



## Southern Indiana Scuba

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## Mark's Thoughts

Signs point to a rapidly approaching summer. Before you know it, we will be diving locally. But wait!! Are you ready for all the fun? Do you have all the equipment needed for a safe, fun-filled season? Is your equipment ready for a safe season? Or does some of it need a preventive maintenance check?? When was the last time you went diving? Would a refresher course make the season safer and more enjoyable? Thoughts of diving usually evoke visions of warm tropical locations, but Indiana offers many opportunities for lot of local diving. Locations include Blue Spring Quarry in Waldron Indiana, Sunset Lake in Linton, Green-Sullivan State Forest (Permit required, see us), and France Park in Logansport Indiana. We are scheduling some local dive trips this year. Come join the fun!

Now with that said, if you are a tropical diver, boy, do we have the schedule for you! Trips are planned to Grand Cayman, Southern Belize -Nekton Pilot and Key Largo. One of the hottest trips on the list is Grand Cayman. Five days of diving, one Sting Ray City dive, one night dive, two people to a condo, rental car for ONLY \$1070.00 per person. The other HOT item scheduled is a September Trip to Key Largo via motorcycles. Three days riding down (about 300 to 400 miles a day), three days of diving with afternoon tours of the Keys, and three days back. What a trip, even if you don't have a bike there are rentals available (limited supply), or double up with a friend who is planning to go. Plan early to join us. Sign up **TODAY!**

Now is the time to get excited diving and plan your 2006 dive season!

### **Sam's Review of Bonne Terre:**

**By Sam Frushour**

The Bonne Terre trip went off nearly without a hitch. We got to the town of Bonne Terre and the motel in time to check in, and then go down to Farmington to Bailey's Pub and Grill for a decent feed and drink. The piano player was not that great, but at least it was entertaining. Actually it is a pretty fine restaurant. Early the next morning we arrived at the mine in a drizzling rain ahead of everyone else including the employees. We did not wait long for them to arrive. We learned that it would be a day with few visitors, so this was good news. We had no crowds with which to contend with on any dive. After the checking in, signing away any rights and the first born, we dressed and headed into the mine for our first dive. I was to go with Ian Hall since he had not been there previously. The others, Scott Chris and Bill, entered an half hour later for their first dive. There were only three of us and a guide, Jason Keys, on each of the three dives Ian and I were on. The old timer Scott Fritz "Bear" led the others on their more advanced dives. We had time to get some lunch between dives and were not hurried at any time. The only snafu was that Bill's regulator malfunctioned prior to his first dive and he had to substitute the spare of Southern Indiana Scuba.

All in all it was a great trip with some good dives for everyone.



### **Texas Trip Remembered:**

**By Debbie Blessing**

Hey there, fellow divers! We have a number of exciting diving trips scheduled this year. I am sure one or more them will fit your diving plans. Check them out.

Two year ago I participated in the Texas Flower Gardens trip where I completed my advanced certification dives. The live-aboard -trip 100 miles off the Gulf Coast out of Freeport, Texas, was a new experience for me. We boarded the boat Sunday evening and started out to the open ocean.

I went outside for air where I met George Connolly who asked me if I had been on the top deck. When I said that I had not, he suggested that I go topside and sit until my eyes adjusted to the night, then look up into the sky. I went climbed to the top deck to observe the most beautiful sky filled with brilliant stars.

The crew came around early the next morning calling for the first dive. My exciting week of diving began when I did a giant stride off the boat. I was so excited to be in the clear, gulf water. After a great dive we got onboard where a full breakfast awaited us.

Our cook, Galley Mike, fed us well the entire week. He made the best home-made banana bread! Another great treat was the hot chocolate he passed around when we returned from the night dives.

The competent crew provided a comfortable and safe feeling. After the first few dives, they already knew our names. They made sure you knew what to see and where to find it. When I had trouble with my fins my great dive buddies who loaned me some to save the week. (This is a long story, come in and ask me about it!)

The week of diving was filled with great experiences. I saw my first octopus, eels and a huge stingray. At 97 feet I could see the boat clearly. It is a wonderful experience and a great way to do your advanced diving.

