



# Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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## This Month's Meeting

### Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, February 10, 7:00pm

[Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 826 4517 7418 Password: 466279

Join us this month for a social hour or two with friends. We don't have a speaker this month. If you have dive photos or videos to share, feel free!

## Elections

It's been two years since our last club election. Thank you so much to those who have served on the board these past couple of years.

If you're interested in helping to keep this club going strong, please [contact the president](#) to place your name in the hat for any position: President, VP, Treasurer, or Safety Officer. We're looking for members who are interested in helping to keep the club organized and running.



## Annual Dues

Now that it's 2021, it's time to renew your membership!

To keep your membership current, or to join the club, please fill out a form at <http://fourlakesscubaclub.org/join/> and send it to our Treasurer Mary Stroud:

5203 Whitcomb Dr.  
Madison, WI 53711-2638.

Your dues help to fund club events such as monthly meetings, the annual holiday party, cleanup dives and picnics, gifts for our speakers, the Phoenix party, and our website. We waived fees for 2020 because many of these events were canceled. However, we're looking to have in-person meetings safely again once more are vaccinated. Stay tuned for more details!

## 2021 Community Service Dives

Though it might not seem like it, spring is just around the corner. We have several lake clean-up dives planned:

- May 15th and 16th
- May 22nd and 23rd

Save the dates! As we get closer, we will announce locations and times. As usual, we'll try to clean up all four of our local lakes. Bring your goodie bags to collect "treasure." We can also use shore and canoe support.

We'll look into doing a Yahara River cleanup dive in the fall, along with a picnic. (As some can attest, the Yahara River is much warmer and pleasant in the fall.)

We'll also be planning an outdoor picnic similar to what we've done in years past. This will be held in the summer or fall. Join us this Wednesday to help plan it!

## The Trophy Has Traveled!

Congratulations to Zac for logging the most dives in 2020! Gayle has passed the trophy on. Who will win in 2021?



## In-Person Meetings

For those who haven't heard, John and Ellen have set up a potential venue for our monthly meetings going forward. The new [Hop Haus](#) in Fitchburg (not the Verona location) has a large, beautiful room with a big TV for presenting. It's just off of Seminole Highway with easy access from the bike path. There is a good menu with food and drinks.

We and Hop Haus will be following guidelines to decide when we can safely meet in-person again. If vaccination efforts go well and we all do our part to stop the spread, maybe we'll be able to meet again later this year.



## In the News

### Clean-Up Crew

Volunteers cleaned up more than 9,200 pounds of trash from the Tennessee River over three days. Back in October, they hauled out 4,800 pounds, and they're planning an effort in April to remove a stunning 100,000 pounds from the river.

### The Devil Is in the Details

Devil's Lake State Park has proposed several concepts for a new education center. With current proposals, the parking lot by the railroad tracks where most divers enter will be removed. Please review these plans and give your feedback.

## WANTED: 2021 SPEAKERS

Know someone who has an interesting topic to share or who's gone on a dive trip recently? With Zoom, they can be located anywhere in the world. We'd love to hear about unique experiences. Let the club officers know your ideas.

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