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President's Message

Hello SDUPS Members - Hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving. Because of the ongoing COVID virus, the Annual Awards/Holiday Party has been canceled this year. Very disappointing to me as it's always been a fun get together. We'll look forward to having the event next year.

With the month of December, comes the awarding of the "Photographer of the Year". I would personally like to congratulate the winners. We had a tie in the amateur division this year so two plaques will be awarded. Please see the results of the Competition Awards on page four. It is also the President's privilege to present an award to a member who has provided outstanding service to the club. This was a very hard decision to make as there are many who have helped me out as president and helped make the club be at its best. I have decided to present this year's award to **Daina Buchner** for "Our Appreciation for Your Service & Dedication to the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society". As our Social Media chairperson, Diana set-up the online competition voting program so we could continue with our monthly competitions. Diana was also responsible for the club's Facebook and Instagram page. Thank you for all your hard work Diana.

The November SDUPS meeting was again held as an online Zoom Meeting. See the story on page two. The start of 2021 doesn't look like we are going to get much relief from the virus so the January meeting will be also held online. Full information will be in the January Goby.

As you will see on page three, I would like to introduce the new SDUPS Board of Directors. I would also like to thank those members who have stepped up into the various positions to guide the club in 2021. Some positions were filled by members who held the same spot last year, and some by new members to the board who wanted to get more involved in guiding the club's direction. Remember, members of the board are always open to new ideas and suggestions from the membership. Together we make the club more interesting and entertaining.

This will be my last President's message to you as our new president **Amy Baldwin/Granger** will be at the helm come January. I would like to thank the Board Members and Club Members who have helped me in the past year. I will be continuing as the Goby Editor so I will still be around.

Let's be positive and optimistic about our new year so we can enjoy our SDUPS club.. **Mike Poirier - President**

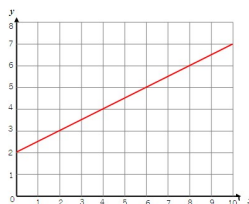


SDUPS PHOTOGRAPHER PROMOTIONS

At years end, competition points are tallied up by board member **Walter Heim**. Members who have earned a certain number of points are advanced to the next category. Congratulations to the following members who have been promoted.

Novice to Amateur: **Amy Baldwin/Granger**
Anna Madson
Daina Buchner

Amateur to Advanced: **Kris Carner**
Dan Kestly
Harold Dorr



CALENDAR

NO SDUPS MEETING IN DECEMBER

December 25th – Merry Christmas

January 21st - SDUPS Zoom Meeting
Stay tuned for more information in the January Goby.

January Competition - Your "Best Image" in your portfolio. Competition categories for the 2021 year will be published in the January Goby



SDUPS Zoom Meeting November 19th

The November SDUPS Meeting almost didn't happen. Member **Jami Feldman** was scheduled to give a presentation on Drone Photography and at the last minute she had to take her little boy to the hospital. The Board Members scrambled around and came up with a fill-in program. More on that in a bit.

President Mike's first order of business was to open the nominations for club officers for the 2021 year. Nominations were closed and voting took place. See Page 3 for the new slate of officers for 2021.

For the evenings presentation, two members volunteered to do "My Favorite Photos". First up was member **Dick Miller**. Dick deviated from the normal format a little by presenting a dozen or so images from very memorable dive trips. Dick and his wife Lois have been fortunate to have traveled all over the world to some fabulous dive destinations. Not only were there memorable locations but also special events. One example was when Lois made the switch from being a snorkeler to a certified diver on one of their trips. Dick's images made us all realize that our dive trips can be very memorable. Thank you Dick for stepping in with your presentation.

Your Goby editor **Mike Poirier** was second in line for his Favorite Photos. Mike also considers himself very fortunate to have made many exotic dive trips around the world. Mike presented a dozen or so images taken in locations such as the Philippines, Bali, and Lembeh Strait Indonesia among other places. Mike explained where each image was taken and what was done in post-processing to refine an image if needed.

