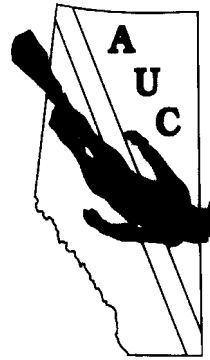


# UNDERWATER ALBERTA



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

## Divescapes '2006—April 21,22,23/06

DIVESCAPES—what is it? For those of you who haven't attended one before—it is the ALBERTA UNDERWATER COUNCIL'S "Underwater Conference & Exhibition". This event, brings to your own backyard, an under water trade show venue to bring divers, travel agents, 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 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 2006, some very exciting and dynamic speakers.

Albertans are avid travelers, after training in Alberta Lakes, we then begin looking to B.C.'s West Coast, Ontario's

Great Lakes, Canada's East Coast and even out-of-country exotic dive resorts and dive operators for opportunities to expand our diving horizons.

Our 2006 Venue: we are booking the BEST WESTERN SHERWOOD HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE, conveniently located just off the Yellowhead, and most importantly also attached to Strathcona County's MILLENIUM PLACE, whose pool facilities can be utilized for scuba gear demos, discover u/w hockey, discover scuba sessions, free- diving clinics, etc.

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.



2006 Divescapes Keynote Speaker: James Delgado

**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 it is 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 at: [www.albertaunderwatercouncil.com](http://www.albertaunderwatercouncil.com)

Check the website often for more timely updates!!

# Fall/Winter 2005



### 2006 DIVE ALBERTA EVENTS For All:

Mark your Calendar now for the dive events of 2006:

April 21,22,23, 2006:  
**DIVESCAPES '06**

May 20-22nd, 2006:  
**JASPER 44th Aqua-thon  
May-Long Weekend**

**Sylvan Lake Clean-up: TBA**

**Bow River Float/Snorkel:  
TBA**

**Twin Lakes Open House  
TBA**

**U/W Rodeo—Cold Lake: TBA**

**Sylvan Lake Clean-up: TBA**

**Bear Grass Days— Waterton  
TBA**

#### Other Important Dates in '06:

Mar 16-18—Edm Boat & Sportsman Show  
Mar 24-26—Outdoor Adventure Show in Calgary  
April 23/06—AUC's Annual General Meeting: after Divescapes at Millennium Place Mtg Room

**U/W PLAYERS—Mark your calendars now for these important UNDERWATER HOCKEY DATES:**

**World Championships:  
Aug 10-26, 2006 in Sheffield, UK**



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

**DIVESCAPES '06 LOCATION:**

Best Western Sherwood Hotel & Conference Centre, 2000 Premier Way, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 2G4, PHONE: Toll Free: 866-564-4780, PH: 780-464-4900, Email: reserve@bwsherwood.com

**SPECIAL ROOM RATES: Reserved & Set aside under DIVESCAPES '06 or Alberta U/W Council, Or Quote #73789:**

**Superior Room—Rate\$109+** (regular:\$139) **Hotel Services & Amenities:** Centrally located with convenient access to business, shopping & entertainment centres including direct access to :MILLENNIUM PLACE POOL & FITNESS

CENTRE via attached heated Pedway from hotel. Enjoy swimming, skating, fitness, indoor track, children's playground & more!

Restaurant, ATM, Gift Shop, 24hr Coin Laundry, Games/Arcade Room

Nearby: Elk Island National Park, Strathcona Wilderness Centre, Broadmoor Lake Park, Festival Place Theatre, Ukrainian Village, 7 Golf Courses, and only 15 min from Downtown Edmonton, 30 minutes from WEM.



**UNDERWATER HOCKEY—Calgary Underwater Hockey Club**

IT IS A WORLD—SPORT PLAYED IN 26 COUNTRIES,

In the 2004 Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand, the Canadian U19 placed 5th in the world!

In 2006, the World Championships will be held in Sheffield, England.

Underwater Hockey is a team sport of strategy, skill and fitness that can be played in any suitable swimming pool.

It was developed by a British navy

**JUNIORS:** This program is for girls & boys aged. 8-13. It is played at the SAIT pool in 4-5 feet of water. Come & play from 6:00—7PM on Saturdays.

