



# The Goby

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## President's Message

SDUPS Members

Well members, I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that I had a wonderful trip to Fiji. My wife & I totally enjoyed all aspects of the resort we stayed at. It wasn't a planned dive trip but I was able to get some diving in. I plan on giving a presentation at a future club meeting. I'm looking forward to sharing our trip with you. I understand that another club member made a recent trip to Fiji and is planning a presentation for the club in the coming months. Fiji did open the first of December and we felt very comfortable and safe our entire trip.

Now for the not so good news. I received an email from our contact person at Scripps and he informed me that our club can no longer use Sumner Auditorium for our meetings. This was really a shock to me as we have been meeting there for twenty plus years. This has something to do with COVID as the students at Scripps will start using Sumner as a class room because of social distancing. Not sure if they will be holding classes on a Thursday night from 7 to 9 but that's where it stands right now. Myself and a couple of Board Members have other contacts at Scripps and we are pursuing all avenues so all is not lost yet.

If any members have ideas of another venue we might use, please contact me. The Board has been contemplating this for years, thinking we might someday lose Sumner Auditorium and have to start paying rent for a meetings place.

The COVID virus seems to be winding down in some of the overseas countries for vaccinated travelers. I read where the Philippines might open up soon. Other areas such as Palau seem to be getting worse. This sure a put a kink in just about everything worldwide. Let's hope things improve for the rest of the year.

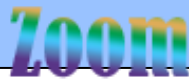
On a lighter note, I know while I was gone, you had beautiful weather with temps in the eighty's. I hope you got some good local diving in and the conditions were good.

Please take care and be safe. Mike Poirier - *President*



SDUPS online **Zoom Meeting**, February 24th 7 pm. Join us to see old friends and enjoy an U/W presentation.

- ☞ Download the Zoom app to your computer (<https://zoom.us/download>) or
- ☞ Click on the Link below
- ☞ Meeting ID number: 851 3410 4135
- ☞ Meeting Password: SDUPS1961



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85134104135?pwd=UEJtUG0rczI3bEhOcW15LzlydlZJdz09>

**Exciting News!** The San Diego County Fair's International Exhibition of Photography is on for this summer! We are receiving news each week about the exhibition. See page 5 for more information.

Our SDUPS has some wonderful and talented underwater photographers, I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to show San Diego the beautiful artistic work that you do.

## CALENDAR

**February 24th** – 7 pm SDUPS Zoom Meeting - See Sidebar

Presentation - **Herb Gruenhagen** - 50 Years of SDUPS History

**February Competition** - "Love is in the Air" - See page - 2 & 3

**March Competition** - Animal Behavior

**FREE DUES** - See Page 8

# February Competition

**Dick Miller** – 1st Place Advanced



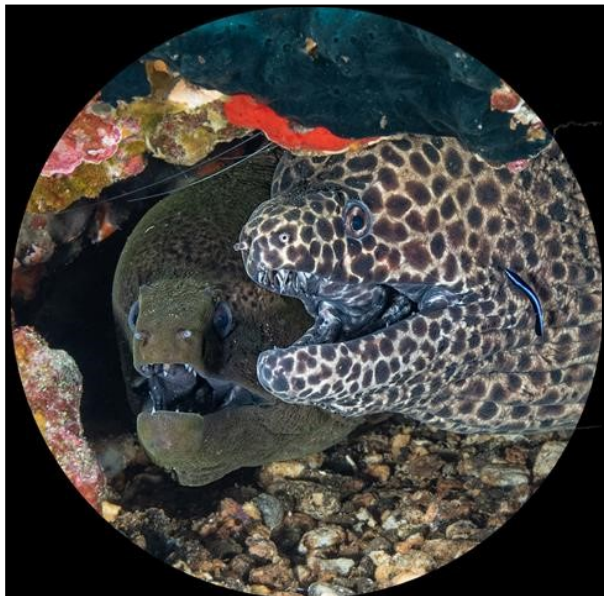
**Amy Baldwin/Granger**– 2nd Place Advanced



