

# **R**ead what our travelers have to say about our most recent trips to **Key Largo, Florida and Belize.**

Bobby and I repeated the spring break trip to Key Largo this year because we had such a great time in 2002. We dove on the Spiegel Grove and the Benwood, also, at the Molasses Reef, and French Reef among others. We saw all kinds of "critters"-- an octopus, nurse sharks, a big loggerhead turtle, sting-rays, and other sea life. The people at Quiescence were great, always letting us know what to watch for, and what to expect in each location. Thanks to all those involved in putting this trip together, we had a great time. We'll be there again in 2004!!  
Stephanie and Bobby Whitaker  
Martinsville, Indiana

The trip to Belize and diving from the live-aboard ship, the Nekton, were delightful experience thanks to the Nekton crew and the staff of Southern Indiana Scuba. The food was good, the diving excellent, and service beyond expectation. We would recommend this adventure to everyone, and we would do this trip again.  
Mike and Chris Moore  
Columbus, Indiana

In Belize, the Nekton, a live-aboard ship, is a peculiar vessel, built especially for this purpose. It stands on legs atop two pontoons just under the water line. The stern consists of a movable platform that makes entry and exit for divers really easy. This launching deck comes complete with hot showers and storage for tanks and equipment. During the night, the boat moves, and at dawn is moored at a different site on the barrier reef of Belize. The cook is busy in the galley and the crew is preparing for the site briefing. The reef here is in excellent condition with rich fish life, including the occasional ray, shark, or turtle. After two dives in the morning, the boat moves to a new site while the divers have lunch and get rid of some nitrogen. In the afternoon, you may dive twice more. For the enthusiasts, a night-time search for octopus and lobster round out a full day of fun. A hearty dinner is followed by a slide show by a crew member on selected aspects of reef life. Many thanks to the Nekton's crew for caring for all our needs.  
Hans Otto Meyer and Barbara  
Bloomington, Indiana

## *I would like to take a few minutes to talk about dive travel, trips, and dive education.*

Now is an excellent time to plan a trip. The airlines are offering great rates in an effort to rebuild their customer base. Also, dive operators are giving us some good deals on group trips.

For example, if you sign up now for the live-aboard diving adventure on the Nekton in Belize during next year's spring break, air fare, food, diving, etc. can be your for about \$2,000. This trip is a week of fun at a bargain price.

Review our scheduled trips listed elsewhere in this letter to see if any of them appeal to you or fits your schedule. If you have a particular trip in mind that is not scheduled, suggest it to our staff. It may be the next one on our list. We welcome all your suggestions and comments on our trips.

Also, now is a great time to increase your diving competency. At this time SIS has a well-trained staff prepared to teach all skill levels of diving.



## **UPCOMING TRIPS**

Key Largo FL	June 28-July 5th
Texas Flower Gardens	Aug 11th-Aug 15th
Key Largo FL	Aug 24th - 30th
Key Largo FL	Nov 23rd- 29th
Key Largo FL	Dec 28th- Jan 3rd
Belize Nekton Pilot	March 13th-20th
Australia	July 10th -24th, 04

All trips require a deposit, and a signed contract. Some do not include airfare, see our store staff for details.

### **\*\*\*FEATURE TRIP FOR 2004\*\*\***

Join Mark and Kim as your trip leaders as they travel down under to AUSTRALIA! This trip features live aboard accommodations with Mike Ball Expeditions. Travel dates July 10th-24th, 2004. A deposit of \$500 is due on July 19, 2003.



# The Diver's Connection



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## Upcoming Classes

### Discover Scuba

Date	Time	Location	Inst.
July 19th	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Monroe Co. YMCA	SIS Staff
August 2nd	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Monroe Co. YMCA	SIS Staff
September 2nd	8:00 - 9:30 pm	Monroe Co. YMCA	SIS Staff
September 21st	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Indiana University	SIS Staff
October 21st	8:00 - 9:30 pm	Monroe Co. YMCA	SIS Staff

### Open Water 6 Week Course

Date	Time	Location	Inst
July 15th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Monroe County YMCA	SIS Staff
September 9th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Monroe County YMCA	SIS Staff
October 28th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Monroe County YMCA	SIS Staff

### Weekend Open Water Classes

Date Sat & Sun	Time	Location	Inst.
July 19th & 20th	8:30 am - 4 pm	S.I. S	SIS Staff
Aug 19th & 20th	8:30 am - 4 pm	S.I. S	SIS Staff
Sept. 20th & 21st	8:30 am - 4 pm	S.I. S	SIS Staff

