



Your Diving Connection

Coming in Next

Quarter's Newsletter:

- Meet more of the Dive-master staff.
- Class schedules. Watch for all new specialties.
- Updates on what's happening with the shop and at France Park.

Remember

If you can't find a specialty, or information about a dive trip or destination, please check with the shop.

Spring is Finally Here!

Spring is the time to begin planning your warm weather diving. Early spring is a great time to have your gear checked out to make sure everything is ready for your first dive of the year. Now is the perfect time to take a scuba review if you haven't been diving for several months. This is also the time of year people who are new to scuba decide to take their first class.

Spring also offers you the chance to plan for upcoming trips and to make sure you are prepared to enjoy diving as much as possible. Diving is more enjoyable if you are not constantly worrying about your navigation

abilities or your buoyancy. This is a great time of year to learn new skills, such as underwater videography or diver propulsion vehicles.

This year is a great year to earn your Master Scuba Diver certification. PADI is offering a free backpack and wall certificate to anyone who completes their Master Scuba Diver certification this year. Earning your Master Scuba Diver certification lets others know that you have worked hard to be the best diver you can be. It will



Spring diving begins soon. Time to check out France Park in Logansport.

expand your diving horizons and give you the confidence to try new dive experiences.

Please stop by the shop to get the details on working towards your Master Scuba Diver certification.

Some of the sites to be seen in France Park, Logansport Indiana. These pictures were taken by Divemasters Sandi Chapman and Gil Topliff.

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Staff Introductions

Many of the staff have been busy this winter. Three dive-masters are close to finishing their instructor training. Dave Gass has completed several DAN certifications.

Dave Gass

Dave recently completed training to be able to offer DAN specialties. He is now able to assist people in obtaining their DAN Oxygen Provider, Hazardous Marine Life, and others. Dave feels that these classes are important to help people maintain their personal safety, and to assist others, in their diving adventures.

Marcy McCoy

Marcy became interested in diving at Indiana State University because of Doug, who is now her husband. She became certified in 1985. Marcy earned her divemaster certification in 2005. After progressing through the different levels of diving, she developed a passion for the sport and enjoys watching students excitement as they discover the underwater world. Marcy has been the force behind the offering of some unique classes.

Marcy will be attending her instructor development training in April. In the meantime, she, along with husband Doug, will be assisting with classes as a divemaster.

Brian Turner

Brian lives in Lafayette with his

wife Charmion, his son Brendan and daughter Helen. He was



certified in 1985 when he was a medic for the Navy where he helped with the explosive ordnance division. Brian received his PADI certi-

fication in 2003 and obtained his divemaster certification in 2005. Brian's favorite dive destination is France Park, where he gets to mingle with local divers.

Brian will be attending his Instructor Development Course at the end of April. He will be teaching classes in Lafayette and at the Kokomo shop after completing his Instructor Evaluation.

Doug McCoy

Doug was certified in 1983 while attending Indiana State University. He received his divemaster certification in 2005. Doug enjoys diving in the Florida Keys, and has recently embarked on cave diving.

Doug will be working on his instructor certification in May. Until his training is complete, he will continue to work as a divemaster and will be assisting with classes.

We will introduce the rest of our divemaster staff in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Diving Den Staff:

Instructors

Dave Gass
Jeff Smith
Bill Menges
Sheila Price
Tim Stahl

Assistant Instructor

Jim Miller

Divemasters

Sandi Chapman
Steve Jackson
Doug McCoy
Marcy McCoy
Matt Spane
Gil Topliff
Brian Turner

Store Staff

Roger Mitchell
Linda Gass



Please check our website often. We will post dive trips on there as soon as we have them.

www.divingden.com

France Park Information

France Park will be opening beginning April 22nd. If you are interested in going out to dive on a weekend before the opening, please check with the shop and see if there will be someone there. We occasionally open on warm days before the official season.

As in the past, you will need to sign a release for each day you dive at the quarry. The sign-in area will remain down by the air station. The cost is \$10 per day again this year.

The compressor at the park was completely rebuilt last fall and the entire storage and fill system has been replaced.