Dick Miller has also been the host for our online Zoom Meetings since we started back in July or August and we thank you for that Dick. Dick has the process down so the Zoom Meetings have gotten progressively smoother. It looks like we will be starting the 2021 year with holding our monthly meetings online with Zoom. We are in contact with Scripps on a continuing basis, and will let you know when we can meet face to face.

Thanks to all board members who made the November meeting happen.



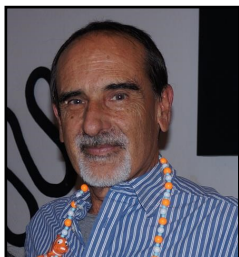
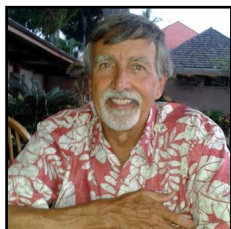
SDUPS Board of Directors 2021

Nominations and voting for 2021 Board of Directors was held at the November Zoom Meeting. I would like to thank those members who stepped forward and volunteered to make our Photo Club the best that it can be. The new officers are as pictured:

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Dave Hinkle
Johnny Thai



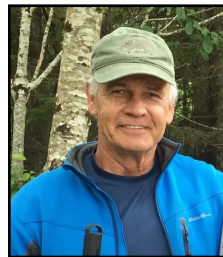
Directors at Large
Mike Poirier
Greg Volger
Herb Gruenhagen
Erin Chandler



President - Amy
Baldwin/Granger



Secretary
Dick Miller



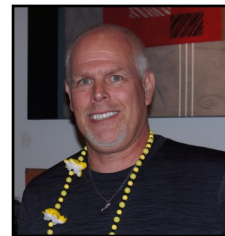
Membership
Harold Dorr



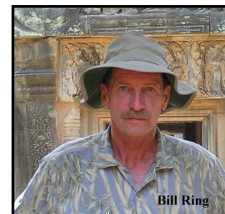
Social Media
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Web Master
Jami Feldman



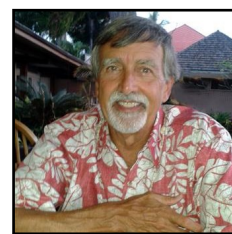
Vice President
Robert Casagrand



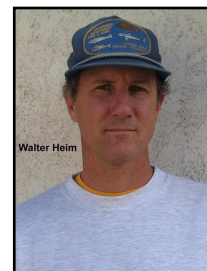
Treasurer
Bill Ring



Activities
James Logan



Goby Editor
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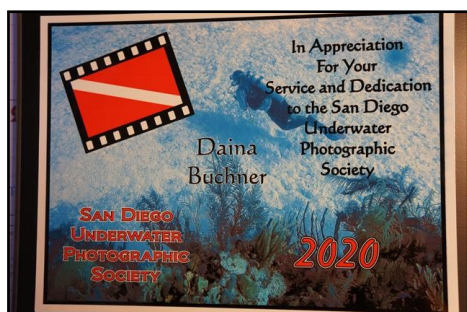


