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Deadline Extended For OCSSDI Scholarship

Deadline to apply for the 2006 Ohio Council Memorial Scholarship has been extended until February 1, says Dick Colwell, Scholarship Fund Chairman (and OCSSDI Trustee).

The OCSSDI sponsors an educational scholarship for students to pursue careers related to marine biology, underwater archaeology, and other related fields. The Ohio Council Memorial Scholarship Fund is presented to honor the many who have contributed so much to scuba diving in Ohio. The OCSSDI raises scholarship money through raffles at the annual spring ScubaFest and Banquet Ball, donations from the state association, and support provided by Underwater Images photo/ video competition.

There are very few hard and fast rules. Generally we try to get applications in by the November OCSSDI meeting (November 13 this year); but it was decided to extend the application to see if more candidates might come forward.

The amount given to the Scholarship winner is decided on by the committee; also, if no qualified applicant comes forward, we hold the scholarship for that year. For the past two years, the scholarship amounted to \$1000 per annum.

To qualify, the applicant, or an immediate family member, must be a member in good standing of the OCSSDI, and pursuing a career in one of the fields mentioned above.

Interested individuals may download the scholarship requirements and application from the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, web site. Click on the Scholarships tab along the left border. The application, and all supporting documents, should be mailed to OCSSDI Scholarship, PO Box 85, Summit Station, Ohio 43073.

The Council is very interested in spreading knowledge and education in our sport, shipwrecks, and the aquatic environment. This scholarship is one of the ways we work to do that. For a list of some of the recent recipients, click on Past Scholarship Recipients, on the scholarship web page.

Please check page 2, our list of member clubs and your OCSSDI contact. Is your information correct? Is your contact person correct? Is this the most up-to-date address, phone, and e-mail? Is your club getting the *Faceplate* four times each year? (This is the last issue for 2005; next newsletter comes out in January, 2006.)

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ScubaFest 2006 is March 10-12, 2006

The countdown has begun to ScubaFest 2006, being held at the Clarion Dublin Hotel March 10-12, 2006.

This is the 47th year for the event, sponsored by the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc, your state scuba alliance. It is a weekend of FREE scuba exhibits, seminars, pool activities, film festivals, speakers, door prizes, workshops, and dancing, topped off by the Saturday night banquet dinner.

Keynote speaker for Saturday evening is Kathy Church, recognized as one of the world's foremost teachers and authors on underwater photography. She was a photo editor for Skin Diver magazine for 15 years and her work has appeared in dozens of books and magazines, including five of her own popular books on photo techniques. She was inducted into the Woman Diver Hall of Fame in March 2000, and her coffee table book "My Underwater Photo Journey" was published in 2004.

Seminars, speakers and presentations go on in three rooms Saturday and Sunday. One room is dedicated entirely to shipwrecks and technical subjects, a second room is all travel information. The third room covers general scuba general interest room -- medical aspects, diving for youth, and more.

As in past years, attendees will have a chance to walk away with door prizes, and to participate in silent auctions and raffles. Top prize so far is an 8-day, 7-night trip on board the Utila Aggressor!

Workshops

Popular and successful when introduced in 2005, the half-day and full-day workshops will return. The number and topics has been expanded. The list and prices are found on the registration form next page. Interesting, the workshops begin on Friday, allowing you to make a full and fun weekend out of it.

Notice the MAST workshop Friday afternoon: What is MAST, and Why is Nautical Archaeology Important? This is an introduction to trilateration - the basics of what and how to measure under water. There will be dry "shipwreck" practice, work with a baseline, and a number of "artifacts". The last half-hour will consist of actually putting measurements onto a site map.

Friday night is highlighted by the UnderWater Images film Festival, showcasing the best of the Underwater Images Video Competition. (See related article).

Ever trying for social activities, ScubaFest 2006 is adding a couple evening events: Friday night is Casino Party night, with proceeds going to MAST. Saturday evening brings back the dance party, with a live band beginning after the keynote banquet and going until 1:30 a.m. You can just join the group talking and socializing at the bar, and throughout the hotel.

