



# SCUBA SCOOP



July 2008

Newsletter of the Midwest Diving Council

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## 2008 MDC & FRIENDS DIVE CALENDAR

**July 14-18**

LAPAZ World Cup Inv.  
La Ventana, BCS

**July 26-27**

Lake Oahe, Pierre, SD  
Pierre, South Dakota  
Freshwater Nationals

**August 16-17 - Open**

**August 23**

Rocky Mountain Spearfishing  
Tournaments  
@Lake McConaughy in  
Nebraska

**August 30 - Sept. 1**

Bubblemasters  
Labor Day Weekend  
Fun Dive

**September 13**

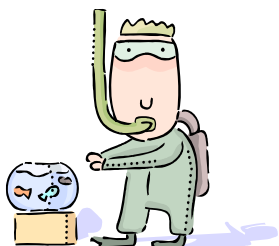
Stockton Cleanup Dive

**September 20**

Roberts Resort- Flathead Dive  
(more info to come)

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

Rocky Mountain Spearfishing  
Tournaments  
@Fish Lake in Utah



## LETTER FROM THE PREZ

The first order of business is to introduce you all to our new SCUBA Scoop editor, Anna Blevins. Anna has graciously agreed to take over for Krystal as our editor. A special thanks goes to Krystal as well for hanging in there until we could find a capable replacement. Welcome aboard Anna and thanks for volunteering your time to the Council.

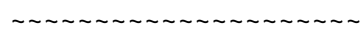
The entire Blevins family attended and participated in our Pro-Am at Stockton Lake in May along with nine other "amateurs". The event was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Mike Van Haele who was the ramrod of the event. Of the 13 amateurs who participated, 10 were successful in their hunting efforts. Congratulations to all of our winning teams. Better yet, several of these Pro-am participants showed up at the Pontiac Marina Catfish Tournament at Bull Shoals. The conditions at Bull Shoals were pathetic. The lake was *very high* and the visibility was spotty at best. The fish were there on Friday and gone on Saturday. For the first time since the MDC has been attending this event, there were no MDC money winners. But a good time was had by all who attended.

The weather is wreaking havoc with our lakes and schedules this Spring and Summer. The Flathead Catfish tournament at the Lead Hills area of Bull Shoals scheduled for July 19 has been postponed until September 20 in hopes that the lake conditions will improve. We're still looking for an event for the month of August. So if anyone has an uncontrollable urge to organize something, a dive for August would be the just the ticket.

Again, welcome to all of the new faces who have joined us in our first two events of the summer. We're looking forward to seeing more of you as the season rolls on.

*See you at the lake!*

*B, L & M*



## V.P. OF COMPETITION

Hey Ya'll,

I would hope that everyone has had a great summer so far! Yeah, I know that the weather and lake conditions have made things just a little tough, but if you are gonna be a diver/spearfisher you just deal with it!!!! After all, there is nothing that we can do about it anyway!!!!

### Pro -Am Dive

The Pro-Am Dive was held May 31<sup>st</sup> at State Park Marina, on Stockton Lake. All that attended agree that it was a great success. There were 14 amateurs (students) and 9 pros that attended the weekend event. We missed not

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## Competition Continued.

seeing more of the MDC members present to help out, but thanks to everyone that showed up to help.

All of the amateurs were eager and ready to shoot fish, in spite of the rain, HIGH water, and not so good visibility. Some shot a lot of fish, some shot a few fish, and some did not shoot any fish, but it was not for the lack of trying.

Here is the breakdown of the dive:

Byron McMurphy - 10 fish, Alex Blevins -6 fish, Dale Chapman-5 fish, Robbie Blevins- 4 fish, Marty Crichton-4 fish, Phil Gross-3 fish, Oliver Hildebrand- 2 fish, Kevin Wiese-1 fish, Robert Blevins-1fish, Brad Crews-1fish, and Roy Clemens-1fish.

