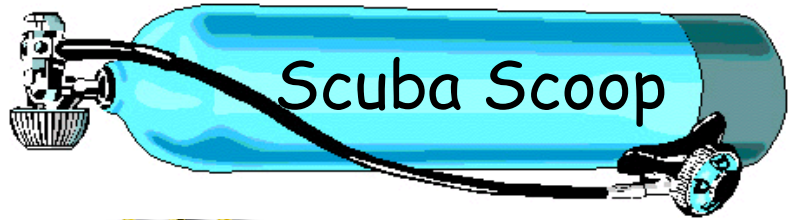


January 2009



HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 8th, 5:00 PM

Sanford Live After 5!
1st Street, Sanford

January 22nd, 2009 7:30pm

General Meeting,

NEW LOCATION!

310 Lakeside
301 E. Pine St.
Orlando, FL 32801

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Happy New Year CFPDivers!

Sorry about the late release of this month's *SCOOP*. Just call me Slowpoke... I'm pretty sure that's what my fellow Bonaire mates are already calling me.

The Bonaire trip was eleven days packed with diving on beautiful reefs and seeing all sorts of colorful and interesting critters, big and small. Between the four of us, we must have taken over a thousand pictures. We'll edit them down to a manageable number and share them at our meeting on January 22nd.

Bonaire Mystery solved: While diving at La Dania's Leap, Lee found a VISA card. After we got home, I did a little poking around on the internet and sent an email to the credit union that issued the card, they got in touch with the owner who then emailed me. Turns out that Tammy P. was diving with a group from Lansdale, PA when she lost her card at La Dania's Leap on June 23, 2005. Lost her driver's license, too. Maybe we'll find it next trip.

The Christmas Party was well attended with 29 members and guests present. A big THANK YOU to Bea Booskos for leading the effort and to Lani Berry and Lee Carpenter for their time and effort! The food was excellent and we were treated to very good service by the staff at 310 Lakeside. Bea's unique games of "pin the various body parts on the Mermaid and Nutcracker" were a big hit. Most of the attendees took home door prizes, the Chinese Gift Exchange was a lot of fun and we all took home something nice. Three lucky winners went away with themed gift baskets in the raffles and the Progressive 50/50 pot rolled over again with the total ending up at \$766. Several of us purchased a "wingspan" but it was Jamie Martin's ticket that was drawn (Wade's wingspan was the trick, I think). No joker for Jamie so she won the consolation prize. One less card in the deck means better odds of picking the Joker next time. Whoever draws that Joker is going to have a very good day.

Thursday, Dec. 11th, five of us met in Sanford for the Alive After Five Street Party. The weather was perfect. The Blues Jam at The Alley afterwards was outstanding! Join us this Thursday, the 8th, in downtown Sanford for Alive After 5! We will have a tent on the street promoting our club and recruiting new members.

IMPORTANT: We are changing our regular meeting location to 310 Lakeside. The consensus seems to be a big "thumbs-up" for this new meeting spot. The location is more central, the food is superior, the setting is more upscale, and they have a full bar!

SEE YOU SOON!

Ron

Ron Fraser
President '08-09
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CHRISTMAS PARTY

2008

If you missed the Christmas party this year, you missed a great time, wonderful food and a beautiful location. We had the party right on Lake Eola at the new 310 Lakeside restaurant and they had the best lake view and buffet ever! Some people thought the grilled salmon was the best they had ever had. As you can see by the pictures, Bea planned a very funny Pin the Bow on the Mermaid/Toy Soldier Game, we raffled off some beautiful gift baskets, handed out several door prizes, played 50/50 and had a very funny Chinese Gift Exchange. It was wonderful to see everyone and share a small part of the holidays with our CFPD scuba buddies.



