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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter  
www.dive-club.org



*April 2003*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **The Club Dives On!**

We've survived another election process and have some new officers and hopefully some new ideas and directions we can take. I want to thank all of last years officers, the new officers and especially the officers that are continuing on.

As I said at our last meeting, this is an all volunteer organization. Titles are just a formality to help keep things organized and comply with corporation rules. Just because you don't have an officer title doesn't mean you can't help in some way. The officers are coordinators so don't be surprised if one of them asks for your help.

We can sure use your help in April when we execute our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast. This event is a great deal of fun and a little bit of work to make happen. If you've ever flipped pancakes then lend a hand, we can really use some help early Saturday, April 19th about 6am at La Jolla Shores setting up the canopy, tables and other stuff.

We're gonna start diving again! We're going to Catalina in April and probably in October. We'll see if we can schedule a three day boat trip and Kurt has some big ideas on club trips. Don't forget the Costa Rica diving/white wa-

ter rafting/canopy tour/hot springs/horseback riding/trip coming up in November. Like I said before, this isn't the world's greatest dive destination but it sure is a whole mess of fun! I've been on lots of dive trips in my life to some pretty spectacular places but I've got to say Costa Rica was the most fun I've ever had. The opportunity to do so many different things is what makes this trip spectacular.

If you have ideas on dive locations, trips or other club activities please send me an email ([unclesteve@cox.net](mailto:unclesteve@cox.net)). If you know of a guest speaker send that to me too and I'll forward it to the

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## **AT OUR NEXT MEETING**

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**Wed., Apr. 2, 2003 7:00 pm**

(see page 6 for meeting location)

**The 3 R's and Diver Safety**

**Mark Brown**

Lifeguard II with the City of San Diego '75-'79, one of the original staff that began the 3Rs Program with Lt Al Bruton. Lifeguard Dive Team member, NAUI Instructor. Became Paramedic for 7 years, one of first Special Trauma & Rescue Team paramedics. Former SWAT paramedic, Paramedic Supervisor, and LifeFlight Paramedic. Returned to SD Lifeguard Service as a Seasonal Lifeguard in '98 at age 52, is now Emergency Medical Trainer for City Lifeguard Service. Still currently certified as paramedic, M.A. in Education from SDSU. Still conducting 3Rs for SD Lifeguards. Age group World Bodysurfing Champion '02.

— Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator

## Club Information

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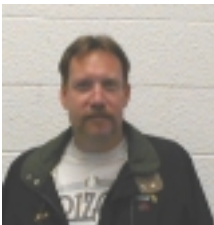
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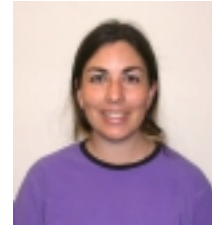
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### Dive Coordinator



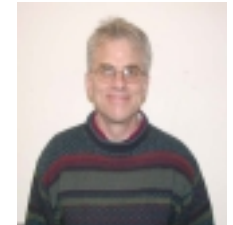
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### Store Representative

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### Dive Coordinator



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## Membership

Enjoy the many benefits of being a member of the club. Joining is simple. Fill out an application at a club meeting. First years dues are \$30.00. Renewing membership is \$20.00. Renewals are not accepted at the store or through the mail. If you have a question regarding membership, lost cards, or you're not receiving your newsletters, contact the Vice president.

### Membership Benefits

- 10% discount on non-sale dive gear
- 10% discount on dive gear rentals
- 10% on continuing education classes
- 1/2 price air fills, first 10 are free
- Quarterly buddy lists
- Comprehensive and informative monthly newsletter
- Entertaining and informative monthly meetings
- Monthly scheduled club dives
- Meet new friends & dive buddies
- Group travel to exotic diving locations
- Ocean, lake and beach cleanup events
- Special members only events
- Fantastic monthly and quarterly raffles

### Monthly Raffles

Tickets may be purchased at each meeting for that nights raffle prizes.

