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Welcome to *Dive Season 2005*. So much is happening all around the state! Check out the calendar on page 11, and join us!

One bit of business -- 2005 dues are due. For those of you receiving this newsletter by mail, check out the date beside your name. If it's 2005 or later, great! If it's still 2004, we haven't yet received your dues, and this is the last issue of the *Faceplate* you'll be receiving.

If you're getting your *Faceplate* via e-mail, you should have received an e-mail telling you you're renewed for 2005. If you didn't get one, then your dues are due.

Please renew. Use the form inside, or you can renew through pay-pal. Go to ocssdi.org, and follow instructions.

At the March OCSSDI meeting, new trustees were elected for 2005. First, welcome to our new officers: Donald Snyder becomes the newest 3-year Trustee, and will be senior Trustee and overall in charge in 2007.

Mary Ann Higginbotham and Linda Carter were elected as 1-year Trustees, joining repeat trustees Roger Roth and Mark Pansing. Thanks for volunteering -- we'll try to keep you busy. (That Higginbotham name sounds familiar, though.)

2004 Senior Trustee Donal Hudson, along with Tim McCloud and Elex Ali, move on to other pursuits. Thanks to all of you -- your efforts and input have led us through another year of growth. OCSSDI is one of the oldest scuba agencies in the country, due entirely to the energy and work of divers like you.

Please notice the increased number of professional members, on page 3. Remember they're here for us when we need them.

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Minutes of the March 13, 2005 Meeting of the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers

Held at the Dublin Clarion Hotel, Dublin Ohio in conjunction with ScubaFest 2005

Attendance – 32 people – with some coming and going due to the PADI Member Forum and SDI Updates.

Clubs Represented:

1. Cincinnati Underwater Explorers
2. Gavia Scuba Club
3. Newark Posiedons
4. Columbus Sea Nags
5. Aqua Voyagers
6. ASK Snorkel Divers
7. Buckeye Divers
8. Kitty Hawk Scuba Club
9. Lake Erie Wreck Divers
10. North Coast Aquatic Scuba Explorers
11. Underwater Adventurers

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1. Sand-N-Sea
2. Sub Aquatics
3. ASK Scuba & Snorkeling Center
4. Aquatic Realm
5. MAST/ GLHS

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Senior Trustee Dick Colwell. In the absence of the secretary Carol Kender was appointed to take the minutes.

Trustee Colwell thanked the outgoing Senior Trustee Donald Hudson for his year of service to the council.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of November 14, 2005 -	\$9774.07
Interest Earned	
Nov	1.21
Dec	1.24
Jan	1.29
Feb	1.18
Dues and deposits	
Memberships	566.00
ScubaFest (PayPal only)	2401.39
Expenses/ paid out, (All for ScubaFest)	
#421	-1035.00
#422	-220.00
#423	-360.00
#424	-115.00
#425	-505.00

*Ending Balance Feb 28, 2005 **\$10,511.38**

Scholarship total included in ending balance \$2241.91

*ScubaFest will reimburse OCSSDI for PayPal fees charged for pre-registration

Submitted by LuAnn Howard, Treasurer

Secretary's Report

The secretary's report as submitted by Sandy Heschel was printed in the Faceplate. Motion being made by Dave Rauch and seconded by Dan Jolly the minutes be approved as presented.

Motion passed.

Legislative Action - No report

Archeological and Promotions Committees

This committee has been split with Carrie Sowden taking control of Archeological and Linda Pansing assuming chair for the Promotions.

Carrie introduced herself to members. She is the Archaeological Director of Peachman Lake Erie Shipwreck Research Center, Great Lakes Historical Society and joined the council in the fall.

Carrie reported that an advisory council has been created within the Coastal Resource Advisory Council (CRAC).

Linda invited everyone to the MAST meetings April 9 and 10 in Cleveland. Art Cohs will be the key note speaker at the banquet speaking about the Benedict Arnold Wrecks in Lake Champaign.