### Adventure/Advanced Open Water Diver

Date	Time	Location	Inst
July 17th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Monroe Co. YMCA	SIS Staff
September 11th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Monroe Co. YMCA	SIS Staff

### Rescue Diver

Date	Time	Location	Inst.
July 24th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Monroe Co. YMCA	SIS Staff
September 18th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Monroe Co YMCA	SIS Staff
November 6th	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Monroe Co YMCA	SIS Staff

### Divemaster

Date	Time	Loc.	Instructor
January 16th, 2004	7:00 - 10:00 pm	SIS	Mark Brooks & SIS Staff

## Specialties & Kid's Programs

Course	Date	Time	Location
EAN Self-paced	anytime		S.I.S.
DAN O2	July 11th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm		S.I.S.
DAN O2	Sept 12th 7:00 - 9:00 pm		S.I.S.
First Aid	July 10th 7:00 - 9:30 pm		S.I.S.
First Aid	Sept 19th 7:00 - 9:30 pm		S.I.S.
Bubble-	July 2nd 9:00 - 11:00 am		
Maker	Sept 27th 9:00 - 11:00 am		Monroe County YMCA
PADI Seal Team*	9:00 - 11:00 am		Monroe County YMCA
Rebreathers	Self-paced anytime		S.I.S.
Discover U/W	Photo Call for Date & Times		
Full Face Mask	Class Call for Date & Time		



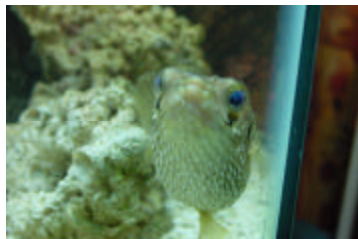
# PADI

## Meet our Newest Staff Member

Bob, the puffer fish, joined the store staff recently. He doesn't sell any dive equipment, teach dive lessons, or lead any trips. His favorite pastimes are sleeping and eating shrimp. Despite this worthless sounding resume, we know that he is a valuable member of the team.

He does an excellent job entertaining everyone in the store. Unlike the other fish in the salt water aquarium that swim lazily in and out around the coral, Bob has developed his own personality. Usually he is backed into a hole in the coral. But, he knows when it is feeding time. He comes out from his favorite hiding place and swims to the surface, and waiting for a chunk of frozen shrimp. If he is teased and not fed immediately, he spits a stream of water at his tormentor. Then, he displays even more anger if his menu is less than a chunk of premium frozen shrimp. He is just a fish, but one has no trouble knowing his thoughts, especially, when he is upset.

Why would an employer keep such a worthless, ill-tempered staff member? Because everyone, adult and child alike, enjoys Bob's antics. Stop by the store and meet Bob.



## Aqua Sphere Swim Center

SIS' new "Swim Center" IS NOT a move away from our primary purpose of supplying its SCUBA customers, but an expansion of service to meet the needs of a wider audience of swimmers. The goal of the Swim Center is to provide equipment for novice swimmers who are not interested in SCUBA, but swim for recreation or for health reasons.

Aquasphere has done extensive research to design comfortable, durable, and safe equipment for swimmers. For children, we feature Seal goggles designed to fit and be comfortable on smaller heads and Bobber Swimsuits that guarantees that the youngsters' heads are always above the water.

For the adult swimmer, we offer swim fins designed to exercise the proper muscles and to enhance the swimming experience. Also, we have a complete line of goggles for both inside and outside swimming. Some goggles have UV lens to protect eyes from harmful sunrays. In addition to swim caps, we have eye and ear treatments for the swimmers' comfort. Another useful tool is the "kick board" to build swim muscles. For the long-distance swimmer, Aquasphere has designed a snorkel with a built-in AM-FM radio. Another new item is the Body Chamois. A new innovation for drying off quicker and more comfortably.

Come in soon to see our complete line of swimmers' supplies.



## GREAT BUYS ON NEW GEAR Luggage\*\*\* Bags\*\*\* Backpacks\*\*

Southern Indiana Scuba has wide selection of travel bags that meet most airline requirements for size. As most of you know, many airlines are adamant about the weight and size of your checked baggage. If you have questions about regulations consult our staff.

For a good deal, check out Deep See's Travelok 2000 series hard shell dive bag. A real bargain at \$250, it holds a complete set of dive gear and many extras. This bag comes in a soft sided version, too. Also, we offer a fine line of carry-on boat bags and backpacks, and snorkeling bags. Mention this ad from our newsletter and receive 10% off any purchase of luggage totaling \$100 or more!



