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President's Message

SDUPS Club Members - I was hoping that we would be together at Sumner Auditorium for the April meeting but again it's a no-go. Let's hope that by May this virus has blown over and we can have a meeting again. I also hope that all members are feeling good and are safe at home. Those that are able to work on the job, please be careful.

Just because we haven't been getting together it doesn't mean that your Board of Directors hasn't been busy. Behind the scenes we have been working to keep in touch with members and doing other work. It was suggested by one of the members, **Bob Pooley**, that SDUPS make a donation to the San Diego Food Bank during this time when there are a lot of people in need. We did make a donation of \$200 which was matched by Mission Federal Credit Union for a total of \$400. Individual members are encouraged to also make a donation to the Food Bank or any other charity of your choice that would help in these trouble times.

Board member **Walter Heim** suggested that we try to stay in contact with members by putting our monthly photo competition online. Our social media chairperson **Dania Buchner** went to work on this idea and as you saw the March Competition was online and we'll do the same for the April contest. We still have to find a way to go online with the videos. See the winners for March, the "Eyes" competition, on the next few pages.

I, along with several other club members, had planed a dive trip to the Philippines the end of May. That trip has been canceled and postponed until the same time in 2021. Because of the beach closures, it's my guess that local diving has been called off. When you enjoy a sport such as ours, it doesn't feel right if we can't get our fins wet.

I just read in the newspaper that the San Diego County Fair has been canceled. For those of us who got our entries in on time for the photographic competition, I expect to hear about a refund on our submissions. It's too bad that this virus is affecting everything

I have been getting emails about the SCUBA Show that is to take place May 30th & 31st. As of now, it's still up in the air. You can check that out at: <https://scubashow.com/>

I'll try to keep the membership informed of any new developments pertaining to our club. Please be safe, take care, and hope to see you all soon.

Mike Poirier - *President*



CALENDAR

April 23rd 7:00 pm General Meeting at Sumner Auditorium **Has Been Canceled**

April Competition - "Make Me Smile"

Presentation - **Anna Madsen** - How to Pick a Camera **Postponed**

Presentation - **Weiwei Gao**, Jolla Shores **Postponed**

April 25th - SDUPS Film Festival. See notice pages 4 & 7 **Has Been Postponed**

Refreshments for the May Meeting? - **Jackie Patay**



March Competition

- "Eyes" -

Paula Selby - 1st Place Advanced



Mike Poirier - 2nd Place Advanced



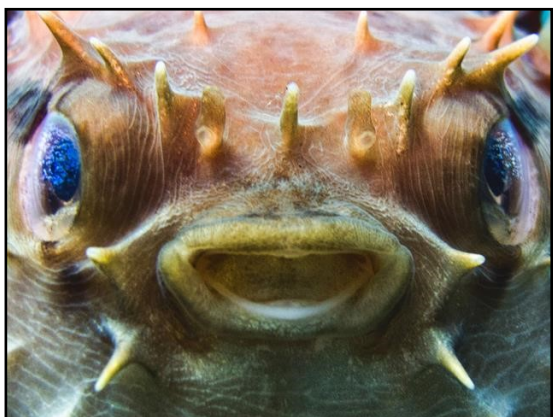
Dave Hinkel - 2nd Place Advanced



Bob Pooley - 3rd Place Advanced



Teresa Pooley - 3rd Place Advanced



Matt Meier - 3rd Place Advanced



March Competition

- "Eyes" -

Dan Kestly - 1st Place Amateur



Harold Dorr - 2nd Place Amateur



Robert Casagrand - 3rd Place Amateur



Amy Baldwin/Granger - 1st Place Novice



Daina Buchner- 2nd Place Novice



Anna Madsen- 3rd Place Novice





Photo by Mike Poirier

Seahorse (also written sea-horse and sea horse) is the name given to 45 species of small marine fish in the genus *Hippocampus*. "Hippocampus" comes from the Ancient Greek *hippokampos*, itself from *hippos* meaning "horse" and *kampos* meaning "sea monster". Having a head and neck suggestive of a horse, seahorses also feature segmented bony armor, an upright posture and a curled prehensile tail.

Description

Seahorses range in size from 1.5 to 35.5 cm (0.6 to 14.0 in). They are named for their equine appearance, with bent necks and long snouted heads and a distinctive trunk and tail. Although they are bony fish, they do not have scales, but rather thin skin stretched over a series of bony plates, which are arranged in rings throughout their bodies. Each species has a distinct number of rings. The armor of bony plates also protects them against predators, and because of this outer skeleton, they no longer have ribs. Seahorses swim upright, propelling themselves using the dorsal fin, another characteristic not shared by their close pipefish relatives, which swim horizontally. Razorfish are the only other fish that swim vertically. The pectoral fins, located on either side of the head behind their eyes, are used for steering. They lack the caudal fin typical of fishes. Their prehensile tail is com-

posed of square-like rings that can be unlocked only in the most extreme conditions. They are adept at camouflage, and can grow and reabsorb spiny appendages depending on their habitat.

Unusually among fish, a seahorse has a flexible, well-defined neck. It also sports a crown-like spine or horn on its head, termed a "coronet", which is distinct for each species.

