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President's Message

SDUPS Members

I have some good news this month. Our persistence has paid off and we will continue to have the use of Sumner Auditorium for our monthly club meetings. There are a lot of requirements that we will have to adhere to but I think some may be relaxed as we go forward. The biggest restrictions have to do with COVID. With Scripps being part of the UCSD school system, right now masks and proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test from the past 48 hours will be needed. These actions really put a kink in us meeting at Sumner. I was told that the new school semester will be starting the first of April and if everything goes right, these restrictions may be lifted. In light of this, the board of directors decided that the April club meeting will be held via Zoom. Please see sidebar for log-in information.

Earlier this month, the board of directors held a board meeting via zoom. The main topic of discussion was the use of Sumner Auditorium with the results as stated above. Also on the agenda was the upcoming Long Beach SCUBA Show on May 14th and 15th. SDUPS will be having a photo display booth featuring members' images from past competitions. Vice President **Dick Miller** is heading up the display and is looking for volunteers to man the booth in 4-hour shifts. If you are going to be at the show Saturday or Sunday, please contact Dick to help the club out with this event. (See Dick's email address on the last page). It was decided by the board that again because of COVID, our Annual SDUPS Film Festival will again be canceled this year.

I have been receiving emails from the S. D. County Fair encouraging us to submit images in this year's exhibit. April 15th is the deadline to submit. See information on pages 4 & 5. First place award is \$200, 2nd \$175, 3rd \$150 and 4th \$125. This is in each category. Many members have won in the past. I hope SDUPS has a good showing.

I know that members have been diving locally. I hope conditions have been good. I haven't heard too much from the warm water members. Hope that changes soon.

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



Zoom

SDUPS online **Zoom Meeting**, **March 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=UEJtUG0rczI3bEhOcW15Lzlyd1ZJdz09>

CALENDAR

March 24th – 7 pm SDUPS Zoom Meeting - See Sidebar

Presentation - **Sandy Huffaker** - Seals & Sea Lions of La Jolla

March Competition - Animal Behavior - See pages 2 & 3

April Competition: Spring has Sprung - images of Juveniles

S. D. County Fair - Pages 4 & 5

March Competition

Dan Kestly – 1st Place Advanced



Bill Ring – 2nd Place Advanced



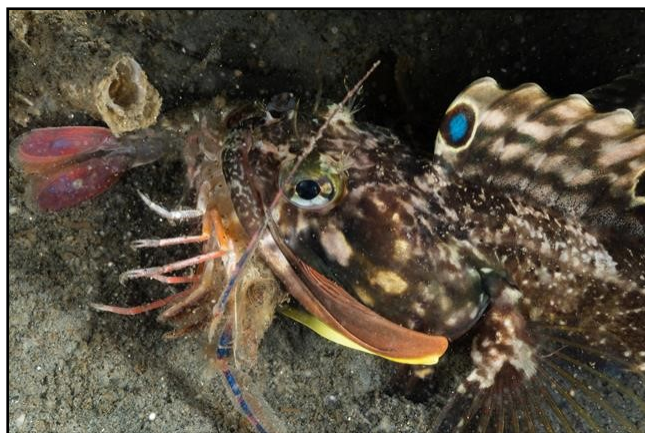
Walter Heim – 3rd Place Advanced



Silvana Ghiu – 1st Place Amateur



Wyatt Glynn – 2nd Place Amateur



Jack Der - 3rd Place Amateur



March Competition

"Animal Behavior"

