

The Goby

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President's Message

SDUPS Members - Our last face to face meeting at Sumner Auditorium was in February. It's hard to believe that seven months have gone by without meeting there. When this Covid-19 started, I thought maybe for a month or two but it turned out to be more serious than I thought.

Zoom to the rescue. It's not the same as meeting in person but it has worked out so far. At last months meeting we had over 35 people in attendance. SDUPS member **Matt Meier** gave a wonderful presentation on macro U/W photography in Lembeh Strait in Indonesia. See the story on the next page.

One of the subjects I wanted to bring up this month is the election of new Club Officers for the 2021 year. Nominations take place at the October and November meetings and the voting takes place on that November meeting. Next month I will ask the Board of Directors to meet via Zoom to make recommendations for the various Board positions. These recommendations are just suggestions on the nominations. People still have to be nominated during the meetings. In the next months Goby, I will post the duties for the various Board positions. There have been some members that have been involved in the many aspects of the club such as always competing in the monthly contest and attending the Zoom meetings. These are the members I would like to step up and be part of the inner workings of the club. It's the Boards job to help make the club as interesting and entertaining as it can be. We need new people with new ideas. If you would like to be more involved with guiding the direction that the club takes, let me know if you would like to be nominated for one of the positions.

Board member **Daina Bucher** again came through with setting up the voting for the September Competition. Thank you Daina. I blew it by titling it the August Competition. It's easy for me to get mixed up with this schedule we have because of the virus. I will try to be more in tune for next month.

Our Zoom meeting for September will feature Lifetime member **Marty Snyderman**. Topic: Finding & Photographing Fishes and their Behaviors when Diving in Muck. Thank you VP **Amy Baldwin/Granger** for setting this up.

Take care & be safe - Mike Poirier -
President



SDUPS online **Zoom Meeting**, September 24th 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: 163823

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8522077435?pwd=VVJ2Y3B5NVpKek5HV25wSjBDWVNhdz09>

Internet Corner - Mike Poirier - Contest Winners



I always enjoy looking at the results of underwater photo contests. It gives me a good idea what other photographers are doing. I often wonder is it worth me submitting an image in a contest when your up against some seasoned photographers such as these winners in the "Ocean Art" photo contest. Click on the link below to see what I'm talking about.

<https://www.uwphotographyguide.com/ocean-art-safe-under-the-sea-winners>

CALENDAR

September 24th 7:00 pm **SDUPS**
online Zoom Meeting. See Page 5

September Competition - "Round"