Competition
Walter Heim

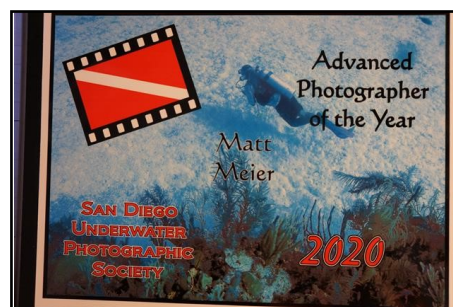


SDUPS 2020 Photographer of the Year

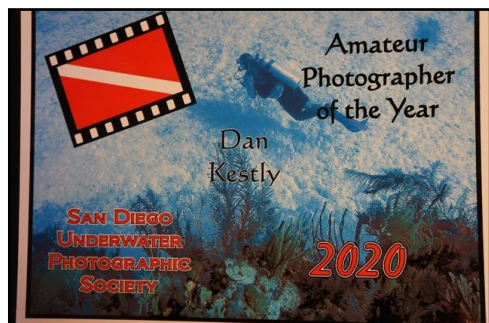
SDUPS Club Service Award Daina Buchner



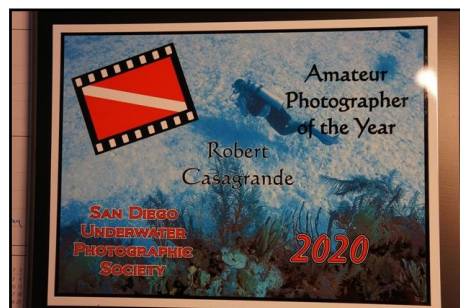
Advanced Photographer of the Year Matt Meier



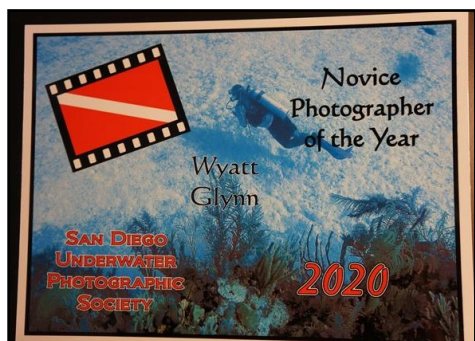
Amateur Photographer of the Year Dan Kestly



Amateur Photographer of the Year Robert Casagrande



Novice Photographer of the Year Wyatt Glynn



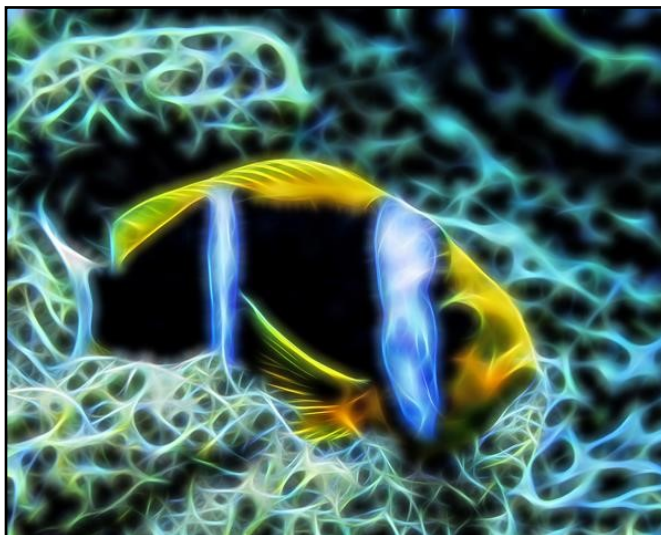
Video Photographer of the Year Bill Ring



November Competition

"Photo Shopped"

