



Scuba Scoop

FEBRUARY 2004



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



Photo from the 1/31 trip to Jupiter by George McGuire. Story on page 6.



Jerry O'Keefe, Tom Berkery and Marta of Oceans Unlimited, and Randy Munro. CFPD would like to thank Tom for a very entertaining and informative program at the 1/22 meeting. We also thank Tom and Marta for the generous door prizes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CFPD MEMBERS

Cheryl Peterson	2/6
Brad Wells	2/7
Rachael Moore	2/10
Donna Perrier	2/19
David Warner	2/20
Eric Varty	2/21
Robert Nelson	2/22
James Wolf	2/26

CFPD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

- Toni Gates
- Ken Hickey
- Tony Paquin
- Cheryl Peterson
- Ana Potts
- Bill Potts

CENTRAL FLORIDA PLEASURE DIVERS, INC. BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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General Meetings:

Meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Denny's 440 S. Semoran Blvd. in Orlando (407)381-8408. The Denny's is near the intersection of the EW Expressway and 436. Social hour begins at 7:00PM. Meetings begin at 8:00PM Programs are held before or after the general meeting.

Board Meetings:

Board meetings are held every third Thursday of the month. The February meeting will be 7:00PM, 2/19 at the Panera Bread in Lake Mary (the corner of S International Pkwy and Lake Mary Blvd) 407-804-8340 I-4 to exit 98, west on Lk Mary Blvd, left on S International Blvd, right into the shopping center. Panera's is to the right of the Stone-wood Grill.

From the President

Two of the more active and visible areas of CFPD are membership growth and programs. Jill Dexter, membership chairperson, mentioned at the last meeting that we had five new members in attendance that evening. That's fantastic! Membership is the life blood of the club and only good things can happen if we continue to grow as a dive club. Jill continues to work hard at bringing in new members and the whole club will benefit from her efforts. Thanks again Jill for an outstanding job. And let's not forget Jerry O'Keefe, your program chairperson, dive safety guru and singer extraordinaire. Jerry has brought in and participated in some interesting programs and promises even more to come. He has single handedly sung "Happy Birthday" to the February birthday members and presented Tom Langston, our "director at large" and past president, a Super Man t-shirt for bouncing back so well from heart bypass surgery. Now if we can just teach Ed how to catch a lobster. These are just two of the many people working behind the scenes who make CFPD the best dive club in Central Florida. Next time you see them, or any of the chairpersons or officers, thank them for all the hard work and effort they are putting forward for CFPD.

And along those same lines, in the coming months there is going to be extra energy placed on training new trip coordinators to run trips. Right now we have maybe ten qualified trip coordinators for the whole club, we need more! Tom Wassell will be spearheading this and discussing it with the membership in the coming months. If you are interested in finding out more about what is involved in running a dive trip, come to a meeting or contact Tom Wassell, VP.

We are also going to start running two biographical pieces each month in the Scoop so you can get to know your membership a little better. A biographical article on Mike Pierson will be in this month's Scoop and then Tom Wassell and myself will run in March. If your interested in writing a short article on yourself, please submit it to Joan, our secretary.

In closing, don't forget George McGuire's' photo contest February 26. Contact him if you are interested and bring your photos to the next meeting (deadline for entry). The club will also sponsor an ice cream social on the night of the contest. Should be a great meeting attend and see all the great photos, both above and below the water that the members have captured. Might even be some Fantasy Fest shots, we'll have to wait and see.

Hope to see you there.

Randy



Dive Chairman Report

Dive Chairman's Corner

Thanks to Jerry O'Keefe I'm not in this corner alone any more THANKS JERRY but we are wanting more help so please, give some of your time to your club and join us. Well, the water is getting warm and the weather is getting better, we should all be thinking about the up coming spring and summer dive season. Get your gear out and check to see if anything needs repair, replacement, or just serviced. Then don't forget about your self get back on your diets and exercise program's see your doctor's have your check ups. Then get the calendar out and decided on which trips you can do. We will have a training for new dive coordinators in April so watch for this date posting soon.

DIVE DIVE DIVE

PHOTO CONTEST

February 26

Bring your pictures for the photo contest to the February 12 meeting. The contest will be February 26. All contest rules are on page 5.



THANKS SCUBA RADIO

Thanks to "Greg The Divemaster" of Scuba Radio for letting CFPD members Jill Dexter and Joan Heinman plug the club on the 1/31 broadcast from "Scuba Joe's Bar" in the Radisson Twin Towers. We had a great time and Jill even helped name the new Scuba Radio drink.

UPCOMING TRIP

Cozumel

July 5th - 12th

Flying out of Orlando to one of the most pristine dive locations in the Caribbean. Dive sites are within minutes of our hotel where we will be picked up each morning. The dive sites are many, from nice 30/50 foot reefs to 110 foot blue holes. Visibility is always at least 100 feet, the water is warm the beaches are white. The crew is always well trained and attends to our every need.

