

UP AND DOWN THE ANCHOR LINE

KEYSTONE DIVERS ASSOCIATION



Volume 266

December 2008

Next KDA Meeting:

Friday, December 5, 2008

***It's the Shrimp 'n Sale at 6
At Dudas Diving Duds!***

Bring your friends, your appetite, some cookies, some stories and your Christmas shopping list over to the dive shoppe for a nite of fun and frolic around the wassail bowl! Shop provides all the shrimp, punch, salad and bargains you can handle!

Sunday, December 14, 2008

***KDA Christmas Dinner at 4:30 PM
Plus Photo Contest & Pollyanna!***

***The Concordville Inn,
Concordville, PA***

Cost: \$50/person includes tax, tip and dinner! Cash bar opens at 4 PM. You need to get your reservation and \$\$\$ in by December 5th, so call Dudas Diving Duds (610) 436-0176 or email mail@dudasdiving.com and let 'em know you are coming!

Last KDA Meeting: November 5, 2008!

Tawali Revisited – Dr Arch McNamara presented his slideshow depicting the exploits of an intrepid group of seafarers from *Dudas Diving Duds* who ventured to Tawali Resort, Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea & then on board *Spirit of Niuguini* all from September 20 – October 7, 2008. And it rained the nite of the meeting, too, just as it did much of our trip! As the refurbished motor yacht that once belonged to the Thai Navy took us from bommie to bommie, and from Sing-Sing to sunken B-17 (at 50 meters he gave us some spectacular views of this), Arch was able to record the great biodiversity that is Milne Bay with his super slick underwater digital apparatus. There were nudibranchs not even IN the *Paul Humann* book, the emperor shrimp that lives on the sea cucumber, the thorny oyster and the cowrie with the exposed mantle! Flamboyant cuttlefish, map puffers, the tumbling ball of striped catfish, whip gobies that live only on whip coral and the clown anemone fish - each type with their particular anemone they call home which they share with their porcelain crab butlers! The colorful mantis shrimp, known to smash dome ports and the Titan triggerfish that actually attacked his! He photographed footage of a cuttlefish depositing eggs into a coral head while her *male* stood guard, and my favorite moment, the snake eel that ate the lionfish! Then there was the 2-foot long stonefish with the most deadly toxin known to man just hanging out under the dock at Samarai Island, that after putting up with only so many strobes going off in his face, went after Greg, our divemaster, who was wearing only a shortie at the time! As well as documenting a plethora of creatures that shared names with crocodiles, lizards, scorpions, stones, pipes and unicorns, **Dr. Arch** incorporated pictures taken by various members of the Dudas' Tawali Tribe along with images he had taken of each person (Mark & Chase Dallura, Mark Smith & Kathy Woehl, Robin & Gary Schindelman, Patti Pittock, Norm Lynch, Tony Caccese, Jerry Keenehan, Dr Arch McNamara, Jeb Schneider, Mike Richardson, Geri Murphy Tzimoulis, Evelyn Dudas & Robin Valicenti) which included a very clever cartoon he furnished for each personality! At the village of Boga Boga a sing-sing was performed where the lead "warrior" jabs his spear testing the intentions of each visitor! Arch gave the warrior his hat, but unexpectedly received an elaborate shell necklace in return! I believe Chase Dallura ended up married to the guy during her participation in the dance.

Jen Washco won the 50-50. *Sea ya next year!*

Take time now to set aside your dive gear by the door so you can get those components that need a yearly checkup INTO THE SHOP.

Buster Says:

Don't miss a TERRIFIC opportunity! Get those digital images entered in THE PHOTO CONTEST! Then make YOUR reservation to be at the Christmas Dinner to see the PHOTO FINISH!



upcoming KDA events & special stuff

Come one; come all to the Next KDA Events...

Friday, December 5 @ 6 PM

* BYOCookies @ Dudas Diving Duds!

Sunday, December 14 @ 4 PM

KDA & DDD Holiday Dinner

* Concordville, Inn, Concordville, PA!

