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Dive into Adventure! **DIVESCAPES** Conference & Exhibition

The AUC is pleased to announce our upcoming DIVESCAPES special guest & keynote Speaker: Jill Heinerth, who describes herself as follows:

Age: 44

Job: Explorer

Education: Fine Arts/Hard Knocks

Passion: Creative Image Making & Technology

Best Trait: Curiosity

Goal: Explore places that no human has ever experienced

Favorite Quote: Leap & a net appears



Jill Heinerth: Mapping cave systems in Florida

Photo by Wes Skiles

Jill is an explorer. Her curiosity and photographic skills give us a tantalizing peek at a breathtaking world few will ever experience.

Best known as a pioneering technical diver, Jill combines a mastery of underwater technology with a formal Fine Arts education to produce artistic documentation of the natural environment above, below and inside our planet.

An award-winning filmmaker, Jill wrote, produced, and appeared in *Water's Journey*, the PBS documentary series that takes viewers on visceral travels through the world's greatest water systems. Hollywood directors call on her to produce difficult underwater scenes and international magazines and websites look to her to document extreme environments with high technology.

Jill is a reasonable voice in the world of conservation, and is often sought out for insightful commentary and opinions by the press and other institutions.

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SPRING *2009*

2009 DIVE ALBERTA EVENTS

Mark your Calendar now for 2009 Dive Events & see Website for Updates just prior to each Event!

April 25/09

**AUC's AGM In Red Deer
May 18/19th/09**

**47th Jasper Aquathon
& River Race
June 20/09**

**Treasure Hunt—Twin Lakes
July 19/09**

**Bow River Snorkel - Calgary
Aug 115/09**

**U/W Rodeo—Cold Lake
Aug 22/09**

**Bear Grass Dive – Waterton
Sept 13/09**

**Banff Lk Clean-up
Sept 19/09**

**Gull Lake Cleanup
Sept 20/09**

**Sylvan Lake U/W Clean-up
Sept 26/09**

**Pumpkin Dive –
Wainwright
Oct 23/24th/09**

Divescapes— Calgary

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Underwater Hockey Dates

May 16-18th: Canadian National UW Championships @Kinsmen Pool Edmonton

Other Important Dates in '09

April 25-26/09: NW DIVE NEWS Dive Expo—in Tacoma, WA

Nov 4-7/09: DEMA (Diving Equipment Mfg. Assoc) Trade Show for Dive Professionals: Orlando, FL

AUC'S DIVESCAPES VIDEO/DVD CONTEST

Attn: Videographers and photographers, here is the chance to show off your stuff!! The AUC is looking for local amateur UW videographers or photographers for an exciting contest. We need still or video presentations on anything underwater. Cold water, warm water, fish, wrecks, local, exotic—it doesn't matter!

10-15 minutes in length and the entrant must be an AUC member. Grand prize is a \$100 gift certificate to the Alberta dive store of your choice, a Divescapes Gold Pass, and the opportunity to show your presentation at the Divescapes film show, on Oct 24th, which will feature Jill Heinerth and you!
Entry deadline is September 1, 2009.

For further contest details and rules contact the AUC office: info@albertaunderwatercouncil or toll free: 1-888-307-8566, or 780-427-9125



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AUC MEMBER'S FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

(Disclaimer PLEASE Note: All gear sold as is - absolutely no warranty implied or assumed,

AUC provides this as info only! The AUC does not participate in any commissions or fees in the sale or purchase of the scuba diving equipment listed below - buyers and sellers negotiate directly! All prices for scuba gear are in Cdn Dollars unless otherwise posted & do not include shipping!