"Frogman" in the 1950's as a club sport to pass the long winter months,

Teams consist of 10 players, male or female, 6 playing at a time. Three players play offence while the others take defense. Basic equipment includes, mask, snorkel, fins and a water polo cap for identification and protection. A wooden or plastic stick is used to precisely control the puck while a protective glove on the playing hand prevents abrasions from tiles and/or other sticks.

**INTERMEDIATES:** This program for boys and girls aged 14-18. It is played at the Talisman Centre in 6-8 ft of water. Take the challenge from 7:00—8:30 pm on Sundays and 8:00—9:30 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays!

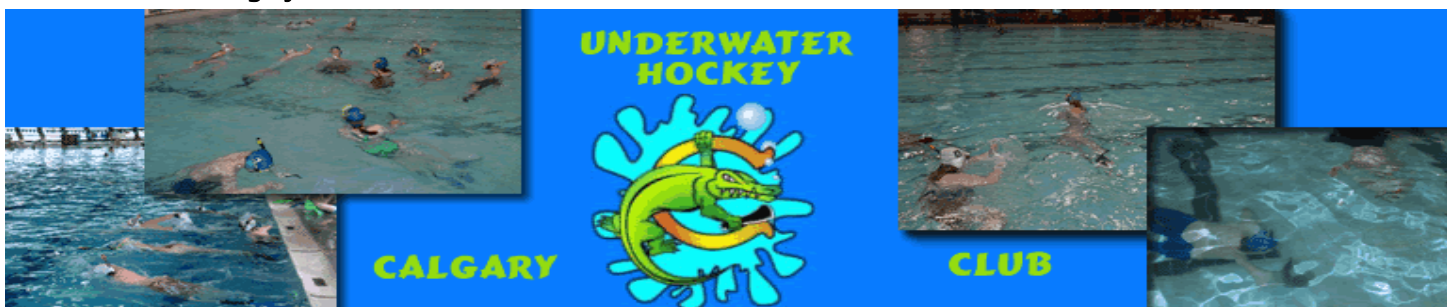
**An affordable sport for all ages!**  
**Underwater Hockey is a lower cost option for families who find the costs of other sports prohibitive!**

Calgary, like many Canadian cities, offers adult and youth clubs with interclub tournaments are often played.

Boys & girls who desire a less traditional sport, often excel in this low contact snorkeling game!

**ADULTS:** This Program is for women and men ages 18 and up. It is played at the Talisman Centre in 6-8 ft of water. See you at the bottom of the pool from 8:00—9:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Check out [www.calgaryunderwater.ca](http://www.calgaryunderwater.ca) for more info & contacts!



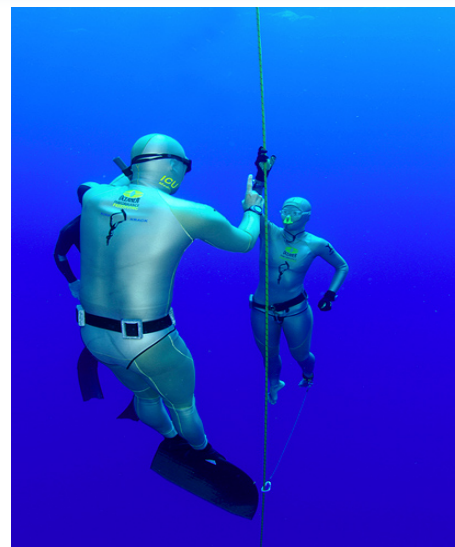
**DIVESCAPES '06 Welcomes KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SPONSORED BY: DAVCO DIVING of WAINWRIGHT:**

**Mandy-Rae Cruickshank:**

Canada's own FREE DIVER WOMEN'S WORLD RECORD HOLDER - Mandy-Rae has been active in water related activities since before she could walk. After high school, her passion for scuba diving led her to become a PADI Instructor and PADI Course Director. But it wasn't until 2000 that Mandy-Rae was introduced to free diving. It was an instant attraction. What better way to experience the sea and challenge yourself at the same time. Since then she has gone on to capture ten National records and six World records. As a three time

Member of Team Canada she has been there to help the women's team to three top three finishes in the AIDA International Competitions in addition to her own World records. Mandy-Rae Cruickshank, together with her partner and coach Kurt Krack, brings free diving to Divescapes in 2006. For more info: See the website of the Canadian Assoc. of Free Diving & Apnea at [www.freedivecanada.com](http://www.freedivecanada.com) or [www.mandy-rae.com](http://www.mandy-rae.com)

