



The Goby

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President's Message

SDUPS Members

2019 is coming to a close and I just wanted to thank the board members and the club members for such an awesome year!

Our end of the year awards and holiday party is this Saturday, December 7th! I hope to see you all there! For those of you that earned raffle tickets for the big year end raffle, you can pick up your tickets at the holiday party! If you haven't RSVP'd yet with Dick Miller, please email him ASAP. Thanks again to **Dick & Lois Miller** for hosting!

It's been a great year and I'm so honored to have been your President. I'm happy to announce that **Mike Poirier** will be taking over again as President for 2020 and I am looking forward to another year of spending time with all of you and our mutual passion for photographing the underwater world!

Wishing the best holiday season to you and your loved ones! See you Saturday!

Jami Leslie Feldman - President



SDUPS General Meeting November 21st

Was it because of Club Officer nominations or because it gets dark so early that attendance for the November meeting was lower than normal? Anyone who didn't make it missed a great meeting.

President **Jami** got the meeting underway with a few images for the "Show & Tell". **Jackie Patay** presented photos of a baby eel and a baby shark found off La Jolla Shores. **Walter Heim** and his daughter **Jessica** did some crab fishing up north around Santa Cruz. He also had a shot of a Pelagic Ray and a Mako Shark in the same frame.

Guest speaker Beth talked about the **Walter Munk** Foundations for the Oceans. In particular Beth spoke about the new map at La Jolla Shores that's being put



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Editor's Note

The Goby is being sent out early because of the Holiday/Awards Party on December 7th. See page 4.

In the January Goby, the new competition categories will be announced. January is "The Best of 2019." Also the rules for entering an image or video will be presented.

The voting is in for the new officers for 2020. See page 5 for a list of the names and positions. As President elect it is my hope that we can get some of the newer younger members involved. We invite you to the Board Meetings, and think about competing in the monthly competitions, or giving a presentation at a meeting. It's the membership that makes for interesting meetings. Board members are here to guide and be helpful. Just call on one of us.

Let's make 2020 a fun and interesting year for SDUPS.



CALENDAR

Special Date: December 7th - SDUPS Holiday/Awards Party - See Page 4

****NOTE ****— NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER

December 25— Merry Christmas

January 1st - Happy New Year 2020

January 23rd Competition - Best of 2019



Refreshments for the
January Meeting - **James Logan**

November Competition

Mike Poirier - 1st Place Advanced



Rick Kern - 1st Place Amateur



Nan Oselett - 2nd Place Amateur

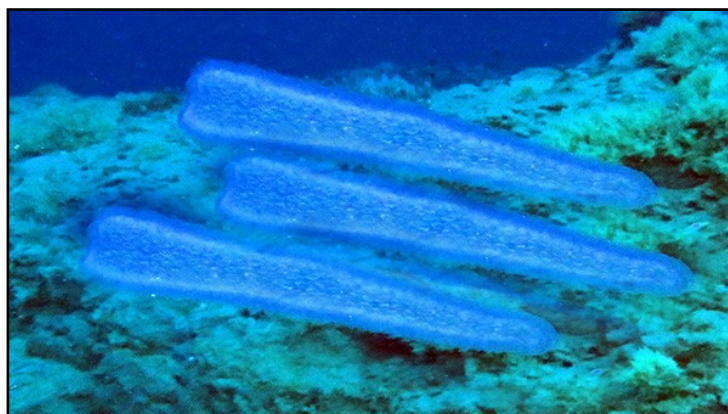


- "Photo Shopped"-

Bob Yin - 2nd Place Advanced



Herb Gruenhagen - 3rd Place Advanced



Robert Casagrande - 2nd Place Amateur



November Competition

- "Photo Shopped"-

Erin Chandler - 2nd Place Amateur



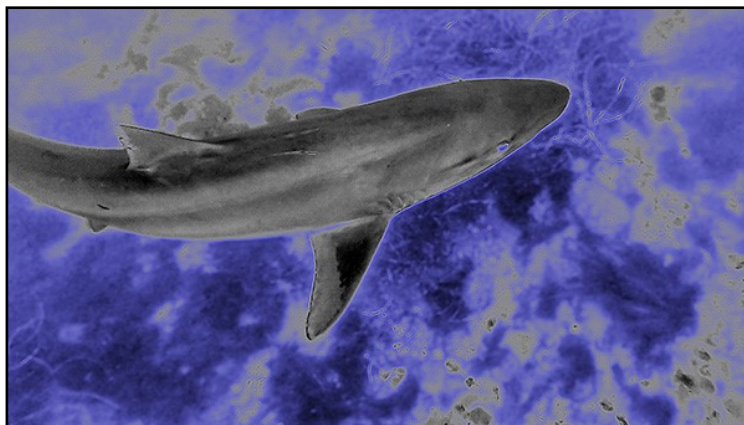
Harold Dorr - 3rd Place Amateur



Anna Madsen - 1st Place Novice



Amy Baldwin Granger - 2nd Place Novice



November Video Competition

1st Place - **Bob Yin**

2nd Place - **Cindy Lipthay**

3rd Place - **Dick Miller**

Stats for the November Competition "Photo Shopped"