Date Posted	Description of Gear for Sale
08.07	BCD MARES VECTOR PLATINUM , size XL, Used only once, Best Offer Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com for seller #1004 info
09.07	Women's Medium Dive Mark 7mm wetsuit *(hood, jacket & farmer john, pants) - \$140.00 OBO, like new! 5mm 5 finger Gauntlet Neoprene gloves by Whites* - \$40.00 OBO, *Akona Roller Bag* (30 x 14.5) made from 600D poly-natural fiber, material with rust resistant hardware. Has wheels, carrying compartments, etc. Perfect to carry all your scuba gear! - \$250.00, Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com for seller #1005
09.07	WOMEN'S BARE PRESTIGE WET Suit , 7mm Great condition. Like brand new. Size 7/8 (fits approx. 110-125 lbs X 5"2" - 5"5").. Full Jane (overalls) and Separate Jacket. Hood optional. \$100 OBO Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com for seller #1006
03.08	UNDERWATER HOUSING - SEA & SEA for NIKON D200 , Location: Edmonton, AB, Housing has been used on one dive trip, is in excellent condition, reason for selling - switching to underwater video. Details: Sea & Sea DX-D200 Housing for Nikon D200: \$2495.95, Fish-Eye Dome Port with Shade (SS-56231): \$615.00, Custom Flat Port (SS-56231): 480.00, Dome Port Cover - Neoprene (SS21211): \$50.00, AF Nikkor 10.5mm DX Focus Gear (SS-31120): \$230.00, AF-S DX Zoom Nikkor ED 12-24mm F4G Zoom Gear (SS-31107): \$172.00, AF Micro Nikkor 50mm F2.8D Focus Gear and AF/MF Gear (SS51399): \$182.00 Total Value: \$4224.95 in US Dollars, Prices are for the housing, ports & gear sets. Your combined savings with no shipping charges from US company, no brokerage fees, not GST, save approx. \$1000.00. Price for above setup: \$3600 obo. please contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com , seller #1009
09.08	Sequest Black Diamond BC for sale. The BC is 5-6 years old - with about 100 dives 95% fresh water. BC is in excellent condition, is a back inflation BC that can be rigged for dual tank set-up. Is weight integrated, pouches included. There are metal D-rings and a new Dive Rite Inflator. BC was recently inspected & in good working condition. Asking \$350OBO, Please contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com , seller #1010
10.08	Sea & Sea DX8000 8.2 megapixel camera with Sea & Sea YS -55 TTL strobe, Depth rating 180 feet, Includes Pelican case, 4 SD cards, 15mm wide angle lens, Lens caddy, Camera tray and strobe arms, extra "O" ring kits, Manuals New cost was right at 3000.00 \$ sale price 1600.00\$ Reason for selling, upgraded to a Nikon D300 depth rated to 330 feet. Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com , seller #1011
10.08	Apex computer download sync cord \$ 50.00 Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com , for seller #1012
10.08	Citizen UW Dive watch complete with down load cord, manuals and soft ware New 800\$ Sale price 120.00\$ Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com , seller #1013
10.08	Motor Marine II UW 35mm film camera & Motor Marine 50 TTL strobe w/Two different UW macro lens and carriers, 8 extra "O" ring kits, Camera tray, strobe arm, sync cord, 16mm wide angle lens, Lens caddy, Original boxes and manuals, Depth rating 180 feet, Reason for selling, own 2 other film cameras. Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com , seller #1014, Sale price \$340.00,
10.08	Dive rite 21 watt HID light with two batteries, charger, video hood, Reason for selling, own 3 other canister lights, sale price \$450.00 Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com , seller #1015
10.08	OLYMPUS STYLUS 760 DIGITAL CAMERA , 7.1 MEGAPIXEL, UNDERWATER HOUSING PT-036 GOOD TO 130 FT, 2 GB XD CARD, PACKAGE DEAL: GREAT FOR UNDERWATER SHOTS & U/W VIDEO, IDEAL FOR DIVERS AS THE HOUSING IS WATERPROOF TO 130 FEET! IT HAS 3 UNDERWATER SHOOTING MODES, USE IT AS A REGULAR POCKET CAMERA, WHEN NOT IN THE HOUSING IT'S AN ALL WEATHER CAMERA - READY TO JUMP IN THE OCEAN OR SHOWER !! HAS ALL ACCESSORIES AND SOFTWARE HOUSING AND MEMORY CARD ARE BRAND NEW CAMERA IS FACTORY RECERTIFIED, NOT USED !! \$330.00 CDN. Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com , seller #1016 in the subject line
11.08	Whites Men's Dry suit extra large with Weezle extreme underwear, rock boots excellent condition \$800 Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com seller # 1018 in the subject line
03.09	Two: Alum. 80 tanks , One: Steel 100 tank , One: Alum. 30 pony bottle , One set: Sherwood regs for pony tank, One set: Apeks regs complete with Vyper console, One: Sherwood (Outback) BC . XL, excellent condition, One: gear bag , Heavy Duty. Can be sold separately, please contact seller with your best reasonable offer! Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com with seller 1019 in the subject line
03.09	Whites Drysuit - Men's XL Tall , in like new condition, complete with thermals. Asking: \$ 500.00 Firm, Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com with seller #1020 in the subject line.

Buyers: Please contact info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com with the seller's # in the subject line & your email will be forwarded to the seller, who will then contact you. Or phone the AUC office: 1-888-307-8566, 780-427-9125

Sellers: Please Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com or phone: 1-888-307-8566 for posting any of your used items for sale here. Include as much info about the gear as possible. Interested emails will be forwarded to you, but then it will be up to you to close the deal. **Please remember when your item is sold, contact the AUC with the item # in the subject line with SOLD/REMOVE.**

UNDERWATER CLUBS IN ALBERTA—*Underwater Hockey & Scuba*

AUC welcomes you to the company of underwater enthusiasts from all across the province. Joining a dive or under water sports club offers you a great opportunity to have fun underwater and above water, with a group of similar minded individuals.

Many clubs also offer opportunities to continually improve your diving skills through ongoing training programs or travel. Meet new people and enjoy your sport! Join one today!

