



October Newsletter

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Cebu and Lembeh with some of HUPS Finest



After seeing several HUPS presentations on the Philippines, Kandace Heimer wanted to go there mainly to dive with the whale sharks and to photograph the elusive blue ring octopus. So there began her journey with her husband and videographer, Jim Heimer, and several HUPS friends . . . Jackie and Mary Lou Reid, David Lenderman, Paul Durham, and David McCracken. This is their story.

Well, mostly, these are their images splattered with a few videos.

Kasai Village Dive Resort

was the destination chosen. This was on the basis of reports from other HUPS members, who had been there, but mostly, they offered the opportunity to do an excursion from the resort to dive with and photograph whale sharks, one of the few places this can be done on SCUBA.

"The resort is located on the island of Cebu, which is part of the Philippines archipelago. The Philippines archipelago is located within the Coral Triangle. Named for its staggering numbers of corals nearly 600 different species of reef-building corals alone, and more than 2000 species of reef fish. The Coral Triangle hosts an astonishing amount of marine life. 75% of the worlds coral species are found here. In the water of Kasai Village alone, over 450 corals and 1700 different types of reef fish find refuge in these dazzling underwater gardens."



After diving for 10 days in the Philippines, Jim and Kandace flew to Lembeh Resort for Kandace's favorite diving . . . muck diving. A place they have been several times.

So join us for the October meeting to vicariously experience the deep and shallow water



diving near the resort, the harrowing high current adventure diving nearby Pescador island, the excitement of diving with fish the size of a semi-trailer, and the four-hour bone-jarring, jitney dodging drive from the Cebu airport down the coast of Cebu Island to the village of Moalboal and the Kasai Village Dive Resort.

Count Ramsey's Page

I am sorry I could not attend the September meeting since several of us were diving on the live aboard, the Arenui, and experiencing the incredible richness of the Indonesian reefs and undersea creatures in and around Ambon and the Forgotten Islands in the southern Maluku's. It is therefore appropriate that the October presentation by Kandace and Jim Heimer and Mary Lou and Jackie Reid pertains to Cebu, the Philippines, Lembah, Sulawesi and Indonesia.

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In February 2014 when I was new to the President's job I wrote about volunteerism and the need for HUPS members give their time, skill and expertise to assist the club in its everyday activities and remain a viable club. Volunteerism is still a vital component of the fabric of this club and we need you

to step forward & assist in becoming an officer, board member, trip leader or program presenter. HUPS relies on all of us to contribute in some manner to its operation to maintain its vibrancy and meaningfulness to all of us who are interested in photography and particularly underwater photography. Everyone has a talent, often untapped, and HUPS would like to tap into your skills, knowledge and expertise that we may not be presently aware of.

HUPS has elections coming up. In October, your BODs will appoint a Nominating Committee for the purpose of selecting candidates for officer and director positions for the next term. All members must be in good standing and have paid their dues for the current year. The Committee will then submit a slate of candidates for these positions to the club as a whole at the November meeting. Nominations from the floor for these positions can be accepted if there is a second to that nomination from the floor. Everyone in good standing will have the chance to vote at the November meeting. Please help HUPS and the running of this organization by stepping forward to become a Director or make it known that you would like to become an Officer or a member of the Board of Directors.

HUPS also has several awards it gives out each year and this year there will be the Member of the Year Award (MOTY) and Photographer of the Year Award (POTY).

The Member of the Year Award was established in 1991 "to recognize and honor those individuals in HUPS who continually work on a day to day basis to make HUPS a club that provides services & utility to its members" (By Laws Attachment 1- Member of the Year Award). To become a MOTY, club members in good standing are allowed to nominate one member for the MOTY to recognize that person who contributed to HUPS during the year of the award. Under the By Laws all nominations must be in writing. All nominations must be received by the President prior to the November meeting & all nominating letters will be published in the November Newsletter, posted on the website and read at the December Meeting. The name of the person nominating whomever will remain anonymous. Both the President & Vice President are not eligible for such award the year they serve the club in either position. If more than one person is nominated, the club will vote on the nominees. The Award will be presented at the TGCC Banquet held in January 2017 at Bayland Community Center.

