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Upcoming Events

5/27 Movie Night out

6/3 General Membership mtg

6/10 Board Meeting

6/17 General membership mtg

6/24 Movie Night Out

Marie Blake

Marie Blake was an integral part of the club and the members have many fond memories of the sacrifices that Marie made in supporting Marty and the Neptunes.

Ted Maney's talk

Due to Marie's passing, we had to postpone Ted's talk on invertebrates.

Spring Cleaning

Many members of the club gathered early on Saturday May 3 for our annual clubhouse clean up. Gary G and Jay tackled the doors to our storage, sanding and repainting them. Jeannine and Theresa weeded and planted fresh flowers. Blackie went through the building like a tornado jettisoning lots of items that were not deemed useful to the club. Billy Burchill vacuumed, because as he put it "he's house-broken." Deb Osborne provided more cleaning power. Mike Vaughn drilled from here to China and back so that we now have a light on the side of the building where our secondary entrance is located. We can safely walk to/from our cars. THANK YOU to all who helped out. The clubhouse practically sparkles. Just be sure to bring your own bottle opener as ours was somehow thrown out. ;-)

"Trapped Under The Sea"

John, Jeannine, Ken, Jon and Debbie B attended the Neil Swidey talk at the Quincy Crane Library on April 29. Neil is the author of the above-mentioned book which tells the story of the five commercial divers that were working in the very last part of the waste treatment tunnel (10 miles under the sea). Hind sight being 20/20, there were many mistakes made in the unproven method chosen and the risks that were taken by management.

Much to our dismay, Neil did not go into much detail of the



Billy Burchill's daughter is a marine biologist at Woods Hole. It would be great to have her come to a club meeting and share her research with us. Billy's going to sweet talk her.

Bob Menino (an old Neptune) is lovingly restoring Nantucket Lightship LV112 in East Boston. Tours will be available on Saturdays during the warmer weather..

SHERWOOD, AKONA and HENDERSON will be hosting a night of opportunity with Bill O'Malley at South Shore Divers on Monday June 2 at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to check out the new gear and also to ask questions of the manufacturer.

June 17 will be Alex Shure who will be presenting his latest video and photos from around New England dive sites.

For those that were curious about an opinion piece that was published in the Patriot Ledger, I have included the link

This piece was written by Rep Jim Cantwell and Sen Robert Hedlund. It is titled "Don't Close Stellwagen Bank to Recreational Fishermen". I would love to ask Vinnie Malkoski about this and to get his side of the story

book. He had learned from previous talks that some people were upset when he revealed too much. Both Jeannine and Jim Burgess have the book if any one would like to borrow it.

Our Annual Audit

Many thanks to Maryellen who took the time to scrutinize our books and propose some changes to the club. She presented her findings to the board on May 13.

As with most audits, she started off with a huge thank you to our Treasurer Theresa Czerepica. Maryellen acknowledged that we are all volunteers in this organization who freely give our time and talents to the present and future of the club.

Our by-laws are published and posted on our website. Maryellen found that some of our processes are not in line with our by-laws. She recommends that we review these and either change the wording (a trophy vs an award, as one example) or bring our club into agreement with the by-laws.

Membership is one area that we should devote time and effort. As our Life Members are increasing (and leaving the paying pool of members). we need to tap new sources of divers.

Attendance at the Duxbury beach outing is declining (and the permit will be increasing). We need to adjust our expenditures on the food to more closely match the number of attendees. We may need to also look at the price we charge for the picnic.

Who's been diving?

We have had several successful club dives (Nahant, Pleasure Bay, Lake Massapoag). The season is heating up. Lobsters and fish abound. Be sure to get your dive gear in order. Rumour has it that one or two dive boats may actually splash into the ocean this summer. They'll be looking for dive buddies.

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