Alberta's UNDERWATER HOCKEY CLUBS:

CALGARY:

Calgary Underwater Hockey Club Contact: calgaryunderwater.ca

EDMONTON:

Edmonton Underwater Hockey Association
edmontonunderwaterhockey.com



ALBERTA'S SCUBA CLUBS:

CALGARY—Scuba Clubs

Calgary Sub-Aquatic
Axel Kolleywyn: (403) 285-2340

Scuba Divers Dinner Group—
Tony Lamb: (403) 283-3368
TonyLamb@shaw.ca

Underwater Outlaws
Email: uoutlaw@telus.net
Website: www.3.telus.net underwater/outlaws/

COLD LAKE: - Scuba Club
4-Wing Cold Lake Scuba Club
Larry Dublenko
Wk: (780)840-8000, Ext.7959
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http://www3.telus.net/public/jjparr/clubs/scuba.htm

Charles (RED) Ehrich
780-639-4564

EDMONTON: Scuba Clubs:

AquaTek Voodoo Gas Divers
Contact Via Email: Carol or Jeff
voodooogas@aquatekscuba.com
Web Site: www.aquatekscuba.com

Edmonton Club's Cont'd

Edmonton Aquanauts
Ken Kozak: (780) 960-0263
kpsd@cruzinternet.com

Edmonton Pub Divers
Brian Nadwidny
email: nadwidny@gmail.com

U OF A Scuba Appreciation Club
scuba@ualberta.ca
uofascuba.com

Wing Divers
Tom or Cathy Davies: (780) 462-1551
tedavies@telusplanet.net

SPECIALTY RESCUE CLUB:

Northern Alberta Aquatic Rescue Society (NAARS)
Cliff Bergunde: (780) 450-1206
http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/3310
Email: naars@shaw.ca

FORT McMURRAY: Scuba Club

Wet & Wild Diving Society of Fort McMurray
9 Birch Rd, Ft McMurray, AB, T9K 1P2
www.wWSCUBA.com
PH: 780-743-3123

GRANDE PRAIRIE: Scuba Club

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LETHBRIDGE: Scuba Club

Scuba Group Lethbridge
Marni Anderson: (403) 328-5041
www.awesomeadventures.com

PEACE RIVER: Scuba Club

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ST PAUL/Bonneville—Scuba Club

Lakeland Divers:
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WAINWRIGHT: Scuba Clubs

Buffalo Divers - New president:
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crusader@telus.net

Davco Diving Aquamaniacs
Dave & Connie Faas: (780) 842-5559
www.davco.cc





NEWS FROM UW HOCKEY CLUBS

See the website: calgaryunderwater.ca for more info & contacts



Our U-19 team competed at a recent tournament in Calgary. Team members included Skyler, Caleb, Bryn, Juliet, Harry, Sam, Kirstie, Isabella, Emmanuelle, Gabby and Genevieve. Our coaches, Mike and Myrna, did a great job of helping some new players achieve success at their first real tournament. We look forward to sending a team to Guelph in March to compete at the College Royale. If you'd like to come out and play underwater hockey while you're in Calgary, check out our website for details. www.calgaryunderwater.ca



See: edmontonunderwaterhockey.com for more info & contacts

EUHC POOL SCHEDULE: Monday's Experienced Players 7:30—8:30 pm at: Hemingway (Coronation) Pool: 13808—111 Ave

Wednesday's Octopushers for beginners & adult fast game 8-9 PM at: Kinsmen Pool, 9100 Walterdale Hill

ALBERTA'S UNDERWATER OUTLAWS -a Scuba Club for Calgary & South



The Underwater Outlaws is a non-profit social club that all divers, from Calgary and Southern Alberta, have been looking for.

Our social club is dedicated to keeping you, the social diver, out there enjoying our sport and exploring local diving opportunities.

To promote enjoyment, fellowship, safety and knowledge among scuba divers and those interested in the underwater world.

FUN DIVING for People that want to DIVE.

Membership forms can be picked up and dropped off at the local dive shops in Calgary or by contacting Sean Ferguson at uwoutlaw@telus.net

See the Underwater Outlaws Scuba Club's upcoming dive event schedule on —*News from Alberta Dive Clubs*— page 12 of this newsletter!

DIVE ALBERTA 2009 EVENTS—Mark Your Calendars & Make plans to Join in at some of these FUN DIVE EVENTS—Hosted by AB Dive Clubs, sponsored by AB Dive Stores with the AUC



AUC's Dive Alberta 2009 Events

April 25/09: AUC's Annual General Mtg & Elections— not a diving event but your provincial association's essential AGM with Reports from the Board, plus a Lunch Social & Film Show

May 16/17th—JASPER AQUATHON & River Race, Lake Cleanup & Dive Event w/BBO Lunch, Pancake Breakfast & BBQ Supper/Awards on May Long Weekend

June 20th—Twin Lakes—Wing Divers Club Treasure Hunt Dive Event & Lake Cleanup at Twin Lakes Training Facility near Winfield (west of Pigeon Lk, Hwy 13)

July 19th—Bow River Snorkel Event—snorkel down the Bow River & enjoy a unique view of Calgary

Aug 15th—Cold Lake U/W Rodeo & Lake Cleanup —hosted by Fort McMurray's Wet & Wild Diving Club/4 Wing Cold Lk

Aug 22nd—Waterton Bear Grass Dive—hosted by Lethbridge Scuba Club, sponsored by Anderson Aquatics

Dive Alberta 2009



Sept 13th—Banff Lake Clean-up—exact location TBA, sponsored by Aqua Sports Scuba (Calgary)

Sept 19th—3rd Nick Young Memorial Gull Lake Clean-up—located this year on NW side of lake @Parkland Beach

