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The Newsletter of
Orlando Reef Divers

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Mark Your Calendars...

March 2 & 16: ORD Meetings – presentations to be announced.

ORLANDO REEF DIVERS SPRING BRUNCH

SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2010 11:30 AM

PLACE: Park Plaza Gardens (in back area)

319 Park Avenue South, Winter Park

PLEASE RSVP TO SUSAN



Next Regular Meetings



Meetings start at 7 PM

March 2 & 16

Board Meeting

March 2 @ 6:30 PM

CHECK US OUT AT:

www.meetup.com

Every meeting announced and activities described!



RSVP there to let the world know who attends our meetings!

Remember:... You can receive a **complementary** ORD membership when you bring three new people to a meeting who then become members.

Meeting Place

Meetings are held at

Paddy Murphy's

4892 New Broad Street

Orlando (Baldwin Park), FL 32814

407.622.4700

www.originalpaddymurphys.com

Paddy's has a room which is pretty quiet until Trivia breaks out at 8. They also have a pretty good pub menu and selection of beer along with a full bar. There's parking on the street and a BIG lot just one block north.

Suggestions about future meeting places or outings are welcome! Please feel free to email the officers or Newsletter editor with your ideas!

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THEY'RE POSTED ON THE
MEMBERSHIP PAGE OF OUR
WEB SITE.

ScubaBoard

Dive into an online SCUBA community! Go to www.scubaboard.com and register.

See www.sharkbreak.com



for ocean screen savers and widgets to turn your computer screen into an ocean experience.

Found an interesting website – email it to the Newsletter Editor for posting!

Want to plan for an emergency? Check out www.72hours.org !?!

Check the marine forecast at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/south/mflmz.htm>

Has anybody checked out the diving in Trinidad & Tobago? Check out www.mytobago.info for typical info. I've been told that the snorkeling is fantastic (from a non-diver). %)mjs



Best Wishes to Our Members with Birthdays this Month!!!

Susan	3
Ross	11
Denise	27
Kitty	27

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Classified Ads: Members of Orlando Reef Divers may submit FREE classified ads for the resale of personally owned items, to find dive buddies, etc. Rates are currently being established for ads from businesses (small or large).

Letters to the Editor: Members' letters to the editor are welcome. (The editor reserves the right to edit for spelling, & space available.) You must provide your name and phone on all letters.

Deadline for Newsletter Submissions is the 21st of each month.



Minutes in Brief

(These minutes may be edited for space. See the Secretary for the official version of the minutes.)

1st Regular Meeting - 2/2/10

Called to order by Rob at 7:00pm. 10 members present, 2 guests.

Minutes of prior meeting were waived, will be in newsletter.

Treasurer reports that we have money. Report to be in next NL.

Sales: The normal swag was available; T-shirts, coozies, stickers.

Old Business: Mack is trying to work out problems with the ORD Undercurrent e-subscription.

New Business: None.

Activities: Brunch in January was a hit, let's do it again. Same place - Park Plaza Gardens. Susan will make reservation for March 28.

Science Fair on will be on Feb. 20, Kathy, Susan H (new member), and Rob have volunteered to judge for ORD's certificate.

Dive Schedule: 2010 schedule discussed. Dominica trip is open and has 8 signed up. Derby Trip is open, June Babies trip opening tonight. Elenita will run a trip in July, Rob in August, Janet's Bonaire trip will be in Sept. May 2011 to Fiji, details to follow.

Announcements: None

Meeting adjourned at 7: 30pm.

Program: Mack went over the details on how to organize and run a dive trip. It's easy & lucrative.

2nd Regular Meeting - 2/16/10

Called to order by Rob at 7:00pm. 10 members present, 2 guests.

Minutes of prior meeting waived, will be in newsletter.

Treasurer reports that we have money. Report to be in next NL.

Sales: The normal swag was available; T-shirts, coozies, stickers.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Activities: Brunch is planned for Park Plaza Gardens, Sunday March 28. Susan C. has a flyer to include in the NL.

Science Fair on Feb. 20. Kathy & Susan H. have volunteered to judge for ORD's certificate, Rob won't be able to make it.

Rob announced a couple of non-club social activities: Margarita Sunday Feb. 28 and a Equinox Brunch on Sunday, March 21, both at his house. Check with him about attendance so that he can make plans.

Mack & Michele announced the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Park Ave., Winter Park, on Sunday, March 7.

Dive Schedule: 2010 schedule was discussed. Dominica trip is open and has 8 signed up. Derby Trip is open, June Babies trip is open. Elenita's July trip to Boynton Beach was approved, will open in March. Rob is finalizing details for a trip to WPB in August, Janet's Bonaire trip will be in Sept, hopes to open in March. May 2011 to Fiji, details to follow.

Announcements: George (guest) announced a going out of business equipment sale at Sealevel Scuba in Melbourne.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Program: There was no program.

Board Meeting - 2/2/10

Called to order at 6:20pm. Rob advised that Paddy Murphy's has approached him again about charging us for the meeting room, \$50/month. This was previously agreed to last year. Janet was to follow-up w/ Paddy's as to how they want the check delivered, etc.

Janet is working on details for a Bonaire trip in September, hopes to have ready to present for approval in late February, to open in March.

Rob is working on Fiji, Island Dancer, May 2011. Details to follow soon.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Activities!

Kathy represented the club at the Seminole County Science Fair, and found several great presentations. Three awards were given:

Harry Traber, for "Like Catching Grass in a Cage."

Hailey McCann, for "The Incredible Shrinking Glove: How Pressure Affects Objects Underwater."

Chen Wei Wei, for "Do Different Materials of Swimsuit Affect How Much It Stretches in Chloring."

Their abstracts will be attached to the Newsletter.

2009-2010 Activities and Dive Schedule

Mar. 2	Regular Meeting 7PM - Paddy Murphy's:					
Mar. 16	Regular Meeting 7PM - Paddy Murphy's:					
2010 EVENT SCHEDULE & DIVES						
Date	Location/Event	#	Member Cost	Deposit	Opens	Organizer / Assistant Contact Info
April ?						
May 1-2	Derby Day Trip		\$220	\$100	Jan 5	Rob & Allen S
May 22-29	Dominica, WI See Advertisement for details!	12	\$875	\$275	Oct. 6	Michele & Kathy
June 26-27	Pompano, Diving with South Fla. Diving, Saturday night at the Ocean Point Resort	10	\$165	\$75(?)	Feb. 2	Susan C & Justin
July 17-18	Dive with Starfish Enterprise. Stay at Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn.	??	\$180	\$90	Mar. 2	Elenita & Justin?
August	TBD		TBD			Rob
Sept.	Bonaire Staying at the Den Laman (does not include airfare)	12	\$670	\$225	Mar. 16	Janet
Oct.	TBD		TBD			
Other Events for the year!						
Fall Picnic - volunteer host - Rob						
Halloween Party - Mack & Michele - a scary evening for them!						
Year-End Holiday Party						
2011	FIJI on the Island Dancer II - people are looking seriously at this one for May!					

Important: Per Article XIII, Standards for Divers, Section 4, Refunds of the *Orlando Reef Divers Bylaws* Once a deposit is paid, there shall be no refunds for moneys paid for dive outings. The committed participant is responsible for all unrecoverable trip costs due unless he/she finds a replacement. The only exception is cancellation due to death in the immediate family.

All recoverable moneys will be refunded should a portion of a dive outing be canceled by the Club. If an entire trip is canceled, all moneys will be refunded.

Membership Renewal Notice

Orlando Reef Divers Membership Dues are due on October 1 of each year. Renewal dues are \$20 per person for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. (New members since June 2009, if you paid \$25 dues at signup, you are paid through Sept 2010.) You can send in your dues at any time. Please return your payment to:

Treasurer, Orlando Reef Divers, P.O. Box 1863 Winter Park, FL 32790-1863

Derby Dive 2010: 30 April – 2 May!

On the Narcosis

It's that time of year, the annual Run for the Roses at the Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday of May. And in the grand tradition of the Orlando Reef Divers, we'll be having our annual "Derby Dive".