**Silvana Ghiu** – 1st Place Amateur



**Greg Volger** – 3rd Place Advanced



**Jack Der** – 2nd Place Amateur





# February Competition

**Nan Oselett** - 3rd Place Amateur



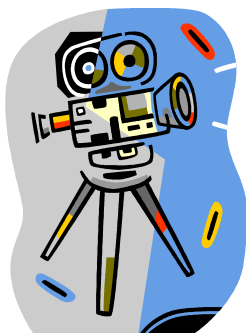
**Melissa Foo** – 1st Place Novice



**Helge Weissig** – 2nd Place Novice



**Mike Carr** - 3rd Place Novice



## Video Competition February

1st place—Kristin Carner

2nd place - Bob Yin

3rd Place - Jack Der



**Critter Corner**

Photo - Mike Poirier

The **Spanish Dancer**, scientific name *Hexabranchus sanguineus* (literally meaning "blood-colored six-gills"), is a dorid nudibranch, a very large and colorful sea slug, a marine gastropod mollusk in the family Hexabranchidae.

**Description:** The Spanish dancer is a large dorid nudibranch which can grow up to a maximum length of 60 cm (23.6"). However, the commonly observed size is between 20 (7.9") and 30 cm (11.8") long. Its body coloration is generally orange-red speckled with multiple small white dots but it also can be uniformly bright red or yellow with red scattered spots. Its body is soft and flattened, the anterior dorsal portion has a pair of retractable rhinophores and the posterior part has six contractile gills inserted independently in the body. The pair

of oral tentacles are constituted by a fin flexible membrane provided with large digital lobes.

In a normal situation when the animal is crawling, the edges of its mantle are curled upwards creating a peripheral blister. If the animal is disturbed, it unfolds its edges and can swim through contractions and undulations of the body to move away from the disturbing element. Its common name, Spanish dancer, comes from this particular defense.

Juveniles are rather whitish to yellowish with multiple purplish points and orange rhinophores and gills.

### Distribution and habitat

The Spanish dancer is widespread throughout the tropical and subtropical waters of the Indo-Pacific area from the eastern coasts of Africa, Red Sea included, to Hawaii and from south Japan to Australia.

It likes rocky and coral reefs with many sponges and shelters from 1 to 50 meters deep.

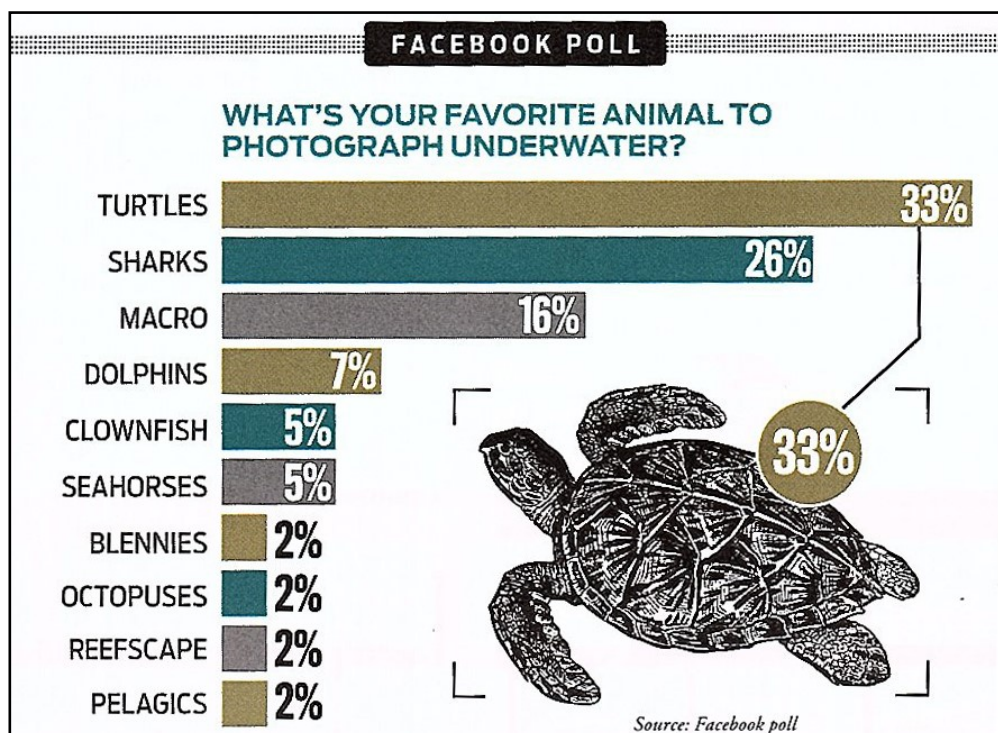
### Biology

During daytime, the Spanish dancer hides away from the light in the crevices of its natural habitat to only come out late at night. It feeds on various species of sponge. Like all nudibranchs, it is hermaphrodite and its bright red to pink egg ribbon has a spiral shape related to the size of the animal so relatively large.