AUC acknowledges and thanks DAVCO DIVING, Wainwright, for their generous donation to help us bring Mandy-Rae to Divescapes 2006. see: [www.davco.cc](http://www.davco.cc)



Mandy-Rae Cruickshank on her way back up from a new world record dive to 74 metres, Cayman Islands, April 2005. Photo by Alex Mustard

**UNDERWATER HOCKEY—EDMONTON**

**HISTORY:** The Edmonton Octopushers Club are the proud results of efforts by Jim & Janet Jones who, along with many local scuba divers, dive clubs, dive centres, started the club around 1983. With a lot of support from UWH clubs in Calgary, Saskatoon, and Vancouver the taste for serious competitions was developed. The Octopushers have competed in many local & regional tournaments in Western Canada over the years including hosting Canadian Nationals in 1986 and 2001.

**Edmonton Octopushers Underwater Hockey Club** meets at Coronation Pool. Mon & Thurs evenings, at 7:25 PM, Competitive play for Adults and late teens. Contact: Tamara: 893-1309

**Amphibians: Beginner:** Meets at Coronation Pool on Saturdays, 1-2pm  
**Amphibians: Intermediate:** Meets at Coronation Pool on Wednesdays, 7:30—8:30 pm.

**Edmonton BearAccuda's** meets Tuesday evenings at KINSMEN POOL: 7:45—9:00 PM, All are welcome.

**Want to get in shape—Underwater Hockey is a great physical workout!**



**THE EDMONTON UNDERWATER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**OCTOPUSHERS & AMPHIBIANS • OFFICIAL WEBSITE**  
 (Adult) (Youth)

See [www.edmontonunderwaterhockey.com](http://www.edmontonunderwaterhockey.com) for more information & contacts

## Edmonton Aquanauts Club—A Reunion and now We're Back!

### The Edmonton Aquanauts are back!

By Ken Kozak

On Saturday June 18, 2005, a group of former Edmonton Aquanauts (EA) settled in for a few hours of memories and fun at a group picnic area near Lake Annette, in Jasper National Park. Many of the attendees were meeting for the first time as several "more mature" members had not been active since the early or mid 1970's.

The afternoon fun began with an informal meeting around camp chairs and with plenty of discussion and stories for all to hear. The day progressed with an ample selection of beverages followed by tasty and delicious items to satisfy all taste buds. The weather was a little cooler so a smoky fire was made, much to the humorous delight of the critics who were present.

The overall spirit of the day was bright and encouraging enough to rekindle the desire to see about restarting the club since its dormancy began about 10 years ago. It seems there are still folks who view Alberta Scuba Diving as an interesting and worthwhile sport to pursue, if only for fitness training or to sharpen one's skills prior to departing to some far off wonderful location.

So although not official in any true form yet, the Edmonton Aquanauts has informally regrouped over the summer of 2005 and is in the process of obtaining a pool location in Edmonton. The club has attracted 10 loyal past members and will be seeking to double this number over the coming fall.

As with any new group attempting to regain its past glories we are seeking old and of course new members. Our present idea is to provide a safe venue for members and their families to enjoy an opportunity to swim, practice skills and of course socialize. If you are the type of person who still has a fitness appreciation and maintains a love of the underwater or just wants to seek more information about our group, you may wish to combine your skills with ours; so please give a call to the contacts listed. In the interim time, have a safe and wonderful water experience.



Photo: L to R Front row: Hermann Leubner EA, Keith Bell EA, Henning Kollecker EA (all three are instructors) 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Brent Bard EA, Bill Cook, Brigitte Maul EA, Maha Mustaklem, Norma Leubner, Betty Kollecker, Nancy (Campbell) Cook EA, Linda (Bell) Gilmore EA, Jennifer (Bell) Williamson, Chris Mustaklem EA, Ken Kozak EA, Last row: Wilf Maul (ASDC, YMCA, PADI instructor) EA, Clarke Williamson 20 Fathom, Lloyd Gilmore

**THIS JUST IN:** The Edmonton Aquanauts has secured a pool in North Edmonton. The pool is O'Leary and is located at 8804 -132 Avenue. The pool time is every Friday evening from 9:30 - 10:30 PM. We are seeking new participants and the annual fee to join is \$200 for single person and \$300 for a family. We are encouraging folks who wish to swim, snorkel, or bring their scuba gear to come and join us. We also welcome families with Children to come down as well.