A Photographer of the Year is recognized in each of the contest entry categories: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Video.

The last scheduled HUPS trip of the year, led by Lorna Carpenter, is scheduled to leave for Bonaire on the 15th of this month. It is hoped that the HUPSters travelling to Bonaire are able to photograph the anticipated coral spawning. We look forward to seeing their photographs once they return.

Keep shooting those underwater photographs and dive safely. --Russell Ramsey

Those winners are determined by the accumulation of points, which you can keep up with on the HUPS Webpage. This award is also presented at the TGCC Banquet.

The photo contest topic this month is Wild Faces which you can see the description of on our webpage under Photo Contest Themes or in any of the Newsletters. The photo contest topic this month is Wild Faces which you can see the description of on our webpage under Photo Contest Themes or in any of the Newsletters.

Trick or Treats

Never Cut Corners

A couple weeks ago long-time HUPS member Jesse Cancelmo asked for some help from fellow HUPSters after flooding his camera on one dive trip before heading out to Indonesia for another dive trip with only a couple days in between. He found the source of his leak and wanted to share it as a learning opportunity for others. In his words:

Chalk this one up to "never change ports in low light" and "always check O-rings and groove" when changing ports.

On the Fling yesterday after changing to a flat port the night before in low light, I had a slow leak in my D-800 housing. But unfortunately it was not discovered until 10 mins into the dive and enough water got into the housing that the camera body was affected. (the 60mm lens is ok).

Today I was in a scramble to get a replacement camera body because I leave tomorrow afternoon for a 10-day live-aboard trip in Indonesia. Two different HUPsters offered me their systems to use but fortunately I was able to get a camera body at Houston Camera Exchange and I have another coming in overnight pre-noon delivery from Adorama.

Also, good news today is I isolated the cause of the slow leak. Found not a hair but a small friggin bristle (about the diameter of a toothbrush bristle) in the o-ring groove of my flat port. You would not notice when you remove and change a port on the lower shelf of the Fling's camera table at night. Obviously my bad. But where the heck did that come from? The camera body is insured.

Just thought I'd pass along to HUPS members the importance of checking your system in bright lighting (like Beata and Alex know because they did!).

See bristle next to the penny for scale.



Scholarships

The 2017 Women Divers Hall of Fame Scholarships and Training Grants are now open for application. The WDHoF are offering thirty-three scholarships and training grants. Deadline for submission is November 18, 2016 at midnight (EST). More information at the WDHoF website link: <http://www.wdhof.org/scholarships/scholarships.shtml>

HUPS BOD Meeting

There will be a HUPS Board of Directors meeting at 5:30pm October 3rd prior to the regularly scheduled October HUPS meeting. Please let any of the BOD members know if there is a topic you would like discussed.

HUPS has Special Encounters in Yap

In 2/2016, HUPS touched down in the Islands of Micronesia and experienced some special encounters, both topside and in the depths below. Thanks to the time, effort, skill, and magic of some of our members, these moments in Yap were relived during the September 2016 HUPS monthly meeting.

If you click on the HUPS Facebook page, you can witness the topside memories captured in photos and video, in a slideshow by Debbie Mensay. The cultural experience of Yap Days as well as many images of the HUPS gang enjoying the Manta Ray Bay resort are there for you to witness as we were all graciously hosted by the resort owner and manager Mr. Bill Acker. Debbie was the producer of this masterpiece, but she could not have done it without the incredible contributions from the various cinematographers and photographers, which included herself, Lance Glowacki, Monica Losey, and Jim Mensay. Heard rumors that this video may be going "viral" and a possible reality show may be forth coming.

Not to be out done, the undersea world below Yap was presented by Lance Glowacki. With photos and film clips captured by Lance, Joe Haws, Tom Collier, Debbie Mensay, Jim Mensay and Monica Losey, we all got to experience the acrobatics of the Mantas as they continuously performed their fly-bys, even when the pattern was already full. Lance did an awesome job of showing us all why Yap is a dive destination that should be in everyone's log book. While some of us were focused on the dancing mantas, Joe Haws showed us "how he got that video shot" of the two mating mandarin fish. Keep in mind that this video was done on a night dive. Kudos for a job well done by Joe.