The final points standing ended as follows:

Alex Blevins/Jerold Steed= 1<sup>st</sup> place=46 points;  
Marty Crichton/Chris Bradley = 2<sup>nd</sup> place=41-14/16 points;  
Robbie Blevins/Chris Bradley-3<sup>rd</sup> place=39-14/16 points;  
Byron McMurphy/Bob Benson-4<sup>th</sup> place=37-10/16 points; and  
Brad Crews/Jerold Steed-5<sup>th</sup> place=36 points.

WELL DONE to you all!!!!!!

The speargun raffle was won by Anna Blevins, and the gear bag was won by Robbie Blevins.

I think we should have named this dive the Blevins weekend!!!!

Thanks to all of the MDC members that helped with the students: Chris Bradley, Terry Bradley, Bob Benson, Don Heskett, Jerold Steed, Ken/Pat Rader, Mike Rees, Pat McCarthy, Gary/Carol Maugh, Don Rosenberger and his friend, Mike Van Haele, and Phil Lamm.

A GREAT TIME was had by all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Chow for now!!  
Phil Lamm, V.P. Comp. (2008)*

JIM SHOCKEY

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## News from the MDC Scuba Clubs:

### OZARK SCUBA DIVERS, INC.

Glad to see everyone at the Pro-Am. Really glad to see Jerold period, and to know he hasn't lost his touch with a spear gun. Next is the Pontiac Catfish Dive. Pat and I will follow that the following weekend with a family reunion.

Note\* Rader's Resort on Beautiful Beaver Lake has had all of its semi-permanent residents move out!!!! And it is now open to FRIENDS ONLY!!!!

July 4th will bring Pat and I's Fourth Anniversary, maybe it only feels like, four aha-weeks, yah four weeks! Ken

"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort."

*Herm Albright*

### Colorado Carp Cillers

#### UTAH SPEARFISHING SCHEDULE

July 19th - Jordanelle Reservoir  
 August 23rd - Pineview Reservoir  
 September 20th - Fish Lake  
 October 11th - Yuba Reservoir  
 November 1st - Flaming Gorge Reservoir

Be on the lookout for:

Mike Van Haele's Monthly Free Diving Report

His new column will start next month.

A huge thanks to Mike for volunteering!!!!

### 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 do 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


"The quality of my life depends on the quality of my thoughts."

*Unknown*



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### USOA NEWS

UW Hockey Nationals Gainesville July 25-27 USA council/club teams only

Skindiving Spearfishing National Newport RI August 7 USA council/club teams only

Pac Coast Championships Skin Spearfishing Sept 20 - west coast clubs/council teams

DC Dive Show Fri/Sat Washington DC Sept 26-27

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Florida Dive Show Dec 6-7

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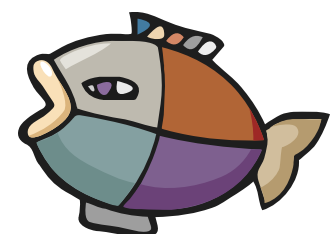
Submitted By Phil Gross



November 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008						
	11/1/07-3/31/08	%	11/1/06-3/31/07	%	Increase (Decrease)	
Balance at November 1st	\$6,267.01		\$5,654.68		\$ 612.33	
<b>Receipts</b>						
MDC Membership Dues	292.00	31.4	445.00	66.7	(153.00)	
USOA Membership Dues	45.00	4.8	135.00	20.2	(90.00)	
Scoop Advertising	100.00	10.8	40.00	6.0	60.00	
Scoop Supporters	20.00	2.2	40.00	6.0	(20.00)	
Interest	7.84	0.8	6.91	1.0	0.93	
Miscellaneous Receipts	* 465.00	50.0		0.0	465.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>929.84</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>666.91</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>262.93</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>						
SCUBA Scoop Postage	185.84	20.0	228.25	34.2	(42.41)	
SCUBA Scoop Printing	109.10	11.7	203.80	30.6	(94.70)	
Miscellaneous	34.87	3.8		0.0	34.87	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>329.81</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>432.05</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>(102.24)</b>	
<b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>600.03</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>234.86</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>365.17</b>	
Balance October 31st	\$6,867.04		\$5,889.54		\$ 977.50	
<b>Memberships</b>						
	2008		2007		2006	
MDC Members	35		55		60	
MDC Lifetime Members	11		12		10	
USOA Members	9		16		22	
* Van Haele Spearfishing Fund \$400 and T-Shirt Sales \$65						