Boat Show

Linda Pansing chaired a committee who ran an OCSSDI at the Boat and Vacation Show February 10-13, 2005 at the Ohio State Fair Grounds. Council members who helped to man the booth were Scott Pansing, Laurel Sheppard, Mark Pansing, Rich Lauer, Carol Kender and herself.

Oxygen Legislation

Scott Pansing reported no changes in the Oxygen Bill except that item B was dropped. If anyone has a training agency that needs to be added to the list they need to check with Scott.

Membership

Rich Lauer reported that a new dive store Southern Ohio Diving Academy (SODA) from Dayton had joined at the show. The council now has 31 professional members. Mark Beatty requested that information about new members be forwarded to him so that he can update the web site.

Individual council membership was discussed. It was reported that some clubs leave individual members up to the members and that other clubs like the Newark Poseidons make individual membership mandatory.

Scholarship Committee

Dick Colwell reported that the committee chose not to award a scholarship this year. The committee's goal is to publicize the scholarship for next year in hopes of drawing applicants who are worthy students just entering the field of marine sciences. Mark Beatty and Roger Roth volunteered to work on a poster promoting the scholarship that can be put into electronic format and posted on the council web site.

Dive Ohio

In preparation for the Boat Show Carol Kender developed a power point presentation featuring dive sites throughout Ohio and Lake Erie. It is 85 percent complete. It is still missing photos from Long Lake and some of the Lake Erie sites are not correctly identified. It should be finalized in time for the July Council meeting. A motion was made by Carol and seconded by Dan Jolly that when this program is complete it will be made available to all members clubs and stores on a DVD. Motion passed.

ScubaFest Committee Report

Rich Lauer reported that the show is going well. He would still like to have seen more support from individual clubs within the council.

Comments about the show included. There was an increase in travel shows and a bit of confusion about how the travel speakers communicated travel booking. It was recommended that travel speakers be advise to steer customers to the dive centers first. It was felt that Oceans for Youth, which is another charity benefited by the show, was not adequately described, as was the presentation by Roger on Sea Level Education at Anthony's Key Resort.

The recommendation was that the 2006 committee have better communication with the web site designer and that schedules be posted farther in advance.

There was a concern addressed about some work shops competing with dive centers.

All comments were noted and will be taken into consideration by the 2006 ScubaFest committee. The council trustees will chose the ScubaFest management team for 2006. Motion made by Rich Lauer and Seconded by Don Hudson. Passed

License Plate Update

Ernie Naples reported that there have only been 500 signatures (out of a required 1000) collected to date. Discussion followed on how best to get more signatures. A problem seems to be a misunderstanding about whether or not the signer needs to buy a plate in the future. According to Ernie, even though this line appears on the form, it is not required. Roger suggested that this fact be posted in all issues of the Faceplate.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda Pansing brought up a need for a permanent storage facility for the council historical data. She suggested that this material be housed at the Ohio Historical Society. Chairman Colwell appointed her to head a committee to investigate this option.

Mark Beatty announced that the Charter needs to be renewed. Dick Colwell signed the application and it was voted to authorize the \$25 expenditure.

Carol Kender mentioned that membership in Dive Industry Association was due in April. Rich Lauer stated that the organization was granting the council free membership for the next year so no action was taken.

Roger Roth brought up the issue of excess prizes that are some times not awarded to Underwater Images winners and wondered if they could be placed on the silent auction table with proceeds to benefit Underwater Images. After some discussion Carol Kender moved that these prizes could be placed for auction with the clear understanding that the donor was informed that this was happening and that the people bidding on the prizes knew that the proceeds went to Underwater Images and not to ScubaFest. Second by Mary Ann Higginbotham. Motion passed.