On this trip you can dive as much or as little as you like. The weather was good all week until Thursday afternoon after the third dive the waves and current kicked up. The captains from the boats, the Fling and the the Spree, decided for our safety to call the week, we headed

back for Freeport. Because of the weather, the trip to shore took longer than the trip out because of the weather. This is a wonderful trip to experience for the first time and again and again! Happy Diving!  
Debbie

## **New PADI Professional Divers**

We wish to recognize and congratulate persons who have completed their PADI Professional rating of Assistant Instructor. These persons are Bill Perry, Ted Berry, Perry Bovenschen, Janice Rickert, Chris Parks and Rick Powell. These graduates are a very important part of our educational team. This rating is the next step in their professional scuba career. A strong commitment on the parts of each person was necessary to reach this goal. They deserve a BIG CONGRATULATIONS for attaining this level of expertise.

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## “2006” The Year to Explore New Destinations, And Revisit Your Favorite Getaways!

**March 12-18, Key Largo for \$600.00** per person includes 5 days of two tank dives and accommodations at Quiescence Dorm<sup>^</sup>. A nice relaxing place to spend spring break

**May 7-13, Key Largo for \$600.00** per person includes 5 days of two tank dives and accommodations at Quiescence Dorm<sup>^</sup>.

**June 3-10, Grand Cayman, Ocean Frontiers, NEW Compass Point \$950.00** per person. See featured trip or check our web site under Upcoming Trips for more details. This trip is filling fast!!!!

**July 16-19 Texas Flower Gardens, MV Boat \$450.00** per person includes 3 days of diving and accommodations, food, tanks, weights on MV Boat in the Gulf of Mexico.

**Aug 13-19, Key Largo \$750.00** per person includes 5 days of two tank dives and accommodations at Quiescence Dorm<sup>^</sup>. **ADVANCED**

**ONLY TRIP.** Deep dives, special locations, one of our most popular trips to the keys.

**Sept 16-24 Key Largo Florida via Motorcycles. \$342.00** per person includes 3 days of diving, 4 nights accommodations, tanks and weights. Come ride to the Keys on your bike or a rented bike. You can ship your equipment to the Keys. See our web site for more details. This trip is filling fast! Sign up SOON!

**Dec 2 - 9, Nekton Pilot, for ~\$1895.00** per person includes 5 days diving, accommodations, food, tanks, weights, and transfers. Does not include air fare.



**NOTE:** prices, locations, dive centers, hotels subject to change without notice. Only those signed up for the trip at the time of the change will be notified

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call (812) 336-2527, or visit us on line at [info@southernindianascuba.com](mailto:info@southernindianascuba.com)

“~” approximate price

<sup>^</sup> Dorm at Quiescence Dive Center. Upgrades can be arranged

## TRIP CALENDAR

Key Largo FL	Mar 12-18
Key Largo FL	May 7-13
Grand Cayman	June 3-10
Texas Flower Garden	July 16- 19
Key Largo FL	Aug 13-19
Key Largo, FL	Sept 16-24
Belize Nekton Pilot	Dec 2 - 9

All trips require a deposit, and a signed contract. Some do not include airfare, see our store staff for details.

## Featured Trip this issue

### Key Largo Florida

**May 7th to 13th**

**Come Dive the Keys in May!**



**The weather is great, the water temperature is fanatic! We have seen a lot of wonderful wild life during May trips. 100's of Eagle Rays, Hammerhead Sharks, Turtles, Dolphins and much more. This is the time of the YEAR that is my favorite in Key Largo.**

**Dive shipwrecks like the Duane, Spiegel Grove, and Benwood. Just relax in the Keys after a LONG WINTER. All this for ONLY \$600.00 per person. Includes 5 days of diving, tanks, weights, and accommodation in the Dorm. Upgrades to accommodation available.**

## Upcoming Classes

### Discover Scuba

Date	Time	Location	Inst.
Mar 3rd	7:00 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
Mar 5th	1:00 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
Apr 7th	7:00 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
Apr 16th	1:00 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
May 7th	7:00 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
June 13th	6:30 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
June 20th	4:00 pm	Bryant Park Pool	SIS Staff
July 11th	6:30 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
July 15th	1:00 pm	Bryant Park Pool	SIS Staff
Aug 1st	6:30 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
Aug 13th	1:00 pm	Bryant Park Pool	SIS Staff

