



**Alberta Adventure Divers
Apr. 11, 2021**

News from the dive store!
Dive Courses: what is on your wish list?
Planning the summer dive season.
Pool dive opportunities



Dan is back! Stop by or call the dive store to say hi. What a welcome back he received – March went out like a lion and the storm virtually locked us in the dive store for a day.



Until June, the dive store hours will remain from 1:30 to 5:30 Wed. to Fri. This allows lots of time for private bookings to ensure socially distanced shopping and

consultations. Call (780) 842-2882 to make arrangements.

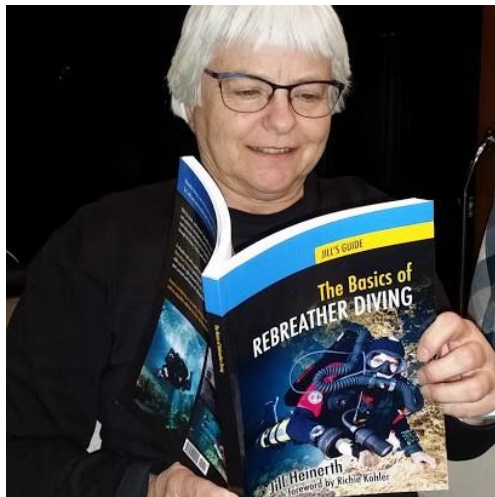


New at the dive store:

For turtle lovers, shark lovers, shoppers and environment supporters. These adorable soft stuffies are made of recycled water bottles. They each contain a shopping bag in them – hook the stuffy to your purse, jacket, or in your vehicle, and when you are shopping and have forgotten to bring a shopping bag – POOF – take out your critter, pop out the bag and use it for groceries.

Or, is it just me that is not in the habit of brining my own shopping bag yet?

Dive classes, start with dive theory:



Divers and future divers, spring is the perfect time to devour dive magazines, books and webinars. Love it! There are excellent seminars to enjoy, and a plethora of dive webinars.



Dive courses: We do have a great deal of interest in classes, from Open Water to Self-Reliant diver and Rebreather. At present, we encourage all students to begin their theory, and put their names on the class lists.



We will work with divers to coordinate pro-staff and student schedules. We encourage students with tight timelines to indicate their preferences so we can try to accommodate.

We have begun to fill our summer calendar with events and courses. The planned events are: Tues. dive nights; Zombie Diver; Woman's Dive Day; and Pumpkin dive. We plan to explore Alberta, and dive in Twin Lake, Cold Lake, and hopefully Waterton Lake. Once we firm up dates, we will invite other divers to join us for all of these.

We anticipate a busy dive season: Connie's goal is 100 dives in Alberta, and David and Connie both hope to achieve the Elite Instructor '50 diver certification' recognition. Mark, Kevin B. and Rick also have instructional goals!

Slow start: We did have to postpone our April Equipment Servicing and Visual Inspector certification courses. The new dates are not yet set. The past few weeks have been hectic, and we apologize if we have not followed up on things we intended to – sorry!



Lessons learned: Do not go for a swan dive without checking there is water in the pool first.

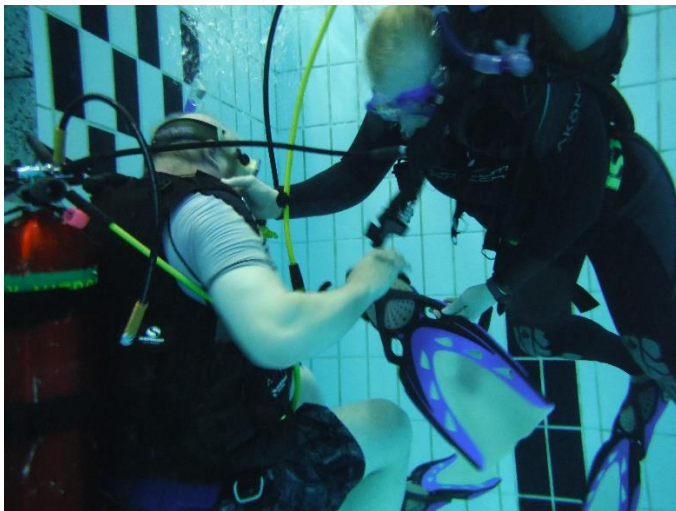
On March 14 David was helping Mark in the dive store, doing repairs to Mark's camper. David did a swan dive off of a stair platform from 5.5 ft., but forgot he was not in a pool. Landing on the cement floor was a bit sudden and rough. He will be fine, and sustained no dive ending injuries. He can brag about 16 staples on his head, a dislocated finger, broken wrist, cracked ribs, and muscle aches and pains. It is our family's first cast – not a bad record, but one David would have been happier not to have.

David is on his second cast now, the staples are out, the bruises are healing, and he is getting around much better.

David has the best Zombie picture for his C-Card, with no makeup needed!

Zombie Diver: This course will be in June, for experienced or Advanced divers. It will be a lot of fun – a one day course. This is one class PADI does allow the use of make-up, and is not as strict as they normally are for PIC photos. Details to follow! Yes, you are allowed to bring a photo for your card, if you have a great zombie photo of yourself.

**Save the date, change the year:
Divescapes 2021 – is moved to 2022**



Pool booking

updates: FYI: at present, the dive store cannot book pools due to provincial health restrictions; however in Lloydminster individuals are able to. Divemaster candidates Jim Brown and Isaac Ireland have been arranging weekend pool sessions.

Connie joined several divemaster candidates in the pool last weekend and we had an excellent time. Their DM skills are being checked off the list!

We are fortunate to have this opportunity. It felt so good to have pool water absorb my pores and being again. I feel so much better.

These are private bookings for certified divers. Each session can accommodate a limited number of certified divers. The cost is \$5+gst, and you must supply your own equipment (rentals and tank fills available at the dive store in Wainwright).

To confirm pool times and book: Text Jim at (780) 808-5806 or Isaac at (306) 821-2605 to confirm the available dates and pre-register. Pay at the pool counter when you arrive. Have fun!!!!

PADI recognition:

David was close to achieving this: it is now a 2021 goal for him.

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As always, if you wish to be removed from the newsletter, return the email with 'remove' in the subject.



Dear Connie,

On behalf of the PADI® organization, I am pleased to award you the 2020 PADI Elite Instructor Award. This award is presented in recognition of your hard work and dedication as a PADI Professional and as part of the organization's COVID RELIEF commitment to support members.

It is my honor to award you the 50 level Elite Instructor award. Congratulations and well done!

As we head into 2021, the PADI Team remains steadfast in supporting you and your fellow PADI Members helping to drive industry recovery and delivering essential training, tools and support. Together, we will continue to inspire people worldwide to *seek adventure and save the ocean.*

Thank you for your continued membership and loyalty.

Sincerely,

Drew Richardson
President and Chief Executive Officer
PADI Worldwide