Sept 20th—Sylvan Lake U/W Clean-up—sponsored by North West Scuba (Edmonton) & local dive community: Farrington Dive Services & supported by local businesses, the Town of Sylvan Lk plus with local Boy Scouts & Guides participating in shoreline clean-up

Sept 26th—Wainwright Pumpkin Dive & Lake Clean-up —sponsored by Davco Diving & assisted by the Buffalo Divers Club @CFB Wainwright

Oct 23/24th—AUC's DIVE SCAPES 09 CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW at Calgary's Executive Royal Inn, NE. *Keynote Speaker: Jill Heinerth*



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FREE TO NEW MEMBERS— ONE YEAR AUC MEMBERSHIP ACTIVATION

Are you a certified diver or underwater hockey player? Please print clearly the info below, then fax/scan/email/mail or phone this info into AUC office to activate your 1st Yr AUC Membership (available to new members only! Renew for 1 yr: \$10 or 2 yrs: \$20, etc)

Name _____

Address—Full Mailing Address _____

CITY/TOWN _____ POSTAL CODE _____

Phone _____ DATE OF BIRTH: M/D/Y _____ SEX: MALE/FEMALE _____

E—MAIL ADDRESS _____ Do you wish to receive monthly E-News Bulletins? Yes/No _____

Dive Club or Dive Store Affiliation—if applicable, OR Underwater Hockey Club _____

PLEASE CIRCLE LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION: O/W DIVER ADVANCED DIVE MASTER INSTRUCTOR OR _____

UW HOCKEY: PLAYER COACH REFEREE OR OTHER: _____

Thank You for your support of the AUC!

DIVESCAPES—KEYNOTE SPEAKER: *JILL HEINERTH*

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Jill Heinerth is also a recognized expert legal witness in matters involving SCUBA and Closed Circuit Rebreather technology.

Jill's many diving accomplishments are highlighted by an Antarctic cave diving expedition inside the

largest iceberg known to man, (National Geographic - Ice Island), and significant contributions to the United States Deep Caving Team's Wakulla 2 project, using paradigm-changing technology to map an underwater cave system in three dimensions. At Wakulla, secondary to a scientific mission, Jill established a women's diving world record and is an inaugural member of the Women Diver's Hall of Fame.

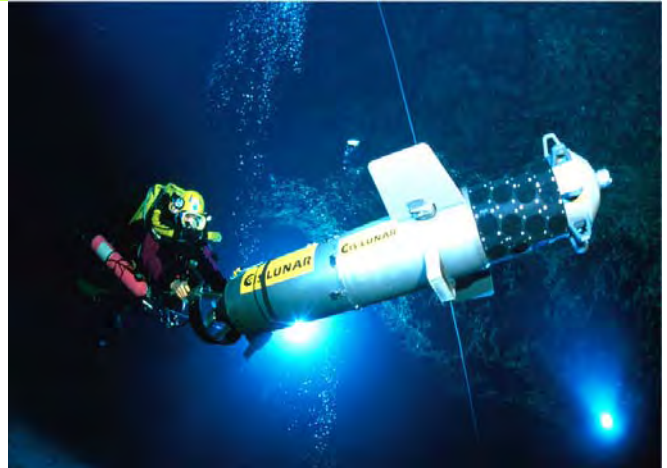


Photo by: Wes Skiles, Jill Heinerth with Cis-Lunar mapper in Wakulla

Attend the AGM in Red Deer—Vote & Enjoy Lunch & Film Show



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

& ELECTIONS:

On Saturday, April 25th, 2009

At: Collicutt Centre (Recreation Facility), 3031-30 Ave,
RED DEER, AB T4N 3T4,

Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, watch for dive flag signs

TIME: 10 AM SHARP to 2 PM

FILM SHOW & LUNCH TO FOLLOW AGM

Film Show: *A TASTE OF EXPEDITION DIVING...*

By Tech Zone Scuba's John McCuaig

-DVD's featuring footage from dive expeditions to *Wreck of the Transpac & Kootenay Lake*

See enclosed for Nomination Forms,
Notice of Special Resolution (Bylaw Change)
And Directional Map to the Collicutt Centre

PLEASE RSVP to AUC OFFICE, 1-888-307-8566 or
Ph: 780-427-9125 or by email:
info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com

DIVESCAPES '09—*What is it??*

DIVESCAPES—what is it? For those of you who haven't attended one before—it is the ALBERTA UNDERWATER COUNCIL'S "*Scuba Conference & Exhibition*". This extensive event, brings to your own backyard, an underwater trade show venue that brings divers, travel agents, tourism boards, manufacturers, resort & boat charter operators and dive store retailers together into western Canada's largest scuba conference.

Plus, you'll enjoy the Keynote speakers, of which our previous speakers included some of the dive industry's best known & popular personalities...people like James Delgado, Mandy-Rae Cruickshank, Stan Waterman, Dee Scarr, John Stone-man, Terry German, Dr. David Sawatzky, Jim Willoughby, Dr. Phil Nuytten, Andy Lamb, Dan Orr, Greg Mossfeldt, and Jim Cosgrove. Your Divescapes committee is working hard to bring to Alberta in 2009, some very exciting & dynamic speakers.