THEN, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our 2008 KDA officers:

President Michael Richardson

Vice President

TreasurerNoreen Brown

Secretary.....Lisa Bennett

Newsletter Editor Jayne Revid

*****NEEDED: 2009 KDA OFFICERS!**

➤ KDA Email address:
mail@dudasdiving.com

➤ The official KDA Web address:
www.dudasdiving.com/kda.html



IT IS COLD OUT THERE...

YOU MUST GO DIVE WARM WATER!

Let Dudas Diving Duds take you there!

Please contact Dudas' Diving Duds (610) 436-0176

or email us at mail@dudasdiving.com

GREAT NEWS MEMBERS: FREE AIR (air only) as long as you are a current KDA member. Come by Dudas Diving Duds and ask about all of the TERRIFIC KDA Member Specials on selected diving gear and accessories!

Meeting Place: BARNABY'S OF AMERICA

15 South High Street, West Chester, PA

(610) 696-1400

Parking is free is you leave after 9:30 PM in the garage across High Street! Follow Rt. 3 into town (Market St.), turn left when you get to High Street & you're there on the left! Or Follow Rt. 202 North from DE and go straight when it becomes High Street – go up about 6 blocks and it's on the right (BEFORE you get to Gay St!)

Keystone Divers Association 2009 Membership Application

New Member

Renewal Member

(\$25/ea. - \$40 couple)

Name: _____

Phone Day: _____

Birthdate _____

Address: _____

Phone Nite: _____

Customer# _____

Certifying Agency: _____

When? _____

Occupation: _____

Certification Level: _____

Where? _____

E-Mail Address (for online newsletter): _____

The KDA *NORMALLY* meets at Barnaby's of America (top floor) the FIRST Wednesday of the month beginning at 7 PM, 15 South High Street, West Chester, PA (610) 696-1400. The speaker begins at 8 P.M.

Friday, December 5, 2008 The *Shrimp 'n Sale at Six!* Dudas Diving Duds! In lieu of regular meeting -6 PM!

Sunday, December 14, 2008 The KDA Christmas Dinner at the Concordville, Inn, Concordville, PA! R.S.V.P. now! Avoid the rush! \$50/person + bring Pollyanna (\$25 value)

Wednesday, January 7, 2009 We return to Barnaby's – Speaker @ 8 PM! Meeting begins @ 7:00! HAPPY NEW YEAR! By the way, we need a new President – KDA, that is! Anyone interested?? Please contact the shop!

DIVER'S ED

ScubaDiver (Mondays Jan. 12th @ UMLY) @ 6 – 9:30 PM
1st Response – Medic First Aid (Wednesday Dec.10th).....@ 6 – 10PM
Nitrox. (Thursday Dec 11th).....@6 - 10PM
Dutch Springs ..**Must sign up at shop by Wed. Dec. 3rd**Dec.6th & 7th
PHOTOSHOP CLASS W/ Steve Fredrick. January 29 @ DDD.....@7- 9PM

- ❖ Other Specialty Diver Classes being scheduled – call DDD (610) 436-0176! Private & semi-private lessons upon request!
- ❖

DIVE TRAVEL

Ginnie Springs, North Florida, Cave/Cavern Dive with Evelyn

Call DDD (610) 436-0176 to go along!
Cave diving and open water diving and certification dives

Curacao January 17-24, 2009
Key Largo..... February 12-16, 2009
BelizeALMOST SOLD OUT May 23-30, 2009
La Paz, Mexico..... August 8-17, 2009
St. Lucia.....September 19-26, 2009
New Zealand diving on the Mikhail LermontovNovember 17-24- 2009
Philippines Winter/Spring 2010
Truk Lagoon..... One or two weeks Sept. 26 – Oct. 10, 2010

DAN Trip Insurance: Cover Your Dive or Dream Vacation! Go to Dan's Website (diversalert.org), go to the "insurance" tab and scroll down to "trip." Then get yourself an insurance quote!! Use DDD Acct. #033871

CHECK OUT DDD DIVE SCHEDULE @ WWW.DUDASDIVING.COM & SIGN UP 2 GO DIVING!!