Nomination of Trustees:

The new three year trustee is Don Snyder of the TA Club

New one year trustees are: Roger Roth, Gavia; Mark Pansing, Sea Nags; Linda Carter N-CASE and Mary Ann Higginbotham, Posiedons.

All trustees were vote in by acclimation since none were opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m., motion being made by Roger Roth and seconded by Dan Jolly.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Kender, acting secretary

ScubaFest 2005 -- What a Weekend!

ScubaFest 2005! If you were there, you know how much fun it was. If you missed it, well, you missed something a great way to spend a spring weekend.

ScubaFest is rapidly growing into the premiere scuba show in the Midwest. This year we again had over 1000 people attend over the three days. Many were divers, of course, and most of the seminars were standing room only, or close.

In 2005 we added workshops to our agenda. Some filled with more than a dozen; others had fewer. Instructors and participants were very happy, and we're planning on offering even more in 2006.

We are always looking for new ideas for workshops and seminars. What would you particularly like to see? What destination would you like to learn more about? What speaker would you suggest?

This isn't the place to again list all the speakers. Just know that every aspect of diving was covered: shipwrecks, photography, technical, travel, Great Lakes, safety, digital, oxygen use, and so on. Some of the national certification agencies, and several equipment manufacturers, held their annual updates.

Non-divers attended, too. Just like last year, a popular feature was the *Discover Scuba* classes held in the pool. Many thanks to the staff and instructors from Aquatic Realm Scuba Center, who put in two long days introducing people to scuba.

The exhibit halls were filled most of the day with people interested in what equipment is out there. Again, this part was free. Rebreathers, camera systems from \$60 to \$6000, travel agencies from six of the seven seas, certification agencies, dry suits, Great Lakes tourism... well, if you wanted to see it, it was there.

The Saturday night Banquet Ball wasn't quite a sellout, but close. Good food and an entertaining evening. Keynote Speaker Joe Wysocki showed us that great diving doesn't have to be warm water diving, but there were enough tropical pictures to keep us wishing.

ScubaFest is put on by the OCSSDI, by Ohio divers for Ohio divers. When all bills were paid (staff are all volunteers), the ScubaFest Committee were able to donate \$6000 to causes important to us.

Half of our donations went to Ohio-based charities. We gave \$1000 each to MAST, for their work with Lake Erie shipwrecks; to Oceans For Youth, teaching ocean environment to school kids; and to the OCSSDI Scholarship fund.

Again this year, we gave \$3000 to the Roatan Dental Project.

In case you've forgotten already, or want to be nostalgic, check out the website: scubafest.org. Look at those pictures – yes, we're actually that good looking! All pictures were taken by Mark Pansing.

Look ahead to 2006. Keynote speaker is Cathy Church. Most of this year's vendors will return. Seminars and workshops? — up to you. March 10-12, 2006. See you there!

Seahorses of the World Photo Contest...There's Still Time

We're very happy to announce that the *Seahorses of the World* photo contest, being sponsored by Project Seahorse and Guylian Belgian Chocolates, has been extended to July of 2005. In case you missed it you still have a few weeks to participate!

Photographers have long played a vital role in the scientific process, their sharp eyes leading to many important discoveries. Drawing on that experience, Project Seahorse is seeking the assistance of the world's underwater photographers.

The "Seahorses of the World" photo competition is open to all amateur and professional photographers, 18 years and older. The entries will be used both as educational tools and for scientific study. It is open to color prints or digital format, in color or black and white.

All you have to do is send us a print or digital photograph of a seahorse in its natural habitat taken since Jan. 1, 2000. Entries will be accepted until July 1, 2005. If you do go with digital format, the picture must be submitted as a TIFF, or RAW

format. It should be formatted at least 5x7, at 300 dpi, or 3.15 megapixels. It should be entered by mail on a PC compatible CD ROM. (Whatever in the heck all that means.....)

You can enter up to three pictures, but only one will be used for the competition.