HUPS owes enormous gratitude to Island Dreams, who professionally handled all the travel arrangements and once again helped us all make memories and blow our bubbles without the slightest need to worry. Thanks again to Ken Knezick and Tina Robinette-Miller for making our free time "free & easy".

--Jim Mensay

Goblin Identification

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Now that you are well versed in butterfly and angel fish, let's take a stab at parrotfish. When trying to make an id, don't forget the series of changes in colors, markings, and body shape as the parrotfish moves through the various phases of maturity. Some species also have the ability to dramatically change color. To give you a bit of a hint, although there are about 80 species in the tropical reefs of the world, only 10 species are captured in these 14 photos.

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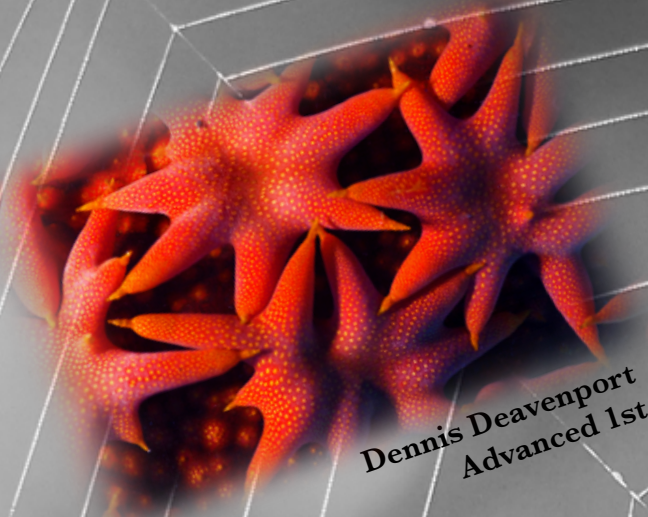
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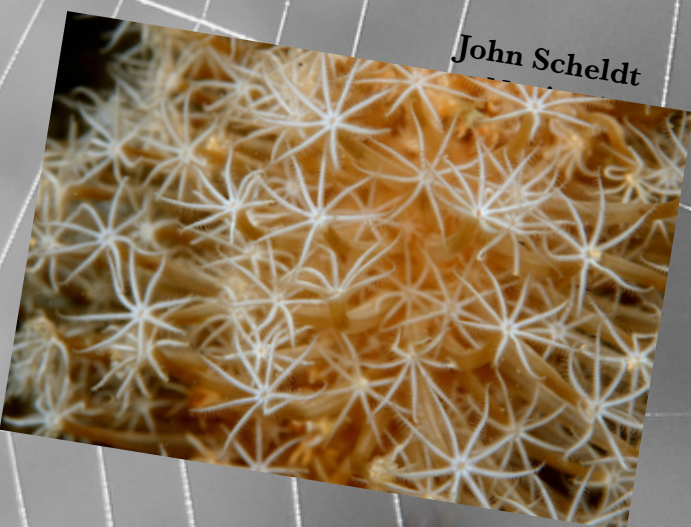
2016 POTY Standings thru Spooktember



