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President's Message

SDUPS Club Members -

I want to take a moment to say thank you again for everyone who was able to join in our return to Sumner Hall for the July SDUPS meeting. It was such a pleasure to see smiling faces in person and to catch up with friends. But even more than that, thank you for your continued engagement and support of the club. While there may be changes year to year, and even month to month, what makes it special are the people, our collective love of the ocean, and capturing nature in so many beautiful ways through photography. We are blessed to have each other and to share these moments together. So, whether you are participating with the club locally or out of area, we are so happy you are part of the SDUPS family. It takes a village to keep anything moving forward, and we are so thankful for the many hands that make all of this possible.

Amy Baldwin-Granger - *President*

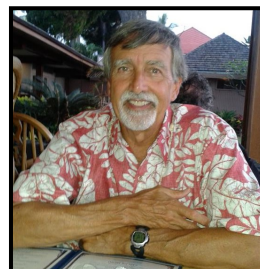


Editor's Note

As you can see by the flier on page 6, SDUPS is hosting a club BBQ at our home on the 28th of this month. It surely will be a fun get together.

Don't forget to RSVP (uwmike64@gmail.com) with the number of people and your favorite side dish you would like to bring. It looks like it may be hot, so if you would like to take a dip, the pool is open.

Mike Poirier - Editor



CALENDAR

August 26th- SDUPS Zoom Meeting
See Note Above

Presentation - **Mandy Etpison**
Palau Expert

August 28th - SDUPS BBQ Party -
See flier inside

July & August Competition Results
Pages 2 to 4

September Competition - "Back to School" - School of fish

July Competition

Greg Volger – 1st Place Advanced



David Hinkel- 3rd Place Advanced



Amy Baldwin/Granger - 2nd Place Amateur

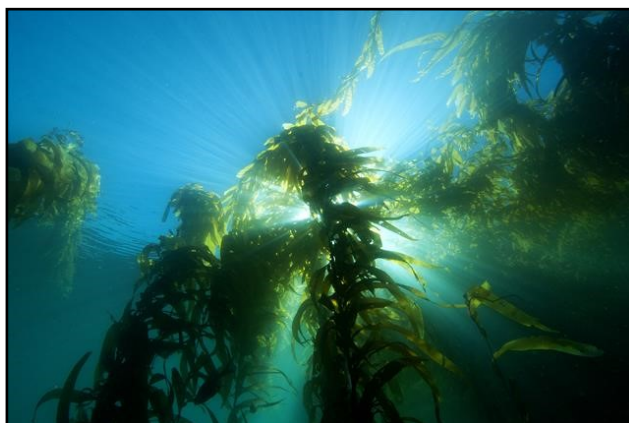