Grand prize is a week-long expedition for two with Mike Ball Expeditions, a value of more than \$4000. But ALL ENTRANTS, whether winning any other prizes or not, will receive one 17-oz. box of Guylian Chocolate Seashells with praline filling.

To get more information, you can visit www.sportdiver.com/projectseahorse, for rules and guidelines (seven pages!), and a registration form.

Good Luck! All chocolates should be shared with the *Faceplate* editor.

While working on the Faceplate, as in the past, I have noticed a few things: Only about half our clubs have websites. There are others still "in the works..." And there are those that are in sore need for an update.

Keeping a website up and current is very time consuming. Often someone will set up a website for the club, and over time just get busy elsewhere.

If you're one of the lucky clubs that has an active and ongoing website, I suggest you treat your website director to dinner!

Club News from across the state

In early June, we look around and see.....sunshine! Where you been, Ol' Buddy?

Actually the lack of sun hasn't kept our clubs from diving, as you can see below.

How do I get the information for this page? First I got what I could from the newsletters I get in the mail. Today, I get very few of them. Then I go to the newsletters I get on line. Finally, I write your club OCSSDI, as on page 2. contact. Is yours listed?

What are you doing this summer and fall? 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 August, for a late-summer issue.

Meanwhile, let's go diving....

T.A. Club

Our annual Bonne Terre Mines trip was great -- we saw the pictures at the May meeting. We're busy now getting ready for the annual DAN Barbecue -- see you there? Meanwhile, our Dive Ohio days took us to Circleville in May, and Whitestar in June.

North Coast Aquatic Scuba Explorers

Memorial Day weekend saw us at Gilboa and Whitestar. In June we're off to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico We're in the planning stages of a trip to the Niagara River this summer, or Venice Beach, Florida, diving for fossiled shark teeth.

Gavia Scuba Club

We have been diving this spring at several of the Ohio quarries, and there seems to be some renewed interest in technical diving developing in our group. August 27 we're heading into our annual trip, with an Underwater Images sponsor, Nekton Rorqual. We're off to Cay Sal Banks the week before Labor Day. See you all the Dan BBQ in Portage.

Lima Scubanauts

We do our June meeting right -- business first, then a night dive at Long Lake. Unless you're at Cozumel, where many of us will be. October takes us into the Pacific, for a Fiji vacation!

Toledo Submariners

Sometimes we stay topside -- we held our annual road rally in May. In July we'll dive at Portage Quarry, then we'll do either Thunder Bay or Mackinaw Straits.

Aqua Amigos

We start our Great Lakes diving early, diving with Osprey in April. We return in July. Gilboa was our Ohio site in May. We head north in July to Tobermorey, Canada.

Buckeye Divers

We warmed up (?) in May diving Lakeview Park. Memorial Day took us to North Carolina, and Labor Day we'll visit Kingston, Ontario, Canada. July 4th weekend is the beginning of our two weeks diving the inner passage and Alaska.

ASK Snorkel Divers

We're off for our first Caribbean trip July 20-27 to St John USVI. Due to busy and wet summer schedules the club elected to meet every other month. A Manatee snorkel trip is planned for November at Crystal River Florida.

Cincinnati Underwater Explorers

CUE was found enjoying ourselves in Freeport, Grand Bahamas. Meet up with Chris Serles of AUE and had a ball diving and enjoying the cultural events. In August we are headed to Haigh Quarry in Kankakee, IL to dive with MASK, N-CASE and the Windy City Seals.

Columbus Sea Nags

We dive in and out of Ohio. May was Portage, June is Natural Springs, July back to Portage for the DAN barbecue, and August is Gilboa. Meanwhile several of us are joining the Buckeye Divers in July diving Alaska.

Springfield Scuba Society

We try all of Ohio diving this spring and summer: it was Natural Springs in May, and we'll get to White Star in June, and Gilboa in August. July 16 we join OCSSDI at the Barbecue for DAN at Portage.

