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President's Message

Hello SDUPS Members - I hope everyone is feeling well during this COVID shutdown. My wife and I are still laying low hoping not to contact anyone that has the "bug".

The SDUPS Board of Directors held a Zoom board meeting on October the 8th. We had some business to take care of which included thoughts about our Annual Holiday/Awards party. This get together has taken place for many many years now and it's sad to report that we decided to call off the party for this year. We will make arraignments to announce and award the competition plaques during December. If things change with this virus, maybe we will do something different.

The main item on the agenda was for the board to make some suggestions for the nomination of officers for next year. The only positions we couldn't find names for were Social Media and Activities. So we are looking for someone who is tech savvy and someone who is a party person who likes to put together a good time. Nominations will be accepted for all board positions on the October & November Zoom Meetings. Voting will take place at the November meeting. If you would like to get involved with the inner workings of the club, please contact me.

Our V. P. **Amy Baldwin/Granger** has been doing a great job lining up speakers for our Zoom Meetings. See the write up for the September meeting on page two. This month we have a great speaker lined up. **Mike Bartick** who is a co-owner of the Crystal Blue Resort in the Philippines. He will center his presentation around "Black Water Diving", among other topics. Mike is a very accomplished U/W photographer and I'm sure you will enjoy his presentation. Check out the sidebar below on how to log onto the Zoom Meeting.

I'm trying to play catchup with the monthly competition so we can do Octobers competition in October. Notices have been sent out so please submit your entries in a timely manner.

Let's cross our fingers and hope for a vaccine so we can get back to Scripps next year. Please take care of yourself and others.

Mike Poirier - President



SDUPS online **Zoom Meeting**, October 22nd at 7 pm. Join us to see old friends and an U/W presentation.

☞ Download the Zoom app to your computer (<https://zoom.us/download>) or

☞ Click on the Link below

☞ Meeting ID number: 852 207 7435

☞ Meeting Password: rng900 (RNGR900 small letters)



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8522077435?pwd=VVJ2Y3B5NVpKek5HV25wSjBDWWNHdz09>

Internet Corner - Mike Poirier - Must Watch Film

I came across this on Netflix and thought that every diver should see this documentary. Most of us have dived the warmer water dive spots in different parts of the world and have seen the beauty of the coral reefs. We have also known that the reefs are in danger because of warming ocean temperatures. This film is an eye opener and can be a little sad because it tells it like it is. There is a lot of diving and some great underwater video using special cameras and techniques that interest us as u/w photographers. The film is an hour and a half long but worth every minute of your time. I'm sure you will enjoy it and it will mean something to you as a diver. Click on the link below to view:



<https://youtu.be/aGGBGcjdjXA>

CALENDAR

October 22nd 7:00 pm SDUPS online Zoom Meeting.

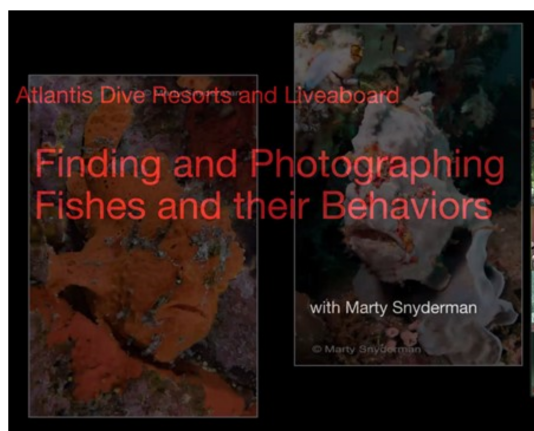
October Competition - "With Claws"