Sunny Days Ambient Light

Paula Selby – 2nd Place Advanced



Robert Casagrand– 1st Place Amateur



Nan Oselett– 3rd Place Amateur



July Competition

Sunny Days Ambient Light

Jack Der - 1st Place Novice



Silvana Ghiu - 2nd Place Novice



Mike Carr - 3rd Place Novice

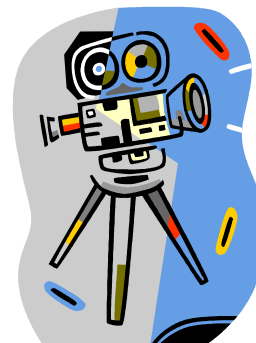


Video Competition July

1st place - Bob Yin

2nd place - Kris Carner

3rd Place - Bill Ring



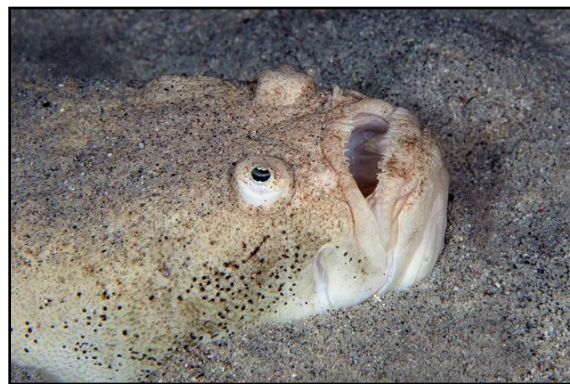
August Competition

Playing in the Sand - critters in/on the sand

Greg Volger – 1st Place Advanced



Paula Selby - 2nd Place Advanced



Matt Meier - 3rd Place Advanced



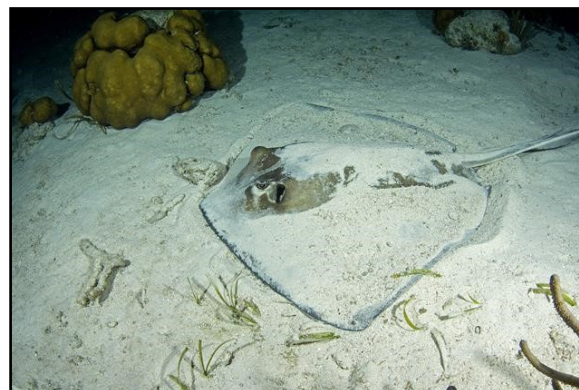
Amy Baldwin/Granger - 1st Place Amateur



Lois Miller – 2nd Place Amateur



Robert Casagrand – 3rd Place Amateur



August Competition

Playing in the Sand - critters in/on the sand

Silvana Ghiu - 1st Place Novice



Jack Der - 2nd Place Novice



Helge Weissig - 3rd Place Novice



Christine Dorrity - 3rd Place Novice

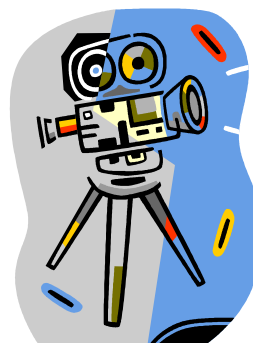


Video Competition August

1st place - Bill Ring

2nd place - Kristin Carner

3rd Place - Bob Yin



August 28th - SDUPS

Summer time BBQ Party

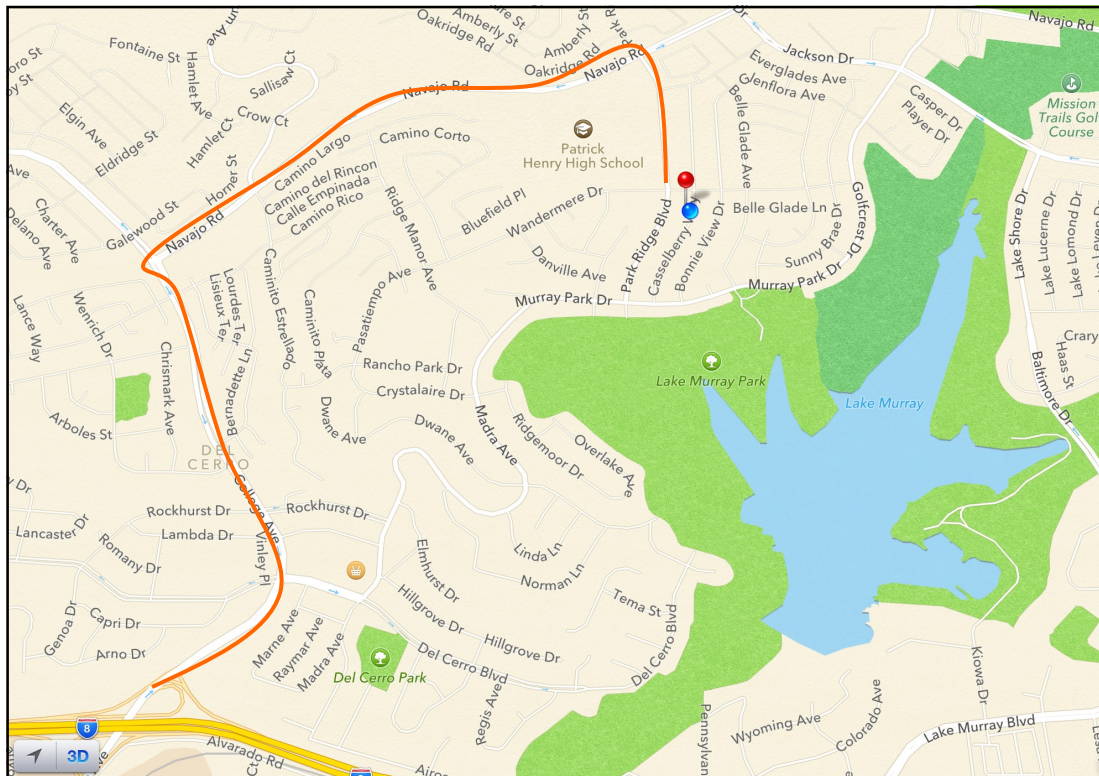
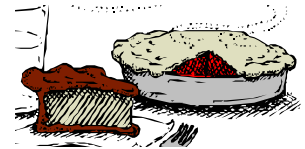
Gathering at 4:00 pm - BBQ at 5:00
Mike & Francine Poirier's Home



- Good Food - Good People -
Be sure to come



Burgers and Hot Dogs complimented with your favorite dish or dessert
Coffee & Soda provided - BYOB
RSVP (number of people & dish) - by Aug. 20th to:
Francine at 619-461-1946 or:
uwmike64@gmail.com



Mike & Francine Poirier - 6560 Casselberry Way, San Diego, CA 92119 (cell #619-403-0307)

East Hwy. 8, off College Ave, College North, 5 lights - right Navajo Rd., 2 lights - right Parkridge Blvd., 2 stop signs, left on Wandermire, next right - Casselberry Way, 4th house on right.