The KDA – *IN DEPTH!*

**We're BRINGING BACK the famous KDA PHOTO CONTEST!!!
It's the photo contact for EVERYONE – not just the pros!**

Each KDA member may submit one photo in each category. The photo contest will be judged by you, the KDA members, at the KDA Christmas Dinner, Sunday, December 14, 2008. You MUST be a current club member to enter. The following categories will be judged and prizes awarded:

- ✿ Best Underwater Diver picture
- ✿ Best Underwater Critter picture
- ✿ Best Underwater Reef picture
- ✿ Best Underwater Wreck picture
- ✿ Best Topside Picture (diving related, of course)
- ✿ BEST IN SHOW, Grand Prize will also be awarded for the individual photo with the most votes!

Be creative and interpret your own definition of these categories. For instance, a reef picture can have a diver in it; a critter picture can be on the reef, etc. Final decision on the category relevance lies with the KDA Executive Board. Please restrict your entries to photos captured within the 2007 and 2008 dive seasons!

The KDA Photo Contest will be presented in a PowerPoint format. Therefore, all photos will need to be submitted in a digital format. If you haven't made the switch to digital yet, no problem! Bring your prints or slides into DDD and we will scan them for you. Please email entries to mail@dudasdiving.com or send us a CD with your photos via snail mail. If you email, please email each entry separately and include the words "photo-contest" and the category the photo is for in the subject line. Include your contact information, the title of the photo, and where and when the photo was taken in the body of the email.

Please send photos in at LEAST 72dpi resolution and sized at LEAST 1024 x 768, but PLEASE don't send files larger than 5 megabytes! We will reformat all photos for the proper size when we receive them. So get out there and get snappin those photos! *Deadline for entry: December 8, 2008!*

DON'T FORGET OUR BIG HOLIDAY KICKOFF SALE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH

20% OFF*

***20% OFF ANY ONE ITEM. KDA MEMBERS ONLY.
Not a member? Sign up at the shop and get the savings!***

Ask us how to get a free nitrox computer from Scuba Pro. This is a great deal!!

SPECIAL IN STOCK SALES

****restrictions apply***

**Don't forget: www.dudasdiving.com for the latest updates about diving, the KDA AND the online newsletter!
By the way – are YOUR 2009 dues paid up????? !!**

KDA Christmas Dinner & Photo Contest

& Evelyn's famous Pollyanna*!

*(*Bring a wrapped gift worth ~\$25!)*



Sunday, December 14, 2008

***Cocktails at 4pm, Dinner at 4:30 P.M. at the
Concordville Inn, Concordville, PA***

\$50/person

Call now to R.S.V.P. (610) 436-0176 or email: mail@dudasdiving.com

Deadline for registration: 12/5/08!

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at Dudas Diving Duds!

(In lieu of regular KDA meeting!)



This is the world-famous Bring Your Own Cookies Party! DDD and KDA provide the Wassail Bowl and Shrimp and all the sale items you can accumulate for your Holiday gift list this year! And YOU bring the cookies, camaraderie, and other holiday treats to share!

KDA Christmas Dinner Coupon

\$50.00 per person (incl. tax, tip and dinner) – cash bar extra! _____ Number of Dinners

Name(s): _____

Phone Day: _____

Phone Nite: _____

Email Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

**Return this coupon to Dudas Diving Duds, 104 Bartram's Lane, West Chester, PA 19382
Along with your \$\$\$ A.S.A.P. (by 12/5/08) to reserve your spot! (610) 436-076 or (888) 436-0176**

Keystone Divers' Association
c/o Dudas Diving Duds, Inc.
104 Bartram's Lane
West Chester, PA 19382
(610) 436-0176

FIRST CLASS

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Dudas Diving Duds, West Chester, PA!

Sunday, December 14, 2008

The KDA Christmas Dinner @ 4pm

Concordville Inn, Concordville, PA!

(Cash bar opens at 4 PM – Dinner starts @ 4:30 - reservations required by December 5)



It's been another WONDERFUL year of diving! We've spent quality time with our favorite dive buddies and met some new ones along the way! Now's the time to come out and get together with ALL of them! Do some eating, drinking, shopping and general merry-making! And don't miss the opportunity to make those big plans for NEXT year, too!