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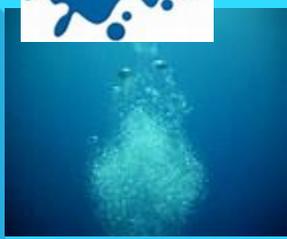
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## MARCH NOTES

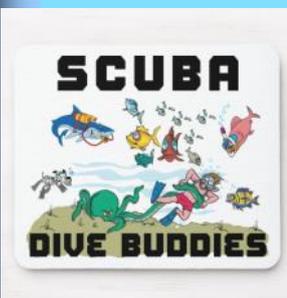
### Not a Caribbean Dive— Part 1

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These could be your bubbles.  
Come join us.



So here I am, under a foot and a half of ice, watching my exhaust bubbles skittering around above on the chilled skylight, like some upside down mercury spilled on the kitchen floor. Not cold, but actually pretty cool! This was something I have wanted to do ever since I saw John Richerson's pictures and descriptions of Ice diving years ago.

So how did I get here? Those of us that went to the "Polar Bear" dive New Years day may recall that our club got supplanted as the "Most Represented Organization" by International SCUBA's large turnout. This made me want to check out this shop to see what they were doing so right to garner enthusiastic participation. Low and behold on their counter, calling to me, was a brochure on an annual activity they co-sponsor called: "Ice Hole Festival" Feb 6-9 and it included an Ice Diving Certification class. Fast forward two weeks and, I'm under the Ice in Wall Lake, South Dakota getting to experience one of the more surreal experiences of my life. While this is definitely a challenging environment, the organization and support made this a very do-able endeavor thanks to the planning and prep by International SCUBA and many others.

There are many things to have in preparation; you need to be skilled with a dry suit, should have a cold water "environmentally" sealed regulator and proper Arctic outdoor wear. The classroom portion, maybe 2 hours, is mostly about how to do this safely, line signals, etc. and the process we would follow to get in the three dives required for the certification.

The short version is, suit up in a warm shelter. At the ice hole, they put your fins on, connect you by line to a tender, to another line to your dive buddy, sit you

down with your feet dangling in the water. You slide in and only after you dip your head under water do you take a breath from your regulator. It's weird not testing the regulator first, but testing it in sub freezing air is a quick way to get it to ice up and free flow.

We had 9 divers from the Dallas area, 15 students total I was able to dive with Richard Zhang who some of you may know from the Polar Bear dives at SCUBA Ranch. Linda came along for moral support and after seeing how it went, may consider this next year, gear upgrade notwithstanding.

I'm sure we will talk about this whole thing at one of our meetings and I will serialize this in the newsletter a bit, but let me close by saying that my biggest revelation about this sport is how much of a team activity it is. For the two students in the water we had 5 people in support; A student tender, and instructor tender, 2 standby emergency divers and the instructor. Everyone pitches in, whether it is breaking the hole open in the morning, assisting divers get in or out of their gear or putting snow on slick spots to avoid slip falls. Overall a great experience and I wish I could have made a few more dives, maybe next year.

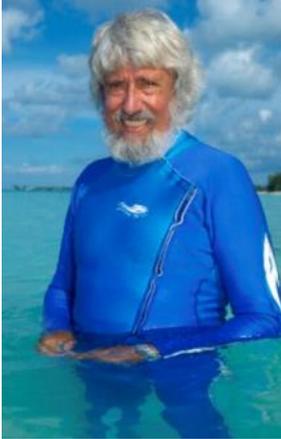
The event was covered by the Sioux Falls local news.

<https://www.ksfy.com/content/news/Ice-hole-driving-wall-lake-567736251.html?jwsourc=em>

Jim Magnuson

# FAMOUS SCUBA DIVERS

***Do you know how these famous scuba divers made a difference?***

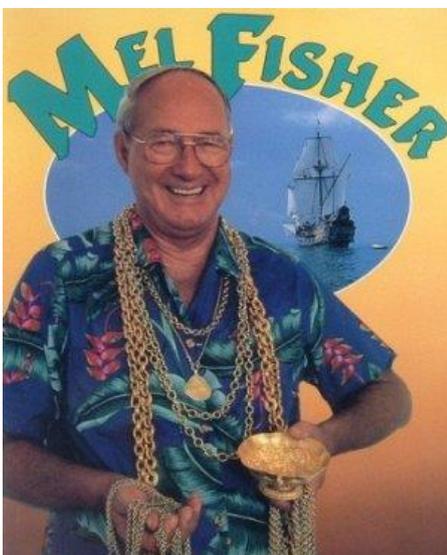
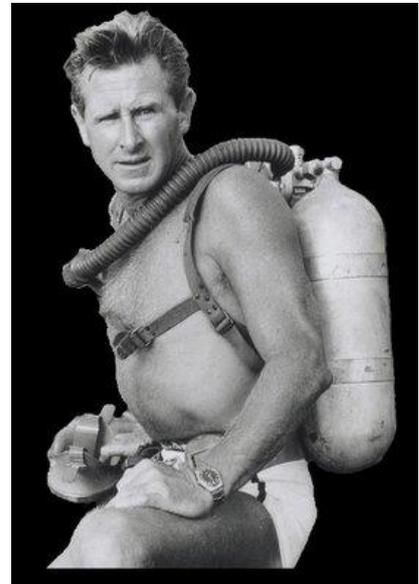


We'll start with **Jean-Michel Cousteau** (1938 - ), the son of Jacques Cousteau. He is listed as the **first certified diver in the world**.

