



# SCUBA SCOOP



August 2008

Newsletter of the Midwest Diving Council

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## 2008 MDC & FRIENDS

### DIVE CALENDAR

#### **August 8 -10**

KCFC August Fun Diver  
Location: Stockton Lake  
Saturday Evening Dinner TBD

#### **August 16**

Treasure Hunt Jordan Marina,  
Lake Norfolk, Arkansas

#### **August 23**

Rocky Mountain Spearfishing  
Tournaments  
Lake McConaughy in Nebraska

#### **August 30 - Sept. 1**

Bubblemasters  
Labor Day Weekend  
Fun Dive

#### **September 13**

Stockton Cleanup Dive

#### **September 20**

Roberts Resort- Flathead Dive

#### **October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Rocky Mountain Spearfishing  
Tournaments  
Fish Lake in Utah

## V.P. OF COMPETITION NEWS

### **Bull Shoals Catfish Dive**

The second dive of the summer was held June 21<sup>st</sup>, at Pontiac Dock on Bull Shoals Lake.

Yep!!!! The water was still extremely high, (37+feet) the visibility was not great, and the fish did not cooperate at all. Many of the long time MDC shooters noted that this was as rough of a dive to get fish as they ever remembered.

Several of the new shooters from the Pro-Am dive were in attendance. Looks like we may have started something with this group.

Even though we had a great representation from the MDC, not a single MDC diver won any money for the dive.

Monica Benson and Robert Blevins did manage to shoot their first gar, and Monica being the well trained diver that she is, cleaned her own gar!!!! (Eventually)

Mike Van Haele did manage to win the large fish pool among the MDC members, but that was all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Those in attendance were: Bob/Monica Benson, Alex and Robert Blevins, Jerold Steed, Ken/Pat Rader, Dale Chapman, Don Heskett, Mike Van Haele, Mike Rees, Pat McCarthy, Byron McMurphy, and Phil Lamm.

After the dive it was decided that we would be like the Chicago Cub - "We'll get 'em next year!!!"

For those that were not able to attend, you missed a good time, some good food, and a really great display of some Harley Davidson T- shirts!!!!!!

- The flathead catfish dive scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> at Lead Hill, Bull Shoals Lake, was postponed until September 20<sup>th</sup>- at the same location. A fill-in dive may be worked into the schedule for the MDC people?????
- Best of luck to those MDC teams that are going to Pierre, South Dakota, Lake Oahe, for the big tournament. Those planning to attend at this time: Don Heskett/Mike Van Haele, Bob Benson/Phil Lamm.
- Best of luck to Mike Van Haele as he heads to the New England area, (Connecticut ???) for the Skin Nationals. Shoot em up!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Later, Phil Lamm V.P. Comp. (2008)

## V.P. OF COMPETITION NEWS CONTINUED:

### Bull Shoals Flat Head Dive - Lead Hill:

The word from Terri is that the flathead dive is still scheduled for Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at lead Hill area.

Reports from Phil Gross tell us that the area has very limited motels and boat launching is a real challenge. Camping in the area is also an issue.

The lake is still going to be very high, so I am sure that the elusive "Mr. Whiskers" will be that much harder to find and SEE.

If you are planning to go, be ready for a real challenge!!!

I will see what I can find out, so watch your emails for information.

### Scuba Nationals - Lake Oahe - South Dakota

"A Dive That Will Live in Infamy" - (or something like that) - in the memories of those that attended the dive.

What a great event, sponsored by Steamboat Inc. (the local dive shop) it was. Caleb Gilkerson, his family, and staff put on a most excellent event!!!!!!

We all agreed that we have never seen a lake with so many big Walleye!!!!

The MDC divers in attendance were Don Heskett, Mike Van Haele, Bob Benson, and Phil Lamm. Mike's cousins, Gary and Mike Van Haele, and Sage the wonder dog from Montana also joined us for the weekend.

Wednesday, July 23 was the long drive from St Louis/Kansas City area. (14.5 hours from St Louis.)

The weather was warm during the day with calm, to breezy, to gosh awful WINDY conditions on the lake. At times on Saturday/Sunday, there were 4-5 foot white caps on the water!!! Rough water to say the least!!! My butt felt like I had been through a dozen "fanny-wacking" initiation sessions for a fraternity. But we all managed to survive!!