### Sport Chalet Stores

- Pt. Loma  
(619)224-6777
- La Jolla  
(858) 453-5656
- Mission Valley  
(619)718-7070

### Sport Tours

- (800) 660-2754
- FAX (818) 249-8877

### Club Website

- www.dive-club.org

### Quarterly Raffles

Save your losing tickets for the quarterly meeting when we draw a grand prize from the losing tickets of that night and the two previous meetings. Quarterly raffle months are:

**January, April, July, October**

## Newsletter Submissions

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with other members of the club (cartoons, articles, dive log, etc.), submissions for the newsletter may be made in the following manner:

### USMail:

San Diego Dive Club  
P.O.Box 81678  
San Diego, CA 92138-1678

**Phone:** (619)225-9051

**E-mail:** pbrooks2@cox.net

**Deadline for all submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

## CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

Quarterly Meeting!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 <b>Club Meeting 7:00</b>	3	4	5
6	7	8 There is no Council meeting this month	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	17	18	19 <b>Pancake Breakfast 8am - 12pm</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25 Catalina trip	26 Catalina trip
27 Catalina trip	28	29	30	April 2003 Events Calendar		

Remember!!

April is a quarterly month, and the quarterly Grand Prize is a Sea & Sea MX5 Camera



## Scuba Charters April 2003

Reservations can be made at any Sport Chalet or with the Scuba Reservation office at

800-348-3794.

Date	Boat	Destination	Price	Board	Depart	Return	Additional Charges
05-Apr	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
05-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
05-Apr	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
06-Apr	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Apr	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 115	4/5, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
06-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
06-Apr	Lois Ann	2 Wreck, 1 night/kelp	\$ 85		1:30 PM	2:00 PM	8:00 PM N/A
12-Apr	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
12-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
12-Apr	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
13-Apr	D-n-D II	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	noon	N/A
13-Apr	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
13-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
19-Apr	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 115	4/18, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
19-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
19-Apr	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
20-Apr	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
26-Apr	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Apr	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 125	4/25, 9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
26-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
26-Apr	Lois Ann	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
27-Apr	Blue Escape	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	3:30 PM	N/A
27-Apr	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
27-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
27-Apr	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills

Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.

### AT OUR LAST MEETING...

We had another unfortunate goof-up by the UTC management who double booked our meeting room. Just to let you know I book the room a year in advance and pay for it three months in advance. Each time the mall management changes, our records are lost. We have been in the canyon room for over ten years on the first Wednesday of each month, I wouldn't think it would be difficult for them to keep a record of this. The new management person decided to book us into Forum Hall and the Traffic School in our room without telling us. I will straighten them out (again).

Al Bruton was our guest speaker and gave another excellent multi-project slide show presentation on his recent trip to Palau. Al's wife Beth was a co-contributor to the presentation and I was unable to tell whose slides were whose. That's a pretty impressive statement since Al is one of the best photographers you'll ever find. Way to go Beth!

Al was our club's very first guest speaker back in August of 1987 when the club began and is still supporting us with his expertise. Thanks Al!

We also had our club elections. This went quickly since there was only one person running for each position so we just made a motion to accept the nominees. I don't have the list of new officers with me as I write this letter, hopefully it will get in this newsletter from the Secretary's notes.

### **San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting**

Have some ideas and suggestions on the direction the dive club should be heading? Come share those ideas with the club officers. All members are encouraged to participate in the San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meetings. The Officers' Meeting will be held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at the **Spice House Cafe at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.** The next meeting will be **Apr 16**. The officers of the club try to anticipate the needs, desires and best interests of the club, but remember that this is your club too, and we need your new thoughts and ideas to keep the club fun and exciting.

## Membership

We had no new members sign up during the meetings in January, February, or March

Please help our club to grow. Get your friends that dive or are interested in things related to diving and the Ocean Environment to come and see what we do, and how entertaining and educational our presentations usually are.