Dick Miller - 1st Place Advanced



Greg Volger - 2nd Place Advanced



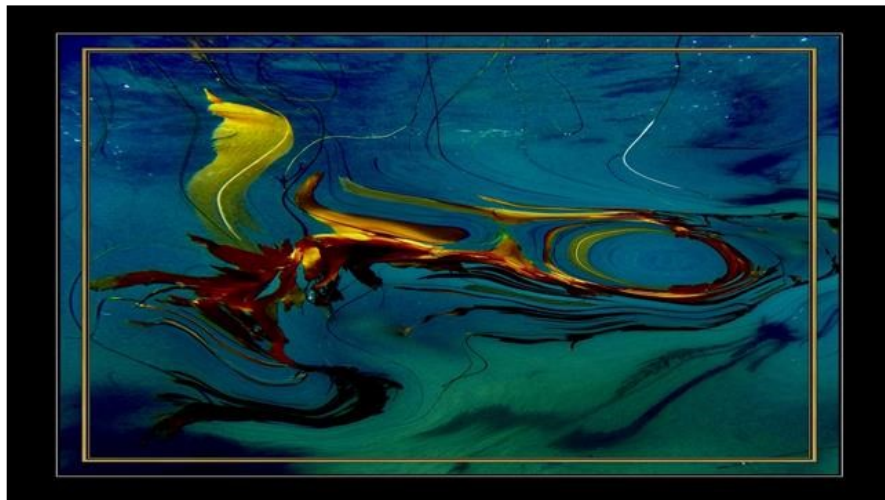
Mike Poirier - 3rd Place Advanced



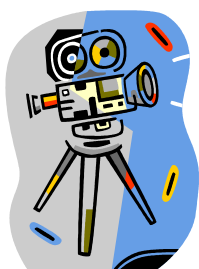
November Competition

"Photo Shopped"

Nan Oselett- 1st Place Amateur



Robert Casagrand - 2nd Place Amateur



November Video Competition

1st Place - **Bill Ring**

2nd Place - **Bob Yin**

Stats for the November Competition "Photo Shopped"

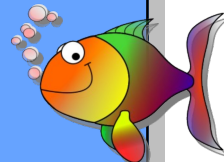
Still Entries:

Novice = 0

Amateur = 2

Advanced = 8

Videos = 2



Member Profile: Herb Gruenhagen



The day I moved to San Diego in 1974, I looked out the window and saw a guy about my age unloading a SCUBA tank from his car. Little did I suspect that **Herb Gruenhagen** and I would know each other and still be friends forty-six years later! Herb is one of the nicest people I know and one of the most dedicated underwater photographers, who continues to share what he knows with others.

Herb Gruenhagen began his SCUBA experience in a NASDS SCUBA class with his dad in 1966 in northern California (Napa) and completed his certification in 1968. Herb was drawn to diving due to his interest in the underwater animals, a curiosity sparked by his high school biology teacher. Herb has been a very active diver ever since, and continued his SCUBA certifications through Dive Master certification in 2005.

Herb has been involved in underwater photography since the 1970's, starting with a Nikonos 2 underwater film camera. In the 1980's he was shooting a Nikonos 3, in the 1990's he was using a Tussey housing containing a Nikon film camera 800s, and later spent a few years shooting video with a Gates housing and a Sony DCR VX1000. Herb is presently using a Fantasea housing with a Canon G16 and really likes the modular system for flexibility of formats and the ability to change format underwater on the same dive.

When asked about his favorite subjects to photograph, Herb says he really likes octopus and nudibranchs. Not surprisingly, his favorite memory involves watching an octopus work attempting to remove a lobster out of a cage by removing the lobster legs, pieces at a time, in order to return to its den. The octopus was unsuccessful in getting himself and his prize from the cage, but the octopus had lunch anyway in the cage. This was an excellent living example of the octopus advanced intellect and problem solving skills.

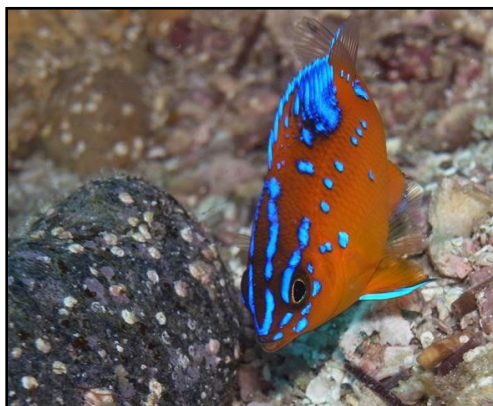
Herb's continued interest in marine biology has grown into teaching REEF marine biology classes for the past six years. He alternately teaches classes in fish and invertebrate identification, and approximately 500 students have completed his REEF classes.

Herb's advice to developing underwater photographers is to "practice, practice, practice", and then take a class if you want to further improve your skills as well as learn new ones.