Presentation - **Marty Snyderman**

SDUPS Film Festival. **Has Been**
Postponed See notice page 5

Refreshments for the
September Meeting?
Bring your own Popcorn

SDUPS Zoom Meeting August 27th

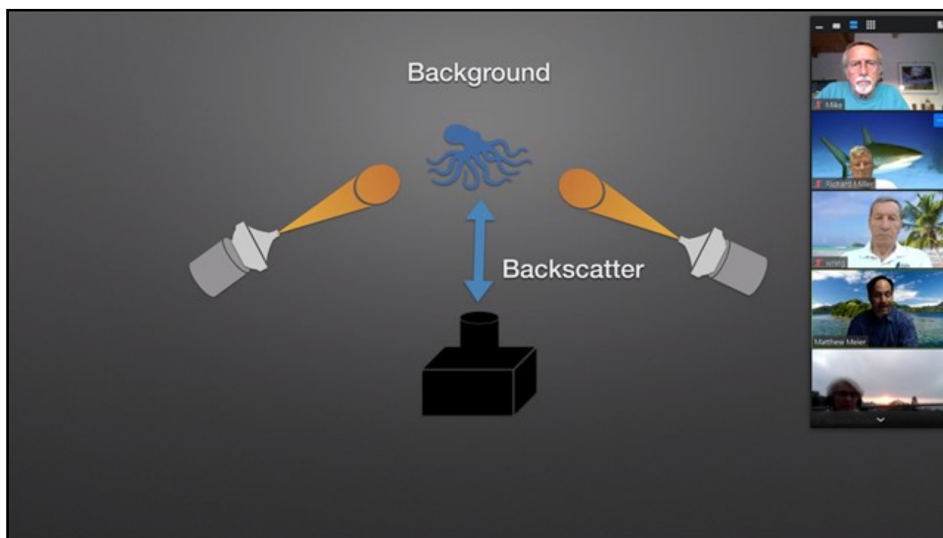
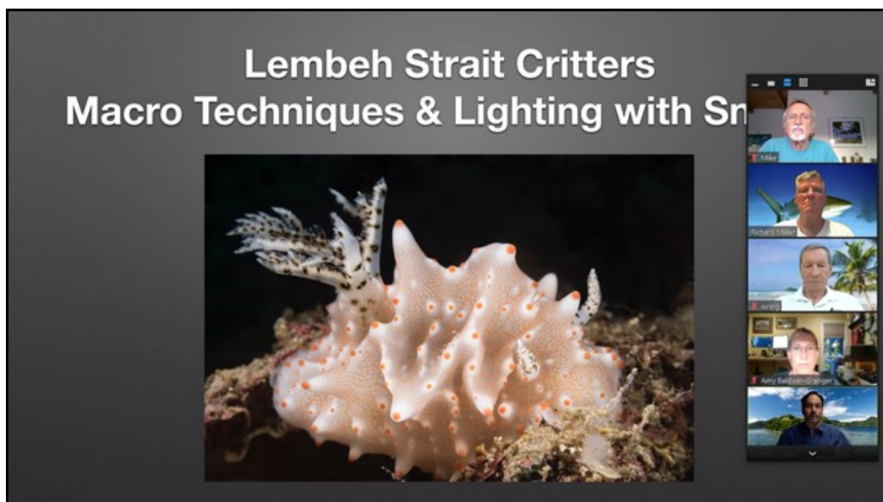
Due to the Corona Virus, our August SDUPS Meeting was hosted as a Zoom Meeting. This was our third Zoom Meeting and they keep getting better with each event. We had twenty-five plus in attendance.

Our presentation for the evening was by club member **Matt Meier**. Matt spent some time in Lembeh Strait and wanted to share macro techniques and tips using a snoot for lighting. Lembeh has been called the macro capital of the world and where the term “muck diving” originated. Just about any macro critter that is on your bucket list is going to be found there. He explained how he

put together his homemade snoot from materials purchased from Home Depot. A very simple boot type fitting that fit over his strobes to concentrate the light beam into a more compact cone. The reason for this is to concentrate the light on the subject without lighting up the background. Images really pop with this dark or black background. Matt made it clear that it takes a lot of practice, and a lot of trial & error, to get the strobe beam just where you want it by positioning your strobe arms. But with patience, the results are worth it. With a few graphic slides, Matt explained how he positions his strobes with the snoots to just light up the macro subject, leaving the background dark, and with minimal backscatter. He also told us of his F-stop and shutter speed camera settings to get maximum depth of field and to negate ambient light to help get those black backgrounds.

We would like to thank Matt for a wonderful presentation. It was very informative and entertaining.

During this time of COVID-19, and not being able to use the facilities at Scripps for our meetings, it's nice to know that we can have a very worthwhile meeting using our computers and the technical apps that are available to us.



August Competition

"Spots"

Matt Meier - 1st Place Advanced



Jami Feldman - 2nd Place Advanced



Greg Volger - 3rd Place Advanced



August Competition

"Spots"