**Contacts:** Chris Mustaklem at (780) 459-8684; Ken Kozak at (780) 960-0263 or Brent Bard at (780) 914-5886

## NEW AUC DIVE EVENT—Calgary's Bow River Snorkel

*Always wanted to try to snorkel in the Bow River? Here's your chance! July 24th/05 was the revival of this event.*

*Mass Start: 10:30 am with safety briefing*

*Start Location: Bowness Park, look for signs to the parking area along the River in the Northeast end of the park (downriver end).*

*End Location: Edworthy Park. Exit point will be North Side of river immediately after the pedestrian bridge. Exit point has a Café (Angel's) for food, drinks, etc, plenty of parking & washrooms. Travel Estimate is less than 2 hours.*

*Suggest: Wetsuits or Dry-suits. Must also comply with City of Calgary By-Laws. Info available at Safety Briefing!*

Anyone interested in participating in the snorkel or paddling with the "snorkel-tilla" are requested to contact:  
Rick Barnett at 403-720-2127 (evenings), Email: rbarne07@harris.com OR  
Andre Lavoie: 403-730-9808 (evenings) Email: alavoie@harris.com

THANK YOU to all Volunteer Event Organizers & Participants!

**Watch for a Return of this NEW ALBERTA DIVE EVENT for Divers, Non-Divers, Underwater Hockey Players, Young & Old, in Calgary, in July 2006. Want to help? Contact: Axel Kollwryn at 403-285-2340**



## TWIN LAKES FACILITY – Our Thanks to the WING DIVER’S CLUB!

### Just how much work did it take?

Well, can you believe it? It all started with one paper permit from the County of Wetaskiwin. Combined with about 10,000 screws, nails, bolts, hinges, with 40 -2x6's, 20 -2x4's, 15-4x4's, bags of cement, custom aluminum trailer panels, steel, backhoe, dumpster, arc welders, table saws, multiple power tools, electrical power generators, heavy duty security frames for door and windows, propane fittings, eaves-troughing, lino, paint, gravel and donation of metal stairs, then add the more than 30 volunteers donating over 250 man-hours under the director of the chief foreman: Gordie Ross & his company of Wing Divers,



L to R: Gord & Linda Ross, Cathie McCuaig, Rob Clarke & John McCuaig

A view from the deck!

together with other Alberta divers from near and far & you've got yourselves one fine dive shelter, deck and dive tank benches to facilitate some of the finest diving here at Twin Lakes, AB.

Our thanks to the many volunteers who made this possible. From the many hours pacing the bingo and casino floors to raise the funds, to the many hands that wielded of a hammer, drill, paint brush and even BBO flippers—You all helped make this possible!

SALUTE & HAPPY DIVING at TWIN LAKES!



Sandy Murray, 1st Diver to dive off the sweat from building the new deck at Twin!

#### Under the Direction of Fearless Leader & Foreman



Gordie Ross (Edmonton Wing Diver)

#### Measure twice, cut once!



L to R: Sandy Murray (Red Deer), Rob Clarke (Edm), Jeff Protz (Peace River)

#### Caffeine Fix, Anyone?



Ron Swan of Thorsby, AB

**EDMONTON WING DIVERS meet on Tuesday Evenings (Sept–June) at Scona Pool: 7:30–8:30 PM.**

**Come out & join them to refresh your scuba skills or to swim laps to help keep in shape for that next dive trip!**

**For more info contact: Tom or Cathy Davies @ (780) 462-1551 or email: tedavies@telusplanet.net**

## U/W RODEO—Cold Lake, AB

August 20, 2005: Host Clubs: Wet & Wild Diving Society of Fort McMurray and the Cold Lake 4-Wing Scuba Club

After many years of unpredictable weather in September, this annual event was moved to August and what do you know—the weather wasn't the greatest but there were: great dive events, lots of competition, camaraderie, socializing, BBQ'in, together with lots of prizes thrown in!

Many thanks go to Carmen Boisvert (Ft Mc) and Red Ehrich (Cold Lake) for their help in setting up and running the dive events.