Herb joined the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society in 1985, and served as the SDUPS President for five years from 2003 through 2008. Subsequently, Herb served on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Oceans Foundation.

Herb still dives every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday mornings. I don't think I know anyone who knows more about the life and topography of La Jolla Shores than Herb. If a member wishes to make a truly enjoyable dive at the Shores, ask Herb if you can join him for a dive! I can't think of a nicer guy with whom to share the underwater world at the Shores!

Submitted by Membership Chair **Harold Dorr**



Giant Clams - *Tridacna* is a genus of large saltwater clams, marine bivalve mollusks in the subfamily Tridacninae, the giant clams. They have heavy shells, fluted with 4 to 6 folds. The mantle is brightly colored. They inhabit shallow waters of coral reefs in warm seas of the Indo-Pacific region. These clams are popular in marine aquaria, and in some areas, such as the Philippines, members of the genus are farmed for the marine aquarium trade. They live in symbiosis with photosynthetic algae (zooxanthellae). Some species are eaten by humans.

Anatomy

Compared to other clams, the soft mantle that secretes the shell is greatly expanded. The clams even have small lens-like structures called ocelli through which light penetrates

Ecology and behavior

Tridacna clams are common inhabitants of Indo-Pacific coral reef benthic communities in shallower waters. They live in symbiosis with photosynthetic dinoflagellate algae that grow in the mantle tissues. Light penetrates the mantle through small lens-like structures called ocelli. They are sessile in adulthood. By day, the clams spread out their mantle so that the algae receive the sunlight they need to photosynthesize, whereas the color pigments protect the clam against excessive light and UV radiation. Adult clams get most (70-100%) of their nutrients from the algae and the rest from filter feeding. When disturbed, the clam closes its shell. The popular opinion that they pose danger to divers who get trapped or injured between the closing sharp-edged shell is not very real, as the closing reaction is quite slow. Their large size and easy accessibility has caused overfishing and collapse of the natural stocks in many places and extirpation in some of the species. They are being sustainably

farmed in some areas, both for the seafood market in some Asian countries and for the aquarium trade.

Tridacna clams can produce large white pearls with an undulating, porcelain-like surface, which may be described as "non-nacreous pearls". The "Pearl of Lao Tzu", also known as the "Pearl of Allah", is the world's largest pearl weighing 6.4 kilograms; it was said to have been found inside a Tridacna by a Filipino diver in 1934.

Critter Corner



Photo by Mike Poirier



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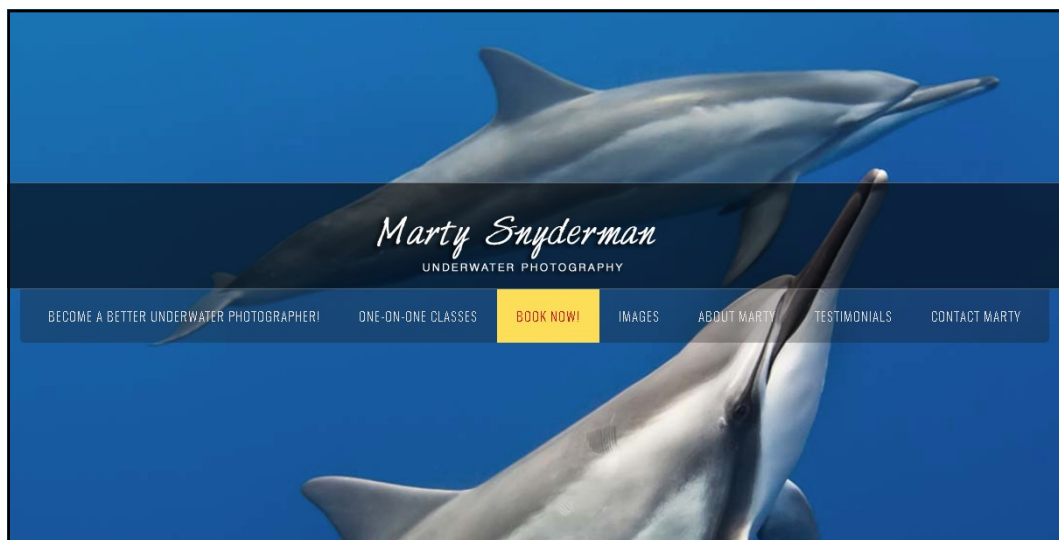