**Photo Location:** Lembeh Strait

**Equipment used:** Sony NEX-5N, 30mm macro lens, two YS110 Sea & Sea Strobes

**Camera Settings:** f18, 160 sec, ISO-400



## Free Underwater Classes

**FREE REEF Fish ID** class for Southern Ca Diving will meet every 3rd Wed of the month, 6PM, at

Ocean Enterprises, upstairs in the main classroom. Next REEF class will be to ID local Inverts/Algae on Feb 16th, 6pm. You can RSVP for class either via Ocean Enterprises

Web site ([https://oceanenterprises.com/courses/22reef1221\\_0](https://oceanenterprises.com/courses/22reef1221_0)) or with PowerSCUBA

<https://www.meetup.com/Scuba-Diving-San-Diego/events/calendar/2022-02/>

Submitted by **Herb Gruenhagen**



Sorry for missing the date but check with the web-site or Herb Gruenhagen for future classes

**SD Fair Photo Show** - We're back! It's official — the International Exhibition of Photography of the San Diego County Fair, one of the oldest and largest juried exhibits in the U.S., is on for this summer!

In 2019, there were about 4,300 entries, and about 1,200 prints were displayed in the gallery. In 2020 and 2021, we couldn't have our traditional competition and exhibit. However, in summer 2021, we experimented with new approaches to keep the spirit of the Fair and the Photo Show alive. We just learned that our efforts won a First Place award for new engagement strategies from the IAFE (International Association of Fairs & Expositions).

For the 2022 International Exhibition of Photography, Lois Fong-Sakai is the Senior Program Coordinator, and Amethel Parel-Sewell is the Program Coordinator. We're especially excited about working on the educational programming for workshops and other learning experiences.

The San Diego County Fair will be adding information to the website soon (<https://sdfair.com>), but here are some dates to help you plan ahead. Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/SDFairPhotoShow> for updates.



- \* Entry Deadline: April 15
- \* Print Delivery: May 17 & 18
- \* Artists' Reception: June 7
- \* Judges' Roundtable: June 11
- \* Judges' Critique: June 18
- \* Photo Shootout #1: June 19
- \* Tips from Photographers: June 25
- \* Photo Shootout #2: June 26
- Workshops: June 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 & July 1, 2

We can't wait to see our photography community back at the East Grandstand at the Del Mar Fairgrounds this summer!



## ***Free Photo Equipment***

A past SDUPS member, **Lenny Coppenrath**, is moving out of state and wanted to donate some of his older photo equipment to members of the club. If you are interested in any of it, contact Mike Poirier, [uwmike64@gmail.com](mailto:uwmike64@gmail.com)



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That's right! If you paid your membership dues for the 2021 year, your 2022 membership is FREE.

All new memberships can use the form below or pay online.

If you have any questions about qualifying for the free membership, please contact me.