Renewing Members  
John Walker  
Wayne Schwartz  
Steven Gottesfeld  
Chris Rondestvedt

## Raffle Winners

These people were winners in the March raffle:

Akona Buddies - Dave Pierce  
Trident Save A Dive Kit - Josh Sokoloff  
Pelican Dive Light C8 - Cody Gilstrap  
Super Sport Camera - Maddie King  
Cressi Mask - Scott Brown  
Deep See Gloves - Scott Brown  
Coil Lanyard - Steve Fellet  
Wenoka Knife - Clyde Hesson  
Soft Pouch Weight Belt - Milt Beard

## Pres' Letter Cont'd

Entertainment coordinator. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to make this club better drop us a line.

By the way, if you know of a better location for our club meetings please let us know, we have a problem with a lack of consistent management at the UTC office.

Hey, this is totally off the normal Presidents letter routine but I just thought I'd suggest it anyway. As a Divemaster I must renew my CPR & First Aid every two years. If you are not CPR & First Aid certified you should think about taking a course. Diving puts us in a

position to encounter people who might need our help. I personally became a much more comfortable diver after taking the rescue course.

If you have only taken the O/W diver course I'd like to suggest you consider taking more advanced diving courses. I'm not saying this to promote diving or put money in somebody's pocket, I'm saying it for your sake alone. You really need more exposure to different techniques, skills, locations and other divers. Trust me on this, you'll enjoy your diving a lot more if you know more about the sport.

The more skill and experience you accumulate the greater the variety of dive buddies and locations you'll be compatible with.

Okay, if you've grown tired of my commentary in the newsletter you had your chance to do something about it at the last election and didn't, so go put your reg where your mouth is and jump out of a boat!

*Steve Anderson  
President*

# The San Diego Council of Divers

## NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS



### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the San Diego Council of Divers is set for May 13, 2003. There will be no meeting in April.

### HALLS SPEAK AT MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

At the March meeting of the Council of Divers, Howard and Michelle Hall gave a presentation about the making of their new IMAX film, "Coral Reef Adventure." The film is currently playing at the Reuben H. Fleet Museum. Local divers who have seen the film say it is worth seeing. For more information, go to [www.rhfleet.org](http://www.rhfleet.org) or [www.coralfilm.com](http://www.coralfilm.com).

### CHILDREN'S POOL UPDATE

You've probably seen the newspaper articles and television coverage over the past month relating to Children's Pool and Seal Rock. Here's what's going on:

In the early 1990's, the San Diego City Council adopted the Seal Rock Marine Mammal Reserve (SRMMR) in response to claims that seals were being harassed. The California Coastal Commission was not in favor of the reserve, but was convinced to allow it on a trial basis for five years. City staff was to determine whether the reserve did in fact reduce the perceived harassment.

The SRMMR protected only the rocks just offshore from Shell Beach. It did not extend south to the Children's Pool. Historically, a few seals (perhaps 4-8) would haul out on the sand nearest the breakwater, but they did not cause any problems. Conscientious divers were able to give them a wide berth and still enter and exit the water with ease.

The city staff reported that the reserve had a negligible effect on seal harassment. This should have been the end of the story. The SRMMR should have sunsetted.

In 1997, however, increasing numbers of harbor seals began hauling out on the sand at Children's Pool. In September 1997, the Children's Pool was closed to diving due to high fecal coliform counts in the water. The state law mandating closure is triggered by fecal coliform counts, regardless of source and regardless of whether the contamination is in fact a threat to humans. DNA analysis has established conclusively that the contamination is from the harbor seals rather than from urban runoff or a sewage spill. The seals seized the opportunity presented by the pollution closure and moved in in large numbers.

From 1997 to the present, two things have prevented diving at Children's Pool: (1) the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act (but only to the extent that seals are actually present on the beach and would be disturbed by divers), and (2) the closure (reduced to an advisory) by the County Health Dept. based on fecal coliform counts. Were the seals to disappear for a month, for example, it might be legally possible to dive in Children's Pool again.

In 1999, the SRMMR came up for review because of the sunset provision. The City Council renewed the SRMMR for another five years. The Friends of the Seals asked that the SRMMR include Children's Pool. Although the Council rejected this request, it also refused to take any real action to deal with the pollution issue. The renewed SRMMR went before the Coastal Commission in early 2001. The Commission refused to approve the SRMMR without a reduction in its boundaries. The reduction in size is just now being considered by the City Council.

