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WANNABE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

For the next nine months, this column will give you some information regarding presidential hopefuls. Every month different subjects will be featured; this month is **Education**. Candidates listed alphabetically.

Clinton



Words: Clinton maintains, "It takes a village" to raise a child and supports early childhood education, more mentoring, and more parent education programs. She opposes merit pay for individual teachers, but endorses merit pay for entire schools. She also supports higher pay for teachers and scholarships for teachers who promise to work in inner-city schools. She advocates more teachers and smaller classes, and opposes school vouchers.

Actions: Clinton voted FOR funding smaller classes and student testing instead of private tutors (2001), FOR spending tax cut funds on education (2001), FOR funding local educational agencies (2005), and FOR funding after-school programs (2005).

Edwards



Words: Edwards supports higher teacher pay in low-income areas and believes that public schools should be provided resources they need. He is a strong advocate for higher education and feels that community colleges and public universities should be free and has proposed paying tuition in exchange for part-time community work. He also argues that "No Child Left Behind" is underfunded.

Actions: Edwards voted AGAINST more flexibility in federal school rules (1999), FOR allowing memorial prayers and religious symbols in schools, AGAINST education savings accounts (2000), FOR funding smaller classes and student testing instead of private tutors (2001), and FOR spending tax cut funds on education (2001).

Giuliani



Words: Giuliani supports voucher programs and charter schools and feels that failing schools should be privatized. He advocates opening schools on weekends for remedial programs. "You only get one chance to educate a child, and if you screw it up, then it's very hard to correct it later. We should be ashamed of ourselves, that we do not have the political courage to take on the unions, the special interests, and everything else that are holding our children back."

Actions: As mayor, Giuliani supported Project Read, which helped increase students' citywide reading scores, and Project Arts, which increased the number of art teachers in the city.

Huckabee



Words: Huckabee feels “character education” should be included in school curricula. He advocates tax-credit programs for Christian schooling and supports prayer in schools. He argues that failing schools should have their school boards replaced and that there should be equal funds for abstinence programs as for contraceptive education.

Actions: As governor, Huckabee helped reform education through Smart Start, Smart Step, and Next Step, programs that funded “character education”, set standards, and measured progress in Arizona schools.

McCain



Words: McCain supports rewarding good schools and advocates charter schools, as well as allowing the states to decide on school vouchers programs. He is against nationally imposed standards for funding and feels that such programs penalize students. He also believes that teaching creationism and evolution needs to be decided at the local level.

Actions: McCain voted AGAINST national education standards (1994). He voted FOR requiring schools to allow voluntary prayer (1994), FOR funding abstinence education (1996), FOR school vouchers in DC (1997), FOR education savings accounts (2000). He voted AGAINST funding smaller classes and student testing instead of private tutors (2001), AGAINST spending tax cut funds on education (2001), AGAINST funding local educational agencies (2005), and AGAINST funding after-school programs (2005).

Obama



Words: Obama calls for a sense of urgency about improving our education system and that there should be incentives, including higher pay, for increasing the number and quality of teachers. He argues “No Child Left behind” is under-funded and supports summer learning opportunities for the disadvantaged.

Actions: Obama voted FOR funding local educational agencies (2005) and FOR funding after-school programs (2005).

Paul



Words: Paul advocates tax-credit programs for Christian schooling and reinstating school prayer. He believes that there should be equal funds for abstinence programs as for contraceptive education. He also feels that there should be guaranteed parity for home school diplomas. “The US Department of Education should be abolished, leaving education decision making at the state, local or personal level.”

Actions: Paul voted FOR vouchers for private schools (1997), AGAINST allowing vouchers in DC schools (1998), AGAINST requiring states to test students (2001), AGAINST allowing school prayer during the “war on terror” (2001), AGAINST grants for black and Hispanic colleges (2006), and AGAINST allowing the courts to decide on “God” in the Pledge of Allegiance (2006).

Romney



Words: Romney believes that under-performing schools should be reformed or replaced with charter schools. He advocates English immersion in schools and supports abstinence education. He once supported eliminating the Department of Education, but now supports “No Child Left Behind”. He also feels that schools can teach “family values” without promoting religion. “If we are going to compete in the global economy, we have to set our education goals higher.”