Here's the plan: We head south on Friday 30 April and meet at the beautiful Juno Beach Holiday Inn Express just a block from the Atlantic Ocean. On Saturday morning we'll dive with Captain Van and the crew of [Narcosis](#) out of the Riviera Beach Marina. Saturday afternoon, we'll gather in the dining room of the Holiday Inn and enjoy our potluck Derby Party while we watch the race. Don't forget the infamous Mint Juleps!

Sunday morning we'll dive again with Narcosis. I know, it sounds great, right?

Cost is \$220



Here's what \$220 buys you:

- Two tank dive on Saturday morning and a two tank dive on Sunday morning
- Two nights at the Juno Beach Holiday Inn Express

Tanks are not included, but Capt Van rents them to us at \$10 per tank for air

Deposit is \$100. This trip opens at the first meeting in January 2010

Rob is the trip coordinator

Let's go diving!!



Dive Dominica in 2010

Join Orlando Reef Divers May 22-29, 2010 in beautiful Dominica, West Indies.

We will have 5 days of 2 boat dives per day with [Dive Dominica](#) and unlimited shore diving. Tanks and weights are included.

Accommodations are double occupancy at [Castle Comfort](#) located one mile south of the island's capital, Roseau. Your accommodations, welcome rum drink, transfers from and to the airport, taxes, and daily breakfast are included. Use of kayaks is also included.

For some previews of the awesome scenery, see <http://www.dominica.dm/site/index.cfm>

The price of the trip does NOT include airfare, lunch, dinner, tips, departure tax, trip insurance, or hotel room during the air travel portion of the trip should an overnight layover be necessary.

Extra cost options are available to upgrade to an ocean view room (\$210 for the week) and a Castle Comfort dinner package (\$212 per person for the week).

Member diver cost is \$875 payable in 3 installments. Deposit of \$275 is due at sign up.

Contact Michele or Kathy

For those who have placed a deposit, the 3rd and final installment is due now. Please ask the coordinators for details on payment schedules when you sign up.

June Babies 2010: June 26 - 27

On Safari Diver

It is time to celebrate our divers having birthdays in June with the annual June Babies Trip! In addition, beginning a new tradition for Orlando Reef Divers, we will be having the birthday dives aboard *South Florida Diving Headquarters* dive boat "Safari Diver". www.southfloridadiving.com

Here is the plan: We head south on Saturday morning, June 26th and meet at South Florida Diving Headquarters location at Hillsboro Inlet (2621 N. Riverside Drive, Pompano Beach 33062 for those with a fancy GPS) for an afternoon dive on Safari Diver (departs at 1:00 PM). Later Saturday afternoon is check-in at the Ocean Point Resort (a short 1 mile from the boat) with celebratory drinks at the Tiki Bar on the beach directly behind the hotel. (1208 North Ocean Blvd. Pompano Beach)

Sunday morning, we will dive again on Safari Diver exploring more of the beautiful reefs off the coast of Pompano Beach.

Cost is \$165



Here is what \$165 buys you:

- Two tank dive on Saturday afternoon and a two tank dive on Sunday morning
- One night at the Ocean Point Resort.

Tanks are not included, but rentals are \$10 per tank for air and \$15 for Nitrox.

Deposit is \$75. This trip opens on February 02, 2010 & there are 10 spots reserved.

Susan C is the trip coordinator

BONAIRE 2010

Come dive the shore diving capital of the world September 18-25.

We will be staying at Den Laman Condominiums which is in front of Bari Reef the number one fishiest reef in the Caribbean. We have 3 two bedroom units reserved.

The price of the trip includes 7 nights, 6 days of unlimited shore diving – just pick up a tank and go-, 4 person truck including taxes not insurance. The price does not include the Marine Park fee of \$25.00 or \$35.00 departure tax.

Airfare is not included.

Diver cost \$670.00 non-diver \$560.00

Deposit is \$225.00 for diver \$186.00 non-diver/

Balance in two payments

Contact Janet

Den Laman's website: <http://www.denlaman.com/>

