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### Picture of the month.

Lobster season officially ended 3/31. Here's one Pat Smith caught on Valentine's Day.

Submit your photos for the Page One Shot to [newsletter@usadiveclub.com](mailto:newsletter@usadiveclub.com)

## Program for April 2nd

Nicholas Gadbois, Project Manager, Land Based Pollution Sources.

Larry LePage  
VP of Programs  
[programs@usadiveclub.com](mailto:programs@usadiveclub.com)

## President's Waves



Alas, we were blown out of the water, so to speak last weekend. John and Kathy Ficarra, our VPs of Local Diving, had us scheduled for a dive with South Florida Dive Headquarters. The weather apparently had other plans and the dive was canceled. The Ficarra's are taking a waiting list for the ever popular Easter Egg Hunt Dive aboard the Starfish Enterprise with Captain Craig and Dive Master Linda. Stay tuned to this newsletter and website and join us at the General Meeting as more local dives are announced.

Our VP of Social, Russ Manhold, and the Social Butterflies, Julie Manhold and Clare Anthon, had us "Going Green in the Gutter" with Moonlight (blacklight) bowling. This Saturday USAers will be canoeing and kayaking the Loxahatchee and lunching on the water.

The fun never ends.

Larry LePage, our VP of Programs, has arranged Nicholas Gadbois, Project Manager, to speak to us regarding land based pollution sources at our April meeting. Our General Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month. The April meeting will be Thursday April 2nd at the Emma Lou Olson Pompano Beach Civic Center. Social starts at 6:30 PM with the meeting at 7:00.

Hope to "sea" you soon.

Glada Blench  
President for 2009  
[president@usadiveclub.com](mailto:president@usadiveclub.com)



## Local Diving

With Kathy & John



Next local dive:

April 12th on the Starfish Enterprise in Lantana. It's the annual underwater Easter Egg Dive. Each of the 'eggs' has a number on it. After the dive, the prize list is revealed. Always great fun and a chance to win some prizes.



So dust off those wet suits and check out your regulator and come and join us for a day of diving with friends.

Kathy & John Ficarra  
VP(s) of Local Diving  
[localdiving@usadiveclub.com](mailto:localdiving@usadiveclub.com)

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## Social Activities

If you enjoy social activities, indoors or outdoors, and you have an event that USAers might find interesting, contact the Social





Butterflies. Check USA's Calendar web page for a complete listing of club events. Click on any listed social event link for additional details and photos.

Saturday afternoon, March 14th, twenty five USAers and guests gathered at Pompano Bowl to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and a festive evening event called "Going Green in the Gutter".



By 5:00 PM, USA's Social Butterflies had divided the group into four teams, assigning each group to one of the six bowling lanes reserved for the USA event. The entire bowling alley was dark except for ultraviolet lights that illuminated everything with an eerie glow.



Although most everyone went Green in the Gutter, a few members and guests elected to spectate only, thereby Going Green in the Gallery.



By 6:00 PM, the event was half over. Scores were low and spirits high as USAers and guests enjoyed Going Green in the Gutter.



Several prizes were awarded including a special prize for Best Costume and highest score, awarded to USA's original leprechaun, Larry Townsend. The prize was a 'Diving Alligator' flag donated by USA Hall of Fame member Linda Caldwell.



By 7:00 PM, the bowling was over and the fun was just beginning. Our group of 'Gutter Greenies' included Clare and Tony Anthon, Glada Blench and Jon Spiegler, Linda Caldwell, Gail and Bob Cistrelli, Ronnie Farr, Kathy and John Ficarra, Linda Ianniello and Bob Weybrecht, Kurt Kohler, Mary and Larry LePage, Julie and Russ Manhold, Danny Michels, Bob Moon and Kathy Gray, Gary Sharp, Larry Townsend, Paula Wall and Joel Harris, and Kim Whaley.



Future 2009 social events include USA's 3rd Adopt-A-Street cleanup in Deerfield Beach; Moonlight Turtle Walk at Gumbo Limbo; USA's 4th of July fireworks cruise, and many other exciting activities including USA's Annual Fall Party on Saturday, November 14th.