Twenty-eight Divers participated from as far away as Peace River, Red Deer, Edmonton and Wainwright in addition to the Fort Mac and Cold Lake dive clubs.

Dive events were held on Saturday with fun dives to do on Sunday, together with a "Lake Clean-up" which was also reported on by the local newspaper.



## SYLVAN LAKE CLEAN-UP—Sylvan Lk, AB

In September of this year, divers from across the province, participated in the annual event of our lake clean-up at Sylvan Lake, AB,

Boat traffic was minimal due to the wet weather and the late season. But the summer weed growth and wind hampered the buddy teams with even poorer visibility than usual!

Our heartfelt thanks to the "Town of Sylvan Lake" for providing their usual BBQ Lunch & hot beverages to help warm all the volunteers back up!

Next year's event might be moved back to early spring so watch for your next newsletter, email news or check the website for updates:

[www.albertaunderwatercouncil.com](http://www.albertaunderwatercouncil.com)



Many Thanks are due to:

"Northern Alberta Aquatic Rescue Society" (NAARS) for their participation by supplying safety boats, dive flag floats, safety divers, First Aid/AED personal to ensure the safety of our volunteers if required!



## BEAR GRASS DAY – Waterton, AB, sponsored by:

This dive at Waterton Lake was to commemorate Alberta's centennial.

Our goal was to have 100 divers form a giant "100" in the water. We only had about 25 divers come out, but we were still able to form a "100" and have a picture taken from the top of the mountain.

Great prizes were won by all, and the weather was gorgeous!

Thanks to all those who participated in the event!

Thanks to:

Anderson Aquatics for all their hard work in organizing and running this event every year!

Never dove in Waterton—try to make this event in 2006!



Visit their website:  
[www.awesomeadventures.ca](http://www.awesomeadventures.ca)

## ANNUAL PUMPKIN DIVE – Clear Lake, Wainwright, sponsored by:



ANNUAL PUMPKIN DIVE—Oct 1st, 2005

Hosted by: Davco Diving and Wainwright Buffalo Dive Club. Well, we seem to be alternating between great & very poor weather each year for this event. The hardy divers braved the wind, rain & waves to participate for the many prizes to be had. Thank goodness for a warm fire & chicken noodle soup in the picnic shelter to help 28 divers warm back up! Many thanks to the Buffalo Divers for the great BBQ and Davco for all the generous prizes!

# PLAN NOW TO JOIN THE FUN AT...

## Jasper Aquathon



# THE ALBERTA UNDERWATER COUNCIL'S 44th JASPER AQUATHON & RIVER RACE MAY 20 - 22, 2006

*Fun for both Divers and Non-Divers, Alike!*

### **Saturday, May 20 – Old Fort Bridge**

- **Registration** – Friday nite at Section RR of Wapiti Campground, or at 9:30 am at Old Fort Bridge  
-Cost \$TBA for AUC Members - TBA for Non Members
- **River Race** – 11:00 am – mass start - 10 km down the Athabasca River (exposure suits a must) Flotation is limited to devices with no mechanical steering (e.g. inner tubes and air mattresses)
- **Prizes** for Fastest Times and Best Decorated!
- **Lunch (following the race) at Old Fort Bridge**—Hot dogs and liquid refreshments for registrants (meal tickets available for non-registrants)

### **Sunday, May 22 – Starting at Wapiti Campgrounds & then over at Lake Edith**

- **Pancake Breakfast** at Section RR, Wapiti Campgrounds (9:00 am)
- **Aquathon Events** - After Breakfast at Lake Edith, around 11 am, 4 fun and challenging events including:
  - Navigation** – Test your navigational skills as you and your buddy try to locate the various points in the lake
  - TBA** – Divers are asking for more underwater challenges
  - Chariot Race** – Back by popular demand, but with a slight change – teams of 3 (must be male and female) take turns towing each other around the triangular course
  - To Be Announced** - a fourth diving event, yet to be announced, but sure to be fun
- **BBO—a BYO Meat BBO, Social and Prize Presentations** – 7:00 pm -Wapiti Campground (Section RR Cookhouse), BBO, Baked Potatoes, salad, trimmings and refreshments are provided. Bring your own meat & refreshments!

