

Saturday morning I spent introducing some of the speakers at the seminars being conducted at the Holiday inn. It was my good luck to have people like **Ralph White**, **Dean Fessler**, and **Pat & Jim Stayer** to introduce. All put on great presentations and the hardest part of my job was having to tell them that their time was up and we needed to set up for the next speaker. I had a great time talking with Ralph, Dean, and Jim both prior to and after their presentations. Pat had to run to her Womens Diver Hall of Fame meeting as she was to be inducted this year. Jim was telling me about an upcoming trip to an undisclosed location in the pacific which has never been dove by anyone except for military divers. Pat & Jim hope to have a presentation on this for next years BTS. I am looking forward to seeing it.

I finally made it over to the main hall in time for our TSSC party up on the second floor. We again had a good turn out and every year have a few more people stop by. My goal is to get to a point that we run out of beer before the parties over. Everyone appreciated a place to sit, relax, have a beer and a snack and talk with other divers. We saw many new faces and most plan to attend our up coming open house. Thanks again to **Mark & Donna Mays**, my wife **Karen**, and **Don Reynolds** for helping set up and clean up after.

Saturday evening was the awards dinner. **Bob Bak** and I had the great privilege of presenting **Pat Forgacs** with her TSSC **Diver-of-the-Year** Award. Pat was a little overwhelmed as she also is responsible for coordinating this event. As always, even with the minor glitches that always occur, the dinner was great. As far as the guest were concern, things

went along flawlessly thanks to her great support staff (almost all TSSC members). Following the dinner was the film festival which is always something not to be missed. BTS always seems to be able to gather some of the top people in the industry to present their work. My favorite was shown by this years Master of Ceremony, **Ernie Brooks**. His presentation in black and white is phenomenal and I was lucky enough to see it twice this year.

Sunday was spent at the main hall working the TSSC booth, walking the show, obtaining door prizes for our open house, and visiting friends, many of who I only get to see once a year at Beneath the Sea. The booth had many past members stop by with their pledge to rejoin us and other new potential members who plan to either attend our open house or an upcoming meeting. We did well with our door prizes fund raiser and the winners were both club members. **Sy Turner** won the UK light set and **Donna Mays** won the pneumatic tank band. Wyland stopped by the booth later in the day and spent a few minutes talking with **Mark Mays** and I who were manning the booth. I mentioned to him about the clubs plan to continue his last years costal clean up campaign which he was very happy to hear. He offered any support he or his team could provide and I plan to contact them shortly take him up on the offer. He was also nice enough to pose with Mark and I in front of our TSSC banner in the club booth.

That's about it, I just want to remind you about the **Open House** on April 9th as we have collected a lot of door prizes and look forward to seeing you all there.

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PRESIDENT (CONT.)

Don't forget about our first dive of the year at Dutch Springs. They always run a great Easter Egg hunt.

Special thanks to **Bill Borger** from Bottom Time Scuba of Rutland VT for again donating our door prizes, and to **Pete Riekstins** from Pete's saloon for the donation of the beer for our TSSC party.

Keep on Diving,
Gregg



TSSC's Annual Open House Party

7–11 pm, Sat, April 9
Tino's Italian Steak House
Route 9A, Hawthorne NY

Come meet our members—or if you are a member, come help interested divers meet our club! It's The Scuba Sports Club's Open House Party.

Mark Saturday, April 9th, on your calendars. This year our open house will be held at Tino's in Hawthorne, where we hold our monthly meetings. Directions are on the next page.

Last year we greeted new members **Bruce Ansnes, Rocco DeLeo, Jonathan Flaks, Elena Giordana** and **Carrie Goldkopf**. Who will we meet this year? Will it be someone you met at BTS? Let's get ready for another great year in TSSC!

We will have a cocktail hour from 7 to 8 pm, followed by dinner from 8 until 11. The menu will include crudités, chicken marsala, penne à

la vodka, eggplant parmigiana, meatballs, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, and choc-olate cake with vanilla ice cream for desert. There will be a cash bar.

- Come share dive stories from 2004.
- Win door prizes—you'll have *lots* and *lots* of chances, thanks to the generosity of local agencies and dive shops!
- Meet this year's board of directors.
- Find out about our 2005 dive schedule.
- Come meet local dive shop representatives.