The City Council will hold a hearing on April 1, 2003 on approval of the modified SRMMR. Although the meeting starts at 10:00 am, the SRMMR is likely to come up between 11:00 am and noon. Councilman Scott Peters (District 1 - La Jolla and points north) is expected to move that the SRMMR be approved with the revised boundaries. He is also expected to request that the status of Children's Pool be reconsidered and that city staff be directed to report on how the City could reopen Children's Pool.

### CHAMBER DAY & EVE 2003

Registration is now underway for the 15th annual Chamber Day events (to be held on Wednesday, May 7 this year). In case you're not aware of it, Chamber Day is a fund-raiser for our Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber, and is the largest single-day scuba charity event in the United States.

As you may or may not know, the Catalina Chamber is dedicated strictly to the treatment of diving accidents on a 24/7/365 basis. Although we hope you'll never need it, having the Chamber available gives divers a vital safety net in the event something should go wrong with your dive. Although there is a grant from LA County, and the Chamber gets income from some outside activities, Chamber Day provides a significant portion (close to 50%) of the Chamber's annual budget.

The great thing about this event is that ALL the monies raised goes to the Chamber. No administrative fees are deducted from the proceeds, the local SoCal boats (15 of them at press time) donate their time and services, the manufacturers donate gear for raffle prizes (close to \$20,000 worth), the Aquarium of the Pacific donates their facility for the evening event, hundreds of volunteers donate their time, and you (hopefully) donate your money. Last year we raised around \$72,000 and this year - despite the crappy economy - we're hoping to do even better. The event has many facets and there are multiple ways for you to get involved.

The main event is Chamber Day, a full day of diving (two dives) at Catalina plus a walking tour of the Chamber at the Isthmus. Cost for this is \$75 which gets you the diving, the tour, a t-shirt, and five raffle tickets.

For those who can't take a day off but would still like to participate we have the Flying Dutchman, a mythical boat but a big part of Chamber Day as it's the perfect place for those who can't do the event. Those who choose to "dive" the Dutchman get a special limited-edition t-shirt (available ONLY to those who sign up for the Dutchman) as well as raffle tickets.

There's also the Chamber Challenge, where the diving community is "challenged" to raise extra funds for our Chamber, through specific donations (usually \$100, but also \$500 and \$1000), which then hopefully challenge your friends to match your generosity.

Raffle tickets can be purchased for the daytime raffle (you need not be present to win) whether you're going on a boat or just want a chance at winning some fabulous prizes.

Chamber Evening is the cap to everything and is co-sponsored by the Aquarium of the Pacific. It features full access to the Aquarium, a sit-down dinner in the Great Hall (underneath the life-sized model of a Blue Whale), some awards, a separate raffle, and the presentation of the final check to Karl Huggins, Director of the Chamber.

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## New Club Officers

President	Steve Anderson	These people have promised to donate a small portion of their time each month helping you and the club. This is your club too. Help these people out by giving suggestions about what it is you would like the club to be doing. If you have concerns or accolades, speak up, you will be heard.
Vice President	Scott Brown	
Treasurer	Peggy Petschek	Please help our new officers continue to make San Diego Dive Club the biggest and best die club in San Diego. ed
Secretary	Jennifer Petit	
Entertainment Coordinator	Jeff Feldbaum	
Community Representative	Barbara Bolton	
Equipment Coordinator	Steve Fellet	
Dive Coordinator	Kurt Gross	
Historian	Mike Petschek	
Council of Divers Rep.	Jim Campbell	

## 3 Day Dive Trip to the Channel Islands!

Announcing San Diego Dive Club's Labor Day 2003 Channel Isles Trip: Three days of awesome diving, August 30, 31, and Sept. 1, Tanner Banks, San Nicholas and Santa Barbara on the Iron Eagle out of Long Beach.