Presentation - **Mike Bartick**

2020 SDUPS Film Festival. **Has Been Canceled**

Refreshments for the
October Meeting?
Bring your own Popcorn

SDUPS Zoom Meeting September 24th

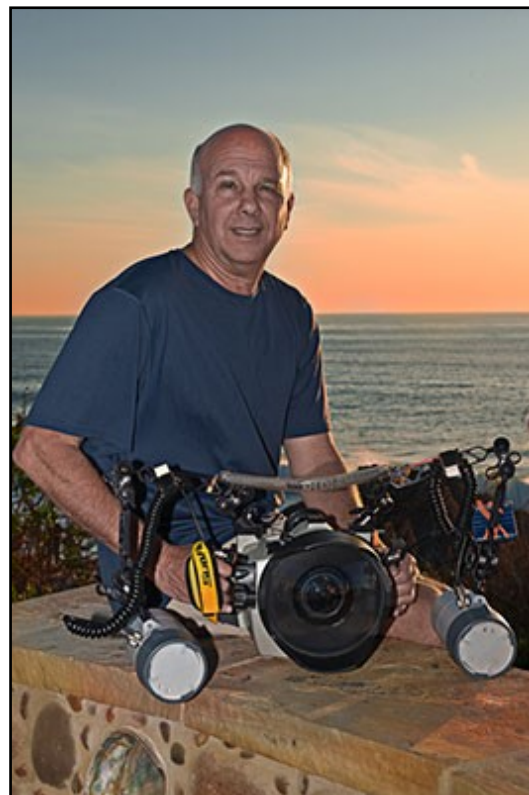


We had a very interesting and entertaining speaker for our September Zoom Meeting. SDUPS Member **Marty Snyderman** talked about “Finding and Photographing Fishes and their Behaviors”. Marty has been a professional photographer for many years and his images have won awards and have appeared in many different magazines and articles.

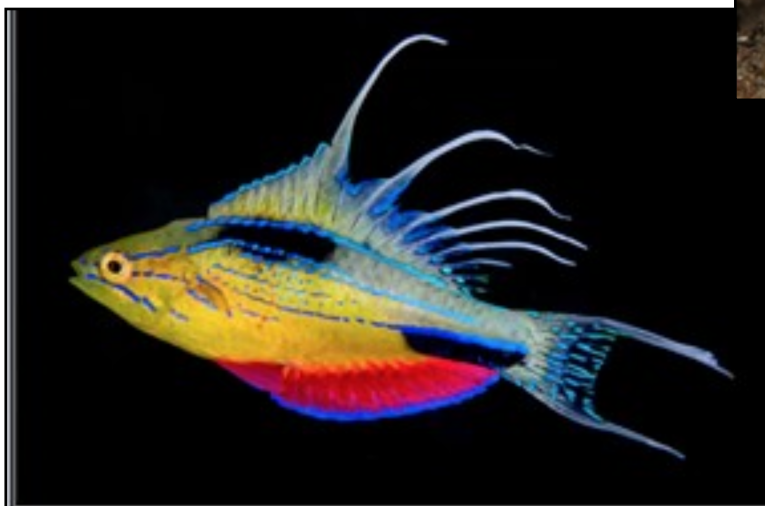
Marty’s presentation for the evening was based in the Philippines at the Atlantis Dive Resort. His aim was to give us tips and tricks on getting the best images we can of the many underwater creatures.

Marty talked about the various underwater environments and what we might find in them. These areas include Seagrass beds, Rubble, Sand Flats, and Reefs. Each environment hides different fish and critters with different behaviors to be photographed.

A few of the tips that Marty talked about were: Look for something out of place. I may be a bump in the sand or a coral that just looks different. The biggest tip – GO SLOW! Then Go Slower! Stop and Watch. If you swim too fast you’re going to miss something for sure. Dive like the Guides. They’re always on the hunt for something. Another tip was to have a target or two in mind on a particular dive. Jumping from one animal to another might cause you to miss out on a behavior or pass by something you didn’t see. Marty also said it’s a good idea to do some research on a subject that you are trying to capture. Fish I.D. books are a great place to start your research. This way you know what type of terrain or depth you might find the fish, nudibranch, or crustacean you’re looking for.



With a slide show of the many beautiful images Marty has taken over the years, he psyched us all to get back in the water and look for those elusive under-sea creatures. Thank you Marty for the wonderful information. It will help us all be better underwater photographers.



September Competition

"Round"

Greg Volger - 1st Place Advanced



Matt Meier - 2nd Place Advanced



Bob Yin - 3rd Place Advanced



Harold Door - 1st Place Amateur



September Competition

"Round"

Robert Casagrand - 2nd Place Amateur



Kris Carner - 3rd Place Amateur



Joyce Moore - 1st Place Novice

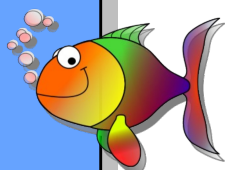


Doug Bonhaus - 2nd Place Novice



Stats for the September Competition "Round"

