



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, August 10th 7:30 PM

Hop Haus (Fitchburg Location) - 2975 Sub-Zero Parkway,
Fitchburg, WI 53719

Speakers: Brad and Nikki Acker

Brad and Nikki will be sharing photos and videos from their dive trip to Belize and also a few highlights from Costa Rica. They spent one week diving in Belize and another week on land in Costa Rica in February near the end of the Omicron peak. This was their first international trip since the pandemic.



Last Month's Speakers

A big thanks to John and Ellen for sharing photos from their recent travels. It's always really fun to hear about their adventures and see all their beautiful photos!



July Meeting Photo: John Hanrahan

Upcoming Dives

We have some upcoming events, so mark your calendars! More information to come for each of these.

- The annual **Dive Eat Float** has been postponed to **Saturday, August 27th**. It consists of diving at Redgranite Quarry, then having a pot luck cookout at Randy's, followed by a nice easy float down the Mekan River. We hope you all can join us for any or all of these events!
- **Saturday, October 1st** folks from the club will meet for a fun dive at **Lake Wazee!**
- The following **Saturday, October 8th** we'll do a clean-up dive on the **Yahara River** between Lakes Mendota and Monona. This has always been very productive for trash finding, and we could use shore and canoe support in addition to divers.

We're also going to finalize a date for the annual Phoenix Party. Stay tuned!

In the News

- Dane County Sheriff's dive team [recovered a 200 pound Buddha](#) from Lake Monona earlier this month. Imagine finding that on a cleanup dive!
- [Listen to the story of "crabotage,"](#) underwater crustaceans who wreak havoc on volcanic seismometers and make for some very crabby scientists.
- Check out some [hidden gems of the Yahara watershed](#) thanks to the Clean Lakes Alliance. See how many you've visited or even dived at.
- If you're looking for a good scuba-related film to watch, [Thirteen Lives](#) was recently released. It tells the story of the 2018 Thai cave rescue. Don't forget about [The Rescue](#) which was released last year and is more documentary-focused.
- [Here's some good news:](#) the coral in the Great Barrier reef is at its highest in 36 years in some places. While stressors like heatwaves and crown-of-thorns starfish continue to pose a risk, the coral are very resilient.

Diveheart Documentary Wins Awards

Per Jim Elliot, Diveheart's documentary "Adapting to Dive" continues to win awards, including the Feature Documentary of the Orlando International Film Festival. Below is a picture of Jim with David Marsh, the filmmaker, and Peggy, one of the divers featured in the film. You can stream "Adapting to Dive" on [Amazon](#).



Wanted: Email Announcer

After many years, Randy is stepping down from sending the club's email announcements. Thank you to Randy for all your help over the years! We're looking for someone who can send out these announcements going forward. If you're interested in taking on this role, please let Brad know.

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