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Sharing a session with Marty is also a great way to re-fresh your photography skills before your next diving vacation. If you only get to dive a few times a year, during your next trip you are likely to spend a few days relearning and refreshing your skills. A session or two with Marty before your trip can turn the frustration and lost time from having to relearn into fun dives and pleasing photographs.

How It All Works The one-on-one program is completely customizable to your knowledge, skill level, and personal goals. Marty will use Zoom software to work with you. He has licensed a version of the software that enables the two of you to keep the sessions private.

During each session, Marty will share his expertise and help you gain a better understanding of various factors involved in underwater photography, and he will suggest techniques for you to employ that can help you improve your underwater photography. Each session can be up to 60 minutes long. The cost for a session is \$65.00 U.S. Any additional time that you will not be charged for is provided at Marty's discretion or through the purchase of another session.

For more information on Marty's Classes, click on the link: www.martysnyderman.com



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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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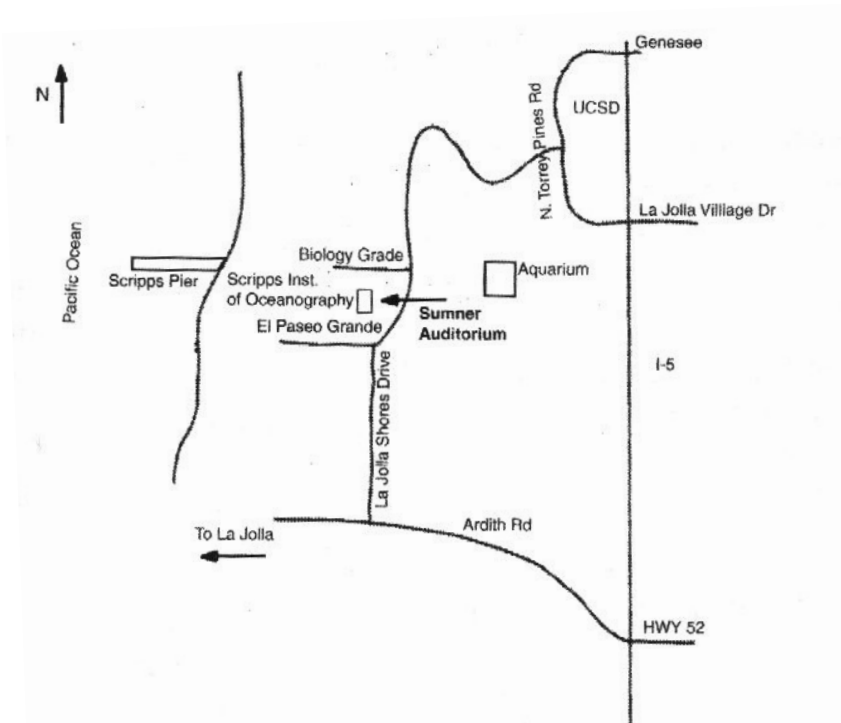
Skip Greenhoe
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Board Members at Large:

Walter Heim
Herb Gruenhagen
Greg Volger
Erin Chandler
Johnny Thai
Jami Feldman

Appointed Positions

Mike Poirier - Goby Editor
Dave Hinkle- Tech Advisor
Jami Feldman - Web Master
Skip Greenhoe - Dive Trips
Daina Bucher - Social Media



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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