### **Mr. & Ms. Aquathon**

Awarded to the registrants (male & female) best exhibiting the “Aquathon Spirit” of fun and participation, including general spirit, participation in several of events and participation with different team members for each of the events.

### **Jr. Aquathon**

Awarded to participant (male or female) under age of 18 years, best exhibiting the “Aquathon Spirit”.

**Bring a new participant\* to the Aquathon and get both your names entered into a special prize draw!**

(New Participants include persons who have not participated in the Aquathon in the past three years)

The Alberta Underwater Council is pleased to acknowledge and have the generous support and assistance of:



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW & FOR CURRENT UPDATES  
PRIOR TO EVENT:

See our website: [www.albertaunderwatercouncil.com](http://www.albertaunderwatercouncil.com)



## UNDERWATER CLUBS in Alberta—both U/W Hockey & Scuba

AUC welcomes you to the company of underwater enthusiasts from all across the province. The AUC Directors would be happy to answer any questions that you may have regarding the Council. Please feel free to call the Executive members, a Director near you or the Executive Director to help answer your questions or concerns. We hope that your membership in the council is rewarding!

Joining a dive or under water sports club offers you a great opportunity to have fun under-water 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!

### CALGARY:

#### *Calgary Sub-Aquatic*

Axel Kollwyn  
(403) 285-2340

#### *Calgary Underwater*

##### *Hockey Club*

[www.calgaryunderwater.ca](http://www.calgaryunderwater.ca)

#### *Scuba Divers Dinner Group*

Tony Lamb:  
(403) 283-3368  
[TonyLamb@shaw.ca](mailto:TonyLamb@shaw.ca)

#### *Underwater Outlaws*

Email: [uoutlaw@telus.net](mailto:uoutlaw@telus.net)  
Website: [www.3.telus.net/underwater/outlaws/](http://www.3.telus.net/underwater/outlaws/)

### COLD LAKE:

#### *4-Wing Cold Lake Scuba Club*

Larry Dublenko  
Wk: (780)840-8000, Ext.7959  
[Dublenko.AL@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Dublenko.AL@forces.gc.ca)

<http://www3.telus.net/public/jjparr/clubs/scuba.htm>



### EDMONTON:

#### *Edmonton Aquanauts*

Ken Kozak  
(780) 960-0263

#### *Edmonton Pub Divers*

Brian Nadwidny  
[nadwidny@gmail.com](mailto:nadwidny@gmail.com)

#### *Edmonton Underwater*

##### *Hockey Association*

Jim Jones  
780-467-7790  
[edmontonunderwaterhockey.com](http://edmontonunderwaterhockey.com)

#### *Northern Alberta Aquatic Rescue Society (NAARS)*

Cliff Bergunde:  
(780) 450-1206  
<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/3310>  
Email: [naars@home.com](mailto:naars@home.com)

#### *Wing Divers*

Tom or Cathy Davies  
(780) 462-1551  
[tedavies@telusplanet.net](mailto:tedavies@telusplanet.net)

### FORT McMURRAY

#### *Wet & Wild Diving Society of Fort McMurray*

9 Birch Rd,  
Ft McMurray, AB  
T9K 1P2

[www.ghptoto.ca/wwscuba/](http://www.ghptoto.ca/wwscuba/)

### GRANDE PRAIRIE:

#### *Grande Prairie Aquaholics*

(Inactive as of 2005)  
Contact: Norm Hickey  
(780) 532-7478

### LETHBRIDGE:

#### *Scuba Group Lethbridge*

Marni Anderson  
(403) 328-5041  
[www.awesomeadventures.com](http://www.awesomeadventures.com)

### PEACE RIVER:

Jeff Protz  
(780) 642-1619  
[jeff@protz.ab.ca](mailto:jeff@protz.ab.ca)

### WAINWRIGHT:

#### *Davco Diving Aquamaniacs*

Dave & Connie Faas  
(780) 842-5559  
[connie@davco.cc](mailto:connie@davco.cc)  
[www.davco.cc](http://www.davco.cc)

#### *Wainwright Buffalo Divers*

Rob & Pat Carey  
(780) 842-2001

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All contacts information subject to change without notice! Please notify the AUC office of any corrections, additions or deletions.!!



## ALBERTA DIVE CENTRES

The dive stores operating in Alberta provide a wide variety of services – from initial snorkel or scuba training and gear – to travel opportunities. Help support them by shopping in Alberta. Give your local store a visit via website, phone, email or in person today!