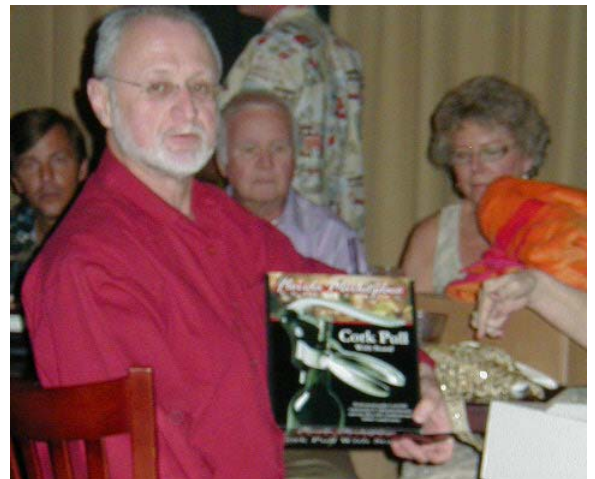
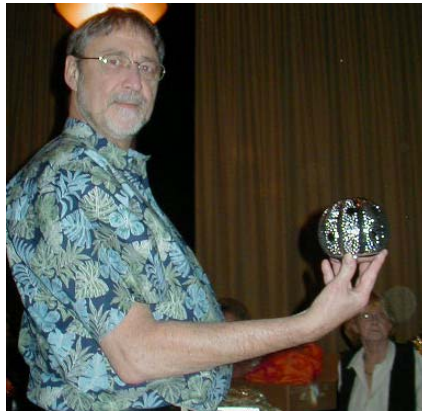


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CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Alive After Five!

Sanford

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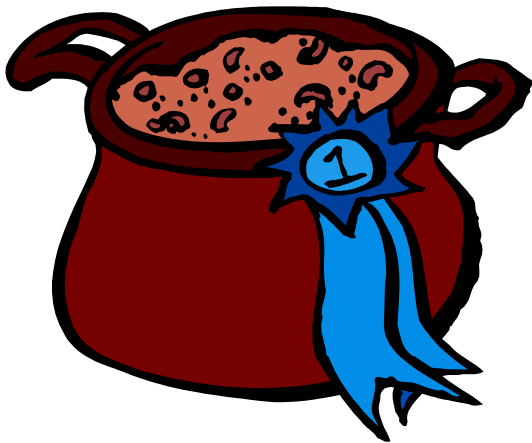
January 8th. 4:00 PM

We are having a booth to try and get new members. Come help with the booth or just come and have a great time.

Sanford is having a **Chili Cook-off** and it is only \$5. to get in and join the fun.

If you want to help with the **Rum Punch Booth**, show up at 4:00 PM on 1st Street in Sanford and find us. Call Bea Booskos or Ron Fraser for info.

If you just want to come and join the fun, it starts at 5:00 PM and goes until 7:00 PM and then a group usually goes to one of the local bars to listen to music.



The Real Bonaire Story



Only four of us made the Bonaire trip this year, but we had a wonderful time. Lani Berry, Lee Carpenter, Ron Fraser, and Marshall Scribner stayed at the Plaza Resort and shared a two bedroom condo and a pickup truck. The truck is almost required for beach diving because of the convenience of throwing the tanks and gear in the back and driving over some questionable roads if need be. The Plaza is a large resort with a large pool, a big beach, four restaurants and a Tikki Bar. The best



part of all was that they have the best dive operation on the island, Toucan Scuba.

The condo is large with two huge bathrooms and a full kitchen. Ours overlooked the marina through the back patio.

We dove two tank morning boat dives a day and tried to do at least one beach dive every afternoon. With Toucan, the dive master dives with you and shows you all the cool little stuff like sea horses and frog fish, that you would normally miss diving on your own. They



have large boats and they never seemed over crowded. There is a locker room right next to the boat dock. You have your own key for your locker and the room is padlocked at night. The dive master always asked us where we wanted to dive and usually, that was where we went. Such a contrast from last year with Scuba Friends.





We met some really nice people on our boat from Texas that we ran into when we were shopping downtown and out to dinner. The island is that small.

This year, we ventured out to the dive sites on the North side of the island to do the majority of our beach dives. Most of them required some walking on washed up broken coral to reach the water and then a step down about a foot to get into the water. After that, it was a short swim to the reef. The water was almost flat. The beach diving was just awesome! The reef was so beautiful and we saw so many different kinds of fish and eels. It was not unusual for us to find four different kinds of eels on one dive and several of each. Usually, when we were swim-

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back to the beach, we would find a lot of eels hiding in the small coral heads in the sand. Some times we would find more than one eel per coral head and one time it was a chain moray and a golden tail sharing the same very small coral head. Every beach dive was a new adventure for us and we all enjoyed not having to worry about finding the boat or having the rest of the boat wait for us. Beach diving in Bonaire is total freedom diving. We also did a few beach dives from the beach at the Plaza and both night dives.

They keep the tanks right there on the beach and have a nice set up table, rinse tank and shower.