### 6 Week Open Water Classes

Date	Friday	Time	Location	Inst.
Mar 31st	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff	

### 3 Week Open Water Classes

Date	Tue & Thurs	Time	Location	Inst.
June 13th	6:30 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff	
July 11th	6:30 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff	
Aug 1st	6:30 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff	

### Weekend Open Water Classes

Date	Sat & Sun	Time	Location	Inst.
March 3rd & 4th	8:30 am - 4 pm	S.I. S	SIS Staff	
April 15th & 16th	8:30 am - 4 pm	S.I. S	SIS Staff	
May 20th & 21st	8:30 am - 4 pm	S.I. S	SIS Staff	
June 24th & 25th	8:30 am - 4 pm	S.I. S	SIS Staff	
Aug 5th & 6th	8:30 am - 4 pm	S.I. S	SIS Staff	

### Adventure/Advanced Open Water Diver

Date	Time	Location	Inst.
Mar 8th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
Apr 5th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
May 3rd	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
June 14th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff
July 26th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Southern Indiana Scuba	SIS Staff

### Rescue Diver

Date	Time	Location	Inst.
Feb 22nd	7:00 - 10:00 pm	SIS	SIS Staff
Apr 19th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	SIS	SIS Staff
May 17th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	SIS	SIS Staff
June 28th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	SIS	SIS Staff
Aug 23rd	7:00 - 10:00 pm	SIS	SIS Staff

### Divemaster

Date	Time	Loc.	Instructor
Feb 20th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	SIS	Mark Brooks
June 12th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	SIS	Mark Brooks

## Specialties

Course	Date	Time	Location
EAN	Self-paced	anytime	S.I.S.
DAN O2	Feb 15	7:00 - 9:00 pm	S.I.S.
DAN O2	Apr 11	7:00 - 9:00 pm	S.I.S.
DAN O2	Jun 23	7:00 - 9:00 pm	S.I.S.
DAN O2	Aug 7th	7:00 - 9:00 pm	S.I.S.
PADI EFR	Feb 15	7:00 - 9:00 pm	S.I.S.
PADI EFR	Apr 11	7:00 - 9:00 pm	S.I.S.
PADI EFR	Jun 21	7:00 - 9:00 pm	S.I.S.
PADI EFR	Aug 9th	7:00 - 9:00 pm	S.I.S.

Drysuit Course    Call for Date & Time

Full Face Mask Class Call for Date & Time

U/W Propulsion Vehicles (Scooters) Call for Date

PCI Class:

Please see out web site or [www.psi-indiana.com](http://www.psi-indiana.com)

Hazmat Training

Fill Station Operator

Cylinder Inspector

Valve Repair

### NOTE:

Location and prices of classes subject to change without notice except from those already enrolled in the class.



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# Getting Ready for Spring Diving Season Sale

## 2005 Close out

### 2005 Wetsuit Close out

All In-stock New 2005 wetsuits are on SALE. Up to 30% off on discontinued models. The 2006 models are arriving and we need to make room for them. Stop by soon for the best selection. These are GREAT suits and NOW at SUPER PRICES. All makes, All Models are on Sale. Don't miss out on this great deal. Sizes and styles are limited, so shop EARLY!



### 2005 Mask Close out



Aqua Lung Quartz Mask on SALE. Super pricing on these Top of Line Mask. Need a new mask! Now is the time! Quartz One Two and Three at prices 30% below retail. Stop in and pick one up day!

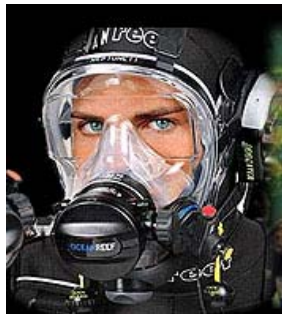
### 2005 Drysuits

We have ONLY two NEW drysuits left. Both are XXL, on sale at 30% off retail. These are new suits, but they have been on display. These suit includes bag, drysuit, inflator hose, Underwater, zipper wax and certification. Stop by and see these suits before they are gone.



### 2005 Full Face Mask

Only Two 2005 Ocean Reef Full Face Mask Units are left. These units include Underwater communication, Surface Valve, Full Face Mask and certification. These mask can be purchased while supplies last for only \$750.00 per unit. The communication unit alone is \$695.00. WHAT A DEAL!! They DON'T have the NIRA II regulator, but one can be added for \$170.00.



