



The Goby

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President's Message

SDUPS Members - Well here it is 2020, the start of a new decade. SDUPS started the new year with a board meeting on January 9th. Board members set out to plan activities and events for the coming year. These included our Annual Film Festival, competition categories, S. D. County Fair photo competition, website improvements, and more. Remember the board is set up to guide the interests of the club, including more informative club meetings, dive events, and what ever we think club members would be interested in and what they might enjoy. If you as a member have any ideas to make our club the best it can be, speak to a board member and share those ideas.

We have new members on the board including our Vice President, **Amy Baldwin/Granger**. One of the primary duties that Amy will have is getting engaging speakers for our monthly meetings. This can be a challenge at times and Amy will need help from all of us. If you have something of interest to share, be it u/w photo tips, new equipment, your favorite photos, a trip you took, something of interest in the local dive scene, volunteer to give a presentation. The board members will help if needed. Also if you know of someone outside of our club that would be a great presenter, let us know.

We have some very talented u/w photographers in our club. They are always willing to answer any questions you might have. Our monthly competitions are designed to showcase our talents no matter if you are a beginner or a seasoned pro. It gives us the opportunity to see what others are doing and to challenge us to get better. I encourage everyone to submit your photos and/or videos each month.

Our Annual Club Film Festival will take place on April 25th. See page 8 for preliminary information. More info will be in next months Goby. Also, SDUPS as a club is going to participate in the Underwater Photo Exhibit at the San Diego County Fair again this year. See Page 9 for information.

The Board decided that we would again have the Quarterly/Year end raffle this year. If you have items that you would like to donate, please let us know.

The Club's new website is just around the corner and should be up soon. Our web-master, **Jami Feldman**, has been working on an update and is just putting the finishing touches. Thank you Jami for taking on that task.

Stay tuned for an exciting year with SDUPS. Dive safely—Mike Poirier - *President*



Internet Corner - Mike Poirier - Remove Water?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

There is a YouTube video I came across where a researcher has created an algorithm that removes the water from underwater images. After watching the video I had a few ideas about it. First the photos don't look realistic but I think what she was trying to accomplish was from a scientific study point of view. Secondly, could the same thing be accomplished with a red filter? I'm not too familiar with using a red filter so maybe I shouldn't be a judge.

Click on the link below to view the YouTube video.



<https://youtu.be/ExOOElvZ2Hk>

CALENDAR



January 23rd 7:00 pm General Meeting at Sumner Auditorium

Competition - Best of 2019

Presentation - **Jami Feldman** - On The Go Photo Editing

Presentation - **Matt Meier** - Banda Sea

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

SDUPS End of the Year Awards 2019



Advanced Photographer of the Year
Greg Volger



Amateur Photographer of the Year
Robert Casagrande



Novice Photographer of the Year
Dan Kestly



Video Photographer of the Year
Bob Yin



Club Service and Dedication Award
Daina Buchner



SDUPS Holiday/Awards Party 2019



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Photos submitted this page by Dick Miller

Monthly Competition Rules

SDUPS Photo Competition Rules

You must be a member of SDUPS

2. You can submit one image each month in your respective division.
3. Division is determined by accumulated points
 - A. Novice: 25 points or less
 - B. Amateur: 26 to 70 points
 - C. Advanced: 71 points or more
4. New members may choose which division, Novice, Amateur, or Advanced, when first joining. After that time, you can not change division and will compete in that chosen division.
5. Advancement between divisions occurs at the end of each year.
6. Points are awarded for placement in the competition:
 - A. 1st - 5 points
 - B. 2nd - 3 points
 - C. 3rd - 1 point
 - D. In case of a tie, all tying photographers will be awarded the corresponding point value of their placement.
7. Photo Modification:
 - A. Allowed: Cropping, Sharpening, Removal of noise/backscatter, Color Adjustments (Levels, Hues, Color Balance, Dodge & Burn)
 - B. Not Allowed: Alterations of Image Content, Removal or Addition of Subjects or Material. For example, removal/adding a diver, fish, etc.
8. Submit .jpg files with 1920 x 1080 pixel count.
9. Photographer of the Year recognition and corresponding award shall be given to the member in each division who earns the most points during that calendar year. This recognition and corresponding award will be given during the SDUPS Officer's Installation and Awards Banquet, or its equivalent.
10. Voting for the winning images is by secret ballot at each meeting. Anyone present at the meeting may vote. The Secretary/Historian is solely responsible for tallying and keeping an accurate record of all members current point status, and is available for any questions arising on this topic.
11. Adopted Environmental Awareness Guidelines:

Marine life should never be stressed or endangered for the sake of a photo. Entries in our monthly competitions exhibiting the following behavior will be disqualified:

 - A. Diver visibly damaging (i.e. gear dragging into) the environment.
 - B. Animals with signs of diver induced stress (i.e. puffed puffers, inking octopus).
 - C. Animals moved to an unnatural environment or risky location.
 - D. Animals being fed artificial food from divers (i.e. chum visible in photograph).
 - E. Marine life being harassed (i.e. touching corals, seahorse tails).



Video Competition Rules on next page



2020 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION/RENEWAL

- ☐ Single \$35 ☐ Family \$50 ☐ Student \$15 (21 & under)
☐ New Member ☐ This is an Address Correction

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E-mail Address 1 (very important)

Name 2

E-mail Address 2

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Video Competition Rules

1. Media Types: Window's Media (.wmv), QuickTime (.mov), AVI's, or .mpgs will be accepted. PLEASE put your short video clip into one of these formats for easy display. DVD's will no longer be accepted.
2. Submission: All videos must be copied to the club computer before 6:30 pm the night of the competition.
3. All videos must be under 30 seconds. There can be multiple clips within your video. Any video over the 30 second RULE will be disqualified.
4. The video subject is to be the same as the still competition for the month.

Photo by Mike Poirier



Critter Corner

No Touch Zones

Touching corals is one of diving's big taboos. And not just because it's bad form. Human contact with living coral can cause potential harm to fragile polyps, and it can also be a painful experience. Corals are related to hydroids, jellyfish and sea anemones; all of these organisms possess microscopic stinging organelles called nematocysts. These tiny stinging filaments look like miniature harpoons. Normally, these darts are used to subdue and capture tiny prey. Each nematocyst injects a small amount of toxin into the victim, which is then pulled into the poly by tiny filaments. But the same stinging darts that are used to reel in dinner can also give divers a

painful sting. Some of the strongest stings come from the **fire corals**. Marine biologists would tell you that fire corals are not true corals, and are instead hydrozoans that are cousins to the Portuguese man o' war. This distinction will probably be lost on an unfortunate diver who comes in close contact with a fire coral and is hit with a barrage of tiny nematocysts.

CLASSIFIED ADS

This space is reserved for any member or non-member to advertise photo equipment or any type of underwater gear for sale. Send information to **Mike Poirier** at uwmike@att.net.



For Sale: Like new XAdventurer M3500 3500 lumens video light, with red, UV and SOS modes, including two rechargeable Lithium batteries, Picture attached \$280 Bob Yin, Robertyin1275@gmail.com



Competition Categories for 2020

Jan - Best of 2019 - Photo/video must have been taken in 2019

Feb - Texture - Is it rough, smooth, pebbly, scaly?

March - Eyes - The eyes have it! There are many different U/W eyes.

April - Makes Me Smile - Something pretty, something funny?

May - Yellow - They call it mellow yellow. The main subject and/or background is yellow.

June - Anemones - U/W flowers? With or without fish

July - Available Light - No strobes or video lights

Aug - Spots - See Spot run. Anything with spots.

Sept - Round - The main subject in your image should have a round shape.

Oct - With Claws - A bear underwater? I think not. U/W creature with sharp, long, scary, claws?

Nov - Photo Shopped - Use your imagination and combine or dress up your image.



SDUPS 51st Annual Film Festival



Our annual club film festival will be held on Saturday evening **April 25th** at Sumner Auditorium. The deadline for entries will April 3rd. Submission rules will be printed in next months Goby.