Still Entries:
Novice = 2
Amateur = 4
Advanced = 8
Videos = 3



Video Competition September

1st place - Bob Yin
2nd place - Bill Ring
3rd place - Kris Carner

SDUPS Member Profile - Bob Yin

Last year at one of SDUPS meetings, President **Mike Poirier** presented a member with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The member, **Robert (Uncle Bob) Yin**, had accumulated 503 points from his lifetime monthly competitions. To put this into perspective, one would have to win a first place in every monthly competition for nine years to accumulate this sum of points. While living in Manila, Philip-

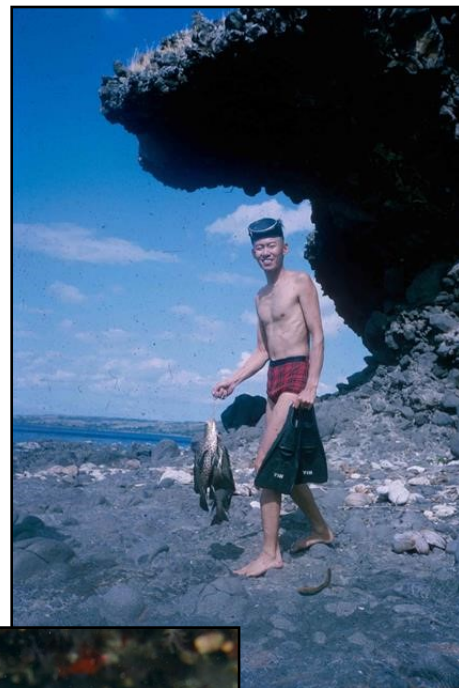


pines, Bob started SCUBA diving in 1960 and in 1962 began taking underwater photographs while diving in Anilao, in the Batangas area. Although he was first interested in taking game, he quickly started shooting underwater photographs with a 2 1/4 X 2 1/4 twin lens Rolleflex camera in a Hans Hass designed Rollimarine housing using flashbulbs, and was the first person in the region to try underwater photography. Although Bob had always enjoyed photography, he especially liked the challenge of underwater photography. Since that beginning, Bob's photographs have been pub-

lished in many magazines and books. Bob joined the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society in 1976. His favorite dive locations include the Philippines: Anilao, Puerto Galera, and Tubbataha Reef; Malaysia: Sipadan with Kapalai Resort; Indonesia: Bali and Lembeh; and Ecuador: Wolf and Darwin Islands with Galapagos Aggressor. His favorite subjects include the Turkey fish, a type of lionfish, and animal behaviors, which he found easier to capture with video. While Bob and I talked, he reminisced about a dive guide who, when Bob said he wished to photograph an octopus, caught and killed an octopus and set it on a coral head for Bob to photograph. Bob said that since that dive, he learned to be careful not to ask the dive guides to find a desired subject to photograph. I asked what advice Bob would give photographers who wish to improve their pictures and Bob suggested that with still photographs, the photographer get closer to the subject and shoot up at it. When it comes to video, he suggested



staying very still. Bob shared that when he started with the SDUPS, members tended to be secretive about their techniques. Bob says that his focus since that beginning has been to share whatever he knows with whomever is interested. When we return to regular meetings, please take a moment and introduce yourself to Uncle Bob. In addition to being a wealth of underwater photographic knowledge, he stated that he believes that sharing with our fellow club members is what the club is all about. Bob is a warm and endearing individual! You may want to visit his website at www.RobertYin.com



Submitted by **Harold Dorr**



Photo by Mike Poirier

Halloween Critter Corner



This scary looking creature is an **Ambon Scorpionfish**, *Pteroidichtys amboinensis*.

Identification: Commonly in shades of red-dish brown; very long cirrus above each eye (eyebrows), fan-like pectoral fins; usually numerous skin flaps and filaments on the head, body, and fins. Grow to a size to 12 cm (5in.). There are a couple of variations of this species with different colors and the length of skin flaps and filaments is highly variable and may be absent in habitats without filamentous algae.

Distribution: Indo-West Pacific: from southern Japan (except Ryukyu Islands), Vietnam, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Australia, Taiwan, India, and the Red Sea.

Biology: This species lives primarily in algae or soft-bottom habitats; it can be easily overlooked because of its superb camouflage; Solitary among weed or on mud bottoms. The above image was taken in Lembeh Strait where the bottom is primary made up of volcanic soil or mud like.

Behavior:

The Ambon scorpionfish is an ambush predator. It will camouflage itself, wait for some prey to come close in front of itself, and then lunge forward and inhale the prey. They have poisonous spikes on their back that they raise when threatened. The spikes are on the back, head, and around the eyes.

