



# Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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## This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 PM  
Babe's - 5614 Schroeder Road

## This month's presentation: Diveheart

Diveheart, was founded in 2001. The vision was to build confidence and independence and self esteem in children, adults and veterans with disabilities through scuba diving.

Thanks to the wonder of the water column, the oceans and lakes of the world become the forgiving weightless environment of inner space. This offers perfect buoyancy and balance to any individual who might struggle on land in the hope of providing physical and psychological therapeutic value. It is a can-do spirit that Diveheart seeks to instill in our participants.

Diveheart's dream is to have a site where we can serve children, adults and veterans with disabilities through scuba therapy, and where we can address research, rehabilitation, education, and vocational training. Furthermore, we envision that our facility will allow us to train individuals from around the world to scuba dive with individuals with disabilities. These divers can in turn, return to their homes and train even more people. The potential impact on the lives of individuals with disabilities around the world is enormous.

Diveheart is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. If you have scuba gear that you're willing to donate to Diveheart, bring it to the meeting on Wednesday. You can even help children, veterans, and others with disabilities by donating your boat, motorhome, car, van, truck, snowmobile, jet ski—see [here](#) for details.

## Take a Stake in Our Waters 2019!

Our annual clean up dives in the local lakes were a big success! Divers brought up a lot of trash from our local lakes. We enjoyed some great visibility during these dives, and our cleanup efforts help to keep our local treasures in good shape so everyone can enjoy them.

Thanks to those who attended and helped out at the picnic. We had great weather and it was a lot of fun.

Check out the local news coverage our event received: [Diving club cleans up Madison Lakes \(Channel 3000\)](#).



## North Sulawesi

Ellen Evans and John Fafinski

In 2017 John and I went to Lembeh to go muck diving. While there we heard about the Passport to Paradise package. You get to dive in three distinct areas of North Sulawesi. Transfers between resorts are by boat with diving along the way. No day off before flying and no time in the airport. Just a relaxing trip by boat with beautiful views along the way. This sounded so great we had to go back. And so we did, this April, along with Rob, Mary, Nikki and Brad. We started in Murex Manado, diving in the Bunaken Marine Park. This region has some walls and is known for its turtles. On one dive I saw so many turtles I lost count. On an amazing night dive, I saw so many creatures I couldn't remember all of them when filling out my logbook. Everywhere you looked was something weird. Leaf fish, ghost pipe fish, a bunch of banded pipe fish, cuttle fish, squid, crocodile fish, and more. The weather was great the entire time, so our transfers were smooth. Next stop was Murex Banka. We stayed in little cabanas on the beach. The house reef was very nice. You must time your shore dive with the tide otherwise the current is strong. From the house reef we saw very beautiful corals and a couple of octopus. This area is more known for soft corals. Highlights from

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this location include peacock mantis shrimp with eggs, giant frog fishes, many nudibranchs, ribbon eels, morays, hot springs, sea moths, cuttle fish, pipe fishes, sea horses, and more. When it was time to go the staff stood on the beach waving until we couldn't see them anymore. Next was Lembeh. John and I wanted to see a hairy frog fish. And we did on dive one. It was out there walking along and twirling its lure. We saw 5 more during the week. Highlights at Lembeh include squid laying eggs, coconut octopus gathering up the shells I laid out for it, blue ringed octopus, devil fish, nudibranchs of all shapes and colors including a couple of really big solar powered ones, box crabs running sideways, various pipe

fishes, a few kinds of frog fishes, many sea horses, long armed and mimic octopus, a large cuttle fish catching a catfish, flamboyant cuttle fish, eels, mandarin fish mating, and more. The food at all the resorts was great. But I like Lembeh the best. You can have desert at every meal. On our last day John and I went to Tangkoko National Park and did a walking tour. We saw cuscus, special tarsier, lined gliding lizards, crested black macaques, bats, birds, insects including butterflies. The views going up the mountains were stunning on the way out and exiting on the way back in the dark.

There was so much to see I can't list it all here. Be sure to come to our group presentation at the July meeting.

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#### Plum & Pilot Islands Newsletter

Many of us fresh water divers have dove the wrecks near Plum and Pilot Islands in Door County. [The Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands](#) have been preserving and restoring the historical maritime structures on these islands along with supporting education on the conservation, natural history and environmental protection of these areas since 2007. Next time you are there spend your surface interval topside and explore.. Check out their [spring newsletter](#), which has a great article on the schooner *Grape Shot*.

#### 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](mailto:news@fourlakesscubaclub.org).