Come and join us, this will be a vacation to remember. You will enjoy the resort, food, drink and activities and the friendship of your fellow dive buddies. And if that's not enough, we are close to downtown where there's always fun, the island has many things to do and see. The restaurants, if you chose to try, are wonderful. So call me, let me know your needs. Divers cost \$1,423.00 non-diver \$1,133.00. I can be reached at barbab39@aol.com or contact Bart

COZUMEL HERE WE COME!!!!

IMPORTANT DATES

General Meeting	2/12
Board Meeting (Panera Bread/LK Mary directions on page 2)	2/19
General Meeting Photo Contest & Ice Cream Social	2/26

PHOTO CONTEST

FEBRUARY 26

Central Florida Pleasure Divers is going to have a photo contest – open to all members and everyone is encouraged to participate.

DATE:

Contest will be held at the last meeting in February, 2/26/04

CATEGORIES:

Underwater – any lens/lens setting

Underwater – close-up or macro

Underwater – fixed focus camera

Underwater – 1st time entrant (i.e., pictures taken by people who have not previously entered a CFPD photo contest)

Above water, dive related

Play time – pictures of members or their significant other people doing interesting/fun things (this could cover a lot of territory).

RULES (there have to be some):

Prints only, none larger than 5" x 7" (or 5" x panoramic dimension)

All pictures to be submitted un-mounted (we will put on display boards)

Pictures must have been taken since the last CFPD photo contest (which was in November 02)

Maximum of two pictures per person per category

Person submitting the pictures must have taken the picture and must be a CFPD member

Pictures must be delivered to George McGuire **no later than the first meeting in February, 2/12**

JUDGING:

By the members present at the last February meeting.

LAST MONTH'S TRIP

Jupiter Dive Trip, 1/31/04

Saturday, 1/31/04, was not a day that looked good for diving. The air temperature was in the 60's and it was rainy. And yet, beneath the water off Jupiter, conditions were very good. The water temperature was 72, visibility was about 70 feet and there was almost no current.

Our CFPD group (Eric Varty, Darryl Rickett, Janet Fisher, George McGuire, George Landgrabe and another George Landgrabe – grandson of the former) was scheduled to dive with Jupiter Dive Center on the “Republic IV”. The Dive Center overbooked the “Republic IV”, realized their error and made up for it by bringing in the “Blue Tang”, a 12 passenger boat, for our exclusive use. The “Blue Tang” turned out to be a very nice vessel, equipped with two christmas-tree ladders, and, with only half a passenger load, quite comfortable.

The crew told us they had seen lemon sharks and a hammerhead that morning. We were optimistic as we headed out into seas that were running 1 to 2 feet. A little ways off the Jupiter inlet we jumped in and went shark hunting, but we didn't find any. The sharks might have been there Saturday morning but they were not there Saturday afternoon. We saw a massive goliath grouper but it disappeared into a hole in the reef before anyone could take a picture. When we surfaced we found the sea had roughened up. Now the waves were 3 to 4 feet. Climbing back on board the boat we were grateful for those christmas-tree ladders. After waiting the appropriate amount of time we jumped back in for our second dive, this one a drift along the reef. This time we saw the usual collection of sea life but, again, no sharks. Back in Jupiter we treated ourselves to dinner at the Crab House and agreed that it had been a good day, despite the rain.

George McGuire



**NEKTON PILOT
CAY SAL BANK, BAHAMAS
JUNE 5-12, 2004**



Enjoy the luxury and comfort of live-aboard diving. Set up your gear once on Sunday morning for the whole week. Each cabin with private bathroom, full size shower, independent air conditioning control, and picture window. Twelve of the 16 rooms can be configured for two twin beds or one queen. Three delicious meal each day plus snacks. Expect to do 25 to 30 dives. Dive walls, reefs, blue holes, a shark dive, a drift dive, night dives, and maybe even a dawn dive. The boat leaves from Fort Lauderdale late Sat. and returns on the next Sat. morning.

Diving at its best!!!!

Price:

- \$1,879/member diver
- \$1,829/snorkel only
- \$1,729/no diving or snorkeling
- \$1,912/non member
- \$300 deposit due at sign up
- Final payment due March 25, 2004

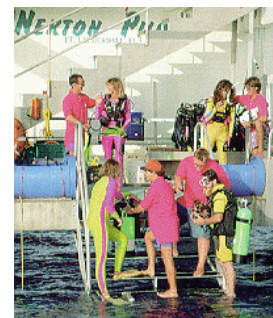
(price includes all taxes, fees, and tip, Nitrox is extra)

Coordinator: Joan Heinman,

carljoan@earthlink.net or joan@spectecinc.com

Assistant: Julie Tyson, julietyson@hotmail.com

THE NEKTON TRIP IS A GO!! WE CAN CONTINUE TO ADD DIVERS UNTIL THE BOAT IS SOLD OUT. DON'T MISS THIS GREAT TRIP!



