



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting: Holiday Party!

Wednesday, December 13th
7:00pm

Babe's - 5614 Schroeder Road

Please bring dive photos and stories to share!



Thank you!

Thank you to our November speaker, Leah Potts, for telling us all about her adventures as a 2017 Rolex Scholar!



Your Article Could Be Here!

We are always looking for contributions to the newsletter! Please send your trip reports, articles, photos, etc. to news@fourlakesscubaclub.org. All submissions must be received by the first Wednesday of the month to be added in that month's newsletter.

Trip Report: Indonesia (Part One)

By John Fafinski

Ellen and I recently returned from a great trip to Indonesia. We spent our time between two resorts, the first was in Raja Ampat and the second at Lembah Straits. Our trip started on a Wednesday when we drove to Chicago to spend the night. The next morning, we left O'Hare and flew to LAX on Singapore air, from there the next stop was South Korea. After a short layover we flew to Singapore. Our next flight was to Jakarta. We had a long layover in Jakarta, so we rented a day room at the airport. It was a good choice because there isn't a lot happening in the airport. We were able to grab a bite, walk around, take a nap (laying down) and a shower. The airport had a shuttle, so they took us to our terminal. Leaving Jakarta, we landed in Makassar and then one more flight to Sorong. We arrived in Sorong on Sunday morning and were met by people from the resort. It was still a little early to catch our boat, so they took us to a hotel and gave us breakfast vouchers. After breakfast the resort people showed up and took us all to the marina. We boarded a boat and headed to Kri Island which was about an hour and a half away.

Kri Island had two resorts on it, one an eco-resort and the Sorido Bay Resort which is where we stayed. We were right next to Cape Kri where Dr. G Allen recorded the world record of 374 species of fish on one dive. The resort is small. It has spacious bungalows and takes up to 18 guests. Each of the rooms are right on the beach and during high tide feet from the water. The rooms were really big. The bathroom and shower were bigger than most rooms on a live a board. We had a large living area with a bed, sofa, table and chairs, minifridge and safe. There was also a porch with beach chairs. The resort offered free laundry which they did for you, free wifi (but who needs that on vacation), food, snacks, tea, coffee, and water. They did have a little alcohol, but it was expensive. We bought a bottle in Singapore and brought it along. After our resort and dive briefing we went out for an afternoon dive. All the dives were from a small boat and we normally had a boat driver, a dive master or two and a helper. We had 3-6 divers on each boat. Most of the dive sites were close, within a few minutes of the pier. We would go out in the morning around 7:30 and dive, return to the resort and leave again around 10. We would come back for lunch and then do an afternoon

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Clean Lakes Alliance Contest: Guess When Lake Mendota Will Freeze!

Every winter, the Mendota Freeze Contest calls attention to the year-round importance of our lakes to local quality of life. The FIRST person to correctly guess the official "ice-on" date for Lake Mendota will win a \$1,000 gift card to shop at Lands' End! The runner up will receive an overnight stay at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

For more details, please visit <https://cleanlakesalliance.org/mendota-freeze-contest/>

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dive. The boat crew would handle all the gear. They would set it up, take it apart, wash it, and put it away. We were just responsible for our wet suit and booties.

The diving in Raja Ampat is amazing. The soft and hard corals are beautiful and in great shape, we didn't see any damage or bleaching. There are tons of fish and little critters to look at, from your pygmy seahorses to giant mantas. There can be a lot of current and we were there during a full moon so the tides changed a lot which brought in heavier currents on some of the dives. We used reef hooks on quite a few dives but not all of them. Typical sightings were nudibranchs, bumphead parrotfish, black and white tipped sharks, anemone fish, moorish idols, giant clams, wobbegong sharks, crocodile fish, large schools of barracuda, pipe fish and pipe horses. We managed to see a couple of pygmy seahorses and larger seahorses, cuttlefish and manta rays at a cleaning station.

We did a few night dives during the week, and one of them was a flou night dive where we used special lights and filters over our masks and it made the reef look psychedelic with lots of reds, blues, purples and yellows from the corals, fish, and other creatures. The house reef did have mandarin fish so we got to see them on two night dives and once during the day.

Two of the days were longer trips and we went to the Fam Islands and Mushroom Island. The Fam Islands were beautiful. There was a platform we climbed to get a great view. It was postcard beautiful.

The people at the resort, the accommodations, food, dive crew were all great, but after a week it was time to leave. We took the boat back to Sorong and had time before our flight left so they once again took us to the hotel to hang out. When it was time they brought us back to the airport and we took our flight to Manado.

To be Continued.....

Sea Save Foundation Annual Auction

The Sea Save Foundation annual auction has begun! Items to bid on include trips to remote dive destinations, liveboard expeditions, photographs, and more! View and bid on items here: <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/seasave-3297>

Free to good home! One Ikelite Substrobe M and One Ikelite Substrobe MS. Several brackets and arms. Picture below. Contact Danny Aerts at 608-821-0048 or djaerts@wisc.edu.



In the News

[What 'Impaired' Means in Wisconsin's Waters](#) (WisContext)

[Wisconsin DNR Names 240 New Water As Impaired](#)
(Wisconsin Public Radio)

[Toxic Algae Blooms Spike In Wisconsin, Nationwide](#)
(Wisconsin Public Radio)

['Pirate' Divers Suspected of Looting WWI Liner](#) (Divernet)

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