



FATHOMIERS NEWSLETTER

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I have modified the format a bit this month, and threw away the entire newsletter I had done a week ago when I got the info below. I was late, anyway, so I figured what the hell. Rory and Terry are friends of mine, and I have felt a connection to Rory ever since we met. I don't expect you to do anything, but if you can, here is a great guy worth getting into the fight for. He is a wonderful father, and a great, loving human. Rare in these times... and, lucky for us, a Fathomier. Here's our friends' newest info. Paul.

Rory Lentz: Looking to the future..

February 1, 2005

As you may know, Rory was diagnosed with brain cancer in April of 2003. He has had four operations, has been through repeated sessions of chemotherapy and has undergone radiation treatment, as well as gamma knife surgery. Last month Rory was scheduled to undergo an operation for "debulking" (removing scar tissue and whatever cancer cells they could without destroying normal cells). However, after a more recent scan, the surgeon informed Kristi and Rory that surgery was no longer an option as the tumor has grown through the mid-line of the brain and into the other side. Kristi and Rory then went to see his oncologist with the thought of receiving more chemotherapy. They were told the oncologist could give him a "chemo cocktail" comprised of three different drugs. However, they were informed that this type of chemo only works (meaning that the tumor would only stop growing) for one out of every four or five patients and even if it did work, it would only take the tumor approximately eight months to learn how to continue growing. Without some kind of treatment and miracle she said Rory has about two or three months life expectancy.

Rory and Kristi and several other members of our family have been investigating a clinic in Houston, Texas called the Burzynski Clinic. Dr. Burzynski has had some success in treating brain tumors like Rory's. Rory actually spoke to the father of a girl who had been given only about three or four months to live and after treatment at the Burzynski Clinic, she is now in her sixth year of remission.

The initial treatment at the Clinic takes about three weeks on an outpatient basis and both Kristi and Rory will go: Rory for treatment and Kristi to take classes to learn how to care for him and continue treatments at home. The cost of the treatment is \$18,000 for the three weeks at the Clinic (not including room and board while they are in Houston). After that, the cost is approximately \$7,200 per month. We have learned that treatment programs extend four to twelve months after the initial therapy is given. As you can see, the total cost could be over \$100,000.00. Unfortunately the insurance company will not cover this type of treatment because it is considered a clinical trial.

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Special points of interest:

- April meeting will feature seminars from Rene, Skip, and Ernie.
- April meeting WILL NOT focus on rules!!! That is done for a while. A LONG while...
- Some SERIOUS trash talking will finally be at hand for fish stories!!!

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March 2005 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by president Erik Banados.

Visitors introduced themselves. Officers gave their reports.

The Aliso club dive was moved to Mar.26th. Annual fees for members are now \$40 and are due to the treasurer; please remit check to Dan.

The club scale will be held at Brandon's house and be available for members to use.

Club camp out will take place at San Onofre State Beach on July 9th, and will be a club dive. Interested members must call and make reservations.

Members voted on several Constitutional changes. All passed, except the one regarding photos for fish records which are not all-time club records, and for which new language will be provided shortly.

Two new prospective members were voted in.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank all of you that participated in the March meeting. For those of you that were unable to make it I'll give you a brief run down. Two new members were voted in, Greg Yakovlev and Mike Tomas. We'll have an in-depth introduction of these divers next month. Ed Gulleys Daughter, Kathy, showed up with her daughter and Bob Sellers presented Kathy with a plaque of our appreciation for his years of dedicated service and with our acknowledgement that if it wasn't for Ed there would be no Fathomiers. This was a fine man and we'll miss him greatly.

Eleven rule changes were made in our Constitution and I'll highlight the major issues in plain language without boring you with "Sections and Articles".

Perhaps the most major change was that when a member applies for a major award consideration, Largest California Fish, Largest

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February 2005 Fathomiers Competitive Results

Ha!!! What dive?!? Conditions SUCKED again, and we called it at the spot. We even moved the March dive to Sat. 3/26. Aliso Beach, South Laguna Beach. But, rain in the forecast.... Anyone for another Sea of Cortez dive??? I can't take much more of this nonsense!!!!

The next dive is for Palos Verdes, on April 10. This should be a tremendous meet, and I hope we will have a great turnout. Should be the first "BIG FISH" meet of the year. No start time, 3 fish meet, one per species. Weigh in is

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In order to help Kristi and Rory pay for this catastrophic illness and their expenses during this difficult time, our family has set up a Benevolent Account at Washington Mutual Bank. We greatly appreciate your support and prayers. If you would like to contribute financially, you can send a check, made out to Kristi L. Lentz and send it directly to Kristi at 2506 NE 148th Street, Vancouver, WA. 98686. In the memo portion of your check, please write "For the benefit of Rory Lentz". If you wish to make a donation directly to the bank, you can do so at any Washington Mutual Branch and ask the teller to deposit it into the Benevolent Account for the benefit of Rory Lentz. Please pass this information on to your own friends and family.

Anything you can do to help Rory and Kristi is appreciated beyond any words we can say. Thank you for your prayers.



WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO THE NATIONALS IN MISSOURI

I recently was forwarded the bid package for this years Nationals in Kimberling City Missouri.

I was looking forward to diving the contest especially after learning a little bit about shooting Carp in Mike McGuires meet last September in Lake Mohave. It sounds like a good tournament; warm water, over 22 miles of shoreline diving area, and according to Mike McGuire and John Ernst, a fairly good sized fish population.