Vendor exhibits are FREE all weekend. Participation in the silent auctions and raffle are FREE. Discover Diving and all pool activities are FREE. A weekend for the new diver, the experienced veteran, or the person just wondering.

To see the roll of exhibitors, and a list of the speakers (so far), go onto the ScubaFest website, www.scubafest.org. You can get specific information on speakers and workshops, and can also order ScubaFest 2006 clothing.

You may also register on line, with paypal, or use the form on the next page.

To book your room at the Clarion, call (614) 764-2200. Tell them you are with ScubaFest.

U/W Images Photo, Video & Digital Competition

In just a few weeks, we'll see the launch of the 2006 Underwater Images Photo and Video Competition.

U/W Images is a major, world-class contest, bringing in slides, videos, and digital images from all over the world. And it is headquartered right here in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Because of that, there is one category open just for Buckeye-state photographers.

Prizes range from scuba equipment, to fantastic world-wide vacations. You could be the winner, but you'll never know unless you enter.

Get your images ready. You may enter underwater video, slides, or digital work. There are categories for amateurs, or open divisions for all photographers.

Deadline for entries is usually February 1. Final details will be listed in the January Faceplate; those who get their newsletter via e-mail will get a special notice when the competition opens. For now, go on their website at uwimages.org, and look at some of the remarkable pictures that have been chosen in the past.

Volunteer Opportunities For ScubaFest

A successful ScubaFest needs the help of many, many people besides the regular committee members. Starting last year, we began to offer a special volunteer registration opportunity for those willing to work a bit over the weekend.

Volunteers pay a reduced admission fee (\$37.50) and are expected to put in about 4 to 6 hours of volunteer work either prior to, during, or after the event.

You will be asked what time(s) you are able to work, and in what areas you are most interested. We will try our best to accommodate your wishes.

This is a first come, first accepted position. There are a limited amount of positions to fill; we cannot guarantee that all volunteers will be accepted.

If you are interested in one of these positions, go to the website and download the volunteer application. Send it along with your check to Michelle Ulrich-Thomas, coordinator.

Stay up-to-date with speakers, prizes, demos, and workshops.
[check us out at scubafest.org.](http://scubafest.org)

ScubaFest 2006 Registration			
	Price per Ticket	Number Tickets	Total
<u>Friday March 10, 2006 Cathy Church Workshops</u>			
10 A.M. NOON - Getting Started In U/ W Photography	\$50		
1 TO 4 P.M. Mastering Underwater Strobes	\$70		
MAST Workshop 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Introduction To U/W Archeology Survey Methods	\$40		
<u>Saturday March 11, 2006</u>			
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visual Cylinder Inspector Course	\$229		
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visual Cylinder Inspector Refresher Course	\$140		
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. SCBA Visual Cylinder Inspector	\$229		
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE DISCOVER SCUBA			
10 a.m. -noon Bettering Your Underwater Video Skills	\$40		
1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Underwater Digital Photography Made Simple	\$40		
<u>Sunday March 12, 2006</u>			
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. DAN Oxygen Provider Course	\$75		
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eddy Current Service Technician	\$59		
<u>SCUBAFEST EVENT PASSES</u>			
Weekend Pass (includes Banquet)	\$60		
Weekend Seminar Pass Only	\$25		
Day Pass Circle SATURDAY or SUNDAY	\$15		
Banquet Only	\$40		
TOTAL ENCLOSED			
Please complete one form for each person registering:			
Name _____ Address _____			
City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____			
Phone () _____ E-mail address: _____			
Banquet Info Only: Please seat me with : _____ (Leave blank if you have no preference for seating)			
Mail check with registration to: ScubaFest 2006 c/o Aquatics Realm Scuba Center, 1807 South Metro Centerville, OH 45459. (Credit card sales can be done only with on-line registration.)			

Club News from across the state

Like it or not, the local diving season is winding down. Some of us are fighting that by heading around the world to find warm water; others are pulling out the dry suits and getting ready.

How do I get the information for this page? First I got what I could from the newsletters (2!) I got in the mail. Then I go to the websites. Finally, I write your club OCSSDI contact, as is listed on page 2. This month, I got info from 17 of our 22 clubs.