Our first night dive was so exciting. We found a couple of squid, an eel, a crab and two octopi as well as all the pretty coral polyps that come out at night. The next night dive wasn't as exciting. Marshall found a lobster, but I missed it and I found a squid, but I lost it before I could show anyone, my light went out and I forgot to bring a spare, but I did get to see a big snapper wolf down a cardinal fish. That was kind of sad. We had hoped to have one of the tarpon night dive with us. They are notorious for following the night divers

and eating whatever you shine your light on. The tarpon didn't show. They must of found other night divers to follow.

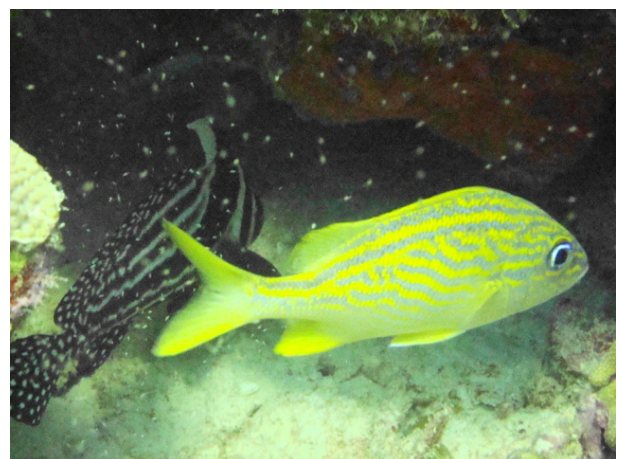
We found some new restaurants we all loved with fantastic views of the water and we found some restaurants that we will not go back to. One was probably okay, but they add curry to their food, hamburgers and fish included. We didn't expect it and would prefer to only have curry when we order it. Marshall was very adventures and tried local Dutch snacks. The first one was Bitterballen. They were quite good and unusual. Looked like small fried meatballs, but when you bite into them, there is a brown gravy on the inside. We also ordered a Dutch snack platter while sitting at the wind surf hut. It had Bitterballen again, chicken wings and some small egg rolls that



were quite tasty. In town, there is a Whataburger that serves hamburgers and Dutch snack food. Next trip, I am going there for lunch one day and trying a few things I can't pronounce.

Lee had his new camera with the underwater housing, so we were able to take some underwater pictures. This was our first time, so we had trouble getting the fish to pose for us, but I think we got some pretty good shots for beginners.

If you haven't been able to go to Bonaire yet, put it on your bucket list. It is absolutely the best and easiest diving in the Caribbean and the best beach diving. You don't even have to do any boat dives at all to have a wonderful dive trip. The hotels and restaurants are quite reasonable, so your major cost is the airfare.



CFPD DIVE AND EVENT CALENDAR 2008

Date	Event	Coordinator/Assistant	Participants	Price	Event Opens
Jan 8, 4:00 PM	Booth at Sanford Alive After 5	Bea Booskos	All	Free To help	Now
Jan 22 7:30pm	General Meeting 301 E. Pine Street	Ron Fraser RRReliv@aol.com	ALL	N/A	Open
Feb 26 7:30pm	General Meeting 301 E. Pine Street	Ron Fraser	ALL	N/A	Open
March 12 7:30pm	General Meeting 301 E. Pine Street	Ron Fraser	ALL	N/A	Open
April 9 7:30pm	General Meeting 301 E. Pine Street	Ron Fraser	ALL	N/A	Open

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.

Got Any Ideas? Want to run one of these trips? The Dive Committee wants to hear from you.

If anyone is interested in running a trip, please talk with Lee. The above schedule is definitely tentative until proposals are made and approved.



Check the marine forecast at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov.om/marine/zone/south/mflmz.htm>

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Buy, Sell & Trade Your Scuba Gear

FS: For Sale WTB: Wanted to buy

ISO: In Search of

Scubapro Women's 7mm two-piece suit.

Model WaterColor II. Size 10-12 (Europe 44) Gently used!!! Has always been stored on a hanger in airconditioned rooms. Has never seen salt water (fresh water dives only)! Has never been peed in!!!!!!!!!!!!!! No rips, cuts or anything like that. All seams and zippers are perfect! Great to wear without the 7mm vest too. Or wear the vest over your 3mm for some added warmth. \$170 neg.

Call Elke at email ebscuba@cfl.rr.com



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Two men's BCs, (slightly used), one complete regulator set, and one used computer, all in working condition.

Call Lani,
(looking for a friend)

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR