



# Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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## This Month's Meeting Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 PM

### Benvenuto's in Fitchburg - 2949 Triverton Pike Dr.

The meeting starts at 7:00pm, but you may want to arrive at 6:30pm to chat and place your order. Check out Benvenuto's website for information on their loyalty program and menu: <https://benvenutos.com/>

### Speaker: Scott Dicks



Scott Dicks got his C-Card in 1966 from the YMCA in Decatur, Illinois. He got his fascination for diving from watching Sea Hunt and Jacques Cousteau documentaries.

As a science major at Ripon College with majors in Chemistry, Biology and Psychology, he studied blood chemistry in sharks and theorized about the impact on behavior.

Later in life, he hooked up with Eugenie Clark's old research team in the Caribbean who discovered the "Sleeping Sharks of the Caribbean." He was a safety diver for the research team and handled a bang stick watching the backside of the research team.

Scott Dicks is a NAUI Certified Instructor and Dive Master. He has over 4,000 hours underwater. He specializes in spearfishing, wreck and cave diving. In 1975, he won the Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Minnesota contests.



### Jellen Lends a Helping Hand

By John Fafinski and Ellen Evans

Ellen and John were contacted via the Four Lakes Scuba Club email requesting help from the Mad City Ski Team. They were installing their ski ramp which is secured to the bottom of the lake with four chains, but unfortunately when they were hooking up one of the chains, they dropped it and they couldn't retrieve it.

We went out on Saturday morning and met up with one of the employees, Pete, who explained that each chain is attached to a corner of the ramp and then to a concrete block on the bottom of the lake. Since three chains were already installed they had a pretty good idea of where the fourth one would be.

We descended down the closest chain and headed in the direction the block would be, within a short period of time we found the block and followed the chain which was already buried in the muck. Once we found the end of the chain we attached a rope and surfaced. At the surface Pete pulled the chain up and we attached it to an old propane tank which they used as a buoy. He was going to come back at a later time to finish hooking up the ramp.

Since this only took about five minutes we descended again and swam toward shore and picked up some garbage along the way. We saw three muskies together, a bunch of bass, large school of blue gills and of course carp. The water temperature was about 59 degrees and we had about 20 feet of visibility. If you have never seen the Madison Ski Show it is definitely worth going to. You can find more information and their schedule on their [website](#).



## 2024 Clean Up Dives

In case you missed it, the dates and locations for this year's clean up dives are:

- **Saturday, May 18, 9am:** Lake Kegonsa at Town of Pleasant Springs Boat Ramp at [2267 Williams Point Dr., Stoughton](#). Non-resident parking permits are required for \$5 per day. **Only cash is accepted.**
- **Sunday, May 19, 9am:** Lake Mendota at the [Lake Street boat](#) launch near the Pyle Center. It is recommended to drop your gear off at the ramp and then find parking. **The Lake Street parking ramp is gone, so you will most likely need to find metered street parking.** Bring quarters or a credit card for the meters. Some club members were diving in this area in April and found lots of junk! This would be a good dive to join if you're able.
- **Saturday, May 25, 9am:** Lake Monona at [Law Park](#). There is a parking lot on the eastern side of Law Park. Parking here is free on weekends.
- **Sunday, May 26, 9am:** Lake Waubesa at the [Bible Camp, 2851 Crescent Dr., McFarland](#). Last year we found many anchors here, so be sure to come by if you're prepping for the Phoenix Party!

Please contact Brad or Gayle if you have any questions about these dives. We can use anyone's help, including shore support, so we hope to see everyone there!



## 4LSC Featured in Clean Lakes Alliance 2024 Lake Guide

The Clean Lakes Alliance recently published their Summer 2024 Greater Madison Lake Guide. Besides providing interesting information about the lakes, the guide also features stories from members of the Four Lakes Scuba Club!

I recommend taking a look at the whole publication, but if you want to just skip ahead to the section about diving, it is on page 76. Here is a [link](#) to the guide. Thank you to John, Rob, and Ellen for contributing!

## Remember to Pay Dues!

Just (another) friendly reminder to all to please pay your annual membership dues if you have not already done so. A renewal form is attached for your convenience or you can fill one out at Wednesday's meeting! A single membership is \$24 and a family is \$36.

These fees go towards things like the holiday party, picnics, and gifts for guest speakers. If you have any ideas for new club events, please contact a board member or, better yet, consider running for one of the leadership positions!

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