



# DOWN UNDER DIVE CLUB

## FEBRUARY 2006

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### **FEBRUARY'S DUDC MONTHLY MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH @ 7:30 P.M.**

Our speaker for this month is Terry Gibson, Terry Gibson is a third-generation Floridian who grew up a surfer, angler and hunter in West Palm Beach. He attended Cardinal Newman High School, and the University of the South, Sewanee, where he majored in English and Spanish. After graduating, he taught high school English at Glades Day School, in Belle Glade, Florida, for three years. During that time, he began writing for *Surfer Magazine*, and went on to become the magazine's East Coast and Environmental Editor.

Terry's environmental stories caught the attention of the editors of *Florida Sportsman*, also surfers, and they quickly made him a field editor. Within two years, he was on the masthead of almost every *surfing magazine in the world*, and contributing to *Outdoor Life* and *Saltwater Fly Fishing* magazines. In 2003, Terry was named Editor of *Saltwater Fly Fishing*, where he stayed until a full-time opening at *Florida Sportsman* gave him the opportunity to move back to South Florida. He still contributes frequently to *Surfer* and other surfing publications, and is currently the Managing Editor of *Florida Sportsman's* sister publication, *Shallow Water Angler*, and an assistant editor of *Florida Sportsman*. Terry has covered coastal management issues in thirteen states, Puerto Rico, and in more than 20 countries. His presentation will explain the environmental/recreational impacts of so-called "beach nourishment," the politics behind this form of erosion control, and the sustainable alternatives. He will be a certified diver by the end of the summer.

### **FEBRUARY IS BOARD NOMINATIONS MONTH!!!**

The annual nominations for the Down Under Dive Club officers will take place at our February meeting. Nominations are accepted at the February meeting and the elections are held at the March meetings. The positions don't require a lot of time, money or experience, but do require some enthusiasm! Besides receiving free membership to the club, board members tend to be more active divers and meet more members (READ: more dive buddies)

The positions open for nominations are:

- President
- Vice President
- Membership Officer
- Safety Officer
- Dive Coordinator
- Secretary

The DUDC is one of the most active dive clubs in the area, but we need the support of our members to grow and improve as an organization. Come to the February meeting and nominate the people YOU want to see leading your dive club into the future. Together we can see that the Down Under Dive Club continues to be a dive club for all of us to be proud of.

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#### **Dive Quiz**

If your BC power inflation valve sticks when you add air to your BC while underwater, you should:

- Quickly grab something on the bottom to hold yourself down while you sole the problem.
- Swim downward while trying to solve the problem
- Vent your BC continuously while trying to sole the problem.
- Vent your BC while disconnecting the low pressure hose. *Answer on page 5*

#### **Board of Directors**

<b>President &amp; DUDC Newsletter Editor:</b>	Debi Buck
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Kelly Uhland
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ed Given
<b>Secretary:</b>	Laurel LeFavor
<b>Membership:</b>	Marty Munnich
<b>Safety Officer:</b>	Al Audet
<b>Dive Coordinator:</b>	Michael Wheat
<b>Members At Large:</b>	
<b>Webmaster:</b>	Shannon Anderson
<b>Concession Master:</b>	Tom Butler



# DUDC Event & Activity

Event		Time	Member's Cost		Coordinator Phone # / E-mail
			Tier 1	Tier 2	
DUDC Club Meeting Indian River Lagoon House		Wednesday, 2/8/2005 @ 7:30 p.m	Free		Martin 253-4713 <a href="mailto:info@downunderdiveclub.com">info@downunderdiveclub.com</a>
DUDC Board Meeting Melbourne Library		Tuesday, 2/28/2006 @ 7 p.m.	Free		
West Palm Beach Dive Pura Vida Divers	Average depths 60-85 ft	Saturday, 3/4/2006 @ 8a.m.	\$45.50 + tanks (\$5 air /\$10 nitrox)		Debi (321)728-7243 <a href="mailto:Dbuck@downunderdiveclub.com">Dbuck@downunderdiveclub.com</a>
DUDC Club Meeting Indian River Lagoon House		Wednesday, 3/8/2005 @ 7:30 p.m	Free		Martin 253-4713 <a href="mailto:info@downunderdiveclub.com">info@downunderdiveclub.com</a>
Jupiter Dive Jupiter Dive Center	Average depths 70-90 ft	Saturday, 3/18/2006 @ 9am	TBD		Michael 727-1028 <a href="mailto:Mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com">Mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com</a>
West Palm Beach Dive Pura Vida Divers	Average depths 60-85 ft	Saturday, 4/8/2006 @ 8a.m.	\$45.50 + tanks (\$5 air /\$10 nitrox)		Debi (321)728-7243 <a href="mailto:Dbuck@downunderdiveclub.com">Dbuck@downunderdiveclub.com</a>
Jupiter Dive Jupiter Dive Center	Average depths 70-90 ft	Saturday, 4/22/2006 @ 9am	TBD		Michael 727-1028 <a href="mailto:Mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com">Mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com</a>

**Cancellation Policy for Club Sponsored Dives:** Deposits will be refunded with **2 weeks notice** of the scheduled event or with a paid replacement divers. Refunds of money paid after the 2 week cancellation period is subject to **board approval**. All requests for refunds after this period **MUST** be made in writing. Money and deposits are refunded when dives are cancelled by the Charter or DUDC.

**ALL DIVES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE DIVE.**  
(This calendar is tentative and subject to change.)

You can pay for your Club dives, membership fees and merchandise with your credit card. For more details, talk to the dive coordinator or call Ed Given at 255-5587.