Thursday and Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> were scouting days. Poor vis, and not too many fish were the daily reports. Water temp was anywhere from 68 -76 degrees, depending on what part of the lake you were on. Some game fish, Walleye and Smallmouth Bass, were coaxed into committing suicide.

Saturday was the first day of the two day event. Dive time was 6.5 hours in the water. Any fish except Sturgeon and Spoonbill were legal targets. By the end of the day, the MDC teams were in the middle of the pack of 32 teams. Don and Mike were doing well. Bob basically carried his team. (I got sick at both ends of my body about 1.5 hours into the event.)

Saturday evening was the fish fry with lots of great Walleye/Bass. An auction was also held with some great items being supplied by Steamboat Inc.

Sunday was the second day of the competition. Another 6.5 hrs in the water. The lake conditions were the same as day one. Visibility was very spotty on the lake. None, to poor, to just slightly better was the norm. And yes, the fish were still hard to find.

Many, many Walleye were weighed in over five pounds, with several in the 7-8 pound range. There was also a Northern Pike that weighed in around 10+ pounds. For many, the high light of the weigh-ins were the 20+ pound Buffalo. Most impressive fish!!!

By end of the event Bob and Phil had managed a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Don and Mike had an 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> place finish. (Out of 32 teams)

Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> was the long drive back home.

More details in later issues on final numbers and weights for the teams.

Now that is the story in a nut shell!!!!

### Here is what happened the rest of the weekend!!

Have you heard of the song called "SAFETY DANCE"????

Well, between the hours of get out bed and go to bed, the guys invented a new dance while in the campground area!!! It is called the - "MOSQUITO DANCE"!!!!!!

Let me tell you that these little critters were relentless, mean, voracious, and extremely hungry little blood suckers. Yes, we used Deep Woods Off, 6-12, Repel, and anything else we could find. These were more like vitamins than repellants. Nothing would stop these creatures from hell!!!

Even though we all suffered, and we all suffered plenty, poor Don Heskett seemed to be the main target!!!! He must have lost two pounds from blood loss before the weekend was over!! Come to find out, Don has been taking Potassium pills, and reports say that mosquitoes seem to be attracted to Potassium. (Now you tell me!!!!)

When you see any of the guys that were in S.D., ask them to demonstrate the new dance steps for you!!! (Left leg slap! Right leg slap!! Right arm slap!! Left arm slap!! Forehead slap!! Neck slap!!! Head slap!! Back slap!! ---- Repeat -- Until your arms/legs hurt!!!) (Do the dance, Wednesday night, Thursday/Thursday night, Friday/Friday night, Saturday/Saturday night, Sunday/Sunday night!!!)

Well, there was one thing that stopped the "Mosquito Dance"!!!

The one and only thing that stopped the mosquito attack was the "South Dakota Hurricane of 2008"!!!!

Yes, I know that hurricanes do not happen on land, but you were not there to experience the event like we were.

Saturday night, about 11:30, the wind begins to pick up!!! And it continues to "pick up" until it reaches speeds from 65-90 mph. Since no tornado was officially reported, and since a category #1 hurricane has winds starting at 75mph, and since tents collapsed, and since boat canopy tops were made into pretzels, and since lawn chairs were flying, and since several of the tents had INCHES of water in them, and since rain covers blew off tents, and since sleeping gear and clothes and guys were drenched and everything is soaking wet, we who were there decided that it was a \*%#^ing HURRICANE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Finally, about 2:30 a.m., we had the area picked up and were able to get back to bed. Those that did not have as much tent damage as the others went back to bed in their tents. The rest of us ended up in the truck cabs for the rest of the night!!!

And yes, during the hurricane there was not one mosquito attack!!!!

We were all grateful that nobody was injured. We were also grateful that mosquitoes do not know how to use scuba gear as well!!!!

Ask the guys for full details!!

