

Bubbles News

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF UNDER WATER BUBBLES SCUBA DIVING CLUB

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NEW YEAR GATHERING 2009



On January 31st 2009, we gathered at Diane's house to have our first annual New Year Gathering. We had both pot luck and catering that evening, and everyone were filled with fun, food, wine and prizes by the end of the night. Thanks to Diane for opening her cozy home to our members to enjoy the evening together. Special thanks also go to Stephanie, Diane's daughter for baking us a cake with our club logo and theme on it. During the night, we have announced Wall of Fame 2008. Thanks to everyone who has participated to vote and nominate.



Wall of Fame 2008

Diver of the YearDiane Wong
 The Most Innovated Diver..... Jack Tsui
 Buddy of the Year Ed Sheu
 The Most Supportive Diver.....Danny Lo
 The Most Lost Items Diver.....Sherman Chau
 Trainee of the Year Lisa Leung

Hope will see your name on the Wall of Fame 2009!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's the time to renew our club membership. Membership fee remains the same as last year, \$50.00 for individual member and \$70.00 for family member. A FREE jersey with our club logo will be included with your membership this year. So when you send in your membership form, please mark down the size of jersey you want. One jersey for each membership. If you would like an extra jersey, it will be \$18.00 each.



Attached to this newsletter you will find a membership application / renewal. Please fill it out and bring it along with you together with the membership fee at the Club BBQ on **May 3rd 2009, Sunday** at 33 Idehill Crescent, Scarborough. (Roni's house). See you all there!!

CONGRATULATION



It is kind of odd to congratulate myself..... Well, just want to let everybody knows, now I am a certified PADI Course Director.... What does that mean? It means *I will teach you how to scuba dive and as*

well I will teach you how to teach people how to scuba dive.... In other word, now I am a PADI Instructor / Trainer. So if anyone wants to be a PADI instructor, just like myself or Siodin, teach people how to scuba dive and guide trips to exotic dive destinations. Sharing something you are passionate about. Helping others enrich their own lives by experiencing the adventure of diving.... Let me know and I will get you prepare at the next IDC and IE. Besides, during our last Manado trip, both Diane and Jack became Night Divers. Congratulation to all: Diane, Jack and me, hehehe)





DIVE TRAVEL – Manado N. Sulawesi Indonesia

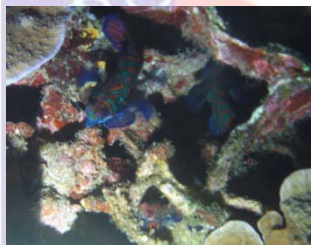
March 21 – March 29 2009



As promised for an Asian trip, we went to Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia in March. Manado is also known as the Pacific “Ring of Fire” and in the “Coral Triangle” in Indonesia, the world’s largest archipelagic state, North Sulawesi. It has wide range of diving, from healthy reefs in Bunaken National Marine Park and the island of Bangka to the world’s famous muck diving capital,



Lembeh Strait. These were the three areas that we explored with a total of 21 dives in 6 days. The Lembeh Strait’s ocean floor is covered with volcanic black sand. Species that might be rare in other countries are common in Lembeh such as flamboyant cuttlefish, frogfish, ghost pipefish, snake eels..... As Manado is well known to be a macro haven for underwater photographers, you will be



so proud to share those nice pictures with others. Using a magnifying glass under the water to look at those tiny creatures is a different experience all together. It sounds really funny but it works.

Lekuan II is an unforgettable dive site with thousands of fishes, healthy and colourful corals and the strong up and down fast current makes you feel like flying freely, weightlessly in the water. We were drifted across at least 3 – 4 dive sites in this dive. Posi Posi was where we did one of our night dives to see the Mandarin Fish mating. We were so attracted by them and without realizing that 40 minutes had gone by and we were still at the same spot.



Besides diving, Manado offers lots of exotic fruits with a nice culture. It is a peaceful city with all different religions gets along well together. There were no better ways to complete this diving trip with a full aroma therapeutic oil massage in front of the ocean at sunset. It was so tranquilizing to listen to the waves of the ocean and makes you appreciate nature and life.





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EDITOR'S COLUMN

I just came back from the 2009 PADI Course Director Training Course (CDTC) at Kota Kinabalu Malaysia and a couple of exotic dive trips over at Layang Layang Malaysia and Manado Indonesia. Life is good with all these diving in different parts of the world. It will continuously be my goal to visit different exotic dive locations including Australia on my next Far East dive trip agenda. In other word, Australia might be our next Far East club trip. CDTC is a ten days intensive dive training course offered by PADI Worldwide. This course runs two times a year, March at Kota Kinabalu Malaysia and July at Puerto Plata Dominican Republic. After completing this course and passing all the evaluations and exams, candidates will certified as a PADI Course Director which is about one percent of the total world PADI instructor population. I am the only Chinese PADI Course Director in Eastern Canada and I am hoping to train more Chinese Instructors in the country and make Scuba Diving more popular in our community. The 2009 CDTC had a total of 39 CD Candidates, coming from different part of the World with different ethnic background. We shared ideas, diving and teaching experience throughout the entire course. It was an eye opener for me to learn from these top-notch PADI instructors from all over the world including Japan, Korea, Thai, British, German, France, Australia, Greek, USA, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Indonesia and more. I plan to use what I have learned to benefit the Canadian scuba industry especially in our Chinese community here in the GTA.....

