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**Meeting
Wednesday**

July 11

7:30 pm

**Jingles Coliseum
Bar**

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Lake trout

Phil Keillor will speak on self sustaining lake trout populations in the Great Lakes. He is also going to address the use of AUV's (autonomous underwater vehicles).

Last month's speaker

Many thanks to Tami Ebert and Dr. Sue Welch for a very interesting video and discussion of their work in the Pickett mine in the Platteville area. Tami described the various parts of the mine they've been exploring and the progress they've made. One arm of the mine is half submerged, the other, where they have done much of their exploring is technical cave diving. Tami has been involved in gathering samples from different colored "biofilms" as well as from different levels of the water column. The water forms a "slimo-cline" refracting light much like the halo-clines of Florida.

Dr. Welch is very interested in the various bacteria found, particularly the nonoxidizing bacteria. These may have applications in the cleaning up of acidic mine wastes. There are at least four publications coming from this discovery, two have appeared in Science.

July raffle prize

Diversions Air Fill Card good for 10 air fills.

New leaders needed

Present organizers are announcing their intentions to retire from management of the Dive for DAN and Stake in the Lakes. If you would like to see these events continue STEP FORWARD. There is a real possibility that these events will not continue. The retiring leadership offers to assist the new managers of these events.

Dive for DAN report

This was a great success. The weather was perfect, finally. We had 60 participants, 20 divers. Every raffle ticket was sold and we raised over \$1000 for DAN making our club a *Platinum* level donor again. Our own web master, Tami Markgraf won the Nekton Pilot cruise. Look for photos of the fun as we add them to our web page.

Mendota dive report

As of June 20, Mendota visibility is still pretty good according to Mike Black.

Grand Turk

Rob Stroud has just returned from an intensive dive experience. Hear his report at the next meeting.

Many thanks to our Dive for DAN sponsors:

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Gifts, Sealife, Green Bay SCUBA Shop, JW Fishers, Global Manufacturing, H2Odyssey, DAN, Shipwreck Tours, Nekton, Ikelite, Helix, Aggressor Fleet, Dean Medical Center, Immersed Magazine, Crabby Hermit, Diversions, REI, 3 Little Devils, PADI, Forest City Scuba, Kozmic Divers, and Renaissance Travel.

Adventure dives, becoming adventure boating

Be sure to call ahead if you plan to go. Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Warner Park boat launch: Howard Shuck 833-1619

Lake Wazee quarry dive July 28, 10 am, site #4

July brings green water to Madison lakes, which makes Wazee diving a good alternative. Near Black River Falls, call for directions (see calendar). Sunday diving is a possibility, motels and camp sites are in the area. Bring lunch for Saturday.

Four Lakes SCUBA Club honored by the county

10 members enjoyed an evening cruise on the Betty Lou Lake Cruise as a thanks from the Stake in the Lakes organizers.

Fish crib project

Kurt Welke, Fisheries Biologist of the DNR, is looking for volunteers to dive on a weekly basis to count fish on sets of fish cribs. He would like divers to coordinate so the cribs are visited every week for the duration of the summer. It's preferable if the count is done at

the same time of day every week.
Contact: Kurt Welke
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License to hunt zebras

Kurt Welke says: I have a request. As you may know, I had the "honor" of finding the 1st reported zebra mussel in the Madison lakes on 5/15, in Monona off of Hudson beach. I've searched likely areas of Monona with DNR divers last week but given the size of the lakes, I need as many eyes as possible.

I'll send you a bunch of zebra mussel ID cards (business card size) to pass among the membership and request that folks be aware of the potential for more sightings in our lakes. I need members to actually collect whatever zebras they find and report them to me ASAP. I know visibility is soon to leave us but any and all observations would help out greatly. I'm planning a more intensive search in the fall and would like to enlist help inspecting key areas then.

Here is a URL for a site that can be used to access more zebra mussel info than you care to know about.

On the outreach page, click "tools for outreach" and page to

the zebra mussel section.
<http://ellipse.inhs.uiuc.edu/FMCS/outreach.html>

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Wazee dive news

Treasure dive

August 11 -Contact Shop for info.

Free day of diving Lake

Wazee along with a picnic style lunch, compliments of the Jackson County Parks and Forests! The 3rd Annual Wazee Clean-up Day!!

September 15, 2001

Registration: 9am-12 at Wazee Sport Center

Picnic Lunch: noon - 2pm
Serving brats, hotdogs and pop.

Grab your gear and let's work as a team to keep Wazee clean.

Underwater fishing!

September 8: we will organize this event to see who can catch the BIG ONE! You must have a valid fishing license.