Seahorses swim very poorly, rapidly fluttering a dorsal fin and using pectoral fins to steer. The slowest-moving fish in the world is *H. zosterae* (the dwarf seahorse), with a top speed of about 5 ft (1.5 m) per hour. Since they are poor swimmers, they are most likely to be found resting with their prehensile tail wound around a stationary object. They have long snouts, which they use to suck up food, and their eyes can move independently of each other like those of a chameleon.

Reproduction

The male seahorse is equipped with a pouch on the ventral, or front-facing, side of the tail. When mating, the female seahorse deposits up to 1,500 eggs in the male's pouch.

The male carries the eggs for 9 to 45 days until the seahorses emerge fully developed, but very small. The young are then released into the water, and the male often mates again within hours or days during the breeding season.



Photo by Mike Poirier





Our 51st Annual SDUPS Film Festival is scheduled for Saturday April 25th. The free event will be held at Sumner Auditorium. I realize this is an early notice, but it's time to start thinking about putting together a still, video, or combination of both show. Your show can be of the travel log type, or maybe zeroing in on an undersea animal to show the audience. Use your imagination and put together something special and entertaining. We need at least **20 shows** for the two part evening event. Here are the general film guidelines:

1. All entries should be limited to 5 minutes long, not including titles or credits where underwater footage is not used. Absolute length including titles and credits may not exceed 5 minutes 30 seconds.
2. A Minimum of 50% of the footage must have been taken underwater.
3. Videos/images should not show deliberate harassment of the marine creatures unless this harassment is the ecological point of the video.
4. Please ensure that you have all rights to any media that is used in your presentation (s) such as music, visual footage, personal, copyright, or any other legal rights.
5. Files can be in the following formats: ProShow, .mov, mp4, mp2.

****April 5th** will be the deadline to submit film for the festival. Submissions can be brought to the March 26 SDUPS meeting on DVD/thumb drive or sent via dropbox to uwmike@att.net. Any questions can be directed to the same email address.

Deadline for submissions: ~~APRIL 5th~~

SDUPS Film Festival - 2020



SCUBA SHOW

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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.

Who do we send the digital image to? **Dick Miller** - rngr900@cox.net Email images to Dick by March 11th

What size do they have to be? 16 x 12 high. (360 dpi, 4320 x 5760)

What is the cost per image? \$6.00. Includes printing & matting. You will get your matted image after the scuba show. Club will pay half the cost \$3.00, member to pay \$3.00.

How many do you need? 44. No more than 2 per person.

How about images that had been entered for the Fair? Images for the Fair are mounted and are 16 x 20. So your original Fair submissions will not work. BUT the digital image itself can be submitted to Dick.

WANTED - 2 individuals to help set-up the display and 4 people to man a 4 hour shift during the SCUBA Show. Volunteers will receive a free pass to the SCUBA Show.

If you have any questions, please direct them to **Dick Miller**.

Images from SCUBA Show 2016

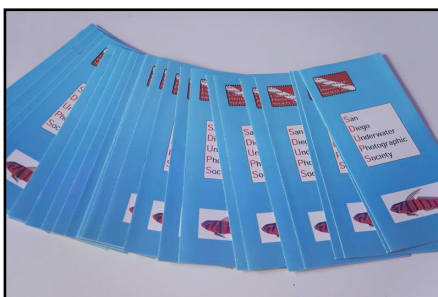


Mike & Skip at the SDUPS Display



SCUBA Show Info

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7:00pm
(No meeting in December)

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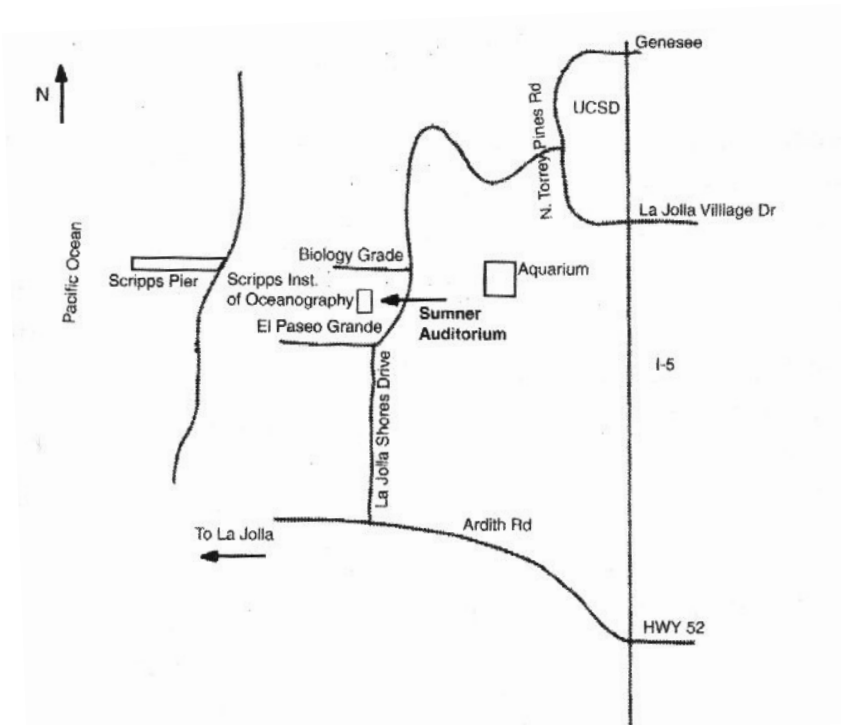
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Competition Schedule for 2020

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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