Still Entries:

Novice = 3

Amateur = 5

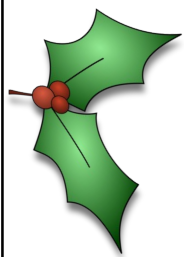
Advanced = 3

Videos = 4



Charles Hobson- 3rd Place Novice

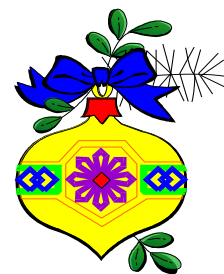




December 7th - SDUPS Holiday Party & Awards

5:30 pm - Dinner at 6:00
Dick & Lois Miller's Home

- Good Food - Good People -
Be sure to come

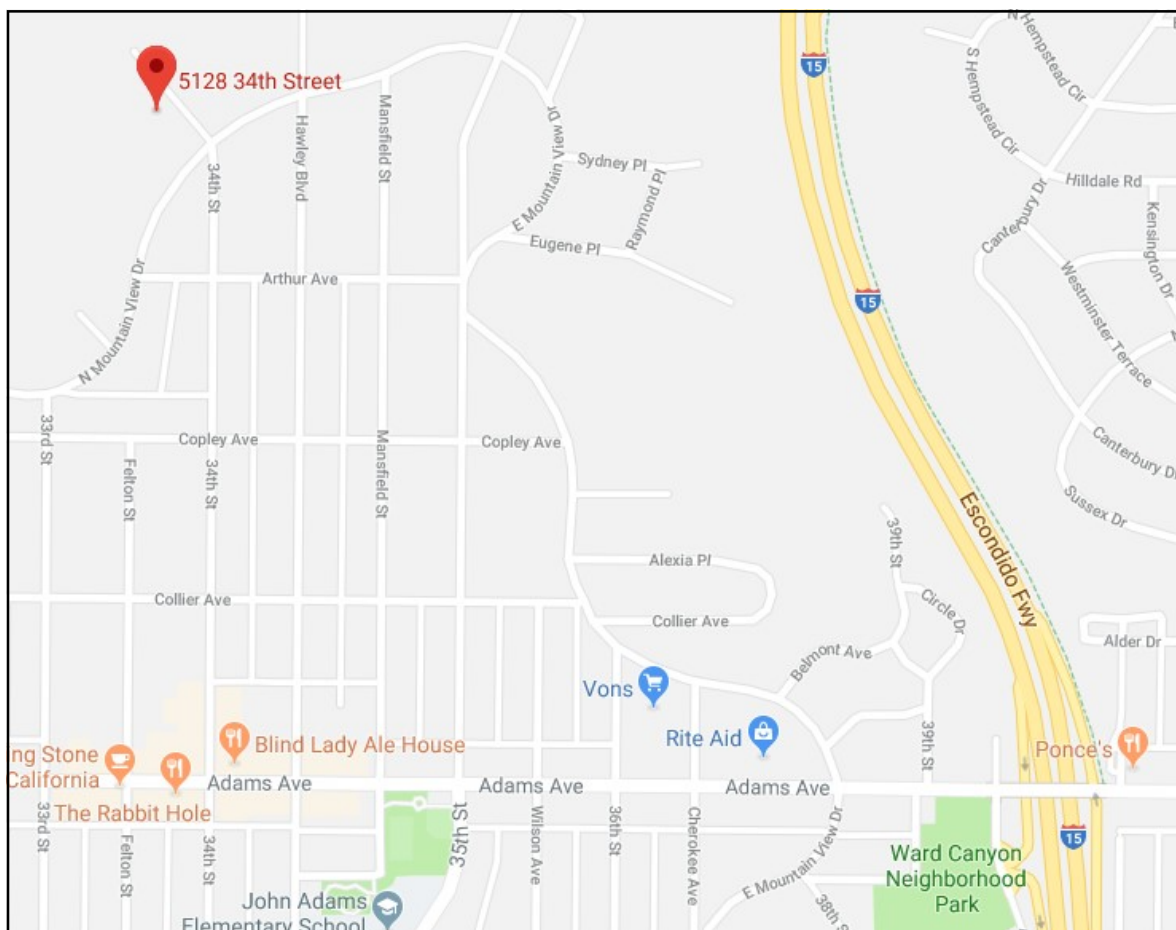


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Drawings for the Super
End of the Year Prizes