Actions: As governor, Romney supported means-tested vouchers for public and private schools in Massachusetts.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

by Darlene Ripley

I would like to thank everyone who voted me in, again, as newsletter editor. It is hard to believe that between helping David edit, not helping David edit, David helping me edit, David not helping me edit, this is my/our fifth year as editor. Time flies when you're havin' fun, so I have heard. I know, you are thinking, “the joke is on her” because no one else wants to do this job; however, I think, “the joke is on you” because I like doing this job. I would do this job even if you paid me. Every year I try to up the game a little and by this, I mean make the newsletter more interesting, more informative, more fun, and TRY to get club members more involved.

In 2007, Bob Bailey agreed to do a monthly column, *Sound Advice*, which I think has been very entertaining and informative. A few members have graciously allowed their photos featured in the Editor's Choice of the Month Photo section but it is not very difficult to chose when I receive only one photo. (hint!) The only requirement I have is the photo NOT be eligible for the Calendar Photo Contest.

I am still looking for someone who can and will commit to one column every other month. If you are interested please contact me, esdcnewsletter@mindspring.com, and we can discuss your ideas.

Volunteers needed for several club events; please help where you can so the club can continue enjoying these activities.

- ⊖ Someone is needed to head-up Richmond Beach Critter Collections and someone is needed to be the liaison between the City of Shoreline and ESDC. If you can do either one or both, please contact Jill or Loogpla for information.
- ⊖ Someone is needed to co-ordinate the summer picnic. If you can do this please notify Jill.
- ⊖ Someone is needed to help Rich with the Poker Dive.
- ⊖ Someone is needed to help plan club dives, one per month, AT LEAST.
- ⊖ Someone is needed to plan and chair a Reunion Dive with Refresher Course. If you can do this, please contact Jill or Wendy.

**** REMEMBER ****

If you do not have your 2008 membership dues paid in full by February 27, you will no longer receive a newsletter. The February issue will be your last. Please, pay promptly so you do not miss any fun?

GUEST SPEAKER

by Rich Carton

We will be having a social gathering after the meeting. Bring your stories and catch up with old friends and some new ones.

Our guest speaker for March will be Don Kinney who will talk about Police/Recovery diving.

SOUND ADVICE: THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S DIVE BUDDY

by Bob Bailey

Like many of you, I like to take pictures underwater and before I got a camera, I dived frequently with other people who took pictures. Bringing a camera underwater or diving with someone else who does can put a strain on a dive buddy relationship. I would like to share with you some of the things I have learned over the years about being a photographer's dive buddy and about diving with others while I was the photographer.

When one or both divers in a buddy team take a camera with them, the picture-taking demands a great deal of the diver's mental "bandwidth" and the diver is less able to maintain a good buddy relationship. In order to maintain the team both divers need to compensate for this fact by establishing "roles" that give each diver certain responsibilities. Discussing these roles before the dive helps establish a routine that maintains the buddy relationship during the dive.

Being a photographer's dive buddy takes a certain mental approach. You need to view the successful achievement of the photographer as a critical part of your dive plan rather than something that's incidental to it. You need to tailor your role to that of a helper rather than a passive observer with goals of your own. Often this requires an adjustment in how you dive.

As a photographer's dive buddy you need to maintain a position where the photographer can easily see you at all times keep in mind that photographers are spending even more than the usual effort actively seeking photo opportunities. It is especially important to make an active effort to be "seen" while your buddy is taking a picture. Looking through the camera's

viewfinder narrows their field of view considerably. You want to be in a position where your buddy does not have to look around for you when taking pictures, but simply has to look up or slightly to the side to find you. In high ambient light, this means positioning yourself facing the photographer where they can see you without taking their eyes off the viewfinder. In "normal" Puget Sound conditions, shining your dive light to the side of the subject is a good way to achieve this, just remember to keep it out of the field of the photo because it is also important not to interfere with the photographer's ability to get the shot. In addition, be careful with your trim and buoyancy control the last thing a photographer wants is a silt tsunami rolling across the subject as they are lining up the shot. Facing the photographer and keeping your fins pointed away from the subject is always a good idea. Proper positioning is a learned skill that takes forethought, effort and practice, just like good buoyancy control, trim and fining techniques.

The photographer has some additional responsibilities too. Diving with a camera narrows your view and increases your task load. Managing both a camera and a buddy is easier if you maintain good communication protocols with each other. Before taking a picture establish eye contact with your dive buddy and make sure that they are where you expect them to be. Do not wander off or change direction if you spot something interesting, get your buddy's attention first and signal your intention by pointing out the subject to your dive buddy. Be patient and move slowly to allow your dive buddy the opportunity to get in position before you set up the shot.