SDUPS July 22nd Meeting

Well after more than a year of not being able to meet at Summer Auditorium because of the pandemic, we got back together for our first face to face meeting. It was more of a celebration than anything.

Our President **Amy Baldwin/Granger** welcomed everyone back. With approximately 30 to 35 members and guests, it was nice to see familiar faces and new visitors.

It sure was a special occasion, as we would like to thank **Cindy Liphay** and **James Logan** for providing the refreshments for the evening. It was more like a party with delicious food and a beautiful and tasty "Welcome Back" cake.



We got right back in the groove by starting the program off with our "Show & Tell". This is where members show a recent quick video and/or still images. First up was a film by **Bob Yin & Cindy Liphay** which was a "Welcome Back After COVID" video. A very cleverly crafted film with various virus themes.

Next was **Bill Ring's** film on the beautiful undersea life of Palau. He has made a few trips to Palau and comes back with some fabulous images. Bill is still using his trusty point & shoot camera and getting beautiful results.

Sheryl Dean then introduced a film made by her husband **Nick**. They had traveled to New Zealand to film Southern Right Whales. Sheryl explained that the film was just in the rough cut stage but it was a beautiful video including aerial shoots of these stunning animals. Nick was telling me that he's going into film making full time. He does beautiful work so I'm sure he'll do well.

As with all our meetings, our monthly photo competition winners are showcased. The theme for July was "Sunny Days - Ambient Light". As you can see by the previous pages, our members take some beautiful underwater images. Congratulations to all the winners. If you submitted and didn't place, keep trying. And if you did submit, look your images over and submit. It a great learning tool.



A great crowd for our first in house meeting



Smiling faces all evening long

Our presentation speaker for the evening was member **Dick Miller**. Dick and his wife Louis made a trip to Turneffe Island in Belize recently. We had technical difficulties with the computer/projection system all evening but Dick was able to give us the jest of his trip. The Turneffe Island Resort met there expectations fully with comfortable rooms, great dive center, and a wonderful staff. The dive sites were close and had very helpful dive guides. Another part of their trip included bird watching which didn't disappoint them either. All and all it was a wonderful trip. Thank you Dick for your presentation.

SDUPS Member Profile - Greg Volger

Many years ago I was at the Diving locker in Pacific Beach getting some tanks filled and got to talking to another diver. He shared that he had a Zodiac inflatable boat, liked to take underwater photographs, and was getting ready to head down to Baja. I also had a Zodiac, liked to shoot underwater, and was also preparing to go to Baja. **Greg Volger** and I shared many trips after that and I enjoyed the friendship of a truly outstanding diver and underwater photographer.

Greg began SCUBA diving in 1975 in Santa Barbara, California. In 1979, one of his friends brought a Nikonos III underwater camera back from Japan and Greg started shooting underwater photos. According to Greg, he liked taking pictures more than taking abalone.

Greg joined the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society in the very early 1980s and entered the competitions with his images on transparencies. His photographs earned votes and acclaim and Greg won Novice of the year in one of his first years. Soon after, Greg published an article about elephant seals in Sea Frontiers Magazine. Greg took a hiatus from the UPS while he and his wife Sue raised a family and Greg was working, but subsequently returned and has been active in UPS ever since.

Greg loves to travel for diving and has visited Baja, Vancouver Island, Belize, Roatan, Guanaja, Hamneidet Norway, four islands in Hawaii, Guadalupe Island, Costa Rica, Cocos Islands, Galapagos, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Wakatobi, Bali, Florida Keys and springs, Puerto Piramides (Argentina), East Timor, a variety of locations in Indonesia, Chanaral de Acetuno, Chile, Palau, and various locations along the California coast. Wow!

His favorite dive locations are Raja Ampat in Indonesia for beautiful coral reefs and fishes, Cocos Islands for hammerhead and whale sharks, Wakatobi for beautiful reefs, Puerto Piramides, Argentina for Southern Right Whales, and Palau for sharks. Greg mentioned that he has visited most of those places in the past five years. His favorite subjects are big things, like Pacific White sided dolphins, mantas, and big sharks.

