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## APRIL NOTES - Mask Leakage ??? - Jim Magnuson

As many of you know, I have been diving for a few years now. I thought I knew all of the causes for mask leakage, exhaling through your nose, hair under the skirt, crack in the plastic, mask that doesn't fit, but I found a new way, at least to me, for it to leak.

I had no problems with it diving at Lake Hawkins, Polar Bear dive or at Lake Murray. The first time I had the issue was on our trip last year to the Philippines. Slow rising level despite all of the tricks, readjusted the mask, tightened the strap, put silicone around the skirt, but still I had to clear my mask 10-20 times during the dive. So I bought a new mask while there, paid the 'resort' price checked it carefully for fit and all seemed good, but alas it still leaked like a 2 year old bingeing on Kool-Aid. The next time this happened was in Spring Lake trying to look at all the cool fish. It seems like I spent half of my dive and air, clearing the new mask.

So I went and spent some time in the pool

and I finally figured out what it was. Some of those reading this may suffer this same malady or will in the future, so if you want to know the cause, come to the April 3rd Meeting and find out.

P.S. All of the clues to deduce the cause are in this article.

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By the way the way you may notice the newsletter is a little shorter again. This time it's because we didn't do an actual dive so we don't have a tale to regale, and no dive photos.

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Linda and I went to the Market Hall Travel / Adventure Show today (3/31) and found there were a lot of dive destinations exhibiting, they even had a discovery SCUBA pool! I know this is too late to help much, but maybe next year we can make a club outing out of it.

## Movie and a Dinner



As mentioned, this month instead of an outing we moved the Friday Dinner to a Saturday and appended it onto a movie.

The cool kids, went to see the Underwater 3d movie Oceans 3D at the Perot Museum. Awesome videography, I felt the urge to clear my mask and adjust buoyancy, but it was a bit short and understandably aimed a bit more for the Perot target of school age kids. Speaking of kids, I don't recommend doing this again on Spring Break. (OMG)

Afterwards we went to Meso Maya restaurant next block over and had a fantastic meal. Definitely 5 tanks recommendation if you are in down town and looking for some Mexican chow.

Jim Magnuson