

SOUNDINGS

South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter

MAY 2007



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2007

The following list of dates were selected at a planning meeting held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. This list may be amended with additions or changes if it becomes necessary.

MAY

- 6th, Non-point Dive, Beach Dive. Stage Fort Prk., Gloucester
- 13th, Happy Mother's Day
- 15th, Chowder Night & Pre-season Gear Check.
- 18th, Dinner Night Out, Alfredo's, Quincy, 7:00 P.M.
- 20th, Point Dive, Bay State Council Treasure Hunt.

JUNE

- 3rd, Point Dive. Boat Dive.
- 10th, Non-point dive. Boat Dive.
- 17th, Happy Father's Day.
- 24th, Start of the Summer Party.

JULY

- 8th, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive.
- 22nd, Point Dive. Boat Dive.

AUGUST

- 5th, Family Outing, Duxbury Beach
- 12th, Rain Date for Outing.
- 19th, Point Dive, Boat Dive.
- 26th, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive.

SEPTEMBER

- 16th, Non-point Dive. Boat Dive.
- 23rd, Point Dive. Boat Dive

OCTOBER

- 6th, Annual Flea Market.
- 7th, Rain Date for Flea Market.
- 14th, Non-point Dive. To be announced
- 21st, Point Dive. Norton Pond. Pumpkin Carving.
- 27th, Roy Chamberlain's Annual Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- 11th, Non-point Dive. Beach Dive, to be announced.
- 18th, Point Dive. Beach Dive, to be announced.

DECEMBER

- 9th, Point Dive. Beach Dive, site to be announced.
- 25th, Merry Christmas.

JANUARY 2008

- 1st, Non-point Dive, Pleasure Bay Lagoon.
- 26th, Annual Banquet and Awards Night.

Past Events

The month of April has joined the list of those months that have been washouts as far as diving goes. The non-point dive had been set for the 22nd, at Brant Rock, Marshfield. Roy Chamberlain and myself enjoyed a nice breakfast at the Omelet Factory. Following breakfast, we went to Brant Rock where we found conditions to be quite murky. There was an outgoing tide and it would have been a long swim to get to what might be clearer water. As for the point dive at Marblehead Light on the 29th, I personally did not get to the site due to an unexpected change in plans. But with no one reporting in and the weather being unstable, I am guessing that there was no dive.

There was a third Tuesday event scheduled on the 17th. We had a spaghetti and meatball feed at the clubhouse and this was accompanied by a class in knife sharpening given by Roy Chamberlain. Roy gave an all inclusive course including the various staones and steels used to bring that edge on your blade to a point where you could shave with it if necessary. It was a small group on hand but all ate well and departed with confidence that thay could do a reasonable job honing their knives.

In Memory

Bruce Gerhard

March 24, 1930 -- April 3, 2007

Bruce Gerhard, formally F. Bruce Gerhard Jr., a man we thought would be our forever secretary and club parliamentarian passed away on April 3rd after a long struggle with cancer. On this night we had a regular club meeting and we made mention that Bruce had been moved from

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Brigham & Womens Hospital in Boston. The next evening we learned of his passing. He had died at the Youville Hospital in Cambridge where he had been transferred. He was 77 years of age.

There is no doubt that anyone who had a contact with him will forget him. Bruce was born in Trenton, N.J. He attended Philips Academy and Harvard University. He received his doctorate in crystallography from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He served in the Army during the Korean War.

Bruce was a computer chip designer and worked in design and implementation for GTE, NEC and Epsom.

We all knew Bruce as an avid SCUBA diver, but he was also a member of the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston and the South Shore Astronomical Society. He was a member of Sharon Fish and Game and enjoyed skiing, Jogging and mountain climbing.

Bruce was married to the late Sylvia Gerhard and they had one son, Christopher, and two grand children, who many of you probably met at one time or another at a club function.



Upcoming Events

The club non-point dive is set for Sunday, May 5th, and will be at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. The dive coincides with the DUI Dog Days event to be held at this site on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 & 5. This is a chance to try a dry suit. Here you can try all the dry suits offered by DUI along with their BCD weight system and more.

The Bay State Council Treasure Hunt is on Sunday, May 20th. And it will be held at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. This will be the POINT DIVE for the month. Make plans to attend and show your support for the Council. Once again Angelo Correnti and his crew have been gathering prizes for this annual event. It should be a good time and there is no doubt there will be many smiling faces at the end of the day. Another thing, it has been reported that there are a number of teams entering the snorkle event. It would be great for us to have a team to secure the trophy for the club.

Jeff Farinella, the owner of NorthAtlantic SCUBA in Marshfield, will be present at the Clubhouse on **Tuesday, May 15th, and will be making courtesy inspections of dive gear. Mark the date on your calendar. Bring your equipment by and get it checked out before the Summer season. **John Molis** has decided to put his culinary skills to the test and will be serving a chowder on this night. How can you go wrong? Free chowder and free gear inspection.**

On Friday evening, May 18th, there will be a dinner night out at Alfredo's Rest., Franklin St. in Quincy. John Blackadar is in charge of arrangements. Contact John at 781-826-4696.

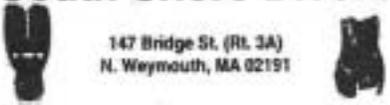
Paul Adler will be our Guest speaker on the third Tuesday in June, the 19th. The subject of his presentation is decompression sickness, the bends. Paul has had a personal encounter with the bends and it is a subject that he is well prepared to discuss.

The start of the Summer party will be on Sunday, June 24th, and will this year be hosted by our vice president, Roy Chamberlain, at his abode in Marshfield. Mark your calendar. This is usually a great day to get out and meet up with other club members.

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**REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING First Tuesday of
each month at 8:00 PM**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Second Tuesday of
each month at 8:00 P**

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**DIRECTIONS Applicants for membership and other inter-
ested parties are invited to attend all Membership and Board
of Directors meetings. All meetings are held at the field house
at the corner of Joyce Road and Quarry Street in Quincy. To
get to the building take the Furnace Brook Parkway exit off of
the Southeast Expressway and follow Furnace Brook Parkway
to Quarry Street. This is exit #8. If you are coming from
Boston you must follow the road to the left under the x-way
and bear right onto the Parkway. If you are coming from the
South at the bottom of the exit turn right onto the Parkway.
Go to 2nd set of lights, Quarry St. Turn left. Building is
about 25 yards on the right.**

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**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION Membership is open to all
sport divers and other interested persons. Applications for
membership are to be presented at a Board of Directors meet-
ing for review and then to a general membership meeting.
The applicant is required to attend both meetings. Member-
ship fees are:**

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out who is diving when and where or for other current club
information call the South Shore Neptune Dive line at (781)
803-DIVE ((781) 803-3483).**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION To learn more about the
club's activities and membership go to
www.southshoreneptunes.org or feel free to call one of the club
officer's listed to the left, or call John Blackadar at (781) 826-
4696.**

**John Molis's Chowder Night, Tuesday, May 15th.
Pre-season Dive Gear Checkout By Jeff
Farenella of North Atlantic Scuba Dive Shop**

**Bay State Council of Divers Treasure Hunt, Sun-
day, May 20th. Stage Fort Park, Gloucester**

**Dinner Night Out At Alfredo's Restaurant
Friday, May 18th
Contact John Blackadar, (781) 626-4696**

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