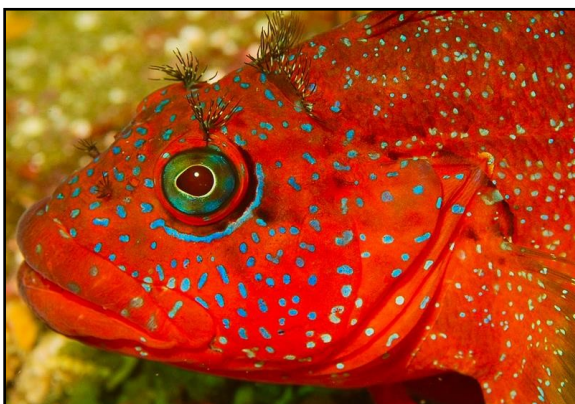
Robert Casagrand - 1st Place Amateur



Dan Kestly - 2nd Place Amateur



Harold Door - 2nd Place Amateur



Kris Carner - 3rd Place Amateur



Wyatt Glynn - 1st Place Novice



Stats for the August Competition "Spots"

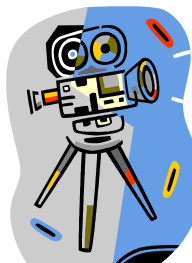
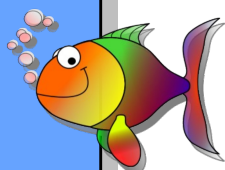
Still Entries:

Novice = 1

Amateur = 4

Advanced = 10

Videos = 3



Video Competition August

1st place - **Bill Ring**

2nd place - **Kris Carner**

3rd place - **Bob Yin**

Critter Corner

Photo by Mike Poirier

**Red-breasted wrasse (*Cheilinus fasciatus*)****Description:**

This species can reach a maximum of 40 cm (16 in) in standard length. Its head is greenish-blue, followed by a distinctive red-orange band followed by black and white stripes. Terminal phase fishes generally have a more pronounced red band and convex forehead than initial phase and juvenile fish.

Distribution:

The red-breasted wrasse is native to the tropical waters of the Indo-Pacific region from the Red Sea and the African coast to the islands of the western Pacific.

Habitat and Diet:

The red-breasted wrasse lives in lagoons and

seaward reefs in areas mixing rubble, coral, and sand at depths of from 4 to 60 m (13 to 197 ft) though rarer below 40 m (130 ft).

It feeds mainly on crustaceans, sea urchins, hard-shelled invertebrates, and mollusks.

General Information:

In the Indo-Pacific, only gobies (*Gobiidae*) outnumber wrasses in quantity of species. Wrasses vary greatly in both body shape and size. Whether small or large, slender or deep-bodied, all wrasses have terminal mouths, usually displaying prominent canines, thick lips, and a single, continuous dorsal fin. By day, most wrasses swim busily in loose, often mixed feeding groups just above the bottom. At dusk, they are the first fishes to bed down and the last to rise after daybreak; smaller species typically dive beneath the sand to sleep, others wedge themselves in reef recesses.

The above image was taken in Anilao, Philippines.

Zoom Meeting

SDUPS Members and Guests

Because of the coronavirus, the August SDUPS Meeting will be held online as a Zoom meeting. You are invited to join us on Thursday September 24th at 7 pm.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Marty Snyderman. In Marty's "Zoominar", he will share insights into how to find various fish species in the reef communities and in the muck at the Atlantis resorts at Dumaguete and Puerto Galera in the Philippines, their behaviors, and share his thoughts and techniques about what he does to try to capture his fish photographs. He has been trying to get those perfect shots for almost 50 years. There will be some Q & A.

In addition, Marty will tell us about his latest endeavor, teaching one-on-one, customized classes in underwater photography using Zoom software.

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



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 you 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~~