Lake Erie Wreck Divers

We started the season in May at White Star, and some of us joined BAD at Morehead City over Memorial Day. Our summer includes dives with MAST, and with Osprey Charters, Then is the 1000 Islands in September.

Newark Poseidons

For our June meeting we meet at Circleville Twin Quarries for a day of diving, eating, and fellowship. July will take us to Natural Springs, and August will find us at Gilboa Quarry for a great cookout and treasure hunt.

Underwater Adventurers

Several of our members just got back from a trip aboard the Cayman Aggressor. our first camp Out of the year is

at Natural Springs in June The Club is also planning trips to the Carolinas to dive the Grave Yard, and north to the St. Lawrence SeaWay.

Aqua Voyagers

Fathers' Day will hold a club dive at Circleville on June 19 with a BBQ. We follow that up with dives at Gilboa in June, Portage Quarry at the DAN Barbecue, then it's off to Bonaire in August.

Bay Area Divers

It's June, so look for us in the Lakes. In June it's Kelley's Island; July we're diving with Osprey. August we'll try Pelee Island, and we cross the border to the 1000 Islands September 23-25.

Aqua Mariners

21 Divers joined us for our annual Easter Egg Dive at Lake Cable. Excitement! as we prepare to celebrate our club's 50 year anniversary: it begins with our November 7 Key West dive trip.

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The Mouse Who Kills Sharks...

This story was sent to us by Peter Hughes Diving, Inc. It is almost unbelievable! Disney Enterprises is opening a new park in Hong Kong this December. Among other amenities, the park is slated to be a very popular spot to host weddings, banquets, and other festive occasions.

Disney Hong Kong is actively promoting a banquet menu, hosted at the park, that includes **Shark Fin Soup**.

For the uninitiated, there is a world wide practice of "finning" sharks. Fishing vessels use long lines and other destructive fishing techniques to hook sharks. The sharks are hauled onboard, their fins are cut off and sold to make the soup, and the rest of the carcasses are summarily tossed overboard. Dead or alive.

It matters little whether the sharks are endangered or not. The fishing hooks know little of endangered species. Shark "finning" is banned in many countries, but the practice still persists.

The demand for authentic Shark Fin Soup (once a delicacy served only for China's elite) has turned it into a mass market product, and spawned global "ghost" fleets of boats which decimate the world's shark populations to fill that demand. We are talking about millions of sharks killed each year.

According to most marine scientists, Shark "Finning" is the **single largest reason** for the rapidly declining population of sharks worldwide.

So now, the lovable Mickey Mouse has turned into a Shark Killer. Actually, a mass murderer, as millions of sharks are slaughtered each year. **This from the company that co-produced FINDING NEMO** (along with animation specialists Pixar)? What would have been the reaction by millions of young children around the world if Nemo was "finned" at the end of the movie???

And please ask yourself if your reaction to every shark "finned" should be any different... There's an entire group of apex predators being destroyed, and any responsible corporation should not condone and endorse it.

And Disney not only condones the practice of "finning" sharks, but markets it! Menus containing Shark Fin Soup are the most expensive of the banquet packages offered by Disney Hong Kong. What's a few million sharks when there's money to be made....

Disney has summarily rejected the objections to serving Shark Fin Soup, and even announced that it will continue to offer and fulfill the menus, as planned. (reported by the BBC and multiple other news groups on May 24, 2005). It's feeble defence is they are doing it in deference to Chinese "culture"...

This, from the company that publicly states on its corporate website: "The Walt Disney Company is committed to balancing environmental stewardship with its corporate goals and operations worldwide."

If you strongly feel that a company in the global entertainment business which espouses a healthy, environmentally friendly, family style approach to its practices **should not be condoning the reckless slaughter of sharks**, we'd like to help you deliver your personal message of outrage at this practice.