COZUMEL JULY 5-12, 2004

Well it's that time to plan your summer trip, we are going to Cozumel the perfect dive area with the best dive operation and a fine new resort Magic Sunset Resort formerly Brisas. This will be an all-inclusive trip, air-fare, hotel, 3 meals daily, five days of 2 morning dives, all tips, and unlimited shore diving. Any other dives you choose on the boat will be \$10.00 per dive. All drinks are included and a beach or pool party. On property are 3 pools, sand beach, 3 restaurants, Karaoke Bar, open air Jacuzzi plus 2 saltwater Jacuzzis. Children's activities are available also.



The Magic Sunset Resort is a short 10-minute walk to down town. Scooters and jeeps are available for rent. There are many things to do on the island, diving (of course), Mayan Ruins, a Natural Aquarium, Museum, Light House, and wild life reserve (I don't mean us CFPD members)



All this and much more! I guaranty you will have the best dive vacation ever THE COST IS ONLY \$1,423.00. If you have questions not covered here, please call me. The deposit is \$300.00. All moneys are due in April. Please call. You will need a passport and membership with DAN.

Things not covered are telephone calls, laundry, room service, premium brand beverage, souvenirs, taxis (other than the one you take to and from the airport), car or jeep rental, equipment rental, and other expenses of a personal nature.

Barbara Bourque



CFPD DIVE AND EVENT CALENDAR

TRIP DATES	LOCATION	COORDINATOR/ ASSISTANT	# OF DIVERS	PRICE/ DEP	TRIP OPENS
2004					
Feb. 26	Photo Contest To be judged by the members present at the 2/26/04 meeting	George McGuire	All	Turn in photos by 2/12/04	OPEN
Mar 13	New Smyrna Beach / Sea Dog, 3 Tank Lobstering & Spear fishing Trip	TBA	13	TBA	TBA
Apr 3	Jupiter or West Palm - 2 tank dive on a Sat afternoon - there and back in a day	TBA	12	TBA	TBA
May 15-16	Deerfield Beach Details: TBA	Donna Little	12	TBA	TBA
June 5-12	Nekton Live-aboard Diving on the Cay Sal Bank, Bahamas Expect to do 25 to 30 dives	Joan Heinman Julie Tyson	10+	\$1,879/ \$300 Full Payment by 3/25/04	OPEN
July, 5-12	Cozumel, Mexico – Diving, Sightseeing & Partying in a Tropical Paradise - Stay at Magic Sunset Resort (formerly Brisas)	Barbara Bourque Bart McCullen	23	\$1,423/ \$300 Full Payment By 4/30/04	OPEN
July 24	Jupiter or West Palm - 2 tank dive on a Saturday afternoon - there and back in a day	TBA	12	TBA	TBA
July 28 - 29	Lobster Mini Season – Find a Boat Ride and Catch Your Limit!!	Good Luck			
Aug. 7 - 8	New Smyrna Beach / Sea Dog - 3 tank Day Lobstering & Spear fishing Weekend	TBA	13	TBA	TBA

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2004					
Aug. 14 - 15	Steinhatchee - Scalloping	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sept. 3- 6	Bahamas - long weekend in the Bahamas	TBA	12	TBA	TBA
Sept. 18- 19	NC wreck diving	TBA	12	TBA	TBA
Oct. 2	Jupiter or West Palm - 2 tank dive Sat. afternoon - there and back in a day	TBA	12	TBA	TBA
Oct 16	New Smyrna - Lobster & spear fishing 3 tank dive with "Sea Dog" - Nitrox use recommended	TBA	13	TBA	TBA
Oct. 22- 24	Fantasy Fest	TBA	14	TBA	TBA
Nov. 13	New Smyrna - Lobster & spear fishing 3- tank dive with "Sea Dog" - Nitrox use recommended	TBA	13	TBA	TBA

REMEMBER: YOU WILL BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SPOT ON A TRIP WHEN YOU SIGN UP. THERE WILL BE NO REFUND FOR MONIES PAID FOR DIVE TRIPS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS UNLESS YOU FIND A REPLACEMENT. EVEN IF YOU FIND A REPLACEMENT THERE MAY BE OTHER COST INCURRED FOR TRANSFERRING TICKETS OR RESERVATIONS, ETC. YOU ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE AS WELL. ALL RECOVERABLE MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED SHOULD A PORTION OF A DIVE TRIP BE CANCELLED. IF AN ENTIRE TRIP IS CANCELLED, ALL MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.