Zoom Meeting

SDUPS Members and Guests

Because of the coronavirus, the October SDUPS Meeting will be held online as a Zoom meeting. You are invited to join us on Thursday October 22nd at 7 pm.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Mike Bartick** with “Black Water Diving”, in the Philippines.

The instructions for joining the meeting are as follows:
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Any questions about joining us, please contact me (uwmike64@gmail.com)
Hope to see you on Zoom – Mike Poirier - *President*

SDUPS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The duties of the Officers and Directors of the Corporation shall be as follows:

(a) **President:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall supervise and administer the business affairs of the Corporation subject to the control of the Board of Directors. The President shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and at all meetings of the Board of Directors unless unavailable to attend such meetings. The President may appoint assistants to corporate committees as necessary.

(b) **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, or in the event of the President's refusal to act, perform all the duties of the President. In such circumstances, the Vice President shall have all powers of, and be subject to the restrictions of the President. The Vice President shall otherwise have such powers, and perform such other duties as may be imposed by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The specific duties of the Vice-President shall include, but not be limited, to the following:

- (1) manage and arrange the site and program for each monthly meeting, including the scheduling of speakers and presenters;
- (2) anticipate, engineer and supervise the technical requirements for all meetings;
- (3) select the categories for the competitions of the monthly meetings to be announced in the January newsletter for the coming year.

(c) **Secretary/Historian:** The Secretary/Historian shall keep at the principal office of the Corporation, or at such place as the Board of Directors may order, a book of the minutes of all meetings of Board of Directors, and of the members. That book shall include:

- (1) the time and place of each meeting;
- (2) whether the meeting was regular or special; and if special how authorized, noticed, and the names of those present;
- (3) the names of those present at the Director's meetings;
- (4) the proceedings of all meetings;
- (5) distribution and collection of ballots for the monthly competitions;
- (6) counting and tallying of said ballots;
- (7) maintenance of records of accumulation of competition points of members for annual awards and advancement.

The Secretary shall also act as Historian of the Corporation and in that capacity shall generate, coordinate, and maintain the compilation of items commemorating the activities of the Corporation.

Additionally, the Secretary shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Article of Incorporation Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(d) **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the Corporation with such depositaries as are designated by the Board of Directors, shall disburse such funds as are ordered by the Board, shall keep and maintain adequate and correct books of account showing the receipts and disbursements of the Corporation, and shall open such books of account to inspection by any director or member upon request at reasonable times. Additionally, the Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(e) **Membership Coordinator:** The Membership Coordinator shall maintain a roster of the names and ad-

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dressess of each member in good standing with the Corporation. The Membership Coordinator shall coordinate the introduction, recruitment, qualification and payment of dues for all corporate members. Additionally, the Membership Coordinator shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(f) **Newsletter Editor:** The Newsletter Editor shall compile, edit , and produce the monthly newsletter of the Corporation. The Editor shall insure that the newsletter is sent to the membership at a time that allows arrival one week prior to the scheduled monthly meetings. Additionally, the Newsletter Editor shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(g) **Dive Trip Coordinator:** The Dive Trip Coordinator shall schedule and organize all Corporation sponsored dive trips. Additionally, the Dive Trip Coordinator shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The specific duties of the Dive Trip Coordinator shall include the following:

- 1) where applicable, arrange for transportation to and from the dive site;
- 2) where applicable, reserve dates aboard charter boats;
- 3) maintain a list of participants for each dive trip, and when necessary a wait list;
- 4) where applicable, maintain records monies paid, including deposits of participant members;
- 5) insure all participating members have signed and dated a release form prior to the diving activity.

(a) **Activities Officer:** The Activities Officer shall organize all special club activities other than the monthly meetings, dive trips, and the annual photo-festival. Specific activities include the annual Awards and Officer Installation Banquet, and the annual Christmas Party plus any other special activities scheduled by the Board of Directors. Additionally, the Activities Officer shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(b) **Webmaster:** Webmaster shall be the term designating the individual responsible for managing and maintaining the Corporation web site. Specific duties are subject to change as technology expands. Additionally, the Webmaster shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by the law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(c) **Directors at Large:** There shall be elected by the membership a maximum of three (3) Directors at Large. An outgoing President shall automatically be one of the three (3) positions for a single term of office. Should the President remain in office, all three (3) positions will be available to be filled. Officer duties are non-designated, however upon designation by the Board, they may be directed to assume a vacant position. This will be accomplished by majority vote of the remaining Officers and Directors. Assumption of an office by a current Director will not require subsequent approval by the membership at large.