Establishing roles becomes even more important when both divers have cameras. Diving side-by-side becomes almost mandatory because both of you will be looking for things to take pictures of and will have less mental bandwidth than usual for your dive buddy. Many times, agreeing to "alternate" roles as observer and photographer helps keep the team integrity intact. When one diver finds a particularly interesting subject you alternate roles while each diver takes a turn photographing the subject. It is rarely a good idea for both divers to be taking pictures simultaneously unless conditions allow you to both be taking pictures of the same subject at the same time. Always keep in mind that seeing the dive through a viewfinder dramatically narrows both your vision and awareness and consciously maintain a part of your awareness for your dive buddy.

It really boils down to setting mutual expectations and determining roles before the dive by talking about it and agreeing to it and then putting those roles into practice during the dive. At first, it may seem awkward or

ON BEING A PHOTOGRAPHER'S BUDDY

by Cheryl Applebaum

I am the Photographer's Buddy: part naturalist, part bloodhound, part safety diver, part packhorse, part model. I have the patience of a Saint and the eye of an Artist.

I may look like I am just hanging there practicing my hover but more often than not I am doing a 360 to see what may be out there in The Blue just waiting to come in or I may be just an arm-length's away peering into all the nooks & crannies. Whenever you look for me, I am there, just hanging above your left shoulder.

cumbersome but with practice it becomes easy and automatic and buddies who dive together regularly tend to pick up these skills rather quickly.

Remember that not everyone will make a good photographer's dive buddy; our personalities, goals, and diving styles determine both our comfort level and ability to dive with a photographer. Some divers find it boring or even annoying to hover in one spot while a photographer lines up a shot (or shot-after-shot in some cases). Others do not mind but prefer to be passive observers. While still others get enjoyment out of actively, finding subjects to photograph and diving in a way that contributes to the photographer's success.

It is up to each of us, as a photographer or someone who is contemplating being a photographer's dive buddy, to determine where in that continuum our interests lie and being honest with ourselves and our dive buddy about our comfort level diving with someone who wants to take pictures while diving.

Sometimes I know what I am looking for; sometimes it knows me when it finds me. It can be little; it can be big. It can have all the colors of the rainbow or none at all. It can flash or it can lurk. Do not worry, I will find it; and when I do, I will let you know! Because I know, you are busy with the 50th shot of that mandarin fish or the juvenile trunkfish you thought was just flotsam but I insisted you take pictures of it just the same.

I love to dive, especially with you. Sharing the underwater world with your buddy is simply the best. Moreover, it is even better when there are memories to look at afterward.

That is why I am a Photographers buddy.

CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST UPDATE

by David Ripley

Through February 2008, all photographers may enter up to twenty photos in order to bring the contest up to date. These photos must have been taken between October 2007 and February 2008. Beginning March 1 only four entries per month may be submitted. Happy hunting and good shooting!

DIVE REPORT

by Janna Nichols

Happy 2008! I am looking very much forward to a new year filled with more diving adventures and hopefully, spotting some of the critters that have eluded me so far. Here is also to hoping you are enjoying the new ONLINE data entry for REEF surveyors. I know it has made my life a ton easier!

Critter of the Month

I've posted a new photo and info about a critter that can be sighted in the San Juans quite often. See if you can guess what it is!

<http://www.pnwscuba.com/critterwatchers/critterofthemonth.htm>

Upcoming Classes

We have had overwhelming response to our Anacortes class offerings in February (thanks everyone!) so that class is on a waiting-list-only status right now. Please consider heading down to the Oregon Coast Aquarium for the April classes as they still have plenty of openings. All classes are free thanks to a grant from the Russell Family Foundation. Good guys, those folks! More info on class schedules here:

<http://www.pnwscuba.com/critterwatchers/classes.htm>

Advanced Assessment Team Diving

Also, thanks to the Russell Family Foundation, we have been able to offer half a dozen private boat charter trips in 2007-2008 to our AAT members to survey in areas where we have little data. Past trips have been to the San Juans and to the Fox Island area. Upcoming trips for 2008 will include portions of Hood Canal, Waterman's Wall, Orchard Rocks, Blakely Rock, and other exciting spots. The dives are free for AAT members. And guess what? YOU can work your way up to be on the AAT; here is how:

<http://www.pnwscuba.com/critterwatchers/levels.htm>

The cool stuff surveyors see while diving!

