

# SSI PLATINUM PRO 5000



## Awards Diving Excellence

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A diver's logbook is more than a trip down memory lane. It tracks dive history and relays the steady growth of experience. But even a logbook won't afford you the instant recognition of a single card that sums up your diving career and bears your name. Only Scuba Schools International can do this for you, with the Platinum Pro 5000 Award.

For the fourth year in a row, SSI has gathered together the names of the most dedicated participants in our sport. Each recipient is awarded a plastic card and pin that can be displayed in an elegantly designed presentation box. The recipient's

name will also be added to the growing list that accompanies this article. This year's awardees have an asterisk next to their names. Read through the list and you will see some of the diving world's elite—wouldn't you like to be among them?

Your name can be on this list next year if you have reached the incredible accomplishment of 5,000 dives or have made 2,500 dives and significant contributions to the diving community over the past 10 years. Your original certifying agency doesn't matter, only your dedication to the sport. And, don't despair, SSI acknowledges the milestones that lead up to this pinnacle of achievement as well, with awards for 100, 500 and 1,000 dives.

Your experience is more precious than gold, it's platinum and Scuba Schools International knows its value. To finally get the attention you deserve contact SSI headquarters at (800) 892-2702 or fax (303) 482-6157. They will verify your experience and help you get the application process started so your name can appear here next year.

## SSI Platinum Pro 5000 Recipients

\* denotes a 1996 recipient

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Grummitt, Iain I.  
Peabody, Thomas L. C.

### ANTIGUA

Birk, John  
Gilkes, Martha Watkins  
Kirchner, Bert

### ARUBA

Molina, Martin G.

### AUSTRALIA

Allen, Gerald R.  
Andrewartha, Barry  
Ball, Mike  
Biles, John  
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Byron, Tom  
Coleman, Neville  
Cowie, R. Don  
Cropp, Ben  
Cummins, Nancy  
Davidson, Peter  
Deacon, Kevin

Deas, Jane Agnes

Deas, Walter  
De Groot, Russell  
Feldman, Philip  
Filippetti, Carlo  
Fontes, Tony W.  
Fox, Rodney  
Griffiths, John  
Henderson, Phil  
Hitchins, Noel  
Ihnen, Francis  
Inglis, Wayne Ronald  
Isbel, Ron  
Jameson, Bruce  
Jarrett, Alan  
\* Kelly, Iain  
Keough, Tom  
Krassoff, David  
Lippman, John  
Lipson, Reg  
McCallum, Graham Murray  
McKenzie, Col  
McKinnon, Ian

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Murray, Tui  
Riddell, Greg  
Rosman, Paul  
Steene, Roger  
Taylor, Chris  
Taylor, Ron  
Taylor, Valerie  
Washington, Patrick  
Welmink, Harry  
Whitaker, Richard  
Windsor, David  
Ziebell, Alby

### AUSTRIA

\* Assl, Wolfgang  
\* Bretterklieber, Ernst  
\* Dworak, Johann  
\* Heusler, Eddi  
\* Jungbauer, Georg  
\* Kainz, Philipp  
\* Luttenberger, Franz  
\* Medlitsch, Ing. Franz

\* Orac, Norbert

\* Reschl, Hans  
\* Riedl, Rupert  
\* Roethy, Ing. Gerhard  
\* Sembenotti, Albert  
\* Stueber, Ederhard  
\* Velimirov, Branko

### BAHAMAS

Adkison, Gary J.  
Albury, Barry  
Bethel, Kevin  
Birch, Dick  
Birch, Peter G. Douglas  
Brassil, Maura  
Christman, Paul  
Cove, Michelle K.  
Cove, Stuart  
Englander, John  
Ferguson, Ollie B.  
Fox, Jef  
Friese, Joerg  
Gilbert, Down D.

Keefe, Bill

Keefe, Nowdla  
Kirz, Cheryl  
\* Kruger, Gene T.  
Kuska, Peter K. F.  
LaChance, Skeet  
Lowe, Leroy  
McKinney, Gavin  
Mockler, Paul  
Nivens, Frazier  
Pecel, Brad  
Rogers, Keith  
Rose, Benjamin J.  
Smith, Dalbert  
Stafford, Mike T.  
Stevens, Brendal James  
Tozer, Colin J.  
Whiteland, Arthur W.  
Wight, Jeffrey R.

### BARBADOS

Degia, Haroon  
Noel, Julian  
Seale, Michael A.



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Joyeux, Vitus

### TAHITI

Christian, Erwin  
Johnson, Richard

### TOBAGO

Chung, Derek  
Darwent, John K.  
Lovell, Andrew  
Robinson, Sean

### TURKS & CAICOS

Ingham, Cecil A.  
Pickering, Art  
Rolling, Mitch  
Rus, Connie S.

### UNITED KINGDOM

Bryning, Robert  
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Harwood, (Miss) Sam  
\* Richards, Kelvin  
\* Scott, Chris

### UNITED STATES

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Allberry, Kathy  
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Amidon, Walter L.  
Anderson, Dick  
Arneson, Charlie  
Auerbach, Paul S.  
Averill, Harry  
Bailey, Dan E.  
Bakst, Stewart Roy  
Baldi, John E.  
Ballard, Bryan  
Batchelder, Richard E.  
Beach, Jerry  
Beaty, Judy  
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Berg, Daniel  
Bielenda, Stephen W.  
\* Bieser, Janet  
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Blessington, Marc  
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Bove, Fred  
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Buchanan, Dan  
Bunch, Dave  
Bunch, James  
Burgess, Robert  
Burnosky, Gerald  
Burns, Craig  
Busnardo, Ernie  
Butler, John D.  
Calhoun, Fred  
Caloyianis, Nick  
Cameron, James  
\* Campoli, Bernie  
Caputo, Paul  
Cardone, Bonnie J.  
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Clark, John (Scott)  
Clark, Mary Ann

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DeLoach, Ned  
Dick, Jack  
Doernbach, Barbara  
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Dorsey, Joe  
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Doubilet, David  
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\* Drafahl, Sue  
Drogin, Steve  
Dudas, Evelyn Bartram  
Duff, J. D.  
Dunzelman, Thomas J.  
D'Apuzzo, Steve  
Earle, Sylvia  
Edmonds, Roger  
Edmund, Allan G.  
Egstrom, Glen H.  
Elwyn, Harold M.  
Estabrook, James R.  
Evans, Bob  
Farb, Roderick  
Farnel, Leslie  
Fead, Lou  
Fennell, Frank  
Fentress, James B.  
Ferretti, Katherine D.  
Fiene-Severns, Pauline  
Finch, Bill  
Fisher, Melvin  
Flahan, Mark  
Fleetham, David B.  
Fleetham, Jennifer  
Fletcher, Homer  
Foley, Brian M.  
Follmer, Joanie  
Ford, Suzanne F.  
Franklin, Alfred A.  
Freeman, Gerald S.  
Frehsee, Rick  
French, Nancy Ackerman  
French, Robert H.  
Frier, Scott  
Frink, Stephen  
Frueh, Don  
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Icorn, Nick  
Inman, Dave  
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