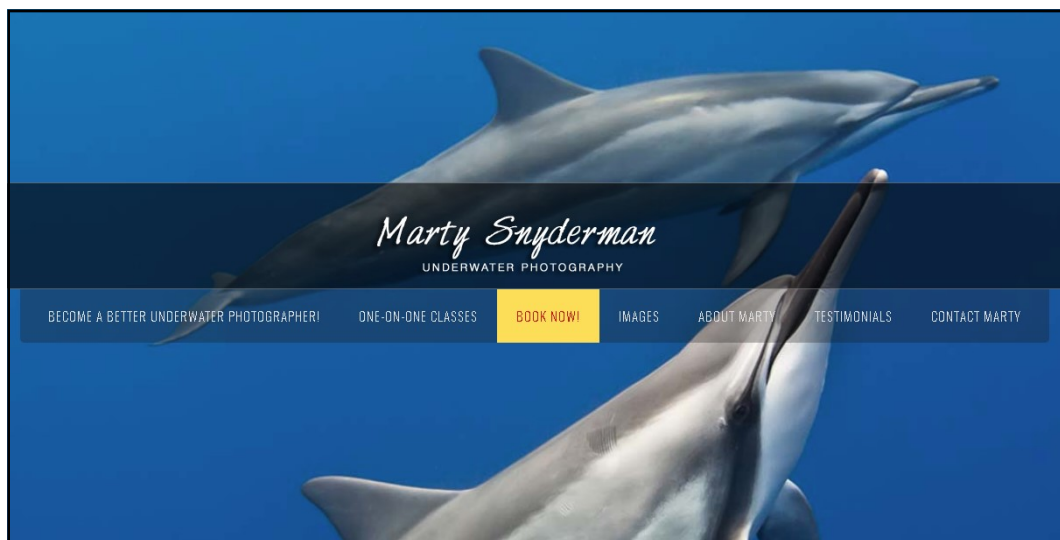
SDUPS Film Festival - 2020

Photo Classes

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Classes are scheduled at your convenience and customized to match your goals

20% of the class fees are donated to SDUPS



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When taking classes from Marty, you will receive one-on-one instruction as you review your images, discuss ways to improve your underwater photography, refine the techniques you are using, and learn new techniques, concepts, and skills that will help you create the photographs you want to make. The sessions center around techniques and are not tied to any particular make, model, or type of camera or camera system that can be used to make still photographs underwater.

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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7:00pm
(No meeting in December)

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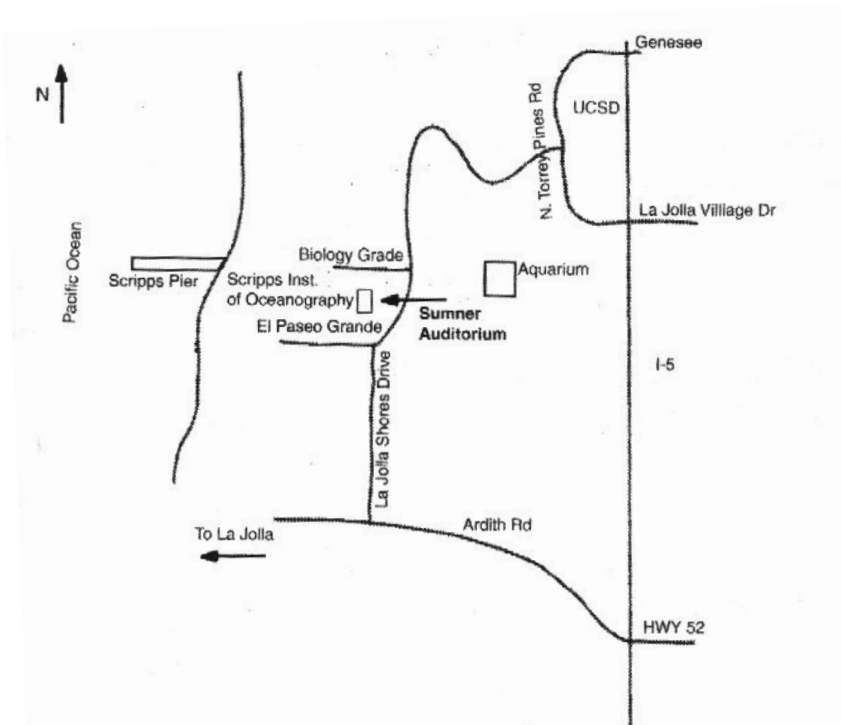
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Competition Schedule for 2020

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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