That is going to be the topic of a fun presentation I will be giving on Orcas Island on Tuesday evening, January 8. Part of the Orcas Island Marine Science Lecture series sponsored by the Sea Doc Society and the YMCA, it is a great way to share with non-divers the beautiful and wacky critters we see on our dives. Info can be found here: Orcas Island presentation: <http://www.sanjuanislander.com/events.shtml>

That's it for now. Thanks to those of you who smugly sent me photos of YOUR sightings of Spiny Lump suckers after last month's emailing; I STILL have not seen one! Oh well. I will have to live vicariously through all your photos.

EXPLORING INDONESIA

by Laura Orlich

I first read about muck diving a few years ago. Actually, I did not read about it. I saw the word "muck" and turned the page. After all, I know what muck is. I grew up in Eastern Washington swimming in the Snake River. I am a Puget Sound diver. Isn't muck diving when you cannot see your hand in front of your face? Moreover, I certainly never want to take my gear to the banks of the Snake River. I do not want to know what resides in the silt-filled beer bottles left behind by thousands of frat parties. However, maybe muck diving was not what I thought it was. In addition, I was about to find out.

On one of our last nights in Bonaire, our group of divers sat down in the rental house to see some videos shot by Jeff and Clyde Margolis. So we gathered around, popcorn in hand to see what Jeff and Clyde had to show us. Up pops Sulawesi and I was hooked. Where is this? Sulawesi? Indonesia? Lembah Strait? This is muck? Well now, I can see why people would spend good money to go there. It turns out the black sand and volcanic muck in the Lembah Strait is probably the best muck diving in the world. Jeff and Clyde skillfully guided us through the exotic critters framed by the black sands. The Lembah Strait is about 10 miles long and a mile wide, separating North Sulawesi from Lembah Island. A variety of bizarre and weird creatures, including giant frogfish, ribbon eels, cuttlefish, leaf fish, ghost pipefish, lionfish, batfish, and porcupine fish call this home. Throw in a few pygmy seahorses and mimic octopuses and it is a veritable animal farm of sea life. In fact, that ocean is so full of life; I cannot even begin to start naming all of them. If that is not all, go to the other side of the island to the Bunaken National Park area for wall diving and coral heads. Jeff and Clyde shared the same video at the dive club meeting this spring and I saw the same look of amazement on several people's faces while watching; I knew they were hooked too.

Therefore, I started planning a trip. With the help of Nancy Chase of Live Well Adventures, we started putting together an amazing journey that promises to be quite an adventure. Departing from Seattle on October 31st, we will travel to Manado Indonesia and spend 6 nights at the Mihahasa Lagoon Resort exploring the wall diving and relaxing at the resort. Then we will transfer to the other side of the island to the Lembeh Resort for 5 nights with all its glorious muck. Because we are going all that way; why not layover in Singapore for two extra nights and explore the city. Finally, we return to Seattle on November 15 at 6:35 p.m. Are you hooked yet?

Let me tell you a little more. Both resorts are beautiful boutique hotels immersed in nature and local style with focus on exceptional hospitality above and below water. Really, it is too much for me to describe. If you are interested, you should go see the resort websites at www.minahasalagoon.com and www.lembehresort.com. The trip is all inclusive and covers round trip airfare, all transfers, food (except in Singapore), 24 boat dives, unlimited shore dives, 14 nights' lodging. Because we started planning this trip in 2007, the resorts are honoring the 2007 pricing. The estimated total price is \$3735.00, with \$750 non-refundable deposits due now and the cash balance due August 15, 2008. Additional discounts may apply and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Space is available so feel free to contact me at 425-985-8976 or Nancy Chase at 877-357-0022.

So the last question is...
Is it time to go yet???