## \*\* Divers: Get Geared Up For A Few \$\$\$ \*\* Check out these Complete Gear Packages: Some as low as \$1000

Aqua Lung Titan Nitrox ready Regulator (\$265); LPO Octopus (\$120); Suunto Pressure/Depth Console (\$199); Sea Quest Pro BC (\$410); Total Package Price (\$994)



Aqua Lung Titan LX Regulator (\$365); LPO Octopus (\$120), Vyper 2 Gauge Computer Console (\$575); Aqua Lung Pro QD BC (\$400); Total Package Price (\$1460)

Customize your own package to fit your budget. Don't forget to ask about our 12 months same as cash. For additional savings, trade in that old dive computer, working or not, on any new Mosquito, Vyper, or Cobra Dive Computer. With your trade in, you can receive \$75 off a new Mosquito, or \$100 off any new Vyper or Cobra Computer. Trade in can apply on any package! Remember, too, we have lots of gently used equipment for sale, including BCD's, Regulators, Tanks, Fins, and much, much more.. Inventory changes all the time, so come on in and take a look.

## Congratulations

### To Our New Divemasters, Assistant Instructors and Instructors.

#### Divemasters:

David Goodrich,  
James Smale

#### Assistant Instructor:

Don Brinson: EFR Instructor  
George Marakas

#### Instructor:

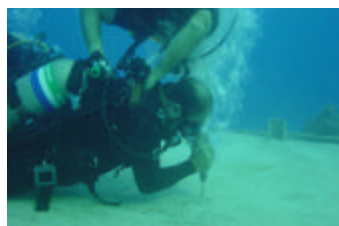
George Marakas: PADI Open Water Instructor, EFR Instructor, DAN O2 Instructor.  
George Connolly: EFR Instructor, Full Face Mask Instructor,  
Penny McQueen: React Right Instructor  
Mark Brooks: React Right Instructor, EFR Instructor, Full Face Mask, Gas Blender Instructor

## Education is the Gateway!

Education is the gateway to safer and more enjoyable diving. This slogan is more than just a catchy saying. It is so true. Diving is a skilled sport, and just like any other sport, the more practice and education you have, the more skilled you will become. Another truth is: A skilled diver is a safer diver. The divers listed above have made a commitment to better themselves, and in turn, give back to their fellow divers some of what they have learned. We would like to thank them for their commitment and effort, and to congratulate them on their achievements.

## Southern Indiana Scuba staff helps to mount the plaque on the Spiegel Grove !

Southern Indiana Scuba people have a long history with the Spiegel Grove project. Some of us have been “on board” since its arrival in the Keys. On the May trip, the SIS divers assisted in moving the plaque from the Visitor’s Center to the boats for mounting on the ship. Also, Dale Hawkins, George Marakas, Matthew Brooks and I began diving early in the morning and dove until late in the day to assist with drilling the holes in the ship for the plaques, and bolting the plaque in place. Our work was rewarded when our divers watched as the last plaque was lowered into place during the official plaque dedication ceremony. I have pictures



of the plaque with the names of the persons who helped to make this project possible. If you are one of the many divers who have purchased a Gold Medallion, you are encouraged to view the pictures of the plaque to see your name engraved on it. In the Keys, the Spiegel Grove is a must-do dive if you like shipwrecks or not. It starts at 50 feet and goes to 130 feet. I have logged more than forty dives and have seen only a small part of the ship. SIS offers several opportunities each year to travel to the Keys which includes a chance to dive on the Spiegel Grove each time. I am sure you will feel the same pride as I do to know that so many of us have been a part of such a worthwhile project. Not only does the site provide recreational diving, but enhances the underwater environment for wildlife. Contact the staff at SIS and sign up for an exciting adventure in the Keys soon.



## Emergency First Aid



Southern Indiana Scuba moved into the next generation of diving and safety. A PADI representative spent an entire day training SIS staff in Emergency First Response (EFR). EFR skills include the

use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), introduction to oxygen use, and the latest first aid and CPR technology. SIS has purchased a AED Trainer and literature and will be offering classes on EFR to all interested persons. **This training is not limited to divers.**

This course is designed for persons whose time is limited. The curriculum is self-study based, that is, you study on your schedule at home, then come in to review and practice the material you have covered. In addition to the AED Trainer, SIS has manikin for realistic practice of your newly acquired first aid and CPR skills.

By now some of you are asking, “What is an AED Trainer?” AED is the latest innovation in CPR. The AED is used to administer electric stimulation to persons in cardiac arrest. These instruments are being placed in a number of public places such as airports, and are designed to be used by non-medical personnel in emergency situations. The unit has an audio system that give detailed, step-by-step instructions for use.

Stop by SIS and discuss this training with our staff.. Upcoming classes are July 10th and September 19th.