The early spring is one of the best times to dive at France Park as the visibility is good and the beach area is not crowded. The beach is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. There is a snack bar at the beach, but it is only open



when the beach is open.

Look for some other changes at the park this year.

We will be offering the rental of Diver Propulsion Vehicles for any diver who has a DPV certification. These will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The DPV's won't be available first thing this season, so check at the air station when you arrive to see if they are in.

Class Schedule

Open Water	April 4,6,11,13 Tue/Thur	April 17,19,24,26 Mon/Wed	May 8,10,15,17 Mon/Wed	June 6,8,13,15 Tue/Thur	June 19,21,26,28 Mon/Wed	
Open Water—Weekends	April 8,9	April 29,30 Lafayette	May 6,7	May 20,21	June 10,11	June 24,25
Women Only Classes	Open Water May 16,18,23,25 Tue/Thur	Advanced Open Water June 17,18				
DAN Specialties	Diving Emergency Management Provider April 8	DAN Oxygen Provider April 12	Hazardous Marine Life April 18	DAN Oxygen Provider June 7	Hazardous Marine Life June 20	
Advanced Classes	Enriched Air Diver (Nitrox) April 5	Dry Suit April 7	Emergency First Response (CPR & First Aid) April 9	Enriched Air Diver (Nitrox) April 20	Dry Suit April 21	Project AWARE April 22
	Dry Suit May 9	Rescue May 12,13,14	Diver Propulsion Vehicle May 14	Underwater Photography May 20	Enriched Air Diver (Nitrox) May 22	Night Diver May 24
	Advanced Open Water June 3,4	Enriched Air Diver (Nitrox) June 6	Emergency First Response (CPR & First Aid) June 12,14	Enriched Air Diver (Nitrox) June 22	Rescue June 24,25	Night Diver June 28
Technical Classes	Decompression Procedures April 3	Advanced Nitrox April 10	Decompression Procedures May 8	Advanced Nitrox May 11	Extended Range May 15	Cavern Classroom May 24

Class Updates

There is a new option for people currently taking their open water class. They can now earn an open water certification and be nearly through the Enriched Air Diver course. The fourth open water training dive can be done on Nitrox, if the required Nitrox classroom work has

been completed. Then, after receiving the open water certification the additional enriched air dives can be completed. They will have completed two certifications in a short time and be well on the way to enjoying much that scuba diving has to offer.

The instructors at the Diving Den have a wide variety of experience. If you are interested in a specific area, there is an instructor or divemaster who is sure to be interested in the same thing. Just check at the shop and they will team you with the divemaster or instructor who



can lead you further along your chosen diving path.

PADI Specialties of the Month—2nd Quarter 2006

PADI offers special deals with a different specialty certification each month of the year. With this certification, and your PADI Diving Society membership, you are eligible for a free gift from PADI.

For the month of April, the specialty is Project AWARE. This specialty will help you learn about the plight of

worldwide aquatic ecosystems. This is a non-diving course. The free gift offered with this course is a "FishFlips" book.

May's specialty is Underwater Photographer. This course can help you learn how to take your first underwater photographs, or fine tune your existing skills.

The specialty in June is the Enriched Air Diver course. Commonly called Nitrox diving, this course will help you learn how to maximize your bottom time and help you to get back in the water quicker between dives. This specialty is great for people who love to log LOTS of bottom time.





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PADI 5 Star facility

Now is a great time to have the annual inspections of your tank, regulator, and BC performed.
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

Spring diving can be a little chilly, but it offers great visibility (compared to the summer). If you are interested in a warmer wet-suit, or even a dry suit, check at the shop for the newest selections.

Thinking about diving on your next vacation? Check with the shop for ideas or information about different locations. Our staff has tried diving in lots of locations, we can help steer you to a great time diving.

Anxious to get back into the diving season? Perhaps you are a little concerned because it has been awhile since you have been diving? Not to worry, we offer scuba reviews to help make you comfortable.

Check inside the newsletter for class schedules. Perhaps there is a class that you didn't even know existed but would exactly match what you are interested in.

Have you ever thought of earning the "Black-Belt" of SCUBA diving?

Becoming a Master Scuba Diver is easier than you think.