Phil Lamm

**Lake Fill Report**

Submitted and managed by Phil Gross

<u>2008</u>	Flood Pool	Full Pool	3/25	4/17	4/21	4/28	5/6	5/12	5/19	5/27	6/9	6/16	6/23	6/30	7/9	7/16	Current Ft High
STOCKTON	892	867	879	883	883	882	880	881	881	879	879	882	882	882	881	878	11
BEAVER	1130	1120	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	9
TABLEROCK	931	915	928	930	930	931	930	929	930	929	928	928	926	928	927	926	11
BULL SHOALS	695	654	672	695	694	694	694	694	694	694	692	692	692	692	692	691	37
NORFORK	580	552	571	579	579	579	579	578	579	579	577	577	576	575	575	575	23

**News from the MDC Scuba Clubs:**

**Extreme Dive Club**

Our next Extreme Dive Club Meeting will be held on August 7th at Extreme Sports starting at 7:00 pm. This month we will be have cold cut sandwiches, so just bring items to go along with sandwiches. We will provide meat, cheeses and bread.

Also, don't forget about our TABLEROCK LAKE dive weekend set up for August 9th & 10th and MERMET SPRINGS scheduled for September 6th & 7th. Please call the dive shop for details and hotel information.

Thanks, Deb Weston, 417-659-9009  
extremesports@cableone.net

**BUBBLEMASTERS DIVE CLUB**

Thanks to all of the MDC members that joined us at the lake for our Memorial Day Weekend.

The weather was not the greatest, but we still had fun. Our Sunday night pot-luck dinner was a big success, as usual, due to the great food that brought by those in attendance.

We want to extend an invite to everyone to join us for our Labor Day Weekend at Pontiac, on Bull Shoals Lake.

Phil Lamm

**Colorado Carp Cillers**

Fresh water Nationals are done with Terry Lentz and Mike McGuire beating the local father son team the Erickson's by 1 fish on a 377 lb scale.

Great meet, Mo had Phil, Bob, Don and Mike show up and do well but the train ran out of track for Mike Van Hail and he was unable to catch Mike McGuire on the last day.

- August 23rd - Pineview Reservoir
- September 20th - Fish Lake
- October 11th - Yuba Reservoir
- November 1st - Flaming Gorge Reservoir

In 2009 the U.S. Fresh Water Nationals are planned for June 20<sup>th</sup> at Glendo Reservoir in the greater state of Wyoming. 20 ft vis, large catfish, lots of game fish and tons of carp are very common. For more info contact James with the Rocky Mountain Spearfishing Series at [scubadown@yahoo.com](mailto:scubadown@yahoo.com)

And for those of you looking ahead to 2010 the Nationals may move from Table rock Lake mo. to a big fish lake in Arkansas known for BIG BUFFALOS. More to come on this event.

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## News from the MDC Scuba Clubs Continued:

### SKIN-N-SCUBA NEWS

Everyone is looking for a bargain - well here's your chance to upgrade and/or add to your equipment. **Skin-n-Scuba** is having its Annual Fall Sale. Every rental item will be up to 50% off, most of which is less than one year old. We will have BCDs, wet suits, regulators, SPGs and knives, plus much more. Additionally, some new items will be on sale - such as; bcd's, digital cameras, masks, fins and a few computers. This is happening on **August 16, 2008** starting at 9 a.m. until closing.

Your friends at SNS Bill, Diane and Liane.

### STINGRAY DIVE CLUB

The Stingray Dive Club is sponsoring and Underwater/Beach Cleanup at Beaver Lake on Sunday, September 28th.

For more information please call Jason Stahl, 816-803-3357.

### KC FROGMAN CLUB

KCFC August Fun Diver

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Location: Stockton Lake

Saturday Evening Dinner TBD

To reserve a room at Mt. Carmel please call 417-276-3349.

To reserve a camp site at Stockton State Park call 417-276-4259, 417-276-5422 or 417-276-5329.

Year-End Banquet

November 8, 2008

Location: Islamorada Fish Market, Independence Bass Pro Shop

Appetizers at 6:30pm and dinner beginning at 7:00pm.

Reservations required by October 31, 2008

Check back soon for more information.

Club Canoe Trip

The club canoe trip was canceled due to flooding.

We will reschedule for a later date.

If you wish to join us please let President Dave Camp know.

**Jeter Says: OK Midwest Dive Counsel do us proud in South Dakota!**

### Ozark Scuba Divers

It's hot here, really hot. Spoke to the owner or the local dive shop and he has been told by the lake authority that, they don't plan on lowering Beaver high water until Oct. Leaving today for Sturgis with grandson. Leaving as a boy----returning as a man!!!!!!  
-Ken

### St. Louis Area:

I have been working with one the dive shops in St Louis, "Y-KIKI Divers" and doing some Underwater Hunter Classes. I had five students in the first class in July and it looks like maybe 4-5 students in the August class.