Mike Poirier - uwmike64@gmail.com



## **2022 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION/RENEWAL**

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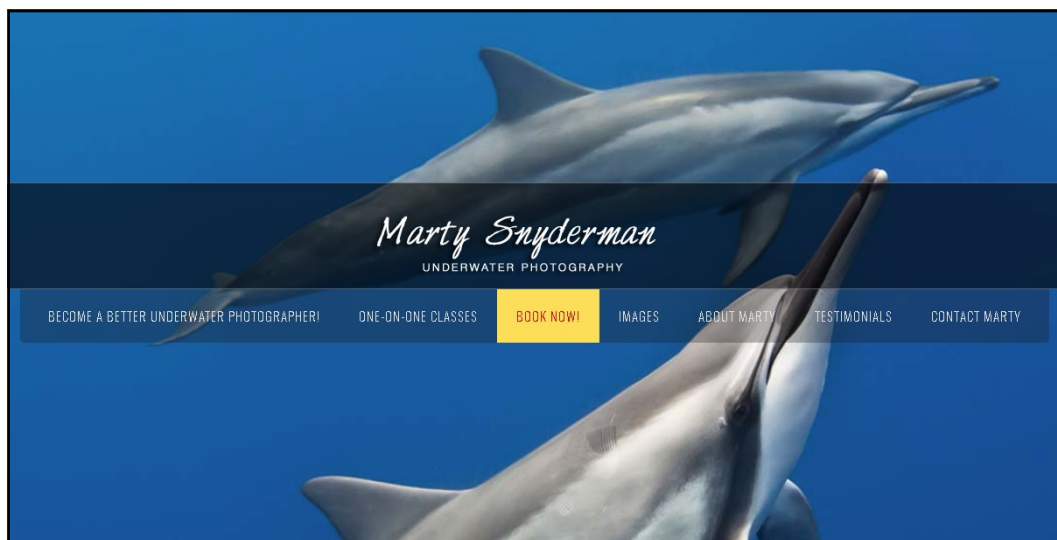
To pay securely online: go to [www.sdups.org](http://www.sdups.org) and click on the Membership Tab

## Photo Classes

One-on-one online classes in underwater photography with **Marty Snyderman**

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

20% of the class fees are donated to SDUPS



**BECOME A BETTER UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER!** Underwater photography is a learned skill. So, you might as well learn from the best, an excellent photographer that is also an excellent teacher. Your instructor, Marty Snyderman, is that person.

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](http://www.martysnyderman.com)



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## Monthly Meetings

Usually the fourth Thursday of each month

7:00pm

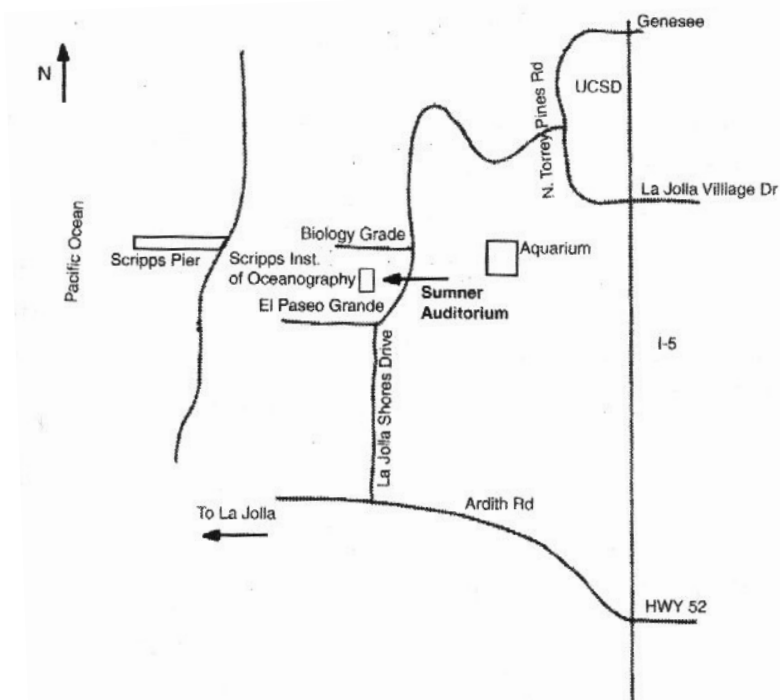
(No meeting in December)

**Sumner Auditorium**  
**Scripps Institute of Oceanography**  
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 Helge Weissig - Social Media  
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 Walter Heim - Competition

## Competition Schedule for 2022

January	Best of 2021 (or most recent dive)	July	Structures - wrecks, rigs, structures u/w
February	Love is in the Air - images that make you smile & think of Love	August	Nudibranchs - Our little sea slug friends
March	Animal Behavior - cleaning, feeding, fighting or mating	September	Black & White - Black & White images
April	Spring has Sprung- images of juveniles	October	Wide Angle/Seascapes - Reef, Kelp, Etc.
May	Black Background	November	Image Editing - Edit using Photoshop or other tools. No restrictions, be creative
June	Don't be Crabby - crabs/ crustaceans	December - ?	Holiday & Awards/Party

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