

PIEDMONT DIVING AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

Presidents Report to the General Assembly

This has been an unusual year to say the least. This is the first year since I have been a PDRA member that we were not able to have the Treasure Hunt. Knowing that most won't be able to attend the General Assembly this year due to Covid and Mass Gatherings Restrictions, I wanted to get my report out to the membership.

As most of you probably know, we are in the process of purchasing approximately 4 acres around American Quarry. This will give us a buffer around our fence. It will also give us the land that some of our gear up sheds are on that was previously part of the easement. We are hoping to clean up some of this new land to make areas for camping. We will be funding this land purchase mostly on funds from Life Member Sales. We will have 20 Life Memberships available for \$1000.00 each. Keep an eye on the website as they will be available in the next two weeks. There will be directions on how to purchase one.

Since last year we have installed an aeration system in American Quarry that has eliminated any thermoclines in the quarry and has started the process of clearing up the water. By bringing down the surface temps this should knock down some of the algae bloom. Algae bloom in of itself is not bad but when it starts decaying it really increases the turbidity in the water. Each year the clarity should improve. By December we should have the same system installed at the JMR Quarry. We were slated to also have this done at Lake Norman Quarry this year but with the flooding problems there, the Board of Directors have decided to put it on hold till the fall of 2021. My dream is for all members to be able to dive to the bottom of our quarries in the summer with a 3mm wetsuit or less. At American Quarry I have personally been to the bottom (64') this summer in a t-shirt. The temp top to bottom was 83 degrees.

We have been working on the flooding problem at LKN Quarry and as of last week I am happy to report we are finally pumping water out. Please be patient. This will take some time because we are about 8' above normal according to Barry Moore. Hopefully by early spring we will once again be able to use the gear up sheds down at the water if all goes well.

I would like to personally thank each, and every one of our Quarry Managers. I was up at JMR last week and the place looks great. Wish I could dive it more often. I was able to dive Lake Norman Quarry this week and the property there looks great also. Even with the flooding, and

the fact that it is our most used quarry, the managers have done a great job keeping it up. And last, but not least, American Quarry. I get to dive it almost weekly. Every time I go, there is some improvement been done that I did not see the last time. The managers are working hard to keep our quarries in top notch shape. Please, when you see these guys, tell them thank you for all their hard work.

Next, I would like to personally thank each member of our Board of Directors for all they do. They really make being President a pleasure. Remember, they each serve for their love of the PDRA and they are not compensated at all.

Speaking of the Board of Directors, we have a hard time filling these positions. Most years our elections go's uncontested. We currently have open board positions in the North District and the South District. So, if you live in either on of these districts and would like to serve on the Board of Directors, let one of the Board Member know.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, The Membership, for all your help in keeping our quarries clean and family friendly. To keep our quarries in great shape, it takes effort from all of us. I think our members do a great job at doing just that. You are the PDRA.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Scott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent loop at the end.