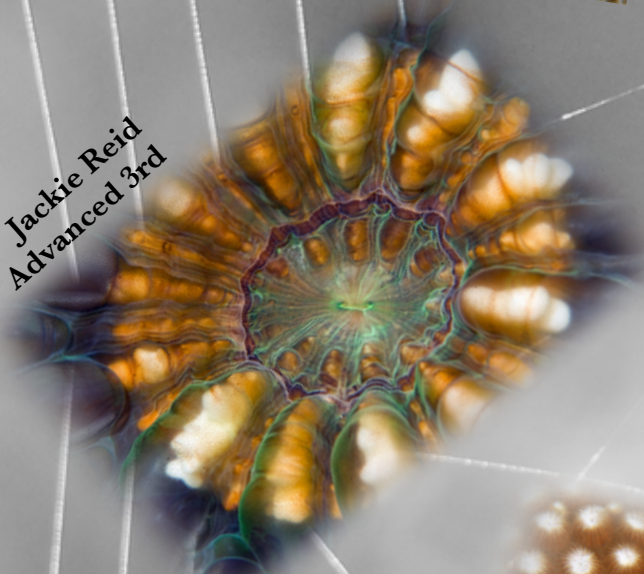
Dennis Deavenport
Advanced 1st



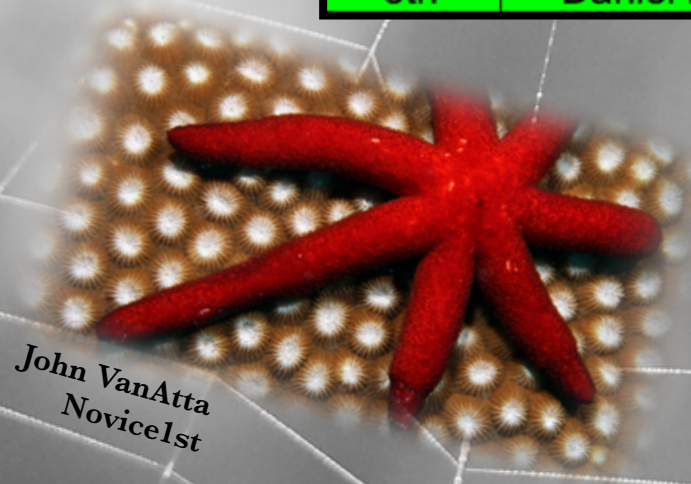
Lance Glowacki
Intermediate 3rd



John Scheldt



Jackie Reid
Advanced 3rd



John VanAtta
Novice 1st

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1st	Craig Beasley	555
2nd	Mathis Weatherall	550
3rd	Kevin Crofoot	421
4th	Lorna Carpenter	225
5th	John Van Atta	205
6th	David McCracken	103
7th	John Scheldt	45

INTERMEDIATE

1st	Martin Daniels	545
2nd	Bess Bright	511
3rd	Lance Glowacki	495
4th	Beata Lerman	492
5th	Paul McDonald	373
6th	Joe Holden	207

ADVANCED

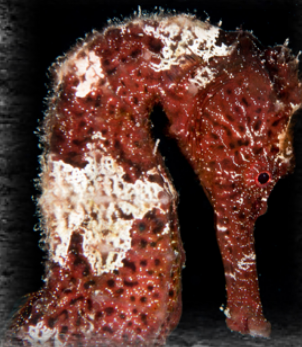
1st	Dennis Deavenport	679
2nd	Jackie Reid	674
3rd	Debbie Mensay	299
4th	Jim Mensay	295
5th	Daniel Bergeron	209

2016 Witch's Spells & Potions

Mathis Weatherall
Novice 3rd



Martin Daniels
Intermediate 3rd



	Presentation	Presenter	Contest Topic	Tech Topic
October 3	Cebu, Philippines & Lembah, Sulawesi, Indonesia	Kandace & Jim Heimer and Mary Lou & Jackie Reid	Wild faces	How to stalk fish and/or Video Techniques
November 7	BVI/St. Croix – 2016 HUPS trip	Jim & Sudi Babcock	Hogfish, wrasse, parrotfish, razorfish	Jellyfish snorkeling – video & photo techniques
December 5	Best of HUPS	Lance Glowacki	Creative	



Month	Themes	Description
October	Wild Faces	The face is the front part of the head that extends from the forehead to the chin and includes the mouth, nose, cheeks, and eyes. The wild is going beyond normal or conventional bounds.
November	Hogfish, Wrasses, Parrotfish, Razorfish	A group of fish that have pectoral fins with large, even scales.
11a Video	General	1 to 3 minutes. At least 50% must be video footage.
December	Best of HUPS	NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, and CREATIVE contests: First place winners from each month's Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced categories will be entered automatically for judging. The Creative category lets you enter anything you want as long as you do the photography and any special editing.

Don't forget to submit photos to hupsphotocontest@gmail.com no later than 11:59pm this Wednesday, September 28th for submission into the monthly photo contest. This month's topic is "Wild Faces".

The **Houston Underwater Photographic Society** meets at the
Bayland Community Center from 7pm - 9pm,
the first Monday of each month (except for Monday holidays)

6400 Bissonnet (near Hillcroft), Houston, TX 77074

Visitors are always welcome!



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