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Under Water Bubbles eMail Address

Now everyone of our member may have his / her own personalized Under Water Bubbles eMail address. You can pick whatever you like base on first come first served. For those who are interested, please send a request to info@underwaterbubbles.com with subject "email address" to register. Further information on how to set up will then forward to you via email. On the request, please write down your name, first choice, second choice and your current contact email address. Let's be proud of being our Club Member telling your friends your underwater adventure.



UPCOMING EVENT

Season Open Club BBQ
33 Idehill Crescent, Scarborough
May 3rd 2009 (Sunday)

Discover Scuba Diving
Scuba 2000
May 18th 2009 (Monday)

Open Water Class
Starting May 14th 2009

Club Meeting
Location TBA
June 4th 2009 (Thursday)

UPCOMING DIVE TRIP

Brockville Dive Trip
June 20th & 21st 2009 (Sat & Sun)
Wreck Diver, DPV Diver, UDP Diver, Drusuit Diver Specialties Course available

Kingston Dive Trip
July 4th & 5th 2009 (Sat & Sun)

Please mark your calendar and see you there!!

HELP WANTED!!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN DEVELOPING OF OUR WEBSITE, WRITING UP ARTICLES IN OUR NEWSLETTER OR ANYTHINGELSE YOU CAN THINK OF, PLEASE DROP ME A LINE AT batman@underwaterbubbles.com OR CALL 416-839-1839

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

UNDERWATER BUBBLES SCUBA DIVING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: SINGLE FAMILY

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

First, Middle, Last

mm/dd/yy

DIVER NON-DIVER AGENCY: _____ CERTIFICATE LEVEL: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROV.: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ 2nd EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WEB SITE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER(S):

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

First, Middle, Last

mm/dd/yy

DIVER NON-DIVER AGENCY: _____ CERTIFICATE LEVEL: _____

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

First, Middle, Last

mm/dd/yy

DIVER NON-DIVER AGENCY: _____ CERTIFICATE LEVEL: _____

Club Shirt Size: XS S M L XL XXL

Extra Club Shirt Order: XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

(Extra Shirt at \$ 18.00 each)

UnderWater Bubbles Scuba Diving Club Code of Conduct and Club Rules

Members of the UnderWater Scuba Diving Club, hereinafter known as (the Club), are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Club. The Club has set forth these statements to clarify and guide the members as they participate in Club sponsored events, meetings or other functions. The Club will consider these underlying principles the foundation for creating and maintaining a membership that will enjoy the activity of diving in a safe, knowledgeable and responsible manner.

Mission:

Leave Bubbles All Over the Underwater World

Vision:

To be the most fun diving club in the World

Values:

Integrity: Members shall conduct themselves in a manner that is in compliance with the local law, code or ordinance, as well as Club Rules, and act with respect to the environment. Special care will be taken when diving in areas that contain fragile or protected plants, animals or artifacts so as not to damage or otherwise disturb them.

Knowledge: Members shall dive in a manner consistent with their level of experience and education and will dive in a safe and responsible manner.

Safety: Members shall always consider their safety and the safety of others when diving. Unsafe diving practices will not be tolerated and all members must maintain vigilance for unsafe conditions or situations and act responsibly.

Club management:

The Club will be managed by a President and Executive Members. The Executive members will be appointed by the President and consist of members able to conduct the portion of club business assigned to them.

Executive members may be responsible for but not limited to the following functions: Treasury; Membership; Trips; Functions

Meetings

Monthly meetings will be held for the Members. Meetings are held on the third Thursday evening of the month but may change from time to time at the discretion of the Club Management. The location and time of the meeting will be communicated in the Club newsletter or by e-mail.

Events and other Activities

Only Members may attend Club sponsored events. Non-members may attend from time to time only if the non-members pay nonmember event costs and are approved by the President. Nonmembers should be encouraged to become members if they wish to attend club events.

Membership

Term: The term of Club membership is one year, commencing on May 1st and ending on April 30th of the following year.

Dues: Membership dues are decided annually by the President and Executive Members. Due amounts will be communicated as required in the monthly Club Meetings. Dues will be collected prior to acceptance of membership and are for the entire year.

New applications for membership will be accepted throughout the year.

Disciplinary actions and procedures

Suspension: A Member may be suspended from participating in a Club activity for violating any portion the Dive Club Code of Conduct and Rules. Any suspensions will be considered and decided upon by the President and Executive members.

Dismissal: A Member may be dismissed from membership in the Club for violating any portion the Dive Club Code of Conduct and Rules. If a member is dismissed, there will be no refund of Club Membership dues. Any dismissals will be considered and decided upon by the President and Executive members.

I have read and understand the UnderWater Bubbles Scuba Diving Club Code of Conduct and Club Rules, and agree to abide by them.

Sign: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____