

Soundings Newsletter



DATES AT-A-GLANCE

Dec 3: SSN Regular Membership meeting 7pm
 Dec 7: Dave Clancy reunion dinner at Maria's 5pm
 Dec 10: SSN Board Meeting 7pm
 Dec 11: Bay State Council meeting 7:30pm
Dec 17: ELECTION NIGHT 7pm
 Dec 8 & 22: Club Dives, meet at the clubhouse at 9am

Jan 1: Sober Up Dive, 10am in the water at Pleasure Bay
 Jan 1: Apres Party at Jay Theriault
 Jan 25: Awards Banquet at the Common Market

President's Message

It's Thanksgiving as I write this and I know that I am very thankful for the South Shore Neptunes. This club has provided me countless hours of entertainment, laughs and learning through the years. Thank you for allowing me to be your President of the club for 2013. The club has been very active in diving this year thanks to the newer members who joined a dive club to dive. They lead brilliantly through example. If I had to give them a motto, it would be "Shut up and Dive."

This year has also been a very social year for the club. It shows that we are not just divers with blinders on whose sole focus is diving. We are also members who care enough about the club and each other to dedicate our time to strengthening the bonds of humanity. And we have fun doing it!

Our club is as strong as it is because of the dedication of the Board of Directors providing unwavering support to us. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents.

HEAD'S UP

We were hoping for Dave and Myra Clancy to join us for dinner at Maria's in Braintree on December 7 at 5pm. However, Myra is Ok now but her health will prevent them from traveling to dine with us on the 7th. Dave hopes it won't spoil our night out and that we will have a fun get together anyway. Dave has promised to keep us informed about Myra's condition. John Blackadar is coordinating the reservations. It is first come, first served. If you wish to have a seat at the table, please contact Blackie ASAP.

December 17 marks our **Annual Election Night**. So be sure to clear your calendar and head over to the clubhouse to support those volunteering their time and effort to continue the greatness of the club. It's our unofficial reunion (or as some fondly call it: Old Home Week). And speaking of elections, have you answered the calling for the position of President, Vice President or Secretary? Volunteering is one great way to fill that empty space in your heart. Here are a few of the benefits of volunteering: Helps you make new friends and contacts; Increases your social and relationship skills; Increases self-confidence; combats depression; Brings fun and fulfillment into your life.

Thank you in advance to Ken Hayes for the snow plowing and snow removal that he is willing to provide for the winter.

Our Annual Awards Banquet night has been set for January 25 and we will be returning to The Common Market in Milton. The banquet is our opportunity to look back at the year and take a moment to focus on what we did well. And to help us celebrate our successes, Joe McAndrew has generously donated items that he has won from The Lottery. He has over \$500 worth of items (Bruin's championship sweatshirt XXL, Women's Bruins Polo shirt, Red Sox Reversible Pullover XL, Patriots sweatshirt XL, Patriots Fleece XL, Cadillac messenger bag, Red Sox coin set, Celtics 2008 wall plaque).

If you're looking for some light reading, we have plenty of dive magazines that are delivered monthly to the clubhouse. Come on down and take a copy home! And our library also has books that you may borrow. It's that time of the year when you cozy up next to your fire with a good book!

WHO'S BEEN DIVING?

Bob and Mary Ellen dove Nahant and said it was beautiful.

Clarification on a previous rendition of the scallop dive that MaryEllen went on that yielded less scallops than her first amazing catch. The dive was not through North Atlantic Scuba. Rather, she was diving with other divers that she knows through North Atlantic Scuba.

RECENT EVENTS/ MEMBER NEWS

Roy and Jeannie hosted the penultimate Halloween Party on Oct 26 where over 150 guests attended. The Gilligan's Island Crew won the Best Costume. The weather was perfect and the guests behaved themselves. Jeannine was robbed in the Brain Toss when the brain went into the center slot (high scoring) and then bounced right back out! The Eye Ball Toss was a three-way tie and the winner was decided by the one who was wearing the most buttons (from past year's parties). Next year will be the last, so plan accordingly and get your costumes ready!

Tommy Lo had his hip replaced November 19 and was home by November 21. There was some confusion about where he was (Braintree rehab vs New England Baptist). Those that went to visit him in Braintree could not find him but had a lovely chat with Marlene Walker!

Mike Galasso's mother passed away.

GALASSO, Barbara A. (Titus) Age 76 years died in the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts on Sunday, November 3, 2013. Born in Boston, Massachusetts on October 12, 1937, she was the daughter of the late Harold B. and Mildred (Terravecchia) Titus. She graduated from Roslindale High, class of 1956 and went on to graduated from Saint Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1958. Barbara proudly served her country as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserve in Boston. She has been a resident of Walpole for the past 52 years. Beloved wife of Francis M. "Frank" Galasso. Loving mother of Christopher M. Galasso of Walpole and Michael F. Galasso of Wrentham. Memorial donations may be made to: [Alzheimer's Association](#) 480 Pleasant Street Watertown, MA 02472. - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=barbara-a-galasso-titus&pid=167881597&fhid=15462#sthash.l6U4SPbP.dpuf>

Thank you Tom Dennehy who donated old oxygen and scuba tanks for our Tank\$ for Ca\$h program. His tanks brought \$40 to the club.

Lenny Picot is now the proud owner of a 32' Sea Ray.

Tommy Lo is continuing to work the Twitter angle. Text " follow @SoShoreNeptunes " to 40404 on your cell phone. Now you'll be in the loop with our twitter messages. And you don't even have to have a Twitter account. It's that simple.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES; January 28

Join Jeannine and Jon for the Fourth Tuesday Night at the Movies. Each free Tuesday (fourth or fifth), Jeannine picks a movie to see at the Hingham Shipyard Patriot Cinemas. Movies are only \$5 all day on Tuesday! If you'd like to receive email notification of the movie night, email Jeannine at jeannine@gianninamia.com
Recent movie selections included: Captain Phillips & Enough Said.

LOSING LOTTERY TICKETS?

Joe McAndrews is requesting anyone to help collect non-wining Mass Lottery scratch tickets. The categories are: all sports tickets, Price is Right, and Wheel of Fortune. He generously donates these second chance prizes back to the club for our raffles.

Joe McAndrew has a friend who is making wind chimes from steel tanks.

If you have one that didn't pass inspection, let Joe know. The friend is paying \$5 per tank, which is more than we could get for scrap metal.

ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 1: Sober Up Dive at Pleasure Bay

January 25: Awards Banquet at the Common Market

Yikes! 2014 is right around the corner. Watch this space for our next hot event.



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year