



DIVING REBELS SCUBA SCOOP

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Got My Eyes On You!!



These could be your bubbles. Come join us.



FEBRUARY & MARCH NOTES

2021 San Marcos River Clean Up Outing

This year's outing was attended by 11 divers from both the Rebels and Scubadillios. It was a great warm 77-degree sunny winter day with water temperature between 72-69 degrees. Due to the pandemic, parking was limited from the closed lots for reduced capacity at Rio Vista Park. Our normal river entry point was not available. We made do using the reck center's kayak entry point and made our way down the river. This year, much like the past couple of years, the river was surprisingly clean. Although, some of the parks netting to prevent soil erosion did make its way into the river where a sun fish managed to get in tangled, but Robyn was able to rescue the fish during the dive. The winner for most trash collected was Dale and second place was Mark. First place for most unusual trash found also went to Dale with his Halloween witch finger and second place went to Robyn with her duck egg. Afterwards a group of divers spending the evening in San Marcos made their way to the Root Cellar Cafe for dinner that evening.

Robyn Doege



Citizen Scientist: Put your diving skills to use for science.

About this time last year, I did a short presentation on a Florida coral rescue project I had started a few months earlier back in late 2019. This reminded many phone calls I get for help and volunteering in projects which leads me to citizen scientists. What is a citizen scientist? It is a person of the general public who helps collect data relating to the natural world, typically as part of a collaborative project with a professional scientist. You, as divers, have special skills that not everyone can perform.

The oceans are large and performing research in many areas is like trying to find a few needles in millions of haystacks with a limited amount of time per dive for one individual. Why not use your diving skills to help scientist and conservation programs? Most people who dive, starting diving because they had an interest in what lies below the water. Why not help what you love. You can use your diving skills in many ways: you may be great at underwater photography, fish/coral identification, have great buoyancy, great at working underwater with tools, have a knack for detailed notes, etc. All these things can help scientists and conservationist with many projects.

Citizen science programs can be as simple as Apps downloaded to your phone that you enter GPS coordinates of your location with your identification of numbers of species seen, sick corals or a damaged reef, endangered species sightings, evasive species sightings (Zebra mussels), fossils locations in rivers, and many more. It can also be more hands on, like plating nubbins “baby corals” on a reef restoration project. A lot of programs are free to join, especially if it is an app driven project, but some do requiring some training which incur a fee. An example of a typically fee incurring project is reef restoration. Planting corals does typically require a financial donation since you are being trained out to attach coral with epoxy to reefs.

Whether this is something you are interested in or maybe this just gives you something to think about, I hope that some club members may consider a simple citizen science project on their next dive outing.

Robyn Doege

Examples of Apps and Volunteering opportunities

iNaturalist App

iSeahorse App

The Jellyfish App

SharkPulse App

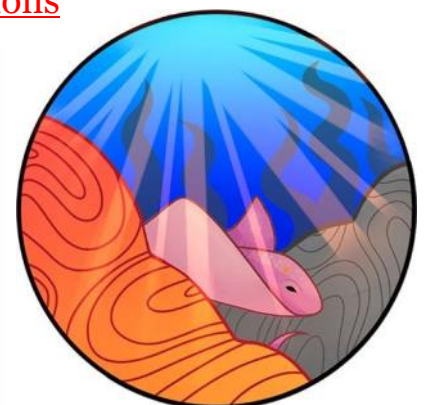
Clam Counter App (freshwater mussel species tracking)

Florida Coral Crew

<https://myfwc.com/conservation/coral/>

Coral restoration Foundation

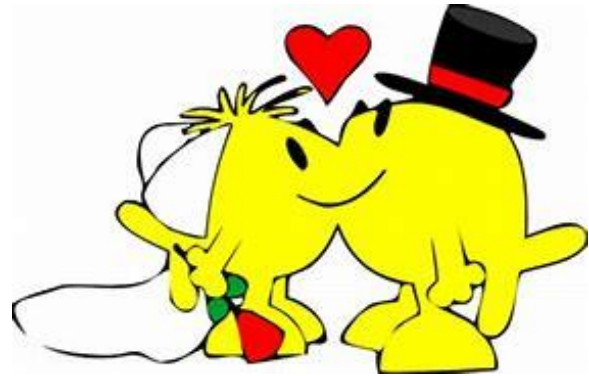
<https://www.coralrestoration.org/citizen-science-collaborations>





Happy Wedding Anniversary!

Robyn Doege **February 26**
Dawn Shackelford **March 13**
Penny Johnson **March 23**



Kelly and Danny Barentine **February 22**

NONE For March

LATEST OCEAN NEWS & ARTICLES

This website, **Daily Dive**, is a world wide scuba diving community with the latest news and articles, promotions and media. One can share not only dive experience and videos but discover dive sites and dive centers as well as learning about sea life. There is information about liveboard, dives, dive sites and dive centers. You can also:

- Promote you photos and videos
- Follow photographers and species
- Create or edit dive site info
- Write dive news and articles
- Create your public page profile
- Contact divers and dive centers



<https://www.dailydive.com>

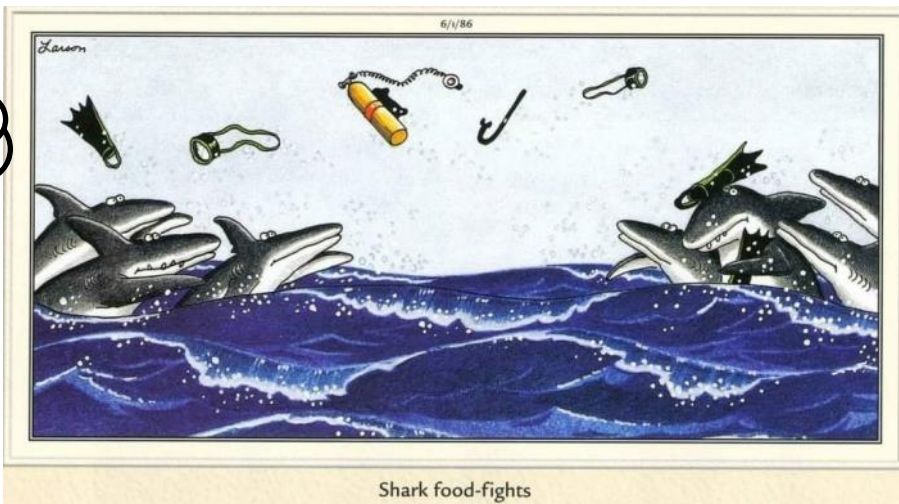


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SCOOP DIVE HUMOR



Shark food-fights

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Why don't skeletons tech dive?

They don't have the guts.

Why don't sharks eat clowns?

Because they taste funny!



How do you get an octopus to laugh?

Ten tickles.