

# The Scuba Scoop

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**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**

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Club Meetings-  
7:30pm on the 2d Tues  
of each month. Held at  
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Club Dues-  
\$25 per year

next meeting?: Feb 13

This Meeting- 9<sup>th</sup>



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*Club Xmas Party  
?Last '06 Dive  
Dues Notice  
Survey Comment  
'07 Plans...*

*also selected short  
subjects*

***Remember Our Troops!***

(English Language Version)

## END OF '06 NEWS...

### SUE Annual Christmas Party

What started in doubt did take place as a successful event; the club Christmas party held at Sullivan's restaurant with a fine showing of about 15 members. Unfortunately, others wanting to come had prior commitments. It was the final chance of the year for the SUE family to meet and share good conversation, food and adult beverages. Sullivan's had a long row of tables reserved for us and everyone was at least in hollering distance of each other.

Carol P. had snuck in a few hours prior to the dinner time and decorated the tables with dive flag party favors (see cover); they really gave a classy appearance to the setting. Attendees were so relaxed and comfortable, it was somewhat of a surprise to realize how long we had been there, and the employees were closing the restaurant around us.



Head of table; Prez Cunningham overseeing



And, back end of table (VIP section)

### Enjoying the moment-



Charlie, Don



Laurie, Terry



Don, Georgia



Linda, Bill



Don, Carol



Mike, Vickie

### Final '06 Dive Testimonial

The SCOOP could be wrong (although very infrequent), but this takes the award for the last dive a SUE member did in the year 2006. Due to the milder temps in December, Otter Lake has no ice and Charlie Storck decided to get one more dive in. Charlie did invite your editor along, but I had enough excuses ready to not get wet... here's Charlie's story-

**I had** two goals to achieve in this late year dive. Test my wet suit in cold water and try out my first nitrox mix. Brother Don agreed to go with me to Otter Lake but could not dive. So I added my first solo dive to the equation. Temps on the top side were about 50 F. Overcast day but good weather. I also wanted to try out my new under water camera. So the fun starts.

First dropping down at 5 ft to check gear, I lost my new camera. Well really did not, but gave me a scare. I did not have a weight attached and the camera floated up to my back side getting caught in my first stage. It was a relief to see it was still attached and just tangled up. After attaching camera to another point I took a compass

reading and headed down toward the boat.

After what I thought was a long enough swim to get to the boat I was concerned that I had missed my mark. No boat to be seen. So I decided to come back to surface to check bearings. To my surprise I rose just shy a few feet of the buoy. So I dropped back down and settled right next to the side of the boat. Visibility was very bad. If I would have given another kick down under I would have hit it. There did not seem to be much algae but still it was black as night. I tried to get pictures of the boat but the camera did not have enough light to even lock on to. I did not take my external light so all I had was my little backup on the BC. Still not enough! So I scrubbed the camera idea and went on to just enjoy the dive and test out my nitrox mix and suit. I found the rope going down and started down to a deeper depth. Did I say it was black as night? I could hardly even see my gauges even with illumination. I followed the rope down to a little over forty feet. At that point I saw absolutely nothing and decided to abort going any deeper.

I cannot say why it was so dark. I came back to the boat and close to the bottom to check out conditions. Lots of silt but I am still feeling my way around.

Well I took a couple of spins around the area close to the bottom and then finished with about 20 minutes under. It was a great dive for me in spite of the lack of seeing anything.

It was 39 degrees F below and my suit kept me in my comfort zone. My final comment is that using the 36% Nitrox left me with more energy coming out.

The change was noticeable. All things considered it was a good dive for my goals. Oh, did I mention it was black as night?!



Chas enjoying Otter Lake in December

Well, disappointing. There were only six responses, and three of those were from non-members. The SCOOP hereby declares them honorary members... Thanks to everyone who were concerned enough to answer. The result is too long to place in the SCOOP, and will be sent out separately.

### Pool Swims '07

. Pool swims won't begin until February, but you can start planning now. They'll be held again this year in the Bay City YWCA pool, on the Sundays following the club meetings, from 3-5.

The YWCA is located at 3405 E. Midland Rd; just west of Euclid (Bangor Twp) Get in shape and stay stimulated.

### Dive Team Activities

If ice comes to Haithco lake by Jan 20&21, come out and observe the dive team practice ice diving. It'll take some cold wx...

### Dues! Now!

Don't forget to get your dues in by the Jan meeting. \$20 now, \$25 after. And after your dues are in, think about getting involved in the club so that your dues are meaningful to you! Election for officers coming up...

### S.U.E. '07 Event Planner

Jan	9	Club Mtg(nominations)	<i><u>Add your ideas on this side</u></i>
Feb	13	Club Mtg(elections)	
	18	Pool swim	
Mar	13	Club Mtg	
	18	Pool swim	
	TBA-	Awards Dinner?	
Apr	11	Club Mtg	
May	9	Club Mtg	
Jun	13	Club Mtg	
Jul	11	Club Mtg	
		TBA Picnic ?	
Aug	14	Club Mtg	
Sep	12	Club Mtg	
Oct	10	Club Mtg	
		TBA- Pumpkin Carve	
Nov	14	Club Mtg	
Dec	11	Club Mtg	
		TBA Christmas Party	

### Survey Results-

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**Bayliner- 1988**, 28', 460 Ford V8 w/ trailer. Set up for diving. \$15900. Call Mike at 989 892 2028

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**Whitefish Bay property** for sale on Whitefish Bay, 2 miles north of Paradise. Listed for \$109,900. L Michele Whitaker" [emwhitak@hotmail.com](mailto:emwhitak@hotmail.com).

Check <http://www.macmasterrealty.com/paradise>

**Scuba Swap!** Bring your extra gear to the meeting; we'll try to have a sales session prior to the meeting! Especially in the promised nice weather!

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