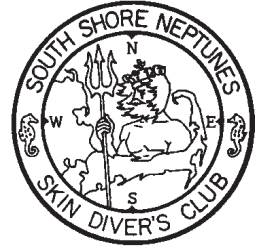


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South Shore Neptunes' Newsletter
FEBRUARY 2005



FIFTY YEARS OF DIVING



The President's Corner

Fellow club members. Can you believe it has been **Fifty Years** since the Neptunes was founded? I am honored to have been elected President for such a significant year. Be sure to watch your newsletter and the club website for updates and upcoming activities.

One of my goals for the year is to increase membership and another is to get our current members involved again. For various reasons, many of our members are no longer particularly active in our club. This is the year to change that! We have many special events planned to celebrate our golden anniversary and our meetings will include more guest speakers and educational films to be shown on a regular basis.

Now is a good time to rekindle that passion you had when you first started diving by joining us on any of our monthly dives. And, if you can't dive anymore, stop by a meeting or come to the summer picnic and swap old "war" stories with people you haven't seen in years. We would love to have you back. It's never too late!

Although I am relatively new to the Neptunes and to diving, I am very committed to the club and excited about the upcoming year and the activities we have planned. I think this will be a banner year for the South Shore Neptunes and I hope to see every one of you at some point during the year!

Kathi Bell

PAST EVENTS

The New Year started off with the Annual Sober-up Dive at Pleasure Bay, South Boston. There were eight divers entering the water on a nice sunny but cold January 1st Saturday morning. Suited up and getting wet were Dave Ingles, Roy Chamberlain, Tim Burke, Vik Benson, Marshall Reynard, Peter Speen, Gary Osborn and Joe Geyer. With the ink just about dried on his lobster license renewal, Tim Burke was the beneficiary of two lobster for his sobering experience. Following the dive it was back to the Blake's house in Weymouth for some hot chowder and a great variety of hot and cold foods and a terrific dessert table. There were 22 adults with a sprinkling of children added in who indulged themselves and enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and telling stories.

The January point dive which was scheduled for Sunday January 9th at Mound Street beach in Quincy was a no go. It snowed the night before and when I checked the beach on Sunday morning there was a film of ice covering the water and there was no one but me and some sea gulls on the scene.

At the board meeting on Tuesday, January 11th, a budget for the upcoming 2005 year was worked out by the board members and the same was brought before the general membership on Tuesday, January 18th, at the regular meeting and was accepted by all present.

At the board meeting on Tuesday, January 11th, the following Board Members have selected the month which appears beside their name as the month they will be lining up an extra activity for the membership.

January: Marty Blake, host after dive party New Years day.

February: Kathi Bell, Museum of Science, IMAX Theater.

March: Ted Hotz.

April: Jay Theriault.

May: Angelo Correnti.

June: Bruce Gerhard.

July: John Blackadar

August: Tom Guild

September: Theresa Czerepica.

October: Roy Chamberlain.

November: Doug Meyer

December: To Be Announced.

There was a planning meeting on Tuesday, January 25th, to schedule dives and other events for the coming year. Below is a schedule for 2005 starting with February.

Feb. 13th, Non-pt. Ice Dive, Plymouth

Feb. 27th, Pt. dive, Pemberton Pier, Hull.

Mar. 5th & 6th, Sea Rovers Show, Boston

Mar. 13th Pt. dive, Marblehead Light, Marblehead

Mar. 20th, Non-pt. dive, Cabe Ann, Gloucester

Apr. 10th, Non-pt. dive,

Apr. 24th Pt. dive

May 1st, Non-pt. dive, River Run

May 7th, Club cleanup

May 22nd, Pt. dive, BSC Treasure Hunt

Jun. 5th, Non-pt. dive

Jun. 12th, Pt. dive

Jun 26th, D. Inglis Start of Summer Party

Jul. 10th, Pt. dive

Jul. 24th, Non-pt. dive

Aug. 7th Annual Outing

Aug. 21st, Non-pt. dive

Aug. 28th, Pt. dive

Sep. 11th, Pt. dive

Sep. 18th, Non-pt. dive

Oct. 1st, Flea Market

Oct. 9th, Pt. dive

Oct. 16th, Non-pt. dive

Oct. 29th, Halloween Prty

Nov. 6th, Pt. dive

Nov. 20th, Non-pt. dive

Dec. 4th, Pt. dive

Jan. 1st, Non-pt. dive Pleasure Bay Lagoon

Jan. 15th, Pt. dive

Our newly elected president, Kathi Bell, has been busy seeking out those members who will assist her this coming year. She has made the following presidential appointments for 2005:

Sergeant at Arms.....Roy Chamberlain

Competition Director.....Ted Hotz

Storekeeper/Equipment.....Roy Chamberlain

Cleanup Committee.....Joe Geyer

Librarian/Historian.....Tim Niu

Parliamentarian.....Bruce Gerhard

Photographer.....Tim Niu

Banquet Comm. Chair.....Angelo Correnti

Summer Out. Com Chair.....Angelo Correnti

Flea Mrkt Chair.....John Blackadar

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Webmistress.....Kathi Bell

Sea Rovers Booth.....Angelo Correnti

Raffle Chair.....John Blackadar

Audit Chair.....Kathi Bell

Along with the above positions and committees, the president has also appointed the listed names below for the following special committees.

Auditing Committee: Kathi Bell

William Martin

50th Anniversary Committee : Kathi Bell

Tom Guild

Marty Blake

John Blackadar

Roy Chamberlain

Angelo Correnti

Dina Solimini

Membership Committee: Ted Hotz

Tim Niu

Roy Chamberlaqin

Program Committee: Marty Blake

John Blackadar

Roy Chamberlain

Angelo Correnti

Tim Niu

If any other members wish to join any of the above committees do not hesitate to contact the president to let her know of your interest in that committee.

The Annual Banquet and Awards night was held on Saturday evening, January 29th, at the Quincy Yacht Club. From start to finish it was a very enjoyable night out. Cocktail hour was 6:30 to 7:30 and our inhouse chef's Dave Ingles and Angelo Correnti, layed out a great hors d'oeuvres table with a variety of hot and cold appetizers. The main meal was served buffet style It included roast pork, broiled stuffed fish and vegetarian ratatouille. There were sides of roasted potatoes, mixed veggies, chinese dumplings and garden salad. The dinner was completed with a dessert table of different

sweets highlighted with a half lemon, half chocolate cake baked by Marie Blake and decorated with the club logo and various species of the sea. The awards were made after dinner and the recipients are listed below. Also there was a raffle after dinner and the club thanks John and Kathy Blackadar for donating several items for the raffle. Live music was provided by John Blackadar's daughter and her group who were back for a second year.

2004 AWARDS

DIVER OF THE YEAR

1st Roy Chamberlain 2nd Angelo Correnti

3rd Ted Gotz

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Howard Nickerson

COMPETITIONS

Largest Lobster Tom Lo Artifact Tom Lo

UPCOMING EVENTS

As we move into February, the first dive for the month is the non-point dive and it is the ice dive at Long Pond in Plymouth. This dive is a popular event when there is good ice and it appears that the ice should be there this year. The set up crew and anyone wanting to join them will be meeting at 7:00 a.m. at the Bickford's at exit 9 off of Rte. 3 in Kingston for breakfast. To get to Long Pond you take Rte. 3 South and get off the highway at exit 3. At the top of the ramp you go right onto Clark Rd. Follow Clark Rd. to the End. Now you take a quick left and right across the road. You are still on Clark Rd. and it will take you down to Long Pond.

The point Dive for The month is on Sunday, February 27th, at Pemberton Pier in Hull. Prior to the dive, we will meet for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Star's Rest/Diner on Rte. 3A, just North of the Hingham rotary. To Get to Pemberton Pier from the North or from Quincy, you take Rte. 3A over Fore River bridge and follow it to Hull. When you enter Hull you follow the shore out to the end and you will arrive at the pier. From the South, take Rte 3 North until you get to the exit for Rte. 228. Take Rte. 228 and follow it into Hull and then follow the shore out to the end of Hull until you arrive at the pier. If you are coming up the highway from the South and are going to breakfast take a left onto Rte. 3A when Rte.228 intersects it. When you get to the Hingham circle go around the circle and head North on Rte.3A

and go up the road a quarter mile or so and Star's will be in front of you.