More information later.

Spring/Summer store hours

Mon -Thurs: 9am - 6pm

Fri: 9am - 7pm

Sat: 9am - 6pm

Sun: 9am - 4pm

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Calendar 2001

July 11 meeting:

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Steering committee:

July 25, home of John Fafinski & Ellen Evans.

Lake Wazee Dive

Dive a quarry 10 am, July 28. Meet at east dive access, #4 on map provided by the park. There is a dive fee. Call Wazee sport center about camping or other info 1-800-940-6042.

August 8 meeting:

Ramblings, George Socha and Joyce Baer, travel all over.

Steering committee:

August 22, home of Peter Kaufmann.

Summer picnic

September 16 Lake Farm Park, Shelter #3

Steering committee:

September 19, home of Dave Neudek & Janice Edison

October 10 meeting:

Kathy Green from the Underwater Archeology Association will present her work on the historical study of early ship figureheads.

Phoenix party

Evening of October 13 at Danny Aerts and Betsy True's house. We gather together to prepare the anchor harvest. Bring anchors to roast and stuff to stuff the Tonka Toasters.

If you have material: stories, accounts, reviews, gear to sell, you think should be in this newsletter, contact me.

If you are willing to receive your newsletter electronically instead of by US mail and are not already doing so, send me an email at and let me know.

Betsy True at btrue@facstaff.wisc.edu.

Gear for sale

1 Sherwood combination BC inflator hose/Octo regulator \$75 OBO. 1 Sea quest spectrum 2 jacket BC, blk & pink, \$150 OBO. Dave Brooke at (608) 295-0508.

Gear for sale

US divers Scan-4 air integrated dive computer with compass, extra battery, and owners manual. Asking \$270.00 call (608) 635- 7710 ask for Jim.



yards long 20 feet wide, I know where the spot is. There is a reward. Maybe you would know of a dive service Any information will be greatly appreciated. Thank You. Robert Burke
bobeb8@yahoo.com

Dive hats a hit

Available in trendy beige for \$12 through Steve Feine. Call 244-1821 to order yours.

Dive stickers for sale

Steve Feine has Wisconsin and regular dive stickers for sale for \$3 and will donate half the proceeds to the club.

Online request for engine cover recovery

My name is Robert Burke. I'm looking for a scuba diving club or service to locate an engine cover that I lost. The engine cover was lost memorial day weekend in 1999. It was lost in a channel 100

Stake in the Lake T-shirts

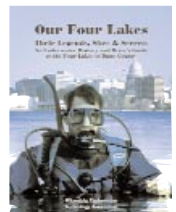
If you participated in this year's Stake in the Lake Clean up Dives, come get your t-shirt. See Ellen.

Prize left behind

One of the Dive for DAN raffle winners was so excited that they left their prize behind. You know who you are, contact our president, Ellen Evans. If this prize goes unclaimed in one month it will become the August raffle prize.

Our Four Lakes: the second edition

New and improved. Written and produced by club members. Available at the meetings and through local dive shops. \$14.95.



Heads up for *Lakeboat*

From WUAA email, June 1: My station just aired a review of a new movie in town that might be of interest. It is called "Lakeboat," written by David Mamet and starring a number of fine actors, including a couple Chicago legends. What makes it makes it attractive to me is that it all happens on an ore carrier. No, it is not a spectacular drama of peril at sea or even terrible doings, even though there is a mysteriously missing crew member. It is mostly talk and characterization, portraying life aboard this ship and the men who work it and what makes them tick. It's like a microcosm of overall life. It got a favorable review from Sun-Times columnist Roger Ebert.

Shedd Aquarium Right Bites

Audubon and the Shedd have published a seafood wallet card to guide consumers toward more ecologically sound fish consumption.

Those at the top of the list are "abundant, relatively well managed species."

Toward the middle: "Significant concerns about a species' status, fishing methods, and/or management."

Toward the bottom, "If a fish has a lot of problems – such as severe depletion, overfishing, or poor management."

Wild Alaska salmon
Dungeness crab
Mahimahi (Dolphinfish)
Striped bass
Pacific halibut
Catfish
Tilapia (U.S. farmed)
Tuna (troll- and pole-caught)
Tuna, canned
Farmed scallops (not dredged)
Rainbow trout
Calamari (squid)
Lobster
Yellowfin tuna steak (Ahi)
Soles
Swordfish
Atlantic cod
Farmed salmon (incl. Atlantic)
Groupers
Shrimp
Wild scallops
Sharks
Snappers
Orange roughy
Chilean seabass
(Patagonian toothfish)
Atlantic halibut

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