How was your fall? What's happening over the cold months? If there is a particular thing you want reported in our news, or a flier you want published for a special event, drop a line, or e-mail faceplate@ohiohills.com. Be sure to get it to me in early January, for our next issue.

Meanwhile, what's happening?....

Aqua Mariners

November 19 is the date of our 50th ANNIVERSARY PARTY. Will any of our original members be coming? Before that, though, we're heading down down to Key West. One of our divers is visiting Australia & New Zealand for 10 weeks.

Toledo Submariners

We're trying something new: we're creating a club window decal, showing our web site address, thinking divers who run across us at dive sites can access our website and learn about TSM. Our annual banquet will be at H.J. Primecut Banquet Hall Friday, December 16th.

Buckeye Divers

We'll start 2006 right with a trip to Bonaire January 27. Over Memorial Day we'll hunt for sharks teeth in the waters of Venice, Florida. We've also booked the Nautilus Explorer again in 2006, to dive The Revillagigedo Archipelago in December.

Springfield Scuba Society

The high light of our October outing to the New Port Aquarium was the up close view of *Sweet Pea*, the Shark Ray. This month we are going to Egypt via the Dayton Art Institutes exhibition *Treasures of Ancient Egypt*.

Central Ohio Divers

We had a good turnout at our "Celebrate Fall" club dive, which was held October 2nd at Natural Springs Resort. We dived, and had an underwater pumpkin carving contest, followed by some great grilling, food, and beverages.



Gavia Scuba Club

We're back now from a great trip on the Nekton with 12 participants. For the rest of the year, we are planing our holliday party and looking forward to ScubaFest 2006. Hope to se everyone there

North Coast Aquatic Scuba Explorers

Our annual open house was held October 15. As the cold weather settles in, we opt for a bowling party November 26, and look ahead to Fiji and the South Pacific in June 2006.

Lima Scubanauts

As you read this, a group of ScubaNauts are enjoying the weather and diving of Beqa Lagoon Resort in Fiji. Special prizes for club members who attend meetings: a \$300 gift certificate in November, and a Legend regulator in December.

ASK Snorkel Divers

At our last meeting members shared photos taken on some of our summer dive trips. These included Belize and St. Johns USVI as well as Lakeview Park in Lancaster. We look ahead to an April excursion to see the whale sharks in Utila.

T.A. Club

Cool wind didn't bother us a bit, for our final *Dive Ohio Day* in October -- White Star was warm underwater! We end the season with a bang -- steak, and all the fixins'. Who's up for Crystal River for the Holidays?

Bay Area Divers

In October we met at Crystal Rock Cave in Sandusky, for a potluck dinner and a presentation by Marty Bailey and Tim McCloud. In January we join LEWD for a Nekton Rorqual Cruise to the Mona Island Passage. See you at Shipwrecks and Scuba!!

Aqua Masters

November 19 we head north to Kelley's Island; the boaters are gone -- let's see what they've left behind. We do our annual banquet December 2, then take off the next day for warm water in the the Caymans.

Cincinnati Underwater Explorers

As the cooler weather came in, we dived Natural Springs in September for a final nice weekend. This month we have several CUE members planing to go to NABS Summit in Barbados, November 8-13.

Aqua Voyagers

We found ourselves at Lakeview Park twice in the fall -- weather was in the 70s, visibility up to 30 feet. And the food topside was great, too. We look ahead to diving the Caymans and the Lost City of Atlantis.

Dayton Kittyhawks

We too a vanfull to Panama City Beach, and squeezed in a week between hurricanes. We are blaming the hurricanes for bad visibility. Water was still warm but the viz was not good. Annual holiday party comes up in December.

Lake Erie Wreck Divers

We had a special guest at our club meeting: Bob Adamov, author of a series of books including *Rainbow's End*. We look ahead to two warm water trips: a liveaboard to Mona Island and a Pacific trip to British Columbia.

Columbus Sea Nags

A hodgepodge of diving over the past couple months: members were going under at Circleville, Natural Springs, Mt. Storm (WV), and the Scioto River, plus laying some permanent line in Crystal Rock Cave. 2006 will find us iat Truk Lagoon and visiting the Empress of Ireland.