HAPPY NEW YEAR – FIRST DIVE OF 2008!

by Clarice Gregory

As a last minute decision, Norman and I decided to join the group diving in Hood Canal for New Year's weekend. We met up with the gang at Sund Rock. We had not dove the site before but the guidebooks made it sound fantastic. The water was a refreshing 47 degrees and the air temperature was about the same. Being a relatively new diver, I was excited to try something new and different, and it was!! I did not quite expect the opportunity for all the adverse situations, but quite I enjoyed a number of learning experiences. First off, the winter storms in December had caused a huge amount of silt to layer the canal floor. The visibility was zero to approximately 10 feet any touching or even fining near the bottom resulted in plumes of sediment rising up to greet you. We did manage to see some things, but the visibility was so poor that our dive trip became an education trip. I had decided to try adding fleece garments under my dry suit because the weather was so cold I soon discovered that my great buoyancy control of the past no longer existed. Norman added some weight in strategic locations and I did a little better with my profile. I then managed to get a lot of air in my feet so I practiced flipping to get the air to move somewhere else. We then hit the bottom (that we could not see) and stirred up so much silts that we both became disoriented as to location. AH, ANOTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITY.; I practiced navigation and as we headed toward shore, we found each other. Later, as we discussed the dive, I mentioned how romantic it was for him to take my hand as we dove together only to find out he had taken it because he was concerned that I was getting a little panicky with the combination of the buoyancy issues and the limited visibility...I'll hold on to the romance idea!!

Despite it all, I really enjoyed the dive. I think it will take a LONG time for the silt to work its way out of the canal and I wonder how it will affect the shellfish and sea life. In addition, I feel so good that I did not panic about all the adverse conditions. I am ready and eager to get out there soon.

TANK GAWD IT BE FRIDAY DIVES

Hey everyone, don't you just love Fridays? Unless you are Skip, for most of us it signals the end of yet another workweek and hopefully the beginning of a relaxing weekend. How about starting the weekend off right? Each month, Pam and I will be hosting an event we are calling the "TGIF" Dive. On a chosen Friday night, we will meet up at one of our favorite local dive sites at 6:00 p. m. for an after work splash. And with this club, dinner usually follows!

Meet up at 6:00 p. m. and splash when ready. Care to join us? If you cannot make it one month join us the next one? Be sure to check the ESDC club calendar for all of our monthly TGIF dive dates: <http://www.emeraldseadiveclub.org/EventsCalendar.aspx>. We hope to see you there! Oh, and these are of course night dives. Please remember to bring your primary, secondary and tank lights. Celebrate TGIF dives with Andy & Pam Norton on the 3rd or 4th Friday of each month. It is a great way to unwind and rid your soul of the stresses of a hectic month. See calendar, pages 10-11 for further details. Dive in!

“TGIF” DIVE 1!

by Andy and Pam Norton

Friday, January 18th kicked off the first in our 2008 series of monthly “TGIF” dives, with a trip over to Seacrest – Cove 2. A flat tire had us running just a bit late but what a beautiful evening for a dive. Skies were clear and the weather was perfect. No rain! Pam and I met up with John Hynd and we quickly geared up while looking forward to a nice evening swim.

I have to say, it was the shortest surface swim out to the white and red buoy that I have ever had there. We knew it was going to be a low tide (-1.4ft at 7:24 p. m.) but I had no idea exactly what that would mean at Cove 2. The first round yellow buoy was almost beached! It sure looked to me like our entry/exit point was about where we would usually be spending our safety stop. The piling stumps and debris, normally at about 10-12fsw, definitely made for a very interesting time getting in the water now that it was all right at the water's edge, but a low tide wasn't going to stop a perfectly good night dive!

We dropped down at the swim buoy and headed on down to the I-beams. On this



particular night, the base of the I-beams was only at 80fsw so we had plenty of bottom time to scour the beams for one of Pam's favorite subjects, Heart Crabs. Sure enough, a small one presented itself for a few photos. After checking

out some of the other usual sea life, we began to slowly head back up the slope, stopping to check out the various rubble piles.

It was not long before we spotted our first small giant Pacific octopus (GPO) out on its nightly foray for food. The mantle was about the size of my fist and it was carefully making its way through the rocks while on the hunt. Bright lights and photoflashes did not make it very



happy so it decided to tuck back into a hole away from prying eyes in

the hopes that these scuba people would just leave it alone. We obliged. Farther up slope, we were treated to another small GPO out in the open. This one was swimming quite a bit and definitely did not want to be bothered. In fact, it

would barely pause on the bottom before moving on again, which



makes for a difficult photo! Several other cool critters were spotted on the remainder of the dive, including a large orange crescent gunnel, numerous huge shrimp, kelp, red rock and Dungeness crabs, rockfish, lingcod and sea stars. It is such a different world down there in the dark! Exiting the water, we were treated to a beautiful

view of downtown Seattle to go along with the 38F water temperature at the surface. A great finish to a great dive, although my fingers were tingling just a bit. Overall, we had 50 minutes of bottom time that was exactly what we needed after a long workweek. The objective of the TGIF dive was definitely met!