**How to Fail your Open Water Test.**

- a. Tell your instructor you will race him to the surface.
- b. Lie face down and motionless while holding your breath.
- c. Loudly proclaim that safety stops are for "wussies".
- d. Show up with a set of tables based on your own algorithm "that's WAY better".
- e. Spit in your wetsuit and pee in your mask.
- f. Ask your instructor, which fin goes on which foot.
- g. Tell your instructor there is no way you can lift a cylinder with 2000 pounds of air in it.
- h. When asked for your dive plan, you hand over a bundle of travel brochures.





## The Inside Scoop

-Fisher Mosier's Birthday!!! He will be Seven Years Old on July 11<sup>th</sup>!!!

-Dan and Roz Mosier Celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 24<sup>th</sup>!!

-Jordan Willey graduated from the Air Force on June 24<sup>th</sup> & will be stationed in Charleston, SC beginning July 11.

-We will be celebrating his upcoming marriage on July 11 to Sabrina Stewart! We wish them a very happy future together!!!

-Jeter says:

So far, the spear fishermen have had an unusual season

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## Just For Fun

### Best carp recipe ever!

I've heard that you can bake them on a pine board and throw away the carp to serve the board, but this is a simple, good fried carp recipe that is a bit more tender than the pine board.

#### Ingredients

2 pounds carp fillets  
 1 cup milk  
 1 cup biscuit mix or pancake mix  
 2 teaspoons salt  
 lemon wedges

#### Preparation

Remove the skin of the carp and take out all the brownish-red-colored part of the meat, the "mud vein"; discard.

Chunk up the rest of the carp fillets. Place fillet pieces in a shallow dish. Pour the milk over them and let it stand for half an hour, turning the fillets over once during that time. Stir the salt into the biscuit mix.

Take fillets out of the milk and pat them into the biscuit mix, covering both sides. Fry fillets in deep fryer or in medium hot oil in fry-pan for 5 - 10 minutes until cooked through and browned on both sides. Use tongs or slotted spoon to turn them.

Drain on paper towels. Serve with lemon wedges if available.

Serves 4-6

## Who Am I?

*Name this fish and receive official bragging rights for the entire month of July!*

This is a popular game fish, noted for seeking out underwater vegetation for cover; their natural diet consists largely of small invertebrates and very small fish. This fish grows to a maximum overall length of approximately 16 in. Most notable feature is the blue or black "ear", actually an extension of the gill cover called the *opercular flap*. It can be distinguished from similar species by the (not always pronounced) vertical bars along its flanks. This fish is occasionally used as bait for larger game fish species such as blue catfish and largemouth bass. This is a schooling fish with schools of 20-30 individuals. These fish spawn in June in nests in the shallows. During this period males assume a very bold coloration, as they are guarding their nests. An interesting piece of their biology is that some males assume the coloration of the female fish so that the nest guarding males won't show aggression towards them. Then these "sneaker" males enter nests and spawn.

## Word Search

### Florida Keys

	tarpon
	trumpetfish
	mantaray
l o b s t e r a g s a o e	bonefish
t g m a n y o i s h a n h	grouper
a p r s n a p p e r a s n	jewfish
r e p u o r g t r u i o y	graysby
p o r a n a f i d f h c b	coney
o g p d b t p g t t h o s	tigerfish
n r a u e n o e a s n n y	palometa
s a l c a a p r i e o e a	snook
a l o a e m a f f o o y r	snapper
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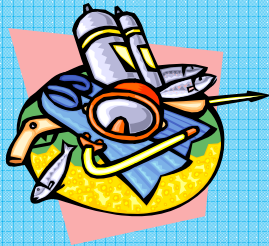


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