Calendar Check -- When's the Barbecue?

This summer, of course, will be the 22nd annual Barbecue for DAN, at Portage Quarry. This is the biggest scuba event of the summer in Ohio. For the past several years, \$3500 each year has been contributed to DAN through this event.

For 19 years, this event took place the last weekend of July. However, it eventually had to share the quarry with a dive shop from Michigan, who could only have his annual blowout that same weekend. So ifor 2004, the TA Dive Club decided to move it up one weekd, to the third weekend of the month.

Or did they? It worked good the first year, but in 2005 there were *five weekends* in July. The third weekdn was two weekends before the last one. This took a lot of people by surprise.

Guess what, there are five weekends again in July, 2006.

So this is a heads-up for all of you making plans for next year. The 2005 Barbecue for DAN will be **July 15 & 16**. After this year, we'll go back to the next-to-last weekend again, at least for a while.

Stupid Egyptians!

Thank You Received From Oceans For Youth

ScubaFest 2005 donated \$6000 to several scuba-related charities and organizations, including the MAST Buoy Project, Roatan Dental Clinic, and the Memorial Scholarship Fund. \$1,000 went to Oceans for Youth, for which we received this thank you from Wayne Hasson. Dear Carol,

We would like thank you and the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers for the most generous donation of \$1,000 that will be used for our marine environmental education programs. We plan to use this money to help produce the second DVD, used by our many volunteers across the nation and shown to youth of all ages. This DVD will be prepared and completed in the fall of 2005, we will send several copies of this to your attention which can be shared with your members. We welcome any one or all > of your members to sign up as a volunteer on line at www.oceansforyouth.org and receive our first DVD, this is made available "free" for the asking.....

Our foundation's goals are directed at "Youth," which the Webster New World Dictionary defines as: the state or quality of being young, an early stage of development." We consider everyone a "youth" at heart. Life began in the ocean and blossoms in our youth, please continue to help them benefit from the vision of this foundation.

Regards, Wayne R. Hasson

With this November issue of the *Faceplate* comes the opportunity to renew your membership. You won't get a better bargain for \$12, or just \$9 if you belong to a member club. Check out page 2, and join one of them!

A couple notes....

- More than half the members are getting their *Faceplate* via e-mail. This is quicker, and it comes in color. It's also less expensive for OCSSDI. Your choice. Just fill in the e-mail blank below. PRINT CLEARLY.
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- You can renew on-line, with your credit card and through pay-pal. Just go to OCSSDI.org.

Free Archeology Presentation

Take advantage of a free underwater archaeology lecture at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, sponsored by the Cleveland Archaeological Society.

The Pepper Wreck: Excavating and Reconstructing an Early 17th-Century Portuguese Indiaman will be presented Wednesday, November 9, at 7:30 pm. The speaker is Dr. Filipe Castro, of the Texas A&M University.

The wreck was found in 1993 off the mouth of the Tagus River near Lisbon. The shipwreck was tentatively identified as the Portuguese Indiaman *Nossa Senhora dos Martires*, which had been lost at this location on its return voyage from Cochin, India, on September 14, 1606.

Dr. Filipe Castro explains how archaeological excavation disclosed an interesting collection of artifacts from the late 16th and early 17th centuries and allowed for the study of the hull structure.

For more information, contact the Cleveland Museum of Natural History at (216) 231-4600, toll free at (800) 317-9155, or via email at info@cmnh.org.

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MEET THE LEGENDS OF DIVING BEGINNING AUGUST 2006 AT PORTAGE

Ohio will be host to a new theme of scuba events beginning in 2006. Mark your calendars for the weekend of August 11-13. This will be the kickoff weekend for the *Legends of Diving*

The first in a series of diving legends will visit the Portage Quarry the weekend of August 11-13, 2006 for three days of activities promoted to interest the novice diver to the most experienced.

The Sam Lecocq, the original inventor of the Water Lung, and his wife Debbie, will present a unique perspective of diving history. The event is sponsored by the Portage Quarry and the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc.