Oct 23, 24th, 2009 Venue: *Executive Royal Inn & Conference Centre*,
2828 23rd Street NE, Calgary, AB T2E 8T4, (877) 769-2562,
www.executivehotels.net

Breakout sessions are planned so you, can enjoy an up close & personal sitting with our keynote speakers. Also in the works are plans for an underwater photography contest for amateur local divers to have the opportunity to share their digital photos & experiences with us all. Banquet tickets are reasonably priced, so here it your chance to see it all under one roof without traveling many kilometers away from Alberta.

So what will all this cost? A lot less than you'd think. You will have the opportunity to take in as little or as much as you want. But many previous attendees will tell you that it's absolutely worth it to be a part of Western Canada's most exciting underwater symposium! For the best in value, prizes & perks consider purchasing the Divescapes "GOLD PASS"

More details to come in future communications and also please check out the AUC website often at: www.albertaunderwatercouncil.com



Dive into Adventure!
DIVESCAPES
Conference & Exhibition

BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS & MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND in JASPER:



47th ANNUAL JASPER AQUATHON & RIVER RACE



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May Long Weekend: May 16, 17th/09

Saturday, May 16th – *STARTS with River Race Registration at Old Fort Point Bridge - Watch for the road-side "Dive Flag" Signs*

REGISTRATION – Meet & register Saturday morning, 9:30 am at Old Fort Point Bridge parking lot (or at Jasper's Wapiti Campground on Friday evening, Section RR). Aquathon Registration for Divers: \$10 or \$15 for a Family Registration—2 participating adults (& 2-3 kids) or for a "Buddy Team Registration". Renew your membership @\$10 per yr or \$20 for 2 years. **Need a Dive Buddy?? Just let the organizers know!**
ATHABASCA RIVER RACE EVENT – 11:00 am START– After registering at parking lot at Old Fort Point Bridge—meet later for a Mass start on the Athabasca River at Marmot Pit road) with a 10 km float down the Athabasca River (exposure suits a must!). Flotation recommended & is limited to devices with no mechanical steering (e.g. inner tubes and air mattresses) BUDDY TEAMS must stay together. Race end location is same as Registration area at Old Fort Point Bridge parking lot. **Volunteers needed to help with race safety & for vehicle shuttle. NOTE: PRIZES FOR THE FASTEST TIMES & BEST DECORATED!!**

LUNCH (following the race) at Old Fort Point Bridge Parking lot (see map) Hot dogs and liquid refreshments for registrants (meal tickets available at extra cost for additional adults, kids are free). Balance of day is for lake clean-up diving or family time, etc.

LAC BEAUVERT CLEAN-UP— after lunch—just drive a short distance up the road to parking lot ending at Lac Beauvert (common site for open water course & advanced dives) You asked for another lake cleanup & plans are underway to make it happen in Jasper
MORE INFO TO COME!

Sunday, May 17th –*Starts with fine eats at the Pancake Breakfast @ 8:30 AM—9: 30 AM at the WAPITI CAMPGROUND (Section RR) then with Dive Events at LAKE EDITH at 11 AM, followed BBO at 6 PM—usually back at the Wapiti Campground Cook Shelter nearest to Section RR (watch for roadside Dive Flag Signs to guide you in—parking is limited—please carpool or walk)*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST (pre-dive) is included in registration for participants & families, usually in Section RR, Wapiti Campground, at 8:30 am to 9:30 am, watch for the road-side Dive Flags & crowds of hungry campers lining up for pancakes, eggs & sausages!

AQUA-THON DIVE EVENTS – Bring your gear with 2 tanks*, pack a snack & meet at shore of Lake Edith at 11 am for fun and challenging events:

Navigation – Test your navigational skills as you and your buddy try to locate the various points around the course, bring your own compass & small diving slate per buddy team

Mystery Dive – It's a secret! You and your buddy will be challenged to a fun diving event – so bring your gear & we'll supply the rest!

U/W Buoyancy Challenge—Try to dive the underwater obstacle course without stirring up the silt or snagging yourself or your gear on the hula-hoops suspended from the bottom.

Golf Ball Snorkel - An Event for both snorkelers & divers to participate in—wetsuits preferred for easiest use, dry suits are possible (but can be tricky); buddy teams must snorkel & retrieve the most & pick up specially marked golf-balls in 6-20 ft of water near shore on Lk Edith.

BARBECUE (BYOM-Bring Your Own Meat BBO) SOCIAL & PRIZE PRESENTATIONS – 6:00 pm -Wapiti Campground Section RR (usually at nearest Cookhouse, watch for signs) BBO, Baked Potatoes, salad and refreshments provided. PLEASE bring your own meat/veggie & utensils to the BBO plus any special liquid refreshments & don't forget lawn chairs!

MR & MS AQUATHON: Awarded to the registrants (male & female) best exhibiting the "Aquathon Spirit" of fun and participation, including generous spirit, participation in number of events and participation with different dive buddies for each event.

JR. AQUATHON: Awarded to participant (male or female) under age of 18 years best exhibiting the "Aquathon Spirit".