Lois Miller - 3rd Place Amateur



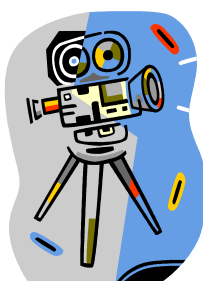
Charlotte Seid – 1st Place Novice



Bet Beasom – 2nd Place Novice



Helge Weissig - 3rd Place Novice



Video Competition March

1st place - Jack Der

1st place - Bob Yin

2nd place - Kristin Carner

3rd Place - Bill Ring

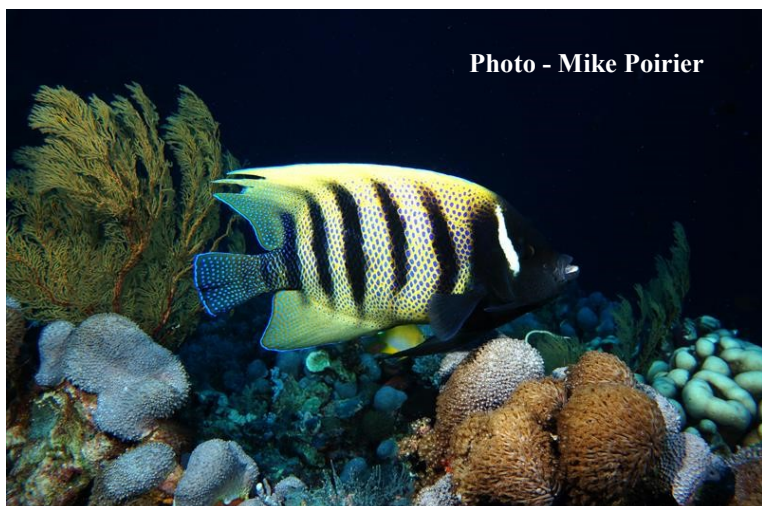
Critter Corner

Photo - Mike Poirier

Six-Banded Angelfish - *Pomacanthus sexstriatus*.**Description:**

Tan with blue scale center and six dark bars; the head is dark blue with a white bar behind the eye, five dark bars on the side, blue spotted dorsal, anal and tail fins. This species can reach a total body length of about 46 cm (18 in). These angelfishes have 13-14 spines and 18-23 soft rays in the dorsal fin and 3 spines and 18-19 soft rays in the anal fin.

Habitat and Biology:

The sixbar angelfish is found at depths between 1 and 60 m (3 ft 3 in and 196 ft 10 in). It is found in coastal,

lagoon and outer reef slopes with the adults living in pairs or as solitary individuals where there is a rich growth of corals. The juveniles prefer sheltered inner reefs. When alarmed this species makes loud, grunting sounds. It is a carnivorous species which feeds on sponges and tunicates.

Distribution:

Asian pacific: Indonesia, Philippines and New Guinea to New Caledonia. - S. W. Japan to N. W. & E. Australia.



Photo - Mike Poirier

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.



More information on the next page



Show us Your Best

2022 SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR

PHOTOGRAPHY

2022 ENTRY TIMELINE

Entry Deadline	Friday, April 15
Tier 1 Notification Email	Wednesday, April 27
Shipped Entries May Arrive.....	Thursday, April 28-Wednesday, May 18
Print Delivery	Tuesday, May 17 & Wednesday, May 18: Noon-7pm
Artists' Reception.....	Tuesday, June 7: 7-9pm
Fair Dates	Wednesday, June 8- Monday, July 4 (closed Monday's & Tuesdays, except July 4)
Entry Pick Up	Tuesday, July 5: Noon-7pm

CONTESTS (pre-registration required)

Photo Shootout #1	Sunday, June 19
Photo Shootout #2	Sunday, June 26

EVENTS

Judges' Roundtable	Saturday, June 11
Judges' Critique	Saturday, June 18
Tips from Photographers	Saturday, June 25

ENTRY FEE

\$20 per entry (non-refundable).

ENTRY LIMIT

Twenty (20) entries per exhibitor in all classes combined.

ENTRY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Read entry materials and decide what to enter
- ☐ Enter online and pay entry fees by April 15 at <https://sdiego.fairwire.com>
- ☐ Save email confirmation. Entry delivery instructions will be emailed after entry deadline.
- ☐ Prepare accepted images for delivery
- ☐ Deliver or ship prints for Tier 2 Judging, due by May 18
- ☐ Pick up prints on July 5

NEW THIS YEAR

- Fair Theme: Heroes Reunite! Celebrate Superhero's by entering your theme-inspired creations.
- Large Prints may not exceed 9lbs in weight

For Complete Information - Click on the Link below

[Photography - San Diego County Fair \(sdfair.com\)](https://sdfair.com)

Former SDUPS members, **Nick & Cheryl Dean** have invited us to watch their film on illegal whaling .They just won an award from Jackson Wild & CITES and the film will be available free for a couple of months here:

<https://watch.eventive.org/worldwildlifeday/play/620537ca5cbca7006af42919>

They are in the “People and Threatened Species - Long Form” category and the film is called “The Witness Is a Whale”.





MATCH - Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston – Live

VIDEO ON DEMAND April 4 - 10

The Houston Underwater Film Festival (HUFF) aims to promote underwater filmmaking and appreciation of the beauty and diversity of all things underwater as well as encouraging the art of underwater videography. Underwater videographers from around the world have submitted entries in five categories: Short Video, Environmental, Art House Flicks, Made in Texas, and Feature Length. The top three films in each category, as selected by audience vote, will be announced at the Awards Reception on Sunday, April 3 at 5 pm in the Gallery at MATCH. All are welcome to attend. The HUFF is sponsored by the Houston Underwater Photographic Society (HUPS).