So what are you doing on Friday, February 15? We will meet up yet again for our TGIF dive, this time at the

Mukilteo T-Dock at 6:00 p.m., so join us if you can. Be sure to check the ESDC club calendar for all of our monthly TGIF dive dates: <http://www.emeraldseadiveclub.org/EventsCalendar.aspx> as well as the dive calendar in ESDC Newsletter. We hope to see you there! Oh, and these are of course night dives. Please remember to bring your primary, secondary and tank lights. Happy Diving!

DOCKTON PARK DIDEMNUM CLEAN-UP

by Fran Murray

Are you thinking that 2008 is the year for some community service related to diving? On February 2, 11:00 a.m. there will be a Didemnum clean up and informational event at Dockton Park on Vashon Island. So, you say "What is Didemnum?" This is that invasive tunicate (small, sponge-like looking colonial animal) that is taking over many docks in our Northwest waters. Bruce Higgins eradicated some from the underwater park in Edmonds which he talked briefly about at last month's meeting. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is spending some time surveying and experimenting with ways to eliminate this unwanted non-native species. We can help by learning to recognize it and "get our hands into it" by helping clean the undersides of the docks at this waterfront park on Vashon Island. WDFL has offered the outer boat slips to clean because they will be using the inner slips for their experiments. The park will supply us with a dumpster or you can take it home and compost it (kinda stinky, though). Our goal is to clean the entire outer dock while learning about the different fauna that makes up the ecosystem of a floating dock. Twelve by twelve, concrete floating squares make up this area and there are about ten of them, so we need lots of help. There are several other dive sites on the island, so after, or before, those might be nice places to do another dive. Give me a call for more information, 206 542 1866. Come and just learn about this invasive or help by doing what we all love –diving.

PAM NORTON HERE WITH AN EXCITING OFFER YOU WILL NOT WANT TO PASS UP

Hi gang - I was one of the lucky winners of Christmas party raffle, my prize . . . the Marine ID class taught by the highly experienced, very knowledgeable and all around nice guy, Laurel LaFever.

Want to join me? The cost is \$165. Classroom sessions are Feb 19, 21, 26, & 27. Open water dives are March 2 at the Edmonds Underwater Park. If interested, please contact Bubbles Below at 425-487-2822 or contact me at pnorton@rwbeck.com and I will help get you signed up or answer any questions about the course.

I am really excited and can't wait to start class!!

EDMONDS FISHING PIER CLEAN UP

by Fran Murray

The days are getting longer and spring is coming; must be time for our first of the ESDC's two Fishing Pier clean-ups in 2008. March 29, which is a Saturday, we will gather on the lawn in front of Edmonds U/W Sports store for a dive briefing at 9:00 a. m. (there's another around noon for those who only want to do the afternoon dive). This is a mandatory to attend for you to do this dive since it involves high levels of hazards. I would suggest that your diving skill and experience be more than a novice diver. You can always help on the dock which can be just as much fun (well, almost). We pair up veteran pier divers with those who have not had The Pier Experience yet. Don't be disappointed if you are not buddied with the person you came with, maybe you will meet a new dive buddy. U/W Sports, in the past, has generously given us a free fill after the first dive. We just have to tell them we are doing the pier clean up and be polite to the store personnel. After the dive, we conduct a sale of all the stuff we bring up to the dock. What a hoot that is, particularly if the weather is nice and there are many fisher people.

Here are a few things to think about:

WAIVERS ARE REQUIRED – call 206 542 1866
or see me at the February or March meeting

Streamline your equipment to cut down on
the chance of entanglement

Only two to a buddy team

Scissors or knife is good to have – topside
as well

This is a working dive and you **WILL** use more air

And anything else that you can think of to make
this a safe dive. We have not lost a diver yet.
(Editor's note: knock on metal!!)

Some of the fun stuff we have found in the past: several guns(do not bring them up), hot pink nail polish, a ladies bowling ball, a ladder, dollar bills, little girl shoes, sun glasses, pagers, cell phones, candle sticks, a presentation sword, hats, knives, a bag of checks in a pillowcase with three rocks, and of course lots of fishing gear.