Our goal in 2009 is to plan a full season of social activities that appeal to everyone. USA's Social Butterflies are always open and receptive to new and different ideas.

### **Future social events include:**

- **May 17 (Sun) Adopt-A-Street Cleanup, Deerfield Beach**
- **Jun 19 (Fri) Moonlight Turtle Walk, Gumbo Limbo, Boca Raton**
- **Jul 4 (Sat) 4th of July Fireworks Cruise, Pompano Beach**
- **Nov 14 (Sat) USA's Annual Fall Party, TBA**

### **DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING:**

**Pat's Place Sports Bar & Restaurant  
635 East Atlantic Blvd.  
Pompano Beach, FL  
@6:00 PM**

# Hospitality Hut



Greetings from the Hospitality Hut

The "Hut" is happy to report two returning guests at the March 5th general meeting. Linda Bannister is an original member of the USA Dive Club. Linda recalls attending meetings at the Pompano Racetrack. We're so happy that she has returned. Linda has decided to join us as we canoe the Loxahatchee River on March 28.

We also welcomed back Mary Burnside. Mary was first introduced to the club by USA Hall of Fame member Judy Townsend. We will soon welcome Mary as a new USA Dive Club member who enjoys underwater photography.

First-time visitors Jocelyn and Herb Deckerf found us on the Internet. They have logged hundreds of dives and were certified in Florida's Keys. We look forward to seeing Jocelyn and Herb at our next meeting.

We suggest you go to our home page and click on the calendar button for details regarding USA Dive Club's very active diving and non-diving schedule. Also from the home page, click on the photo gallery button for a glimpse of our past outings. New social activity pictures are now being prepared and will be added soon.

We always enjoy welcoming back returning guests as well as greeting new ones.

Your Hospitality Hut Gals wish you all "Happy Diving".



Julie Manhold & Clare Anthon  
Hospitality Coordinators  
[hospitality@usadiveclub.com](mailto:hospitality@usadiveclub.com)

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## USA's Overseas Diving

### 2009 Program:

- [Curacao - June 21 - 28, 2009](#)
  - Sunset Waters Resort
  - 12 Boat Dives
  - All Inclusive (meals & bar)
  - Cost -Diver \$1500, non-diver \$1080 + airfare
  - Direct Flights from Miami
  - More details, signup forms, etc., click on above link

- [Dry Tortugas - August 16 - 19, 2009](#)
  - Vessel Playmate
  - Board Saturday evening
  - Cost \$1450 - air, \$1550 - nitrox
  - More details, signup forms, etc., click on above link

**Payment Schedule:**

	2009 DESTINATIONS	DATE	Deposit	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Sunset Waters, Curacao,		6/21-6/28	100	300	300	300	300	200	1500
Sunset Waters, Curacao, non-diver			100	200	200	200	200	180	1080
Dry Tortugas-Playmate w/Nitrox		8/16-8/19	200	270	270	270	270	270	1550
Dry Tortugas-Playmate w/air			200	250	250	250	250	250	1450

Please pay your monthly payment at the meeting or mail it to:

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## USA Calendar

- **April 2nd - Regular Monthly Meeting @ 7:00 PM**
  - Emma Lou Olson Civic Center  
 1801 NE 6th Street  
 Pompano Beach, FL
- **April 12th - Local Dive @ 8:00 AM**
  - Easter Egg Dive, Starfish Enterprise, Lantana
- **April 15th - Invasion of the Lionfish @ 6:00 PM**
  - RSMAS, Miami



Birthday greetings in April to the following club members:

**Sue R, Gary S, K, Bob W, Marie Y**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** from your friends in diving!!!

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## Contact Info:

Under Sea Adventurers web site: [www.usadiveclub.com](http://www.usadiveclub.com)

Meetings: First Thursday of each month at:  
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center  
1801 NE 6th Street, Pompano Beach, FL  
Social: 6:30 PM, Meeting: 7:00 PM

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