Live show tickets start at \$15 per show. Discount packages available for both screenings and/or appetizer buffet at the awards reception.

Video on demand access is \$10 for one screening, or \$15 for both.

To buy either Saturday or Sunday tickets, go to: <https://matchhouston.org/events/2022/houston-underwater-film-festival>

To buy both Saturday and Sunday tickets, go to: https://matchhouston.secure.force.com/ticket/?_ga=2.202156945.1828495770.1647303496-1523047424.1647303496#/events/a0S4N00000BMumkUAD

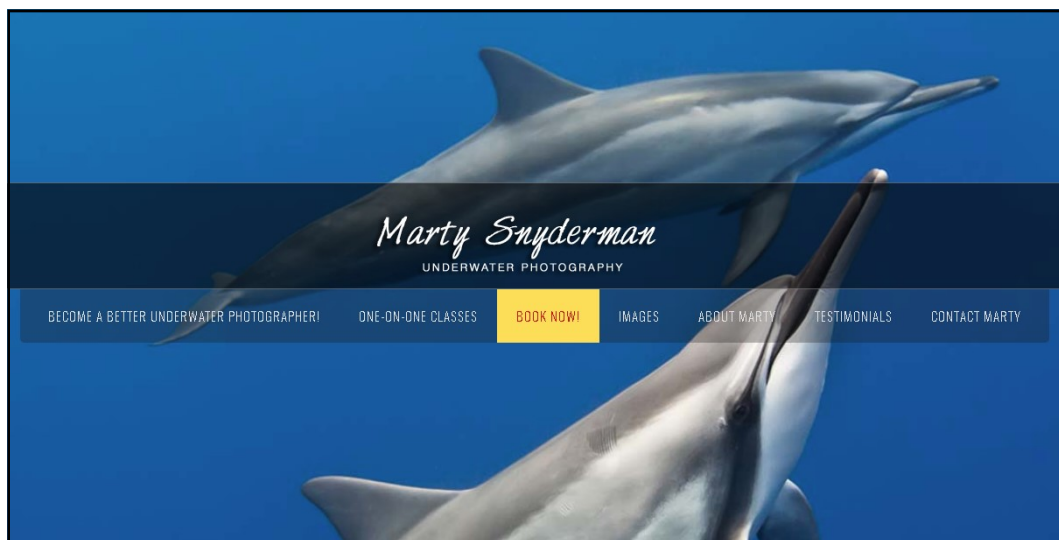
**** To see the Film Festivals trailer, click here: <https://youtu.be/ijjWKO7Ncg> Then click on Browse YouTube

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

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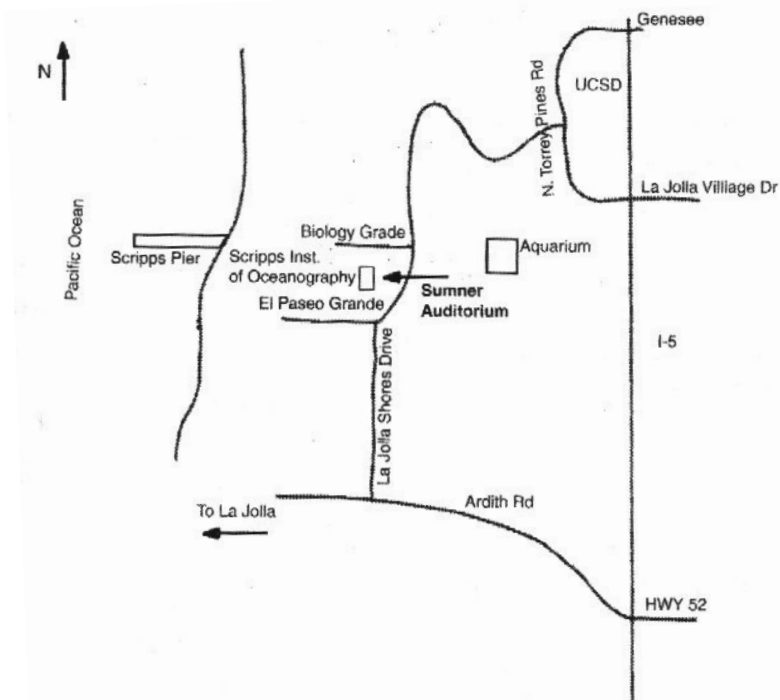
Monthly Meetings

Usually the fourth Thursday of each month
7:00pm
(No meeting in December)

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For more information
check the SDUPS web page

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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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