### CALGARY:

#### *Adventures in Scuba*

9950 MacLeod Trail South  
Calgary, AB T2J 3K9  
Ph: (403)299-7751  
Fax: (403) 299-6628  
www.adventuresinscuba.com

#### *Aquasport Scuba Centre*

101 Marda Loop  
3411 - 20 Street SW Calgary,  
AB T2T 4Z6  
Ph: (403) 686-6166

Fax:(403) 686-6166

#### *Diver Down International*

#3 - 400 Crowfoot Crescent  
NW  
Calgary, AB T3G 5H6  
Tel: (403) 547-3483  
Fax: (403) 375-0770  
www.diverdownintl.com

#### *The Dive Shop*

4652 McLeod Trail SW  
Calgary, AB T2G 5E8  
Tel: (403) 243-4616  
Fax: (403) 243-4664  
www.thediveshop.com

### COLD LAKE

#### *Air fill stations only:*

Contact: Charles Ehrich  
780-639-4564  
OR: 4 Wing Scuba Club  
c/o Larry Dublenko  
780-840-8000, ext.7959

### EDMONTON

#### *Aqua-Tek Scuba Ltd.*

16919 - 111 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5M 2S4  
Tel: (780) 484-2780  
Fax: (780) 484-6850  
www.aquatekscuba.com

#### *Divers Den*

10550 - 109 Street  
Edmonton, AB T5H 3B2  
Tel: (780) 426-3483  
Fax: (780) 426-3483

#### *Northwest Scuba*

6815 - 104 Street  
Edmonton, AB T6H 2L5  
Tel: (780) 438-1218  
Fax: (780) 438-1479  
Wwww.northwestscuba.com

#### *Ocean Sports*

10133 - 82 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T6H 1Z5  
Tel: (780) 432-1904  
Fax: (780) 439-3505  
www.oceansports.ca

#### *Sub Sea Experience*

6926 - 104 Street  
Edmonton, AB T6H 2L7  
Tel: (780) 434-1433  
Fax: (780) 436-5430  
www.subseaexperience.com

#### *The Dive Outfitters Ltd.*

17826 107 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5S 1J1  
Tel: (780) 483-0044  
1-888-483-0049  
www.thediveoutfitters..com

### FORT McMURRAY

#### *Outdoor Essentials*

#7 - 213 Timberline Drive  
Fort McMurray, AB T9K 1S1  
Tel: (780) 743-5121  
kristyne@outdooresentials.ca  
www.outdooresentials.ca

### GRANDE PRAIRIE

#### *Norms Diving Service*

9604 - 101 Avenue  
Grande Prairie, AB  
T8V 0X1  
Tel: (780) 532-7478

### LACOMBE

#### *Farrington Diving*

#### *Services Ltd*

Contact: Roy Farrington  
R.R. #2  
Lacombe, AB T0C 1S0  
Tel: (403) 885-4635

### LETHBRIDGE

#### *Anderson Aquatics*

314 - 11 Street South  
Lethbridge, AB T1J 2N8  
Tel: (403) 328-5041  
Fax (403) 328-3005  
www.awesomeadventures.ca

### MEDICINE HAT

#### *Jim Smith Scuba Sales & Instruction*

24 Stevenson Street SE  
Medicine Hat, AB T1B 3H1  
Tel (403) 527-4426  
Fax (403)529-5702

### RED DEER

#### *Ocean Dwellers Scuba Centers*

#5 - 6782 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Red Deer, AB T4N 4E1  
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www.ocean-dwellers.com  
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#### *Atlantis Diving Ltd.*

Rob & Shelly Tymofichuk  
Box 1539  
St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0  
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### WAINWRIGHT

#### *Davco Diving*

1219 - 3 Avenue  
Wainwright, AB  
Tel: (780) 842-5559  
(Location: 1/8 East of WATC  
Gates)  
www.davco.cc

#### HINT

Looking for Dive Travel with a group?

Check out the trips offered by Alberta Dive Centres or our Alberta Dive Travel Specialists.