It is famously reported that his first dive was when he was 7. He was thrown overboard by his father with his father's newly invented aqualung strapped to his back. Today he is probably the most recognized environmentalist in the world. He is president of the Ocean Futures Society (a nonprofit marine education and conservation organization) and an influential filmmaker.

Let's go to Hollywood for some famous scuba divers. **Lloyd Bridges** (1913-1998). For the younger set, he is the father of actors Jeff and Beau Bridges. He introduced scuba diving to millions of people with his **TV series "Sea Hunt"** which aired from 1957 to 1961. In this series he played a Navy frogman turned undersea investigator.

Many recreational divers entered the sport because of this series. Bridges was also NAUT's first honorary



Famous scuba divers also include **Mel Fisher** (1922-1998), better known as the **World's Greatest Treasure Hunter**. He found the Spanish galleon, **Nuestra Senora de Atocha** and Santa Margarita on July 20, 1985. These ships sank over 350 years ago and contained over \$450 MM in silver, gold and other artifacts. He is credited with opening the states first dive shop around 1950. He spent his life in various aspects of the dive industry (teaching, filming, treasure hunting).

## **Restaurant of the Month—March & April** **O'Shea's Irish Pub In March and Catfish Sam's in April**

### ***March 13 - 7 pm — O'Shea's Irish Pub***

310 Grapevine Highway, Hurst 76054 (817) 577-4006

This is definitely a pub/bar but with food. They can accommodate our group with a reservation. They have live music which begins at 9:30pm. The band for March 13 is "Live 80." They play music from the 1980s. Warning: SMOKING in pub.

*osheasirishpubtx.com*

*Food:* pizza, burgers, salads, wraps, sandwiches

*Alcohol:* craft beers, cider beers, stout beers, premium and domestic beers, wine and cocktail.



### ***April 10 – 7 pm Catfish Sam's***

2735 W Division St, Arlington, TX 76012, (817) 275-9631

The club had meetings here long ago. This is an Arlington fixture and their specialty is fried catfish but they also serve some alternatives to fish/seafood. They can accommodate our group with a reservation. They do have a bar.

*catfishsams.com*

*Food:* appetizers, catfish dinners, seafood dinners, burgers, and chicken sandwiches, (Fried catfish, shrimp and other non-seafood entrees.)

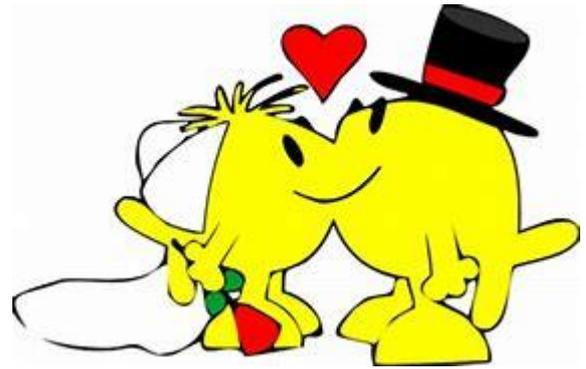
*Alcohol:* beer, wine, and cocktails



***If you have any questions about the March or April ROM, please contact Ellen Fourton at 817-307-8527 or ellenfourton@yahoo.com.***



**Happy Wedding Anniversary!**



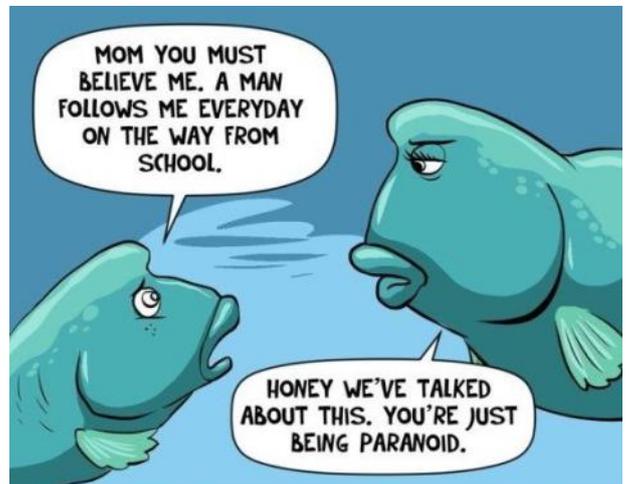
**Dawn Shackelford  
Penny Johnson  
Debbie Leyde**

**March 13  
March 23  
March 28**

**Angie and Mark Smith**

**March 17**

**SCOOP DIVE HUMOR**



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