpkin Dive
November	12	Club Meeting
December	10	Club Meeting
	TBD	Christmas Party

(Plenty of room for more here- suggestions welcomed)

## Scuba Scoop

Don Storck  
3273 N. Raucholz  
Hemlock, MI  
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## For Sale

Mike Kowalski is taking orders for club T-shirts; maybe other lines. Check at 8922028

Val Geidans has a new 5mm one piece wetsuit. OCEANreef therm-x suit XL; retails at \$325. For the right caller, \$165! Talk to him for details at 7927077 or 7811552

Tim Cambell (893 1568) has a commercial dry suit (off shore) with 2 sets of insulation (light/heavy), hood, boots, finger gloves, SAS regulators with Tekna Computek dive computer, Atpac B.C., fins, 2 tanks- 72s, twin tank bands, yoke, and misc items. Excellent condition. All for \$2000.

Dan Palmer (689 5197) has a Nikonos V, 2 lenses, close-up framers, 2 strobes & more; \$1350 or best! Blue plastic coated weights; \$.50/lb. 25lb Pro shot belt; \$20. Small dry suit w/ woolies; \$75. Large dry suit w/ woolies; \$250.

**Compressor Concerns? Air Cards? Call**  
Don Cunningham anytime at 799 4385

## Legal Notice:

Be advised a proposal is being considered to change the constitution to read- new members will pay a \$25 initiation fee to cover their dues upon joining; then they will fall under the regular membership dues stated previously.

## Wanted

Ron Burkhard is looking for a 40 cu ft Pony Tank. Contact him at 989 428 5177 or e/m [rapturejmb@hotmail.com](mailto:rapturejmb@hotmail.com)

Don Storck (642 8436) would like to find a source for hose connectors; specifically a flexible nut for a high pressure hose....

ANY NEW ITEMS? ANY ITEMS THAT CAN BE DELETED?

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