

**Underwater Images 2007
Photo/Video Competition Final Results**

BEST OF SHOW

Sponsored by Aquatic Encounters, the *FeBrina*, and the Walindi Plantation, PNG
Jose Alvarez, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic- Surface

CONSERVATION CATEGORY

First: Linda Blanchard, Mission Viejo, CA- Sad Day of Fishing
Second: Viora Alessio, Borgomanero, Italy- Why Me?
Third: Jose Alvarez, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic- The Last Swim
Honorable Mention: Judy Johnson, Irving, TX- Hooked Shark

VIDEO CATEGORY

First: Charlie Oldfield, Nottingham, U.K.- The River Runs Red
Second: Charlie Oldfield, Nottingham, U.K.- Horse Play
Third: Bruce Carlson, Atlanta, GA- Spirit of the Solomon's
Honorable Mention: Charlie Oldfield, Nottingham, U.K.- Octopus' Garden

WIDE ANGLE NOVICE CATEGORY

First Place: Mark Thomas, Cheshire, UK- Nosy Seal
Second Place: Mark Thomas, Cheshire, UK- Rainbow Trout
Third Place: Jean-Louis Danan, Palaseau, France- Hunting
Honorable Mention: Christine Smith, Columbus, OH- Tarpon & Silversides
Csaba Tokolyi, Budapest, Hungary- Up Down Under
Brian Francisco, Albany, OH- Squid

WIDE ANGLE OPEN CATEGORY

First Place: Ralph Oberlander, Dover, NH- Solitude
Second Place: Judy Johnson, Irving, TX- Swarming Anthias
Third Place: Andrew Wallace, Davis, CA- Are You Bored?
Honorable Mention: Rich Lauer, Reynoldsburg, OH- Where Eagles Glide
Judy Johnson, Irving, TX- Shark with Creole Wrasse

MACRO/CLOSE-UP NOVICE CATEGORY

First Place: Csaba Tokolyi, Budapest, Hungary- Dragon
Second Place: Brian Francisco, Albany, OH- Shrimp Eating Shrimp
Third Place: Matt Segal, Calabassas, VA- Bulldog
Honorable Mention: Lawrence Alex Wu, Bangkok, Thailand- Little Red Riding Goby
Michael Thomas, Manassas, VA- Pufferfish

MACRO/CLOSE-UP OPEN CATEGORY

First Place: Jose Alvarez, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic- Crab on Seapen
Second Place: Judy Johnson, Irving, TX- Tending the Garden
Third Place: Jose Alvarez, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic- Horns
Honorable Mention: Pasquale Pascullo, New York City, NY- Deep Throat
Judy Johnson, Irving, TX- Baby Bengaii's Safehaven

MAJESTIC CATEGORY

First Place: Mark Thomas, Cheshire, UK- Alone
Second: Jean-Louis Danan, Palaseau, France- Longimanus and His Pilots
Third: Jose Alvarez, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic- Fire
Honorable Mention: Jose Alvarez, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic- Grace
Viora Alessio, Borgomanero, Italy- Freeway to the Blue

TOGETHERNESS CATEGORY

First: Keri Wilk, Ontario, Canada- Mouthful
Second: Judy Johnson, Irving, TX- Goby Reunion
Third: Giordano Cipriani, Roma, Italy- Jointly
Honorable Mention: Gloria Freund, McClean, VA- Breakfast Buddies
Antidio Rossi, Pessaro, Italy- Squids

OHIO COMPETITION

First: Christine Smith, Athens, OH- Tarpon & Silversides
Second: Christine Smith, Athens, OH- Pink
Third: Rich Lauer, Reynoldsburg, OH- Where Eagles Glide
Honorable Mention: Dan Jolly, Newark, OH- Queen Angel
Marc Weiss, Cincinnati, OH, The Three R's

From the Director:

Thanks to all entrants, judges, and sponsors. Your participation is an integral part of this competition, and is greatly appreciated. We received entries from 16 different states in the United States and 18 different countries. Competitions of this type, share divers' own visions of the underwater world, and serve to promote good conservation practices. They also highlight some of the world's best diving destinations. These winning shots will be posted on our website, www.uwimages.org as soon as possible.

Prizes were set before the judging according to their values and the number of entries in the respective categories. Proceeds go to marine educational and scholarship purposes. This past year we again sponsored former sea turtle fishermen from Baja, Mexico to attend the National Sea Turtle Symposium through ProPeninsula www.ProPeninsula.org where they learned about the conservation of this endangered animal. They then returned home to teach other sea turtle fishermen and local communities about the importance of protecting the sea turtles of the world.

We are also continuing to support Mahonia Na Dari, a Nature Conservancy program for students in Papua New Guinea, where they learn true conservation and preservation principles with hands-on experiences. www.Mahonia.org Some attendees have since become scientists who are still working to conserve the world's natural resources.

Lastly, we are supporting the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Diving, Inc. (OCSSDI) Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a member in good standing of OCSSDI in order to pursue careers related to marine biology, underwater archaeology, and other related fields. www.OCSSDI.org

As we are all volunteers in these contests and they are just for fun, we hope everyone enjoyed our friendly competition this year. I'll be looking forward to your entries next year. Safe Diving and Shooting.
Sea Ya!

Roger Roth, Founder/Director