Turkey & Ham complimented with your favorite
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Coffee & Soda provided - BYOB
RSVP (number of people & dish) - by Nov 29th to:
Dick at 619-347-1320 or:
[rng900@cox.net](mailto:rngr900@cox.net)



Dick & Lois Miller - 5128 34th Street, San Diego, CA 92116 (cell # 619-347-1320)

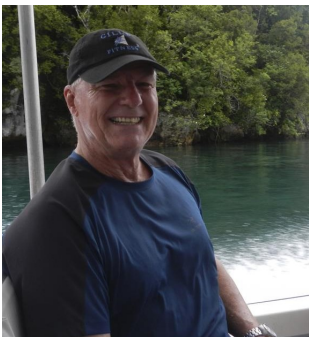
South Hwy 15, off at Adams Ave, go west on Adams to 34th Street. Turn right, go to end of 34th.

SDUPS CLUB OFFICERS For 2020

President - **Mike Poirier**



Vice President - **Amy Granger**



Secretary - **Dick Miller**



Treasurer - **Bill Ring**



Membership - **Harold Dorr**



Activities - **Skip Greenhoe**

Directors at large:

Jami Feldman

Greg Volger

Herb Gruenhagen

Erin Chandler

Johnny Thai

Appointed Positions:

Web Master - **Jami Feldman**

Goby Editor - **Mike Poirier**

Competition Dir. - **Walt Heim**

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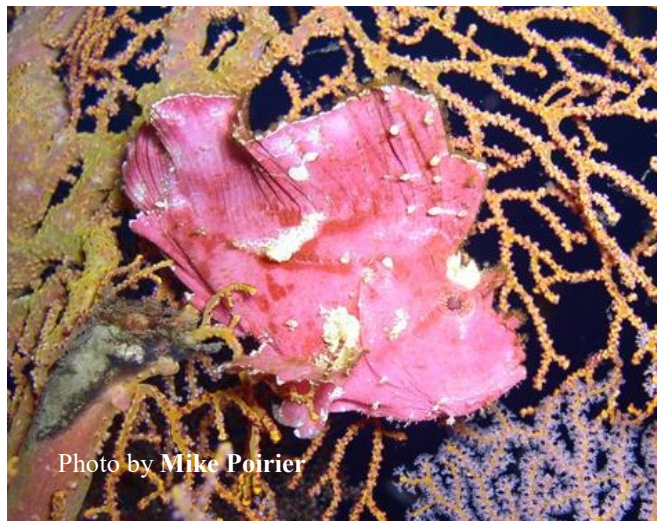
Critter Corner

Photo by Mike Poirier

The **leaf scorpionfish** (*Taenianotus triacanthus*) or paperfish is a species of marine fish, the sole member of its genus.

Description: The leaf scorpionfish is about 10 cm (4 in) long fully grown. Their color varies from green, red, pink, brown, ocher and yellowish to a ghostly white. The fish is almost as flat as a leaf and resembles a leaf in many other ways. The head and mouth are large. Through their eyes is a dark line. The large dorsal fin starts just behind the eyes and has 12 spines and eight to eleven soft rays. The anal fin has three spines and five or six soft rays. The venom of the leaf scorpionfish is considerably weaker than that of the lionfish and stonefish. The skin often has blotches that enhance a camouflage effect. This fish has appendages around the mouth, and sometimes real algae and hydroids grow on its skin. This fish

molts every 10 to 14 days, and can change colors after the molt.

Behavior: The leaf scorpionfish resembles a dead leaf lying in the water. To enhance this camouflage, it even makes gentle side-ways movements in its pelvic area which make it resemble a drifting inert object. It is an ambush predator, waiting until suitable prey, a small fish or shrimp, approaches. Then it slowly moves with its pectoral fins close to the victim. When the leaf scorpionfish is close enough, the prey is sucked in by a sudden opening of its mouth. It eats small crustaceans, fishes, and larvae.

Distribution and habitat: *Taenianotus triacanthus* is widespread from east African coast and the Red Sea to the tropical Indo-Pacific, north to the Galapagos Islands, the Ryukyu Islands, Hawaii, and the coast of New South Wales. This species can be found in tropical waters on coral reefs, from shallow water to a depth of 130 m.



Photo by Mike Poirier

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together. For more information, please go to the following web-site: www.waltermunkfoundation.org

Walter Munk, who was a research scientist at Scripps, unlocked the secret to predicting waves, conquered the dark side of the moon, broke the code that revealed ocean warming and set off the sound that was literally "heard round the world" among many other things. Beth also left information on Marine Protected Areas in S. D. County.