### 2005 Luggage Sale



2005 Dive Travel Luggage up to 30% off retail. With 2006 luggage arriving, we need to make room for it, so we are selling 2005 luggage at clearance prices. This luggage has always been a good value, but NOW it is a AWESOME Deal.

### Orange Dot Hunting Sale

Everything with a Orange Dot is 30% off. The items have been marked down for various reasons. Some due to the 2006 models have come out. Others, because of the number of items in stock. All are great deals on great equipment. Now is the time to come HUNT some special deals!!



### Rental Equipment Sale

We still have a limited number of rental BCD's, wetsuits and regulators for sale at Mind Blowing prices. Some as much as 70% off retail. Name brand products at well below wholesale prices. Get them while they are available.



*Now is the TIME to take advantage of the YEAR END CLEARANCE!!!*



# Trips to MARK your Calendar for in 2006!!

## Upcoming Dive Travel

### Key Largo May 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>

Start the Summer off right. Dive Key Largo again, or for the first time. May is the best time of the year to dive in the Keys. The water is warm, the weather isn't too hot, the days are long to allow lots of diving. Five days of diving, two dives a day, cylinders, weights, charter boat, guide and accommodations at Quiescence. Upgrades are available for additional fees. This trip is ONLY \$600.00

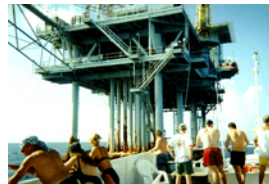


### Grand Cayman June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

This trip includes accommodations at new Compass Point Condominiums, five two-tank dives, weights, tanks, guides, one night dive, one Sting Ray City dive and rental car. The accommodations have washer, dryer, cable TV, Wireless DSL, DVD player, Stereo and view of the Ocean. All this for only \$1070.00 per person based on double occupancy.

### Texas Flower Gardens July 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>

Come dive the East Bank, West Bank, Oil Rigs and Stetson Bank. Three days of diving including cylinders, weights, accommodations, food and guide for ONLY \$450.00. Come see what is 100 miles off shore. Texas Flower Gardens offers some of the best gulf diving in the US. This is an advanced trip with depths ranging from 70 feet to 100 feet. Enjoy the warm beautiful waters and some amazing animals such as Whale Sharks, Manta Rays and much, much more.



### ATTENTION ADVANCED DIVERS August 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>

See Key Largo Florida like you have never seen it before. Five days of advance diving includes such opportunities as a dawn dive on the Spiegel Grove, or a night dive on the Duane, or a drift dive in the DEEP BLUE sea. We will be doing dives that you can't do normally. Dive Computers are A



MUST, EAN recommended. Lodging at Quiescence, charter boat, cylinder, weights, and guide for the trip are ONLY \$750.00.

### Attention Motorcycle owners: September 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.



A Bike and Dive trip is planned for Key Largo, Florida. Three days of riding to Keys requires about 300 miles a day.

The trip includes three days of morning dives with afternoon bike side trips, and three days on the return trip. The three-day-dive package includes cylinders, weights, charter boat, guide, and accommodations at Quiescence. Upgrades on the accommodations available for additional fee. We will be able to ship your diving equipment to Quiescence and back for a fee. The trip doesn't include fuel for the trip down and back, accommodation on the road, any food or rental equipment. For those of you who want to go but do not have a bike, we have made arrangements for rentals from Indy West Harley-Davidson Rentals. If you are interested, please let us know, rentals are limited. Another option is to double up with a buddy who has a bike. Sign up today!

### SEE Southern Belize from the Nekton Pilot December 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>

Come dive Belize with us. We will be diving off the Nekton Pilot. It is one of the nicest live-a-boards that I have been on. Each room has a shower and toilet, view of the ocean, and own ac controls. A HOT tub is available on deck. The lounge has a TV, DVD player, a camera table for your underwater camera, and much more. They open the dive deck at 8:00 am and close it at 9:00 pm. Do as much diving or as little diving as you want. The price includes accommodations, food, diving, cylinder, weights and non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages and cokes may be purchased at a local store before boarding the boat. All this for only \$1895.00.