****AIRFILLS in Jasper are usually available from volunteers at the Jasper Fire Hall (in town,4-6pm) - @\$10 each cash only!**

*****Monday is a "free day", plan another dive, spend time with family/friends, take in the sights of Jasper, ride up the tramway, take a hike, rest up for the drive back home, etc. PLEASE RSVP to AUC Office so that the correct amounts of food/supplies/etc can be purchased!**

NEWS FROM THE AUC BOARD—What goes on at AUC Board Mtgs??

Nov 08 - Board Mtg Highlights: Attendance: Tom Davies, Dave Pohl, Gord Ross, Rhonda Lee Curran, Mike Hussey, Jeff Grimson, Axel Kolleywn, Tony Lamb, Brian Nadwidny, Wayne Zimmerman, Absent: Gilles Benoiton

President's Report: Tom reported that the AUC executive met with our ASRPWF representative: Janet Fletcher again this year in early Nov for our annual review. She is very happy with our organization especially our Financial Reports now. She had a few suggestions about grants for replacement equipment for the Discover Scuba program & UW Hockey. Also liked our emphasis on the Underwater Lake cleanups & the fact that the local MLA Ray Prins attended our GULL Lake Cleanup.

Treasurer's Report: While Cathie was away with bereavement time, we purchased GIC's in 5k Denominations as being the easiest to cash back into the respective bank accounts & anticipate that they will be needed upon maturity. From Casino Funds: \$30,000.00, From General Funds: \$25,000.00. Dave reported that he has started working on the 2009 budget & hopes that we have enough in the budget for Divescapes. He is also already working on the 2008 Financial Report which is due to be reviewed by volunteer "Audit" committee in March & to the membership at the AGM April 25th 2009 in Red Deer.

E/D Report: The office has been somewhat neglected due to the hospitalization & then passing of my mother. But have been able to keep in contact via remote access & picking up phone messages. Many thanks for the beautiful bouquet of flowers, all the condolences sent by board members & for all your patience.

Director at Large Report: Rhonda Lee Curran reported that she attended the latest meeting for "Respect Our Lakes" as a government rep AND to represent the AUC. They are still fleshing out their agenda but she is encouraged by their reception to the "mutual interest" that we both have in trying to promote each other, they might want a "booth" at Divescapes, supply articles for each others newsletters, etc.

New Business: Jean-Michael Cousteau's Visit with Telus World of Science: Oct 20th, 2008, Shaw Conference Centre Presentation & meal: \$135 ea x 4 = \$540. It was - as suspected, a very environmental presentation as opposed to being "diver" related. Most of the audience were not divers but just those who are supportive of the Telus World of Science. There were a few "diver" tables - AUC, Dive Outfitters, Brent Bard & family, Ocean Sports.

New Business: Divescapes in Calgary in 2009: Brian Nadwidny reported that the plan is for 15-20 small booths, hope for lots of travel booths from Tourism depts of Caribbean countries for example, plus a few local dive stores.

Feb 08 - Board Mtg Highlights: Attendance: Tom Davies, Dave Pohl, Gord Ross, Gilles Benoiton, Rhonda Lee Curran, Mike Hussey, Jeff Grimson, Axel Kolleywn, Tony Lamb, Brian Nadwidny, Wayne Zimmerman, Absent: Tony Lamb, Axel Kolleywn.

President's Report: Tom Davies reported that business is quiet & no complaints due to lack of board meetings lately. The Gaming club

allotments are being recalculated to reflect the lower bingo revenues for 2008. Additionally amounts from Bingo appreciation costs will be added with 75% paid by Wing Divers & 25% by NAARS group to bring that up to date.

Treasurer's Report: The YEAR END Financial adjustments are being made now. The Financial statements look very similar to last year. I will be working hard to get everything ready & will submit this to the board prior to AGM.

E/D Report: I would like to thank all the board members again for their expressions of sympathy & their support with attendance at the funeral. The AUC office has been very busy since our last official board meeting in November 08. The months have just flown by. On Jan 24/25, 2009, board member Brian & I went to Vancouver Aquarium's Diver's Week-end event to help promote "DIVESCAPES 09 in Calgary. We had a lot of interest & are working on getting the exhibitor prospectus and other forms ready to promote for upcoming Divescapes.

Re: UW Hockey Intros for schools: In Jan, we had 2 sessions (1 class) in Spruce Grove, in February, we had 6 sessions (3 classes) of uw hockey for Jr high students of Vimy Ridge. The Feb classes will generate funds of \$1344.00. After running around town & borrowing enough gear from NW Scuba (many thanks, Ken/Laura). We charge the school \$16 per student with usually a minimum charge of 20.

AUC Booth set up at the Calgary Boat & Sportsman Show on Feb 11-15th. The show was not as well attended as previous years - a sure sign of the recession.

Sent a gift basket to Darrin Barker & family on behalf of the AUC. Thankfully, Mom & baby are doing well.

Divescapes Planning: Together with Brian N, met with the hotel & finalized some of the details needed. We have to send our proposed speakers & course instructors to Gaming soon for prior approval. Red Deer Sportsman & Outdoor Adventure show on Feb 27, 28, Mar 1 will be staffed by me, with Mike Hussey & Wayne Zimmerman. Will need volunteers for the Edmonton Boat Show (see attached).