**ONLY ONE SLOT LEFT!!!!**

## **BONAIRE 2006 DOWN UNDER DIVE CLUB GETAWAY June 24 – July 1**



**Come join the Down Under Dive Club for our annual club getaway.** This year we are headed to Bonaire, which has been voted the #1 shore dive destination in the world the last 12 years running and was voted the #4 overall dive destination this year. On average, Bonaire's visibility exceeds 100 feet and the average water temperature is 80 degrees. The reefs begin close to the shore, usually a short 30 foot swim or less, making Bonaire world renowned for its ease of shore diving. Extremely calm seas making getting in and out of the ocean very easy. Bonaire's waters offer something special for every diver. Novice divers will appreciate the calm waters, reefs that run parallel to shore, and minimal currents. An abundance of marine life living along the shallow drop-off area of the reef slope allows for maximum bottom time, while giving new divers an opportunity to develop a level of comfort and confidence in their newly learned skills while allowing the advanced diver to continue to explore even wider ranges of opportunities (i.e., deeper sites, wrecks, etc).

We will be staying at Buddy Dive Resort, known for their very nice and casual atmosphere, personable staff, spacious accommodations and a dive operation that has it all:

comfortable boats, complete rental and retail center, exceptional staff, and a unique "Drive Thru" with a two-lane air/nitrox fill station. We have reserved several two bedroom apartments. Each condo is assigned a truck rental so we can take advantage of the 60 dive sites; accessible from the shore line of Bonaire, or tour the island.



### **WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

- **8 day/7 nights** accommodations
- **UNLIMITED** shore diving
- 7 day Truck Rental (*1 per apartment*)
- 6 boat dives
- Full breakfast everyone morning

### **EXTRA's for DUDC:**

- **FREE** Upgrade to **Nitrox** (\$99 value)
- **FREE** Upgrade to **UNLIMITED** Boat Trips
- **50% discount** at resort restaurants (max \$75)

### **AIRFARE:**

- **Roundtrip** air from Miami to Bonaire is **available** for **\*\$500**. Price is subject to change due to airline taxes and fuel surcharges.

**Cost:  
\$799.<sup>00</sup>**

**For more information or to sign up, contact Michael Wheat at [mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com](mailto:mwheat@downunderdiveclub.com).**

## ***WHICH REGULATOR TO DONATE?***

In an out of air situation, which regulator would you donate? During Open Water training, most divers are taught to donate the alternate air source (aka the octopus). Donating the primary regulator is rarely taught. Well, if you share air with me, you'll probably get my primary which is an extremely easy breathing top of the line regulator. Why would I want to donate the better of the two regulators?

During an out of air situation, what is really going to happen? The diver who violated the second rule of diving ("never run out of air") is probably going to take the first regulator he/she sees. That regulator is probably not the yellow one in the lower right corner of the donor's BC. It will be the one in the donor's mouth! Also, the diver who ran out of air is either on the verge of panicking or in a full blown panic. The donor is more than likely in control. So, which regulator should you donate? Your primary!

You'll see me in one of two configurations. I'll either have my primary and my Air II, or you'll see me with a 7 foot hose on my primary, and my alternate air source on a necklace around my neck. So either way, you're getting my easy breathing primary.

Learning to donate your primary regulator has its advantages. Like I said earlier, in an out of air situation, you'll probably lose your primary. The out of air diver is panicking, so you're in a better state of mind to grab your alternate. More and more divers are diving with an Air II or something similar. Finally, when you advance to technical diving, you'll already be familiar with donating your primary regulator.

*A. Audet*

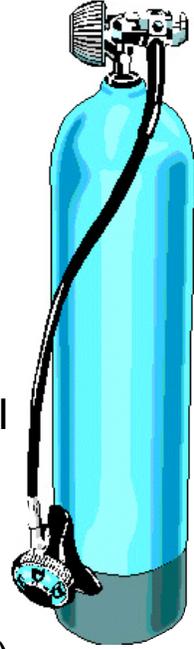


## ***IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!***

Time to renew your DUDC Membership. Membership runs from March 1st to the last day of February. If you haven't joined within the last three months, you need to renew your membership. Please take the time to fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and either mail it in or bring it to the next meeting.

# Congratulations!!!!

## New Certifications)



- Congratulations to **Bob Carmichael** who is now a PADI Pro! Bob is now officially a DiveMaster.
- Al Audet** - ScubaPro Repair Technican
- David Slonim** - DAN O2
- Rochelle Hood** - DAN O2
- Al Audet** - SSI Dive Control Specialist Instructor (DCSI)

*Have a recent certification?? Let us know by sending an e-mail to [dbuck@downunderdiveclub.com](mailto:dbuck@downunderdiveclub.com) and I'll put it in the newsletter.*

### Answer to Dive Quiz:

**Answer: d, Vent your BC while disconnecting the low pressure hose.**

BC inflator/deflator valves are designed so they deflate at a faster rate than they inflate. If the valve sticks, disconnect the hose and leave it disconnected until you have the valve repaired. Control your buoyancy by orally inflating your BC. You should be able to do this skill underwater and at the surface. If it has been a long time since you have practiced oral inflation of your BC, practice the skill on your next dive.

**Down Under Dive Club**  
**IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME AGAIN!**

Attention all Members! Unless you joined the club within the last three months (or you receive a complimentary copy of the newsletter - "C" above your name on the mailing label), then your membership is due to expire at the end of February. Please complete the following form, detach it, and include a check made out to Down Under Dive Club at:

**Down Under Dive Club**  
**PO Box 360105**  
**Melbourne, Florida 32936-0105**

Dues can also be paid at the next club meeting! If you have any questions, please call the Membership Director, Marty Munnich at 253-4713.

**DUDC Membership Renewal Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members Name(s) (If renewing a family membership): \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type (Check One): SINGLE \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Certification Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone/Pager/Fax (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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