



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 PM

Nitty Gritty - 1021 N. Gammon Road, Middleton 53562

Speaker: Gayle Orner

Presentation: In Hunt of Megalodon Teeth

This month's speaker is Gayle Orner, Four Lakes Scuba Club's Safety Officer, and one of our most active local divers. Gayle will be presenting on dive trips to the North Carolina "Meg Ledge" and South Carolina Cooper River in search of fossilized teeth from the giant prehistoric Megalodon sharks that prowled the ancient seas up to 23 million years ago. She will include tips on where to go and how to find these valuable teeth, and how to stay safe while diving for them.

And the winner is...

In December we had our annual holiday party. As Babe's was officially closed, we had the party at the Mirabel Apartments, thanks to Lisa. Quite a few of you attended the party and a good time was had! We presented our annual award for the most dives and you'll never guess who the winner was—that's right, Gayle took the trophy home once again with 115 dives, beating her previous number of 101 last year. The runner up was Brad, followed by Team Jellen for third. Better start diving now if you want to take the trophy home this year!

Thank you to everyone who attended the party and helped with food and organization!

In The News

Lost and Found

Amazing what some leftover electronics can find. In this case, the *Peshtigo* and *St. Andrews*, a pair of ships that collided during the Civil War era. They were discovered 50 miles away from where they were suspected to be resting, in northern Lake Michigan. They rest 10 feet from each other. [[IBEW](#)]

Ice Ice Baby

Read up on the once-thriving ice harvesting industry in Lake Mendota. Ice was a booming industry, with a lot of it going to Chicago. It was one of the reasons that Oscar Mayer was in Madison. Concerns over the economic impact of pollution in our lakes date all the way back to 1906, when a beet processing factory killed the ice industry. [[WisCONTEXT](#)]

Our World Underwater

For those looking forward to the annual Our World Underwater show, it has unfortunately been canceled.



WANTED: Speakers for 2020

Do you have some great pictures or video from a recent trip? Do you know someone with interesting dive experiences? If so, you're in luck—we have openings to present in 2020!

Presentations do not need to be long or formal, and club members are always welcome to volunteer to present! If you're interested in giving a presentation yourself, or if you have ideas on topics you would like to learn more about, please speak up at the next meeting or contact one of the club officers.