Greg says that one of his favorite memories in underwater photography is being in Palau and being in the middle of 20 - 30 mantas as they were feeding.

After his first Nikonos III camera, Greg had a variety of underwater film and digital cameras. He presently shoots a Nikon D850 in a Nexus housing with four Sea and Sea YSD 2 and 3 strobes.

When asked about advice that he would share with divers who wish to improve their photography, Greg said to go wherever the water is warm. If a diver wants to shoot wide angle, skip SCUBA and free dive the subject and get close. He also recommends that when shooting macro, be careful to point the strobes slightly outside the subject.

Greg Volger serves as a director on the SDUPS board. Among other things, Greg records the accumulated points that members earn each year toward moving up from one division to the next.

Greg has earned Novice of the Year, Amateur of the Year, and Advanced Photographer of the year. His photographs have also won awards in various competitions and been displayed at the Del Mar Fair.

If members wish to travel to warm water locations, ask Greg what destinations he has recommended. That is how I will be planning my travels in the future!

Submitted by **Harold Dorr**, membership chairman





Dear Dive Club,

We would like to ask you to remind your members that the online version of Scuba Show 2021 is still available to them, and has been updated. In fun, we are calling it 'Scuba No-Show' because of the event's cancellation. We've reimagined this year's online event as 'A Diver's Resource' - a place where dive enthusiasts can find information on new gear, travel, COVID updates by company, and Show specials. The deals and resources from our exhibitors have been updated, and are available to your members through the end of the year. This resource is free to divers and to the companies that would have been at the Show.

If you will please pass this on in your correspondence, the highlights of Scuba No-Show for your members include:

149 companies with...

102 immersive destination and product videos

71 destinations offering travel specials

78 destinations providing COVID updates about the status and requirements of travel to your favorite or bucket list destinations Dive manufacturers are showing 151 new products, including 15 products that have just been added to the showcase. And your members can watch 5 of our most highly requested seminars on demand:

• WHY DIVERS DIE: A REVIEW OF DIVING FATALITIES IN 2020 • SAFETY AND PRACTICAL ISSUES FOR THE OLDER DIVER • DIVING IN THE ERA OF COVID-19 • GETTING BACK INTO THE WATER WITH YOUR CAMERA SYSTEM • SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S BEST BEACH DIVES

The information in this resource will be available and kept current while we patiently wait another year to gather in person. The next Scuba Show is scheduled for May 14-15, 2022.

Here are the links to Scuba No-Show:

Home: <https://scubashow.com>

Exhibitor Showcase: <https://scubashow.com/showcase/>

Product Showcase: <https://scubashow.com/new-product-showcase/>

Seminars: <https://scubashow.com/2021/05/21/2020-seminars-on-demand/>

Finally, we will soon be resuming publication and launching a new website for California Diving News, and want to make sure we have the correct information to help promote membership in your dive club. We will be in touch with a request to update your information. In the meantime, we realize that we are working from a dated email list here, please let us know if you should be removed or who should be included.

Thank you, and I very much appreciate you passing this on to your membership.

Sincerely, **Mark Young** - Publisher *Dive Training Magazine*



The San Diego Undersea Film Exhibition (SDUFEX) is now accepting entries for its 2021 film festival

This is a unique opportunity to share your visions of the underwater world with a global audience. Last year's virtual festival was viewed by people from over 50 countries.

NO FEES - ALL FILMS MUST CONTAIN AT LEAST 50% UNDERWATER FOOTAGE

Go to the Link Below to Submit your Film

Additional information: www.sdufex.com

The virtual film festival will be held online October 15 - 24, 2021. We hope to also have an in-person exhibition October 8 & 9, 2021 at Qualcomm Hall in San Diego.