Old Business: Brian Nadwidny reported that Divescapes is BOOKED for Oct 23, 24th in Calgary at the EXECUTIVE ROYAL INN, NE. Key Speaker: Jill Heinerth (Canadian, Cave Diver, Explorer/Film-maker, Women Hall of Famer.

New Business: Celebrate AUC's 50 year anniversary in 2010. I found evidence that the AUC was very much in existence in 1960, with official incorporation done Oct 31/61. I suggest that we use 2010 as our 50th year celebration! Need to compile history & make up an "Anniversary DVD" Also suggest that we have a "Reunion theme" for all of next year's events.

New Business: MOTION: TO APPROVE PROVINCIAL SANCTIONING: Calgary Invitation UW Hockey Tournament, Calgary, AB on Feb 21, 22nd, 2009, Motioned by Gilles Benoiton, 2nd by Gord Ross, Motion Passed.

Mar 08 Board Mtg Highlights: Attendance: Tom Davies, Dave Pohl, Gord Ross, Rhonda Lee Curran, Mike Hussey, Tony Lamb, Brian Nadwidny, Wayne Zimmerman, Absent: Gilles Benoiton, Jeff Grimson, Axel Kolleywn.

President's Report: Tom reported that the Financial Statements as sent out by Dave Pohl looks good. All the Trade shows have been busy & the value & results of our presence seems high. Discussion ensued about this & Tony requested that we try for a "draw" in exchange for their names/email addresses for the upcoming Calgary Outdoor Show.

Treasurer's Report: A Draft of the Financial Statements for 2008 has been sent out. Note that Bingo revenues are down significantly but our programs have been expanded & costs have gone up. A suggestion would be for the clubs to start paying more to cover the Concession costs at bingos. Our Casino went from a 30 month spread back to a 24 months & next one will be in the 1st quarter of 2010. The Financial audit is scheduled for Mon, Mar 23rd with the AGM on Saturday, April 25th, 2009. More revenue is needed to sustain the level of current programs in the future. It might be especially helpful to add the membership renewal to the website but at current rate only \$10 per yr - not very cost effective.

E/D Report: Re: UW Hockey Intros for schools in March (3 groups x 2 sessions in the pool each) & one in May without doing any kind of advertising so cost of gear is almost covered. Red Deer Sportsman & Outdoor Adventure show on Feb 27, 28, Mar 1 was staffed by me, with many thanks to board volunteers: Mike Hussey & Wayne Zimmerman. Edmonton Boat & Sportsman Show: Many thanks to many volunteers. Calgary's Outdoor Adventure Show: Mar 28/29th - will need volunteers again to assist.

New Business: AGM in Red Deer April 25th, 2009: Tom Davies, Tony, Axel, Gilles & Jeff G. positions are up for re-election, Tony & Gilles have confirmed that they will run again. Axel is expected to run as well. Tom Davies will run again as president.

New Business: Jasper Aquathon May Long Weekend 2009: Both Tom & Gord hope to be there for sure this year after missing last year's event. Please let Cathie know as soon as possible if you are committed to attending this premier event. Tony & Donna plan to attend.

New Business: Bow River Snorkel Event July 19/09: Tony Lamb reported that plans are underway to organize this event again.



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CREATURE FEATURE by Andy Lamb



This photograph; taken by John McCuaig during a Mamro live aboard adventure to the Sunshine Coast features a pair of crimson anemones - *Cribrinopsis fernaldi*. Fortunately for the recreational diver, this especially beautiful anemone is common throughout British Columbia's coastal waters, usually at depths below 50 ft.

Or (15 m). It is also large, up to 30 cm (12 in.) tall, and is therefore is easy to find.

The red specimens John photographed are typical of those living on rocky reefs in low current areas. Divers can often find individuals with white columns and similar reddish tentacles anchored to rocks, submerged in sand, in the same low current locales.

The long tentacles, so obvious in John's shot are also typical for those crimson anemones living in low current dive sites. When this variable species locates in current swept passages, its thick tentacles are noticeably shorter. Perhaps this tentacle length difference is an adaptation to the environmental subtleties.

Speaking of its tentacles, those of the crimson anemone are most distinctive. Close inspection shows they are covered by a series of thin irregular, radiating lines of darker red. These narrow bands are concentrations of the stinging cells (*cnidocytes*) that are common to all sea anemones. These cells function primarily to immobilize prey.

Creature Feature:

Author: Andy Lamb will answer reader's questions about experiences with aquatic creatures they have encountered. Help with Pacific Northwest species ID is the primary focus. Send questions and/or photos: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com attn: Creature Feature in subject line

About the Author:

Andy Lamb.....
A marine biologist & diver who has worked as chief collector at the Vancouver Aquarium. He is a frequent contributor to many publications including "DIVER", Nature Canada, Northwest Dive News, Pacific Search & Skin Diver Magazine. He is a very popular (& very humorous) speaker appearing at many dive conferences including several of the AUC's Divescapes shows in the past 15 years.