Leaves Friday night 29th, @ 9PM, back Monday night @7PM. Dive the Banks, Begg Rock, Seven Fathoms and Brittlestar Bonanza. See pink and purple coral, massive Sheepshead, Sealion rookeries and more. This trip is for advanced divers. Beginners welcome, but should be prepared to sit out dive if too advanced. Limited to 24 divers: 6 bunks, @ \$325.00 each, 7 2 person staterooms @ \$375.00 per person, and 2 1 bed mini suites @ \$450.00 each. \$200.00 deposit required to hold spot, with balance due as of July 31.

Please RSVP to Kurt Gross, @ tigercat3@webtv.net as soon as possible. Available only to SD Dive Club members until April 30, and will then be open to all other dive clubs and individuals. Will sell out fast, so respond quickly!!

### Two Harbors, Catalina April 25th - 27th

If you haven't already reserved your spot for this trip, you've missed the boat. If you are on the trip and have not gotten an information packet, or a Bar-B-Q assignment, please contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cts.com or by calling 619-697-6589. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at 12:30 on Friday, the 25th, and then returning at 2:30pm on Sunday, the 27th.

### Dive Club T-Shirts

The club has T-Shirts printed with the "New" dive club logo on them. These will be available at the next few dive club meetings until supplies are exhausted. We have short sleeve grey and yellow shirts for \$13-. We also have long sleeve white T-shirts available for \$15-. The shirts are available in sizes small through 3xl, so there is something for everyone.

### Dive Club Hooded Sweat-Shirts

The club has made arrangements to have long sleeve, hooded sweatshirts made with the dive club logo on them for \$25. These will be a single front pocket, hooded, long sleeve pull over sweatshirt. You will need to order and pay for the shirts and as soon as we have a minimum order of 24, we will have them made and distribute them. To place your order stop by the club meeting or contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cts.com or call 619-697-6589. The shirts are available in your choice of size and the following colors: black, white, navy blue, light blue, grey and yellow.

# *San Diego Dive Club Presents*

## *Underwater Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast at La Jolla Shores Saturday, April 19, 2003 8:00 AM – NOON*



Once again the Easter Bunny has been seen SCUBA diving near the underwater canyon at La Jolla Shores. He always likes to get a head start for the Annual San Diego Dive Club Underwater Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast.

All divers and their families are invited to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt and share a great breakfast of pancakes of all shapes and types, served piping hot with sausage or bacon and topped off with hot coffee cocoa or juice. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Easter Egg hunt will take place near the Marine Canyon at La Jolla Shores. The briefing for this event will take place at 8:30 AM with all divers expected to hit the water by 9:00 AM. Prizes will be given to the buddy teams that find the most eggs. While the divers head down to the water the younger attendees will be treated to a Children's Easter Egg Hunt, this will take place at 9:00 AM at Kellogg Park.

**To participate in the dive, you must be a certified diver, have signed a release and be accompanied by a dive buddy. If you do not have a dive buddy, don't worry, we will find one for you. Depending on the weather, this dive is generally considered an easy dive.**

**NOTE: We need your help to make this event happen!**

**We need people at La Jolla Shores at 6am to help set up the awnings and other equipment. We also need cooks!**

**Please help!**

**Bring your friends, co-workers, and family.**



## Costa Rica November 8th -16th

Come and join the San Diego Dive Club for a trip to beautiful Costa Rica. We will depart on the morning of Saturday November 8th and return in the late afternoon of Sunday, November 16th. We will spend 9 days and 8 nights on an adventure of a lifetime. This trip will include Deluxe Accommodations, SCUBA Diving, Horseback Riding at Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge, Treetop Canopy Tour at Witches Rock Canopy, visits to Arenal Volcano and Tabacon Hot Springs, and Whitewater Rafting.

The price of the trip is \$1765.50 for divers, and \$1570.50 for non-divers. This trip price includes: round trip airfare from San Diego, 8 nights of lodging, all of the aforementioned adventure activities and ground transportation. There are also approximately 10 meals included with the package. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at [rburns@nassco.com](mailto:rburns@nassco.com) or by calling 619-697-6589 or 619-544-8616. A \$250 deposit\* is required to guarantee your spot and full payment will be due 90 days prior to departure, August 8th.