Please send an e-mail to:

phddivemail@waterpath.com, and address the Subject

Line of your email to: *Attention: Mr. Robert Iger, CEO, Walt Disney Company* We'll print them, collate them, and distribute them to as many Disney executives as we can, starting with the new CEO, Robert Iger. Please remember to "sign" the email with your name, City, and State.

Many of us have grown to adulthood with the Walt Disney Company, and hold them in the highest respect. We recommend their entertainment to our children, and feel secure that Disney will "do the right thing"... But in this matter of Shark Finning, they are as dead wrong as the sharks the fishermen consign to the deep.

Peter Hughes, Peter Hughes Diving, Inc.

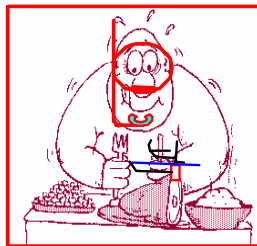
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Saturday, from noon until 3:00 p.m.

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\$25 per team. Registration begins at 11:30 p.m.



BBQ for DAN

Sunday, from noon until 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$16, from TA members, or at Sub-Aquatics.

Send check to: Denny Kaye, 2788 Skelton Lane, Blacklick, Ohio 43004

Ticket covers entry fee to Portage (one day), dinner, and raffle

Schedule of Events

June 4-5: **DUI Demo Days**, Gilboa Quarry

June 11: **MAST Survey - Craftsman**

June 11-12: **U/W Treasure Hunt**, Gilboa Quarry

Splash Scuba, Pittsburgh

June 18: **Father's Day Dive**

Natural Springs Resort www.naturalspringsresort.com

June 20: **Deadline, "Great Lakes-Great Photos" Contest**

Great Lakes Historical Society (800) 893-1485

June 25: **MAST Survey - Dundee**

June 25: **"Great Lakes-Great Photos" Exhibit opens**

Inland Seas Maritime Museum

July 1: **Deadline, Seahorses of the World Photo Contest**

www.sportdiver.com/projectseahorse

July 2: **Annual Portage Quarry Blowout**

Portage Quarry www.portagequarry.com

July 4: **See Fireworks From Underwater**, Natural Springs

Reservations required www.naturalspringsresort.com

June 25: **MAST Survey - Dundee** wrap-up

July 22-24: **Water Rescue Seminar**,

Circleville Twin Quarries, for law-enforcement, fire,
& rescue. Contact (740) 474-7105

July 16-17: **21st Barbecue for DAN**, Portage Quarry

July 17: **OCSSDI meeting**, Portage Quarry

November 12: **Shipwrecks and Scuba**, Sandusky

Bay Area Divers

November 13: **OCSSDI meeting**, Sandusky



Six Shipwrecks to be Buoyed This Summer

Think back...for how many years have we been announcing that we're going to buoy the shipwrecks of Lake Erie. Now it seems that will be a reality this summer!

The buoys have been bought, the money has been spent. Six shipwrecks are scheduled to get their buoys this summer. They are *Dundee*, *Morning Star*, *The Craftsman*, *Queen of the West*, *Admiral*, and the *Sand Merchant*. The wrecks range in depth from 40' to 75'.

You can get information on the individual wrecks, including their coordinates, by logging on to the MAST website, www.ohiomast.org. You can also get instructions on using the buoys. The buoys will be placed each year in time for dive season.

You are advised that all vessels use these moorings at their own risk. While the moorings were placed with all concern for safety and security, MAST can not assure that the moorings will be secure on your arrival. Divers should inspect each mooring on the first decent.

This project was made possible with the financial assistance of the Ohio Coastal Management Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management and the Ohio Lake Erie Commission. OCSSDI, through the ScubaFest Fund, donated \$1000 for the MAST project.

Many thanks to those who have worked so hard over the years to see this project through. If someone can give me a list of those people involved, I'll gladly list them here. Otherwise, we'll chalk it up again, as another example of how many people are working hard for us, behind the scenes, to help us enjoy the sport we love.