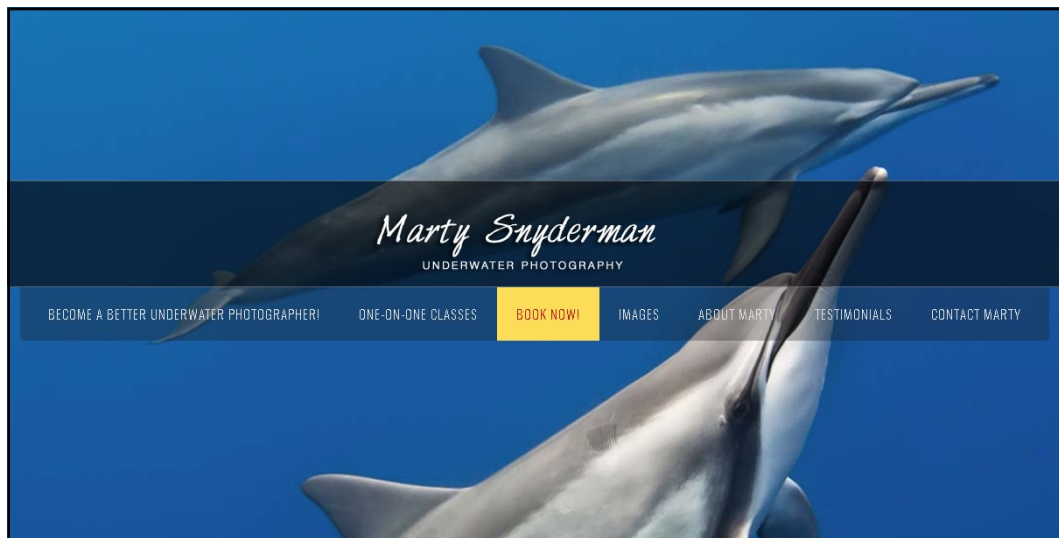


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Sharing a session with Marty is also a great way to re-fresh your photography skills before your next diving vacation. If you only get to dive a few times a year, during your next trip you are likely to spend a few days relearning and refreshing your 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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📍 Palau

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7:00pm
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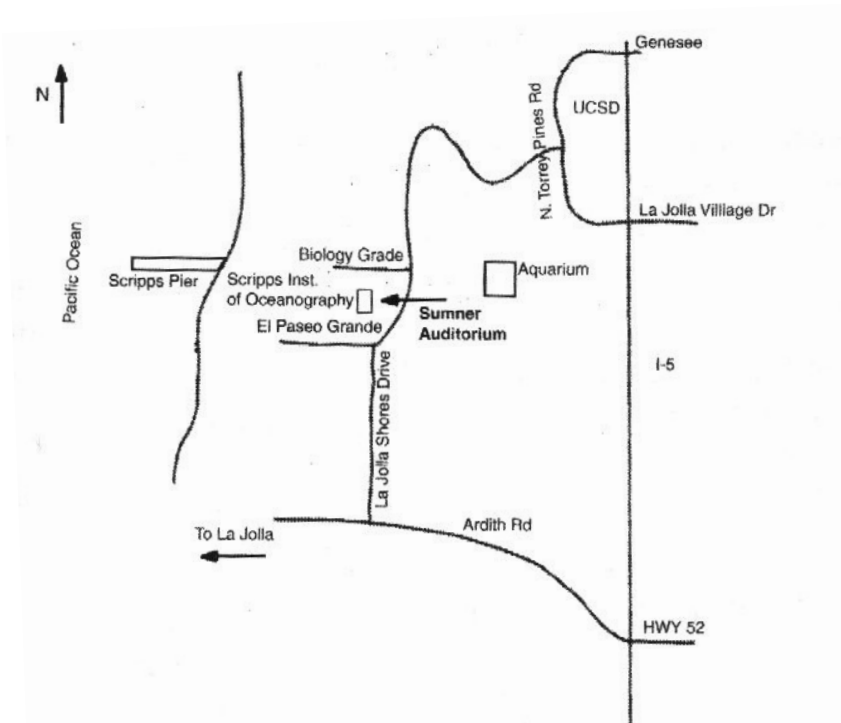
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Appointed Positions

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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