It was time for our monthly competition with this month's theme "Photo Shopped". As you can see with the winners, we had some pretty creative ideas.

Member **Dick Miller** was our first presenter for the evening. Dick and his wife **Lois** recently made a trip to French Polynesia. The adventure

started in Tahiti and moved on to three atolls which included Rangiro, Fakarua, and Rurutu. They moved from one atoll to the other, doing some diving and snorkeling on each one. With a PowerPoint presentation, Dick shared images of both above and below the water. Above, the accommodation ranged from very fancy to pretty rustic but very adequate. The diving was done in the openings of the atolls and made only on the incoming tide. Dick noted that if you want to photograph sharks, French Polynesia is the place to go. Dick's images not only included sharks but other tropical fish found in that area. He spotted only one Nudibranch. All and all it was a very enjoyable trip. Thank you Dick for an entertaining presentation.

It was time for our intermission and we thank **Skip Greenhoe** for

providing the snacks and drinks. If you would like to volunteer to provide refreshments for the monthly meeting, just talk to the president. It's a great way to be involved with the workings of the club. Remember, you will be reimbursed.

Because the theme for the competition was "Photo-Shopped", **Bob Yin** gave a presentation on how he created his winning image in the competition. Bob explained some of the tricks and options he used in Photoshop, including layers, opacity, and other tools found in the program. Bob made a few variations of his image before deciding which one might be the best. See Bob's winning image on page 2. Thank you Bob for helping us understand the power in the Photoshop program.

See you all at the Holiday Party.



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Lita is a member of SDUPS and offers club members a **15% discount** when you order online at NoSeeUmNoMore.com (**promo code is "SDUPS"**). You can also purchase her natural bug spray/itch relief at Ocean Enterprises, City Farmers, Mount Laguna Store, Mount Palomar Store or Nomad Adventures.

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Monthly Meetings

Usually the fourth Thursday of each month

7:00pm

(No meeting in December)

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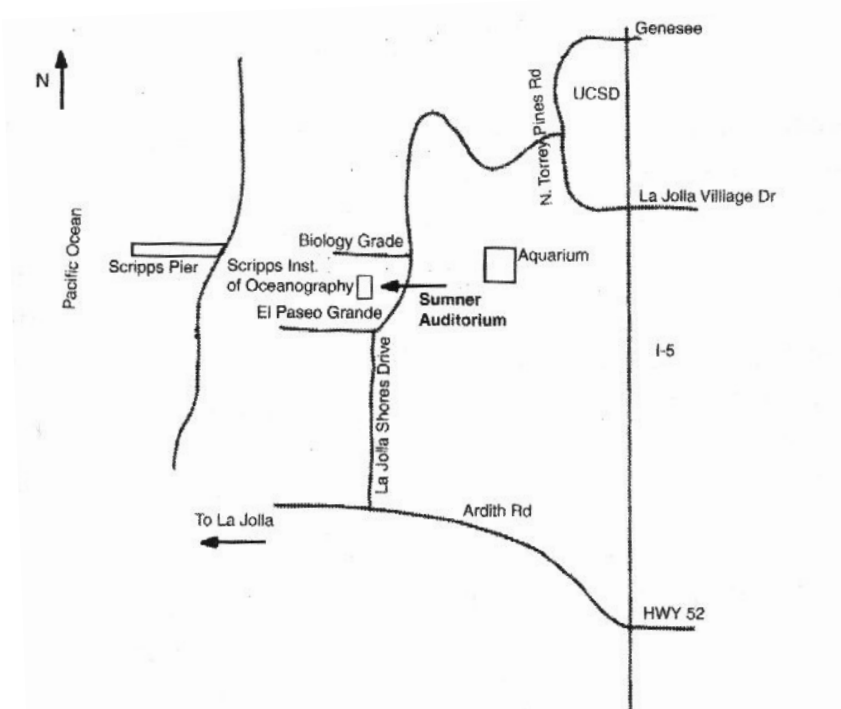
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Appointed Positions

Mike Poirier - Goby Editor
 Dave Hinkle- Tech Advisor
 Bob Pooley - Web Master
 Skip Greenhoe - Dive Trips



Competition Schedule for 2019

January - 24th	Best of 2018		July - 25th	U/W Photographer
February - 28th	Macro		August - 22nd	Back to "Schools"
March - 28th	Green		September - 26th	Wrecks
April - 25th	Ambient Light		October - 24th	Black & White
May - 23rd	In Motion– Action		November - 21st	Photoshop
June - 27th	Sharks & Rays		December - 7th	Awards/Party

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