At the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15th, at the completion of the regular order of business we will be showing the film 'Under Quabbin: the search for the lost towns'. The film runs about one hour. Briefly, the Quabbin Reservoir was created in the Swift River Valley in 1939. Four small towns were submerged. Come see how the towns looked a century ago, see how they look today.

On Saturday evening, February 26th, the president, Kathi Bell, has scheduled a night at the Mugar Omni Theater at the Museum of Science in Boston. The time of the show is 8:00 P.M. and the ticket cost is \$6.00. The presentation is "Mystery of the Nile". If anyone is interested in going to dinner contact Kathi and if we have a group wanting to go she will see about making reservations. You can get to the Science Museum via the Red Line on the 'T' or drive. They have a good sized garage.

Looking ahead to March, on the first weekend in the month, March 5th and 6th, the Boston Sea Rovers will be presenting their annual show at the Copley Plaza. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Our own South Shore Neptunes will have a booth at the show as will The Bay State Council.

Happy Valentines Day



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All tides listed are AM high tides		1 HT 3:12 Regular Meeting	2 HT 4:01 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	3 HT 4:57	4 HT 5:59	5 HT 7:05
6 HT 8:09	7 HT 9:11 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	8 HT 10:08 Board Meeting	9 HT 11)2 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	10 HT 11:55	11 HT 12:28	12 HT 1:17
13 HT 2:05 Non-Point Dive. Ice dive. More in Feb. newsletter	14 HT 2:54 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	15 HT 3:46 Regular Meeting. Film presentation “Under Quabbin” Check Newsletter	16 HT 4:41 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	17 HT 5:40	18 HT 6:42	19 HT 7:41
20 HT 8:34	21 HT 9:21 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	22 HT 10:02	23 HT 10:39 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	24 HT 11:14	25 HT 11:48	26 HT 12:10 Mus of Science, IMAX Theatre
27 HT 12:42 Point Dive, Pem- berton Pier, Hull Brkfst at Star’s, Hingham Circle, Ret. 3A	28 HT 1:17 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 HT 2:15 Regular Meeting	2 HT 3:00 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	3 HT 3:51	4 HT 4:50	5 HT 5:55 Boston Sea Rovers Annual Shows, Cop- ley Plaza, Boston
6 HT 7:01 Boston Sea Rovers Annual Shows, Cop- ley Plaza, Boston	7 HT 8:07 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	8 HT 9:09 Board Meeting	9 HT 10:06 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	10 HT 10:58	11 HT 11:48	12 HT 12:13
13 HT 12:57 Point Dive, Mar- blehead Light. Brkfst at Lincoln Landing.	14 HT 1:41 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	15 HT 2:26 Regular Meeting	16 HT 3:13 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	17 HT 4:05	18 HT 5:02	19 HT 6:03
20 HT 7:04 Non-point dive, Cape Ann, Gloces- ter. Brkfst at Freindlys, Ret.128	21 HT 8:01 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	22 HT 8:51	23 HT 9:36 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	24 HT 10:17	25 HT 10:56	26 HT 11:35
27 HT **:**	28 HT 12:26 Underwater Rugby Linc-Hanc. Pool, Qcy, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	29 HT 1:05	30 HT 1:48 Underwater Rugby Rand.H.S. Pool 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	31 HT 2:37		

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REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS First and third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM.

Members, applicants for membership and other interested parties are invited to attend all Membership and Board of Directors meetings. All meetings are held at the Quincy Emergency Management Dive Team headquarters building at the corner of Quarry and Joyce Streets in Quincy. To reach the building take the Furnace Brook Parkway exit from the Southeast Expressway and follow Furnace Brook Parkway to Quarry Street (at the second set of traffic lights). Turn left onto Quarry Street and travel one short block to Joyce Street. The Dive Team headquarters is the small stone building on the right.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is open to all sport divers and other interested persons. Application for membership can be made at any Membership or Board of directors meeting. Membership applicants are required to attend at least one Board of Directors meeting and after that one regular membership meeting. Membership fees are:

Regular member dues	\$35.00 per year
Initiation fee	\$25.00 one-time charge
Corresponding membership (to receive mailings only)	\$10.00 per year

DIVER'S HOT LINE

Looking for a diving buddy? To find out who is diving when and where call Angelo Correnti at (781) 391-1034.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To learn more about the club's activities and membership please feel free to call one of the club's officers, or call John Blackadar at (781) 826-4696.

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