**DIVE TRAVEL:**

The AUC provides this list of local Dive Travel Specialists, Dive Charters, Dive Centres & even U/W Hockey travel info to help you plan your next exotic international or west coast underwater trip:

**DaSilva Dive Tours**  
Calgary, AB  
PH: 1-800-803-1383  
www.DasilvaDive-Tours.com

**Deep Discoveries Dive Travel Specialists**

#1, 10638 - 153 Street  
Edmonton, AB, T5P 2C4  
(780) 486-4950  
(800) 667-5362 (Toll Free)  
www.deepdiscoveries.com

**Underwater Hockey Tourist**  
www.pucku.org/tourist/

*For more up-to-date listings of B.C. Dive Operators: Charters/Stores/Lodging see: [www.bcdivinguide.com](http://www.bcdivinguide.com)*

**Abyssal Dive Charters**

Quathiaski Cove  
Quadra Island, BC  
1-800-499-2297  
www.abyssaldive.com

**Aqua-Tek Scuba**

Boat charters departing from Nanaimo, 780-484-2780  
www.aquatekscuba.com

**Dive Outfitters**

Nanaimo, Ph 250-756-1863  
www.the.diveoutfitters.ca

**Dive Victoria/Ogden Point Dive Centre**

1-888-701-1177  
www.divevictoria.com

**God's Pocket**

Port Hardy, BC  
1-604-949-9221  
www.godspocket.com

**Great Ocean Adventures**

Victoria, B.C.  
1-800-414-2202  
www.greatoceanadventures.com



**Hornby Island Diving**  
Hornby Island, B.C.  
1-250-335-2807  
www.hornbyislanddiving.com

**Mamro Adventures**  
Live-aboard-based in Nanaimo, B.C. PH: 250-756-8872  
www.mamroadventures.com

**Ocean Explorers**  
Nanaimo, dive charters  
(250) 753-2055  
1-800-233-4145  
www.oceanexplorersdiving.com

**Pacific Pro Dive**  
Courtney/Comox  
1-877-800-3483  
www.scubashark.com

**Porpoise Bay Charters**  
Egmont, B.C.  
1-888-665-DIVE  
www.porpoisebaycharters.com

**Rendezvous Dive Adventures**  
Port Alberni, BC  
1-877-777-9994  
www.rendezvousdiving.com

**Suncoast Diving**  
1-866-740-8006  
Sechelt, B.C.  
www.suncoastdiving.com

**Sundown Diving**  
Nanaimo, B.C.  
1-888-773-3483  
www.sundowndiving.com

**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 MAGAZINES**

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**  
241 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
North Vancouver, BC  
V7L 1B4  
(604) 948-9937  
www.divermag.com  
Diver Magazine is a Canadian based international publication offering regional diving information, travel, diving medicine, naturalist and instruction articles.

**Dive Training**  
www.dtmag.com Current recreational scuba diving students can receive a complimentary six-month subscription to **Dive Training** magazine through their dive center or instructor. The subscription is offered as a courtesy by the instructor and the store and they'll have the forms to begin your 6-issue subscription. **Dive Training** keeps all subscriber names completely confidential - we don't sell or give them to anyone within or outside the diving industry.

**Immersed**  
www.immersed.com

**Ocean Realm**  
www.oceanrealmjournal.com

**Rodale's Scuba Diving**  
www.scubadiving.com

**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!**

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**Happy Diving, Stay Safel**





# ALBERTA UNDERWATER COUNCIL

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### Objectives:

- 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 enthusiasts.

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Hockey Club in your area!



**CALGARY BINGOS:** Dec 16/05, Jan 15/06,  
Feb 9, Mar 1, Apr 16, May 26

To Volunteer: Contact: Holly Ivey at  
Hm Ph: 403-203-3990

**EDMONTON BINGOS:** Dec 27/05, Jan  
14/06, Feb 10, Mar 9, Apr 5, May 29, June  
25, July 22, Aug 18, Sept 14, Oct 11, Nov 7,  
Dec 4, 2006.

To Volunteer Please Contact: Tom Davies at  
Hm Ph: 780-462-1551

### CALGARY'S SCUBA DIVERS DINNER CLUB MEETING:S

DATES: Mondays, Dec 19, Jan 23, Feb 20/06 LOCATION:  
Emerald Garden Restaurant, at the corner of 9 Street & 16  
Ave, NW, at 6:15 pm, dinner: 6:45, followed by Film Show  
with video/dvd presentation of dive resorts, etc.  
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