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OTHER STUFF

Membership Dues

\$30 for a single membership \$47 for a family membership

Winning \$50.00

You could win a **\$50.00** ESDC check up to four times a year, depending on your luck. There are several ways of winning:

- 1) by hosting club dives
- 2) by submitting stories, articles, or information to the newsletter
- 3) by signing up a new member

Every time you sponsor a club dive, submit to the newsletter, or sign up a new member your name "goes into a hat" and four times a year a raffle is held and one person from each drawing will receive **\$50.00** from ESDC as a **Thank You** for sponsoring dives, friendships, and fun! Remember, a club dive is a dive approved by Shawn Miller, Activities Coordinator, and placed on the clipboard and on the ESDC web site. This is a great way to meet club members and have lots of fun. Remember: the more dives you book, the more submission to the newsletter you make, and the more new members you sign up the more chances you have of winning.

Continuing Education Reward

When you take a class that furthers your diving experience, such as Advanced Open Water, Rescue, Dive Master, etc., show The Board your certification card and you will receive a congratulatory \$15.00. This offer is only good one time per calendar year.

ESDC Mailing List

E-mail (this person?), our mailing list moderator, (name and address to be filled in later) to be put on the ESDC yahoo group mailing list (www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ESDClist) where you can communicate with other members regarding various dive topics, find dive buddies, or let everyone know about a planned dive that did not make it to the newsletter or clipboard in time. **Join the list so YOU won't be left out!**

OUR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 6 at Alfy's Pizza

4820 196th SW Lynnwood WA 425-775-5459

Board meeting, **6:00 p.m.** everyone is welcome to join; general meeting, **7:00 p.m.**

How to Get to Alfy's:

Heading north on I-5: take exit 181B (196th St SW/Alderwood Mall Pkwy). At the top of the exit there is a stop light, turn left. At the next stop light turn left onto 196th St SW proceeding to 48th. Alfy's is on the south side of the road. (Alfy's is 4 blocks down from The Rock.)

Heading south on I-5: take exit number 181 (Lynnwood). At the top of the exit there is a stop light, turn right onto 196th St SW, proceed to 48th. Alfy's is on the south side of the road. (Alfy's is 4 blocks down from The Rock.)

How to Contact Us

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Write us: Emerald Sea Dive Club

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Contact any of the board members via telephone or e-mail
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ESDClist



Divers on the Loose -- Any Time Divers Looking For Divers Anytime

▣ Greg Becvar	360-659-2853	tridoxia@yahoo.com
▣ Skip Stacy	425-775-2410	
▣ Greg Goebel	206-915-8371	greg@brinybay.com Available Wed. and Thurs. only

If you are interested in being included on this list, please contact the editor.

Newsletter articles deadlines

March	February 25
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DIVE AND EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	DIVE	SPONSOR
Sunday February 2	Docton Park, Vashion Island Tunicate dive and lecture 11 a.m.	Fran Murray scubagram_590@hotmail.com 206 542 1866
TGIF Dive February 15	Mukilteo T Dock 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy Norton pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
Saturday-Saturday March 1- 8	Bonaire, CA Early!	Loogpla Cowden 206-399-5682 loogplacowden@att.net
TGIF Dive March 21	Cove 2 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
Saturday March 29	Edmonds Fishing Pier Clean up 9 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.	Fran Murray scubagram_590@hotmail.com 206 542 1866
TGIF Dive April 18	Edmonds UWP 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
TGIF Dive May 16	Cove 2 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
TGIF Dive June 20	Mukilteo T Dock 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
TGIF Dive July 18	Edmonds Oil Dock 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
TGIF Dive August 15	Edmonds UWP 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
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TGIF Dive September 19	Mukilteo T Dock 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
TGIF Dive October 17	Edmonds UWP 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
TGIF Dive November 21	Cove 2 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
TGIF Dive December 19	Edmonds Oil Dock 6 p.m.	Pam 'n Andy pnorton@rwbeck.com andy_norton@comcast.net
*October 30 st to November 15 th 	North Sulawesi, Indonesia Lembah Strait and Bunaken National Park	Laura Orlich 425-985-8976 or Nancy Chase 877-357-0022

* This includes 6 nights at the Mihahasa Lagoon Resort, 5 nights at the Lembeh Resort and 3 nights in Singapore. The trip is all-inclusive and covers round trip airfare, all transfers, food (except in Singapore), 24 boat dives, unlimited shore dives, 14 nights lodging. The estimated total price is \$3735.00, with \$1000 non-refundable deposits due now, and the cash balance due August 15, 2008.