### Sol Playa Hermosa Resort & Villas:

The Sol Playa Hermosa Beach Resort and Villas sit on a hill overlooking Playa Hermosa the beach, boats, islands and dive sites with a fantastic view of the Pacific Ocean and gorgeous Costa Rican sunsets. There are monkeys, iguanas, parrots and other birds on the property. The hotel has private balconies, central air conditioning, cable TV, phones, micro-fridge, coffee maker, security safe and a hair dryer. Trams take you around to the three restaurants, three pools, disco, mini mart, dive shop, tour office and beach. Tennis, basketball, volleyball, ping-pong and lots of other activities are available.

### Witch's Rock Canopy Tour:

Witch's Rock Canopy Tour is located in Guanacaste, the most attractive and traditional Province of Costa Rica. Designed to offer the adventure and nature lovers a unique combination of captivating tropical dry forest scenery, while enjoying an exciting canopy tour with 23 platforms, surrounded by an amazingly changing natural landscape with privileged Pacific Ocean View, a beautiful waterfall, unforgettable sunsets, as well as the rich and diverse colors and sounds of the typical flora and fauna of the North Western region of the Country.

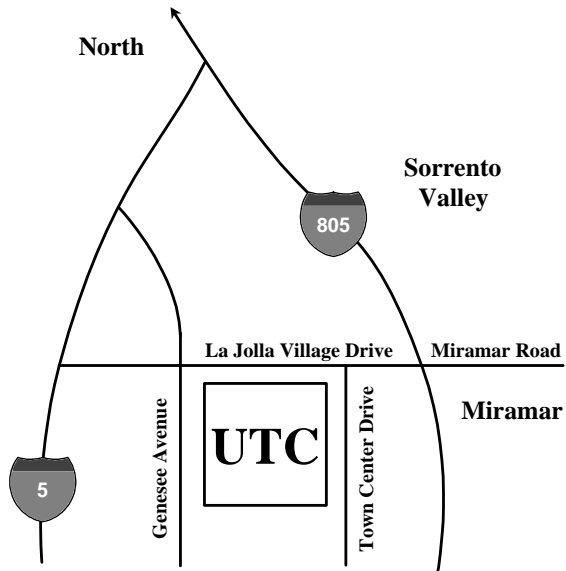
### Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge:

Enjoy abundant wildlife and panoramic views of the rain forest at the foot of the Orosi Volcano while horseback riding through the ranch at Los Inocentes. This is the ultimate nature lover's adventure. This part of the rain forest is home to an estimated 2,250 species of plants, 125 species of birds and 25 species of mammals. The wildlife includes howler and white-faced capuchin monkeys, spider monkeys, tapirs, sloth, jaguars, collared peccaries, the Montezuma Oropendula, and many parrots.

Along with everything listed above we will also be doing:

- 3 days of 2-tank boat diving
- a trip to the Arenal Volcano and spending a couple days at deluxe accommodations at the Tabacon Hot Springs
- a day of Whitewater River Rafting

\*Refund Policy is as follows: Airfare is refundable for a \$125 per person cancellation fee. Hotel and ground package is refundable as follows: Cancel more than 90 days in advance no fee, cancel 30 to 90 days in advance \$100 cancellation fee, cancel 15 to 29 days in advance 50% cancellation fee, less than 15 days in advance 100% cancellation fee.



**DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION**

**The Canyon Room 7:00 PM**  
 (see page 1 for date of meeting)  
**Lower level of the food court at the University Towne Center shopping mall (U.T.C.)**

**From 805 take La Jolla Village Dr. West**  
**From 5 take La Jolla Village Dr. East**

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***The prize this time is a Sea & Sea MX5 camera!!***

**The winning ticket is drawn from that evenings batch and from the previous two months.**

**ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE**  
**ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!!!**

**San Diego Dive Club**  
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**San Diego, CA 92138-1678**

**Check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership.**



**[www.dive-club.org](http://www.dive-club.org)**