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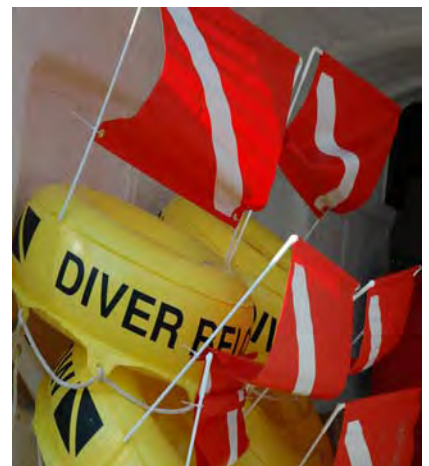
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All divers note: do not to use the "Boat Launch" area at Lake Minnewanka - this area is heavy with boat traffic!

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CALGARY—UNDERWATER OUTLAWS EVENTS - Cont'd

Fathers Day Brunch

Sunday, June 21, 2009

This event is held at Forget-me-not pond. We start the day off at 11:00 am with a pancake breakfast and then everyone suits up for a fun dive in Forget-me-not pond. Free for members, \$2.00 for non members. Event Coordinator: Todd Clark

Two Jack Camping Weekend

August 8-9, 2009

Spend the weekend out in the Banff National Park camping at Two Jake Main campsite. We are looking to reserve an entire loop just for divers. Start the day off with a pancake breakfast, then there will be 1 to 2 dives Saturday and then a dive on Sunday, depending on air. Bring your best campfire songs!

Event Coordinator: Steve Peddie & Todd Clark

September Getaway

September, 2009

We are looking into a week getaway. Details to come.

Event Coordinator: Rob Mills & Sean Ferguson

September Fun Dives

September 19, 2009

Come and join us for some great fall diving out at Lake Minnewanka. Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 10:00am.

Event Coordinators:

Greg & Leigh Ann McCuaig

November Pub Night

November 21, 2009

Time to share or just get geared up for your next trip. This pub night is focused around sharing photos of your last trip. Please contact Greg and Leigh Ann if you would like to share your photos for this or any other night. Event Coordinators:

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Dive magazines offer the underwater enthusiast an opportunity to broaden his or her horizons. Whether it's a review of a new destination, technique or just brushing up on skills that may not be practiced during the long winter months, these magazines can keep you in contact with the sport during the times that you can't be underwater! A selection of popular titles are listed below:

Diver Magazine
www.divermag.com
Diver Magazine is a Canadian based international publication offering regional diving information, travel, diving medicine, naturalist and dive instruction or dive safety articles.

Dive Training
www.dtmag.com

NW Dive News: nwdivenews.com

Ocean Realm: oceanrealmjournal.com

Rodale's Scuba Diving
www.scubadiving.com

Sport Diver
www.sportdiver.com
 The official magazine of the Padi Diving Society

Undercurrent www.undercurrent.org

X-Ray Magazine
www.x-ray-mag.com
 bi-monthly pdf format over the internet



HINT: Before embarking on any dive trip, remember to see your local favorite dive centre for a schedule of their "Scuba Refreshers" or "Scuba Skills Updates" to help you check out both your gear and your current diving skills. Get out & get wet—before your dive holiday!

HINT: To meet new dive buddies—see your favorite local dive centre for a listing of their upcoming trips, charters & training schedules!

⇒ *A good diver is always learning*

DIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE

Divers—don't leave home without it!

DAN (Divers Alert Network) helps support a non-profit organization specializing in diving related treatments, issues, research, etc. Or just be a member without the dive insurance.
diversalertnetwork.org

DIVE SAFE INSURANCE
 Canadian based 1-800-665-5252 (mention you are an AUC member! & \$5 is then donated to the AUC).
diversafeinsurance.com

ADDITIONAL LINKS/Websites:

www.projectaware.org
www.reefcheck.org
 NOOA's Aquarius:
www.uncw.edu/aquarius/
 Ontario Underwater Council
www.ouc.com

Happy Diving, Stay Safe!

Please Note: **DISCLAIMER:** Alberta Underwater Council offers this as *information* for interested divers only and is in no way responsible for the products/services, or safety practices, etc., offered by these businesses.

BUYER ALWAYS BEWARE!

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www.albertaunderwatercouncil.com

VISIT OFTEN & be sure to REFRESH!

ALSO See the AUC & various Alberta Dive Clubs on FACEBOOK & other social networking sites.

NEED A DIVE BUDDY?

Register today on the AUC WEBSITE!

ALSO CHECK OUT WEBSITES OF YOUR NEAREST SCUBA DIVE CLUB and/or DIVE CENTRE/RETAILER/TRAVEL!

EDMONTON BINGOS: At Flamingo Bingo Hall/Millwoods
Bingo Coordinator for Divers :Tom Davies Hm Ph: 780-462-1551
OR for UW Hockey Please contact: Gilles Hm Ph: 780-478-8447

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- To effectively represent the needs and interests of the Alberta underwater community
- To be recognized as a leading source of information on responsible underwater activities
- To be recognized as a leader in the preservation of the aquatic environment
- To provide services which recognize and meet the diverse needs of Alberta underwater sport enthusiasts.



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