

Kwajalein Scuba Club, April 2012

--The First Stage--

March Photo Contest winner-

The winner was Jay Lord with his photo of an octopus. Congrats Jay, and everyone keep those cameras rolling for the next Photo Contest. The next date will be announced in a future edition of the First Stage.

April monthly meeting-

It's that time of year again- time for the mandatory annual safety meeting! The April meeting will be held at the High School MP Room on Wednesday, April 11th.

It's also time to renew your membership for the coming membership year. On April 11th, the doors will open at 6:30pm, and the meeting will start at 7pm. Bring your certification card with you to these meetings. Please arrive early enough to complete the renewal application before 7pm. It is understood that many people will have work requirements that night and may not be able to attend the meeting.

For those who are renewing their membership, please see the last page of this newsletter for the Membership Renewal Form. This is a shorter form than the standard membership application form. Complete the form and bring it along with your certification card to the Express Line prior to the meeting for faster service.

The April meeting is also nomination of club officers for the coming membership year.

Looking ahead to the May meeting- it will be held on the 16th. Please note that this is the **THIRD** Wednesday of the month. This meeting will also be held in the MP Room at the High School. Again, the doors will open at 6:30pm, and the meeting will start at 7pm. During the May meeting the election of club officers will be held.



If you haven't been on the KSC Facebook page in the last week or so, check out the video from Germany, called *Marshall Islands Tribute*.



Manta Ray near Emon Beach, by Bob Greene

~~~ Safe diving is no accident! [www.diversalertnetwork.org](http://www.diversalertnetwork.org) ~~~

*All About Orientation Dives...*

Who needs one? The answer is, everybody wishing to dive at Kwajalein - unless you are in a dive class. The orientation dive is a part of the class.

KSC members who renew each year do not have to do any more orientation dives after their initial one at the time they first join KSC. However, if more than a year goes by without renewing the membership, another orientation dive is required.

TDY members need one orientation dive as long as they keep returning and renewing their TDY membership. If more than a year goes by without diving at Kwaj, another orientation dive is required.

Orientation dives are \$50 per diver. TDY and regular membership fees are added to this. Orientation dives are done by the hard-working Divemasters and Instructors who are on the Dive Supervisory Council. Divemasters make \$50 per orientation dive, and this is used to pay for their Divemaster Insurance. Listed here are the current Divemasters along with the number of orientation dives done in the last year- like we said, they work hard for KSC!

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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Charles Cable- 4  | Christopher Mills- 2 | Ivy Springer- 17   |
| Jim Bishop- 18    | John Pennington- 59  | Kim Morris- 20     |
| Melissa Oliver- 4 | Ron Gamble- 5        | Doug Hepler- 9     |
| Rob Clayton- 4    | Tim Walker- 0        | Bill Williamson- 0 |

Go to KSC's website at [www.kwajaleinclub.com](http://www.kwajaleinclub.com) and look for them under the *DSC* tab at the top of the page.

*From our Instructors...*

**John Pennington:**

Open Water- taking registrations for April class, dates TBD

Advanced Open Water- starting dates of April 2nd, 16th, and 30th.

Enriched Air Nitrox - April 13th and 27th.

Call John at 5-3290 or email [penningtonscuba@gmail.com](mailto:penningtonscuba@gmail.com) for more information.

*Don't forget...*

**Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> for the April meeting, in the MP Room at the High School...first safety meeting to get the annual safety requirement taken care of, and nomination of club officers for the 2012-2013 membership year!**

**The express Membership Renewal Form is located at the end of this newsletter!**



*~~~ Ascend slowly from every dive! ~~~*

**KWAJALEIN SCUBA CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2012**  
**FOR ACTIVE RENEWING MEMBERS**

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Local P.O. Box Number \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone 5- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Level (circle one) : Open Water Advanced Rescue Divemaster Asst Instructor Instructor

Certifying Agency: PADI NAUI SSI \_\_\_\_\_ Number : \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Cert: \_\_\_\_\_

Nitrox Certification (circle one): Yes No

Comments:

**Fees & Dues**

**Make Checks Payable to "Kwajalein Scuba Club" or "KSC"**

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Renewal Dues - \$120.00 Adults

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Nitrox Dues - \$48.00 Adults

\_\_\_\_\_ Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School Students \$60.00 Annual Dues

\_\_\_\_\_ Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School Students \$24.00 Nitrox Dues

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Fees and Dues

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Does Total Include Other Members Yes Members Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Did Member Sign "Kwajalein Scuba Club Release of Liability"? Yes No

Have you been receiving KSC e-mails? Yes No Are you a member of Divers Alert Network? Yes No

Are you interested in taking free First Aid/ Basic Life Support classes? Yes No

Form received and reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_