This will be an annual event, held at Portage Quarry. The goal will be to bring in men and women who invented and shaped the sport of diving in its early years.

This first year, Portage Quarry will welcome *Sam and Sam*. Highlight will be Sam Lecocq, the inventor of the single hose regulator. He was Aqua Lung's first engineer and invented many of the products we still use today. He is also the former president of the company he started, Sportsways.

Sam Miller began his diving career in the 1950s. He was a member and officer or on the board of directors of number of prestigious Spear fishing, Scuba and Underwater photography diving clubs. Most recently he was on the founding board of directors and Director of Recreational Diving for the Historical Diving Society.



In the beginning there were no published recreational diving books. As an avid book collector Dr. Miller amassed what is possibly the most complete and valuable collection of historical recreational diving books, periodicals and ephemera in existence.

The Portage Quarry website now has a series of interesting articles by Dr. Miller. Read, and enjoy.

Also appearing this first year is Alex Pierce from Canada, the world class expert on the TV series, *Sea Hunt*. He will be bringing his collection of *Sea Hunt* memorabilia. As a special treat, we will be showing all 155 episodes of *Sea Hunt* Saturday night, with a giant screen on the quarry beach. Wow!

We will give more details as they develop. Meanwhile, you can get acquainted with Sam & Sam on the Portage Quarry website. www.portagequarry.com.

a whale's gonna do what he's gotta do....

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario (AP) - An enterprising young killer whale at Marineland has figured out how to use fish as bait to catch seagulls - and shared his strategy with his fellow whales.

Michael Noonan, a professor of animal behavior at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., made the discovery by accident while studying orca acoustics. "One day I noticed one of the young whales appeared to have come up with a procedure for luring gulls down to the pool," the professor said. "I found it interesting so I noted it in my log."

First, the young whale spit regurgitated fish onto the surface of the water, then sank below the water and waited. If a hungry gull landed on the water, the whale would surge up to the surface, sometimes catching a free meal of his own.

Noonan watched as the same whale set the same trap again and again.

Within a few months, the whale's younger half brother adopted the practice. Eventually the behavior spread and now five Marineland whales supplement their diet with fresh fowl, the scientist said.

"It looked like one was watching while the other tried," Noonan said of the whale's initial behavior.

The capacity to come up with the gull-baiting strategy and then share the technique with others - known as cultural learning in the scientific world - was once believed to be one of those abilities that separated humans from other animals.

But biologists have since proven certain animals, including dolphins and chimps, do this.

"This is an example in which a new behavior spread through a population," Noonan said. "We had the opportunity to see a tradition form and spread in exactly the way that cultures do in humans."

Schedule of Events

October 29: **Pumpkin Carving Contest**, Whitestar Quarry
see story in newsletter

November 5: **Shipwrecks Remembered**, Port Huron, MI
call (810) 359-8660

November 9: **Archaeology Presentation, *The Pepper Wreck***
Cleveland Museum of Natural History
see story in newsletter

November 12: **Shipwrecks and Scuba**, Sandusky
Bay Area Divers

November 13: **OCSSDI meeting**, Sandusky

December 31: **Deadline, Beneath The Sea Photo Contest**
www.beneaththesea.org

January 1, 2006: **Happy New Year!**

February 1: **Deadline, for 2006 Applications,
Ohio Council Memorial Scholarship Fund**
See story in newsletter

February 24-26: **Our World Underwater**, Rosemont, Il.
ourworldunderwater.com

March 4-6: **Boston Sea Rovers**, Boston
www.bostonsearovers.org

March 10-12: **ScubaFest 2006, Clarion Dublin Hotel**
47th year!!! Biggest diving event of the year in Ohio!
www.scubafest.org

March 12: **OCSSDI meeting**, Clarion Dublin Hotel

March 24-26: **Shipwrecks 2006**, Niagra Divers Association
12th year!! Welland, Ontario www.vaxxine.com/nda

March 24-26: **Ghost Ships Festival**, Milwaukee
www.ghost-ships.org/ghost-ships/schedule.aspx

March 24-26: **Beneath the Sea**, Seacucus, NJ
www.beneaththesea.org