The first class attended the weekend hunting portion at Bull Shoals on July 19-20 found the water to be very challenging. As is normally the case this year, the water was high with poor vis and hard to find fish. But, we manage to shoot a few fish and I believe that we have several of them hooked on the sport.

The next class will have the pool portion on August 16<sup>th</sup> and the lake hunting will take place on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Norfork Lake. Hopefully we will be able to get a couple more into the sport from this class as well.

Time will tell!!!! Phil Lamm

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## The Inside Scoop

### Jordan Marina News

The Annual Lake Norfolk Treasure Hunt  
August 16th.

This is a benefit for the American Cancer Society. Last year we had over 80 divers and their families participate. We gave out almost \$7,000 in prizes and it was so much fun!

The MDC came down several years ago for a recruiting weekend, but we didn't have a dive club then. This might be a good opportunity for a group of divers to meet the MDC.

You all could participate in the dive on Saturday and then have an activity on Sunday morning before everyone heads home.

Dave and Patty Camp are very excited about their 8th Grandchild due before Christmas this year. DeAnn and Stuart are expecting their third child and we will know by September whether Gabe will get another sister or a brother. He says that he really doesn't care as long as he can play with them.

Patty

FROM THE MAUGHS:

We thought our diver friends might like to know we're moving back to Stockton Lake. We made a big decision, about two weeks ago. We are moving back to Stockton. We found a house over at Stockton with a dock and decided to put in a bid, and the owner accepted it. With the economy the way it is, we will be closer to Christy & Wes in Texas, Bolivar, doctors, airports, grocery stores, & gas stations.

Since our move over here we have found that true friendships are very important and we have really missed our friends at Stockton. We have also missed a clean lake that we can dive in. We have enjoyed our time here at Lake of the Ozarks, but it never has had the same feeling as Stockton. The house is down in Cedar Oaks on the golf course (# 1 fairway). It was built in 1973, about the same time as my parents Winnebago house (2,364 sq ft). It needs some updating. We can do that!

We also will have a 2 slip boat dock in the cedar oaks cove with a pontoon boat lift. Gary plans to buy a small fishing boat for the other slip. We close August 18th. The house belonged to a friend of ours who passed away last year (he was in his 80's). We plan to sell both the house and the cabin over here at Lake of the Ozarks.

Rachel Willhite, Brian and Krystal's daughter, did a great job and won tons of ribbons in the Cherokee Co. Fair. She entered 10 rabbits, 10 chickens, a sheep, some veggies, baking and arts & crafts. She's determined to buy a cell phone with her earnings; which her mother does not approve of; but silly mother had commented that "Rachel could get a cell phone when she could pay for it herself . . .!"

Next deadline is Monday, September 25 for the Next Issue

*If there are any omissions or errors, they are purely unintentional - please contact me and I will correct.*

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## Just For Fun

2008 DAN Tech Diving Conference was held addressing physiology, decompression, rebreathers and training with discussions about the operational and medical aspects of technical diving. You can watch or download the video and get access to the Power Point shows for free by visiting DAN's website.

The US Navy Supervisor of Diving and Salvage released the newest version of the US Navy Diving Manual in April '08. Revision 6 is available for download at <http://rubicon-foundation.org/index.html> This update includes updated US Navy Dive Tables.

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Who Am I?

This fish is cartilaginous, which means that they have no bones. They spend most of their life in the open water filter feeding on microscopic animals called zooplankton. This primitive, small-eyed, scaleless fish is one of the largest freshwater fish in North America. They are caught by snagging. They were once very abundant, but have declined in numbers. One threat to them is illegal harvest of adults for caviar.

*Last month's answer: Blue Gill*

**Ask and You Shall Receive (an Answer)**

Q: Will Tinnitus prevent me from diving?

A: Tinnitus or ringing in the ears can have many causes. Your doctor should investigate the underlying cause regardless is the condition is acute or chronic. Gradual progressive Tinnitus can be due to noise exposure as well as advancing age. It is usually associated with a hearing loss. If the underlying problem is not serious, there is no reason to curtail diving.

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