

# The Scuba Scoop

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50 more!

The Official Newsletter of the  
**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**

-Serving the Tri-Cities since 1958!

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**Club Meetings-**  
7:30pm on the 2d Tues  
of each month. Held at  
Tms. Twp. Fire Station #1  
On Dice and Thomas Rd

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**Club Dues-**  
\$25 per year

**next meeting?: Apr 8**

## This Meeting- 11<sup>th</sup>

(Note- Thomas Twp FS, corner of  
Dice and Thomas Rd.)



Convert! Jennifer sold on Scuba



Equipment spill...

## Inside....

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(new addr-see back page)

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also selected short  
subjects

(English Language Version)

**Remember Our Troops!**

## New Management- Your '08 Officers



**President- Mike Fabish**



**VicePresident- Tony Piazza**



**Secretary- Jim Jesselaitis**



**Treasurer- Dave Sommers**



**Compressor Chair- Tom VanDenBoom**



**Member at Large- Greg Prenzler**

First, let's give these guys a big hand for accepting these positions of responsibility! They hold the club's future for this coming year. They accepted these positions because they are dedicated to the success of the club, and want to provide you, the members, with an active and recreational club. Of course, this will only happen with the support of you, the members! Give them a call; congratulate them, and relay to them any personal requests of what you'd like to get from the club. Your ideas are important to them; this is the year we make the club grow. Let's make it attractive to other divers again!

It was discussed at the Feb meeting to plan some monthly club dives and other activities. This is the shot in the arm the club needs, and the SCOOP is in full support.

### Second Pool Swim

Be advised that the March pool swim will again be the Sunday before the meeting; the 9<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00. Last month's swim had to have been on one of the coldest days, but there was still a great turnout. A number of guests attended; at least one has been converted and will seek a scuba course ASAP. Guests are invited again this month.

Following are a few photos of the Feb swim-

### Pool Swim Action-



Everyone getting in on the game...



Justin and Mike instructing Jennifer Macarthy



Greg instructing Ellie and Alex

### Follow-up on Sherwood Demo

The SCOOP was pleased to hear every 3d grader received a personal copy of the February SCOOP, and one teacher even used it as a reading lesson in class!



**BONUS!- Underwater photos by Tony-**



Deep water activity



Val G. playing 'catch the rocket' with Don



Justin and Mike instructing Jennifer in SCUBA



Don's turn to chase rocket



And, success! New diver Jennifer!



-working the u/w radar for SCUBA speeders



Tony P., organizing his gear



Candid cam; u/w version



LE caught in cam

## Feb Polar Plunge

A number of club members participated in the dive team's support of February's fund raiser for the Special Olympics, the annual Polar Plunge. Cold, but a bright sunny day brought an exceptionally large number of pledgers to jump in the icy water. The dive team had the responsibility of cutting the hole in the ice, providing safety personnel in the water, and helping the jumpers out. A fine cause, and a good time was enjoyed by all!



Plan....



Action!



Jumpers approach...



the hole!



The banana jumped...



Jump, climb out, run for towel...

### Clarification-

Well, your humble editor was called upstairs to face the publisher for an apparent inaccuracy in the SCOOP. The Jan & Feb issues have been claiming this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Saginaw Underwater Explorers. The SCOOP has based this on the running phrase of the club, "-serving the tri-cities since 1958". In researching the club history at the Saginaw News, Dave Sommers has documentation the club formed in 1959. Unless someone has evidence to the contrary, this will be the official beginning date for the SUE. The SCOOP sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience or monetary loss for this error. The SCOOP will continue to carry the phrase; perhaps it was the SCOOP that's been around since '58. (Yes; the copy girl gets a cut in pay)

### Colder Dive News

Dave Sommers, Mike Garner, and Greg Prenzler recovered a "Mule" from the Saginaw Bay off Pinconning on 2/5, about 1.5 miles out in 6-8 feet of very clear water. Mike Garner did the diving with Prenzler and Sommers support. Night ice dive. Very cold night, about 10°. The mule was partly out of the water, it took a diver to recover all the misc stuff on the bottom and do the hookup. (and a photographer to capture the activity...-ed)



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## S.U.E. '08 Event Planner

Mar 11 Club Mtg  
9 Pool swim  
Apr 8 Club Mtg  
May 13 Club Mtg  
Jun 10 Club Mtg  
Jul 8 Club Mtg  
TBA Picnic ?  
Aug 12 Club Mtg  
Sep 9 Club Mtg  
Oct 14 Club Mtg  
TBA- Pumpkin Carve  
Nov 11 Club Mtg  
Dec 9 Club Mtg  
TBA Christmas Party

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