Be There!

April Meeting

8:00 pm, Wed, April 13
Tino's Italian Steak House
Route 9A, Hawthorne NY

Pizza and Beer and Coral Reef Adventure

Don't miss our April meeting! Pizza for everyone, beer at the bar, and an IMAX movie on the screen!

Take a once-in-a-lifetime journey across the South Pacific with ocean explorers Howard and Michelle Hall in *Coral Reef Adventure*. This film was voted the "best film of 2003" by the Giant Screen Theatre Association. The Boston Globe states "*Coral Reef Adventure* is one beautiful piece of work... Adventure it is and of the most exhilarating sort."

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APRIL MEETING (CONT.)

Coral Reef Adventure was produced in the IMAX format and tells the tale of **Howard** and **Michele Hall's** love for the ocean as they are called upon by their friend **Rusi Vulkoro**, a Fijian diver, to help figure out why the reef in his village is dying. Our trip takes us across the South Pacific to explore reefs that are vibrantly alive and those that have been decimated as a result of guess who?

The photography is incredible as we gaze on pristine reefs or join the Halls in a deep technical dive. The lilting music of the South Pacific in conjunction with a tropical blend of Crosby, Stills & Nash will enthrall you. There are scenes that will make you laugh and those that will make you want to cry as you experience the tragic, irretrievable loss of these fragile worlds. This is a movie that can and will change your world view.

Come with us on a Coral Reef Adventure. Don't miss it! Pizza is on the club—beer is on you!



Area Dive Shops

This list is provided as a convenience. TSSC does not endorse any dive shop.

Aqua Visions Scuba Ltd.
126 Mamaroneck Ave, Mamaroneck NY
(914) 381-1884
AquaVisions.biz
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Captain Mike's Dive Center
530 City Island Ave, Bronx NY
(718) 885-1588
CaptainMikesDiving.com

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863 East Main Street, Stamford, CT
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captsaam@opronline.net

The Dive Shop
265 Federal Rd, Brookfield CT
(203) 740-9166
TheDiveShopOnline.com
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Cougar Sports
917 Saw Mill River Rd, Ardsley NY
(914) 693-8877

Marsh Scuba Supply
91 Lauer Rd, Poughkeepsie NY
(845) 452-8994
MarshScuba.com
Marsh_Scuba@worldnet.att.net

Orbit Marine Sports Center
3273 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport CT
(800) 395-3483
OrbitMarine.com
OrbitDive@aol.com

Pan Aqua Diving
460 West 43rd St, New York NY
(800) 434-0884
PanAqua.com
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Pan Aqua Diving
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2037 Central Park Ave, Yonkers NY
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Directions to Tino's Italian Steak House 101 Saw Mill River Road/Route 9A Hawthorne, NY 10532 (914) 769-7236

From the South: Take the Saw Mill River Parkway northbound. Get off at exit 25 (Route 9A). Turn left onto Route 9A northbound. Go 0.4 mile. Tino's is on the right with "Tino's" in large lighted letters across its front. See map, top left.

From the North: Unfortunately, there is no exit 25 on the Saw Mill Parkway southbound, so you'll have to follow a more complicated route if you're coming from the north. Take the Saw Mill River Parkway southbound. Get off at exit 29 (Manville Road/Route 117). Turn left onto Route 117 (Manville Road) and go 0.9 miles. Immediately after passing under the highway, turn left onto the ramp to Route 9A southbound (Saw Mill River Road S). Go 1.9 miles. You'll see "Showcase Cinema" signs on your right. Tino's will appear immediately afterward on your left, diagonally across the street from the cinema, at 101 Saw Mill River Road. See map below, at right.

A Quick Note From the Editor

Once again, history has repeated itself. As was the case, back in 1999, I find myself in the position of editing the *Sea Swells Log*, following three years of excellence by **Anne Judge**. Anne, you're a tough act to follow.

Anne has made a number of improvements to the newsletter since I was last at the helm. Many of them were new to me, as I've been putting together this issue of *The Log*. As Billy Joel once sang, "The things I did not know at first,

I learned by doing twice." I'm still not sure I have the hang of everything.

In any event, I'm looking forward to serving you, the members, as your Newsletter Director for this, my third time around. Maybe the third time is the charm. Cheers.

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