We will again this year have a still photo display of members images. If you would like to participate, you can submit a photo of any format and then decide if you would be willing to have your image included in a raffle. Winners will be picked from the audience.

I know that April 3rd is a ways off yet, but it's time to start thinking about presenting a show for the festival. If you need help, please ask one of the Board Members. We have some talented photographers in our club, **SHOW YOUR STUFF!**

Long Beach SCUBA Show - May 30th & 31st

SDUPS will have a booth at this years SCUBA Show along with the Orange County and L.A. UPS. Members can submit images in a digital format and they will be professionally printed and matted. Member **Dick Miller** is the contact person for this event. More information will be forthcoming.



SCUBA SHOW
THE DIVING EVENT OF THE YEAR!™

2020 SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR



ENTRY INFORMATION

Please note: State Rules are not yet ready, and will be posted when they are.

Entry deadline: Friday, April 10, 2020.

Tier 1 Notification: Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

Entry delivery, shipped entries: Must arrive Thursday, April 23 to Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Entry delivery, in person: Tuesday, May 12, and Wednesday, May 13, 2020, noon-7:00pm.

Artist reception: Thursday, June 4, 2020, 7:00-9:00pm.

Exhibit dates: June 5-July 5, 2020.

Entry pick-up date: Monday, July 6, 2020.

For more information, click on the link below.

<https://sdfair.com/exhibits/photography/>





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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)

Sumner Auditorium
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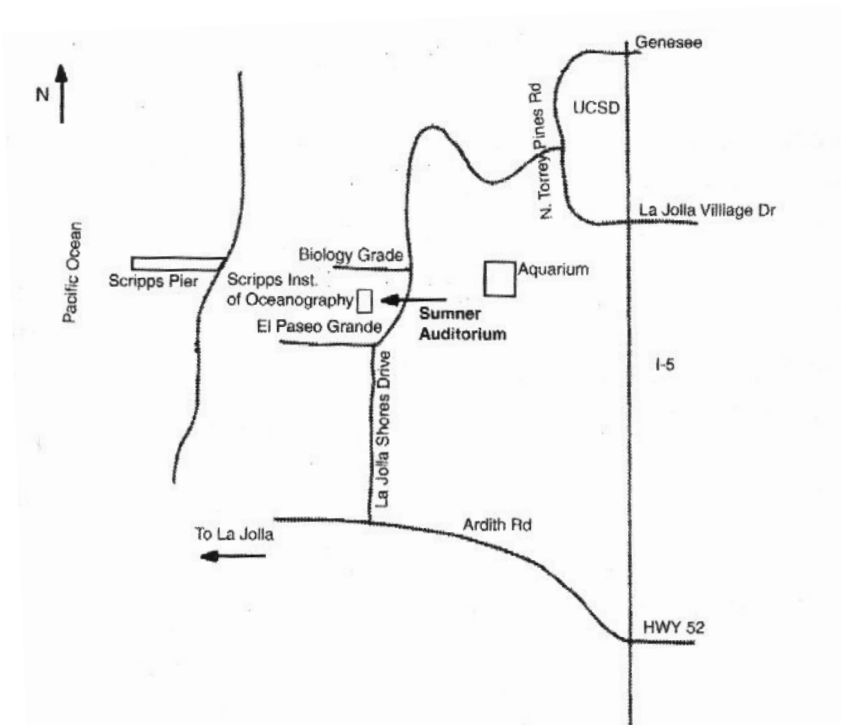
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Mike Poirier - Goby Editor
Dave Hinkle - Tech Advisor
Jami Feldman - Web Master
Skip Greenhoe - Dive Trips



Competition Schedule for 2020

January - 23rd	Best of 2019		July - 23rd	Available Light
February - 27th	Texture		August - 27th	Spots
March - 26th	Eyes		September - 24th	Round
April - 23rd	Make Me Smile		October - 22nd	With Claws
May - 28th	Yellow		November - 19th	Photo Shopped
June - 25th	Anemones		December - ??	Awards/Party

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