It will be a five hour boat based tournament with one half hour travel time at the front and end of the event.

Phil Lamm, Midwest Diving Council President says in his bid the entry fee is \$60.00 per competitor, the banquet is a reasonable \$40.00 per plate, the visibility is five to 20 feet, "most diving will be done between 5 and 50 feet", divers have to wear a "functional inflatable safety vest", one point per pound and one point per fish, 15 pound maximum with a 30 fish per diver limit WEIGHED IN. You can shoot as many fish as you want within the limitations of Missouri Fish and Game regulations, but you only weigh your largest 30 fish.

Anyone interested in diving the Nationals should make Mike McGuires April 23 meet at Willow Beach Arizona an absolute "must dive". About eighty percent of what I heard about shooting Carp prior to diving last years Willow Beach contest was, as far as I am concerned, way, way off base. If you go into the Nationals without shooting Carp in a competitive situation...well, let's just say don't bet too much money on being on the podium when the trophies are awarded.

One other small matter should be considered...snakebite. I just got off the phone with Bob Benton, Director of Emergency Services at Skaggs Medical Center West in Kimberling city. I was concerned with being bitten by a Cotton Mouth Moccasin while diving. Although the state of Florida has an average of two Cotton Mouth Moccasin Bites a year from anglers reaching in the water to grab their fish after they have brought it to the boat, Mr Benton says that is not the case in his part of Missouri. He has recorded only one water moccasin bite in the past 14 years, and it wasn't a diver that was bitten. He says "I would be a LOT more concerned with being hit by a Rattlesnake or Copperhead while walking to and from the water than being bothered by a Cotton Mouth Moccasin in the water". Well, he's the man. He should know. And Mike McGuire and John Ernst's statements about Water Moccasins not being a big deal or any deal at all seems to be right on.

BUT, and I capitalized "BUT" because there is a situation that you should be very much aware of and that is should you be bitten by a Copperhead, Rattle Snake or a Cotton Mouth Moccasin, the anti-venin that will be used to treat you is "Crofab" a sheep serum based IV administered antidote that is given to persons bitten by these snakes. Crofab has potential side effects that coupled with a snake bite could be the beginning of the worst week of your life. On the other hand, people that should know tell me that if you don't go crashing through brushy, swampy areas the chance of being bitten by a poisonous snake in Missouri is slim and none. Even so, looking out for free swimming thick bodied snakes just might be a smart habit to develop while diving.

Good Luck, Terry Lentz.

CURRENTS

No spectacular diving safety news to speak of. With the wild winter, some sand bars have appeared, which are a navigation hazard.... Tall ship in Oxnard found out the hard way. It is possible that markers may have moved, or been destroyed by the storms. Watch for this stuff while navigating in the near future. As a side note, we practically perfected 2 way radios on the highway in Baja last week. 2 LITTLE things to remember....1. Batteries. 'Nuff said. 2 Keep contact. Range is limited. Oh, 3 things.... VOLUME... Set the volume high enough to hear the other guys. Other than this, the only safety tip I can think of is to NOT dive with 40lb. Of clams strapped to you for too long.... Don't ask.

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water fish, this fish now needs to be photographed, measured, and weighed on a certified scale or a scale that **will be** inspected by the Club Recorder within the thirty day filing time.

Membership Dues were increased to \$40 and Associate Dues to \$30 per year. The initial \$10 initiation fee will remain.

For “Out of Country” records no fish will be considered unless it is of a Ten pound minimum. Applying to all records, there will be no duplicate awards for “ties”. The first fish filed will be given the award.

At monthly club dives the majority present has the ability to cancel or move the meet. There is no need to discuss the “Ten Dive Rule” as it was passed by majority vote last month.

Lastly additional administrative duties and responsibilities were assigned to the Board of Directors and our Web Master, Cisco Serret was made an official member of our Board of Directors.

In closing I'd like to remind all of you that our meetings for the remainder of the year will be on the Second Thursday of the month at the Round Table Pizza in Redondo Beach.

Safe and Successful Diving
Erik Banados



The banquet was a RIOT!! Thanks to Linda, Larry, and all the great folks who came, and made such a great night!!! The food and the mood were just what the doctor ordered, seeing as how the diving has been the pits lately. Look below, and you'll see ...
The asylum doors were left open!!

Pic of the month

Skip and Ryan Dewell went down south, to the place no one is supposed to talk about, and had a tremendous day diving. The pic shows what freediving is all about; a journey, an adventure with friends, and some big ass fish to top it off. I edited out the story on this for Rory; I'll find a spot for the story soon. I hope Skip and Ryan will understand. More pics to come.... I hear a seabass or two were shot, and we have some Mexico pics. Might have to do a whole page.... Input???



Next Club Meeting

2nd Thurs. of each month.

RoundTable Pizza, our old home.

April 14, 2005. 7:30 pm.

An exciting night, with seminars on spear-fishing from Skip Hellen, Ernie Shultz, and Life member Rene Rojas. **DO NOT MISS!!**

NEXT CLUB DIVES

Aliso Beach, South Laguna. 3/26

April.... Palos Verdes.

No Start time, exit/ weigh in at 1:30, Malaga Cove. April 10, 2005.

Contrary to the odd/even club dives, this is traditionally a 3 fish dive. One per species.

C'mon chicken... I dare you to come!!!