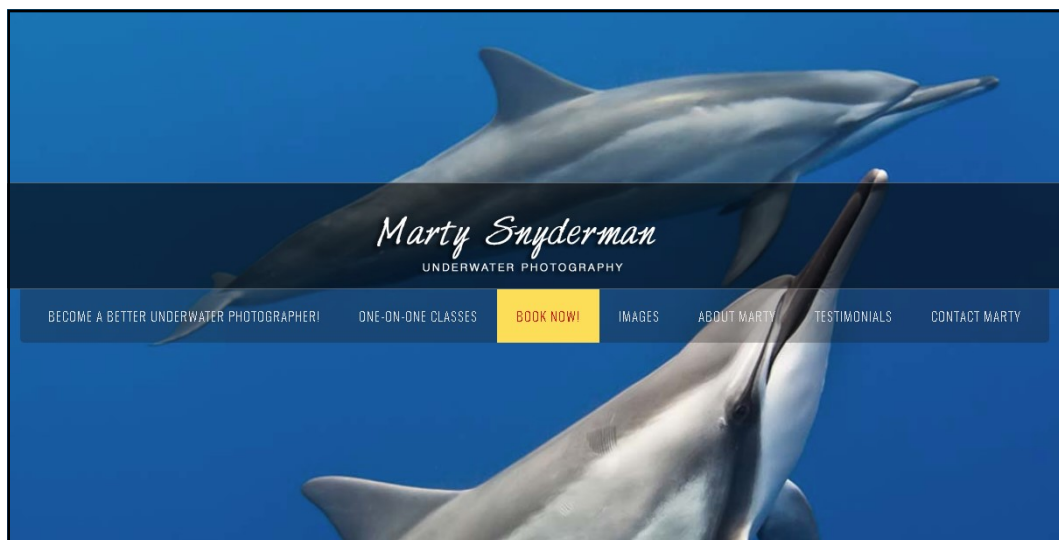


Photo Classes

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

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

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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

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Lita's No-See-Um No More® is an all-natural "dual purpose" product that prevents insect bites but also soothes the itch from insect bites. It consists of essential oils (Sesame, Patchouli and Tea Tree) and does not contain DEET or synthetic chemicals. Also, it is not diluted with water.

Lita's No-See-Um No More® works worldwide to protect you from being bit by the local insects including, black flies, chiggers, deer flies, fire ants, gnats, horse flies, mosquitoes, noseums, sand flies, ticks and tsetse flies. Lita now offers a hard-sided travel case made by LuxePak. It is TSA approved, crush proof up to 200 pounds (so it will survive luggage handling) and leak resistant, so you no longer have to worry about your liquids spilling inside your luggage. The travel case comes with three 2-ounce bottles and your choice of a shower puff or Vegan Konjac Body Sponge. If you would like to see this in person, it is available for purchase at Ocean Enterprises, or on her website.

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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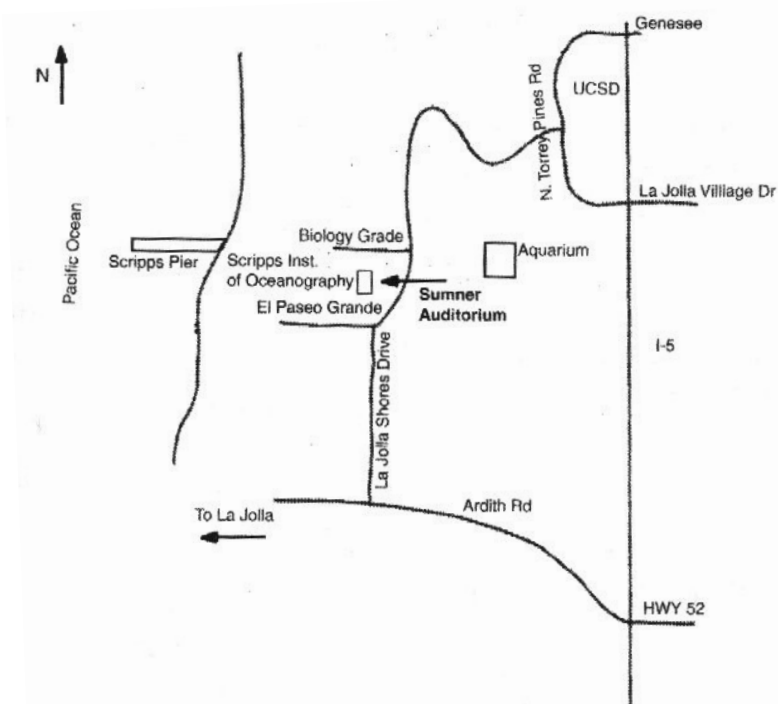
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Competition Schedule for 2021

January	Best of the Best	July	Sunny Days - sunbeams, ambient light
February	Fish Friends - your favorite fish	August	Playing in the Sand - critters in/on the sand
March	Eyes of March - eye/eyes prominent feature in photo	September	Back to School - school of fish, pod of dolphins, group of animals together
April	Tails - tail the prominent feature	October	Occupied with Octos - Octopus encounters
May	Macro May - close up	November	New Life - eggs or juveniles of any species
June	June Gloom - dark tones/silhouette/black & white	December - ??	Awards/Party

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