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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aahhhhhh, Bonaire

Well if you didn't go, you missed out big time. Eighty degree average water temp, fantastic visibility and critters galore! We saw 100's of corals, 100's of fish species including highlights like, spotted eagle rays, sea horses, frog fish, tarpon, barracuda, nudibranchs, and a couple of us even got photographs of a whale shark and the elusive bunny fish. We had great weather, great company, and excellent arrangements, a big thank you to Dave McNair for all the hard work he did in setting up this trip. Keep an eye out on future newsletters for more trips.

Speaking of trips, the club will be heading out to Two Harbors; Catalina Island at the end of the month, details can be found inside in the newsletter. Usually 30-40 people attend this event and it has never disappointed. The April club meeting will be the last chance to sign up for this trip.

Congratulations to all this years' club officers and thank you to all last year's club officers for all the hard work in keeping the club going. It is no small feat providing all the opportunities for diving, education, entertainment, travel and

all the social events that take place. If you have any suggestions for the New Year, or if you want to get more involved, please talk to one of the new officers and provide us your input.

Lastly I would like to give a special thanks to Steve Anderson for the time and effort he has put forth in leading the club and the dedication he has shown for the last several years as President. However, Steve has not left; he will be filling the role of Community Representative for the club. Thanks Steve!

Rich Burns - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Apr 7 , 2005 7:00 pm

(see page 7 for meeting location)

NEW

The Guest Speaker for April is:

Dick Long - Ships2Reefs

Our Speaker Dick Long will talk about the San Diego Oceans Foundations participation in the Ships2Reefs program. Come and learn about the efforts to bring more ships to San Diego to be used as artificial reefs like the Yukon was. — *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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**The Quarterly Prize for April will be : SEA-DOO® SeaScooter™ GTI
Diver Propulsion Vehicle Retail Value \$399.99!!!**

Club Information

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Picture not available

Shelley Burns

Unofficial Greeter



Michelle Russell

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
- 10 Free air fills, 10% disc after that
- 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 15th of each month.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
April 2005					1	2
Events Calendar						
3	4	5	6	7 Club Meeting 7:00	8	9 Marine Room Dive 3 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Catalina Trip Pg 5	30 Catalina Trip Pg 5

San Diego Dive Club's April club dive at the Marine Room

- Date:** Saturday, April 9th, 2005
- Time:** 3:00pm. Some of us may do a 2nd dive (evening) so bring an extra tank and your lights if you're interested.
- Location:** Marine Room (Between La Jolla Shores and La Jolla Cove)
2000 Spindrift Drive, La Jolla CA 92037

Meet at the walkway to the beach just South of the Marine Room restaurant. There's limited parking in front of the Marine Room but I've never had to walk more than the length of ten cars.

- Divemasters:** Hunza Kotas Hunza@cox.net hm# 619-749-8435
Dave McNair Scubadiverdave@cox.net hm# 760-722-1845

Pictures and description: www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/CalS/Marine_Room/index.htm

Directions and info: www.sandiegodiving.com/diveSites/marineRoom

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

See you at the beach!

-Hunza



Scuba Charters

April 2005

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

800-348-3794.

Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Date	Boat	Destination	Price	Board	Depart	Return	Additional Charges
02-Apr	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
02-Apr	Encore	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
02-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 86	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
02-Apr	Monterey Express	Monterey Bay	\$ 88	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	5:30 PM	N/A
02-Apr	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 86	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
03-Apr	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
03-Apr	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 127	4/2,10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
03-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 86	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
03-Apr	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
09-Apr	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
09-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 86	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
09-Apr	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A
09-Apr	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 86	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
10-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 86	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
10-Apr	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
16-Apr	Encore	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
16-Apr	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
16-Apr	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 135	4/15,9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
16-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 86	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
16-Apr	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 86	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
17-Apr	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
17-Apr	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
17-Apr	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 127	4/16,10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
17-Apr	Lois Ann	Coronado 3 Tank	\$ 102	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
23-Apr	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 86	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
23-Apr	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A
23-Apr	Magician	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
23-Apr	Monterey Express	Monterey Bay	\$ 88	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	5:30 PM	N/A
24-Apr	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
24-Apr	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
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24-Apr	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 86	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
30-Apr	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Apr	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Apr	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Apr	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A

Trip dates, boats, destinations and prices are subject to change without notice.

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday April 20

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 **Tyler's Taste of Texas at 576 North 2nd St. El Cajon 92021 (619) 444-9295**. The next meeting will be **Apr 20**. 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.

Two Harbors, Catalina Island April 29th – May 1st

Come join us for our semi annual pilgrimage to Two Harbors, Catalina Island. We have reservations for the last weekend of April. We will be making a 2 tank boat dive on the Garibaldi on Saturday morning and doing a BarBQ on Saturday night followed by movies in the Amphitheatre compliments of Uncle Steve. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~12:30 pm on Friday, the 29th, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:00pm on Sunday. The trip price will be \$110 for non-divers and \$179 for divers taking part in the 2 tank boat dive on Saturday morning. Included in the diver price are tanks and weights for unlimited shore diving, and the use of a sea kayak. The trip price for all includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, and dinner on Friday and Saturday night. In order to keep the trip prices so low each person will be assigned an item to contribute and a cooking assignment over the weekend. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cox.net or by calling 619-697-6589. But don't wait too long this trip sells out extremely quickly. *cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.

At Our Last Meeting

Our guest speaker was Rick Zitren.

Rick was diving from a liveaboard off of Phuket Island Thailand and was underwater at the time the tsunami hit. He related his experiences as the wave swept across the group of divers who were under water at the time. While there was no indication at the surface other than a change in visibility and the appearance that the water was churning, those underwater saw a wall of water coming at them that was different from the water they had been diving in. The divers were pushed to the surface and swept away from the boat. Some of the group were moved more than 2 miles from the boat.

Thanks Rick for relating this very unusual and timely story and we're glad your group made it through safely.

Steve Anderson

Elections for the new club officers were also held at the meeting. See page 6 for election results.

Membership

**Please welcome these new and
renewing members...**

New members

Peter Lauterbach
Karl Burns

Renewals

Steve Fellet
Jack Ross
Mike Petschek
Rich Burns
Lou Ann Dreyer
Philip Miller
Barbara Bolton
Hunza Kotas

Club Officer Election Results

Elections for Club Officers were held at the March meeting.

Here are the results.

Club Officer Election Results

Title	Officer
President	Rich Burns
Vice President	Scott Brown*
Treasurer	Peggy Petschek*
Secretary	Cody Gilstrap**
Dive Coordinators (2)	Hunza Kotas* Barbara Lloyd
Entertainment Coordinator	Bruce Laiho*
Equipment Coordinator	Steven Fellet*
Historian	Betty Parrish*
Public Relations	Shelley Burns
Community Rep	Steve Anderson
Store Representative	Dave McNair*

* Indicates that this person is continuing in the same capacity as before

** Cody Gilstrap was the incumbent Secretary under Steve Anderson. Michelle Russell was elected as Secretary at the meeting, but has declined the position and Cody has agreed to continue as Secretary.

Congratulation and thank you to the new and returning Club Officers!

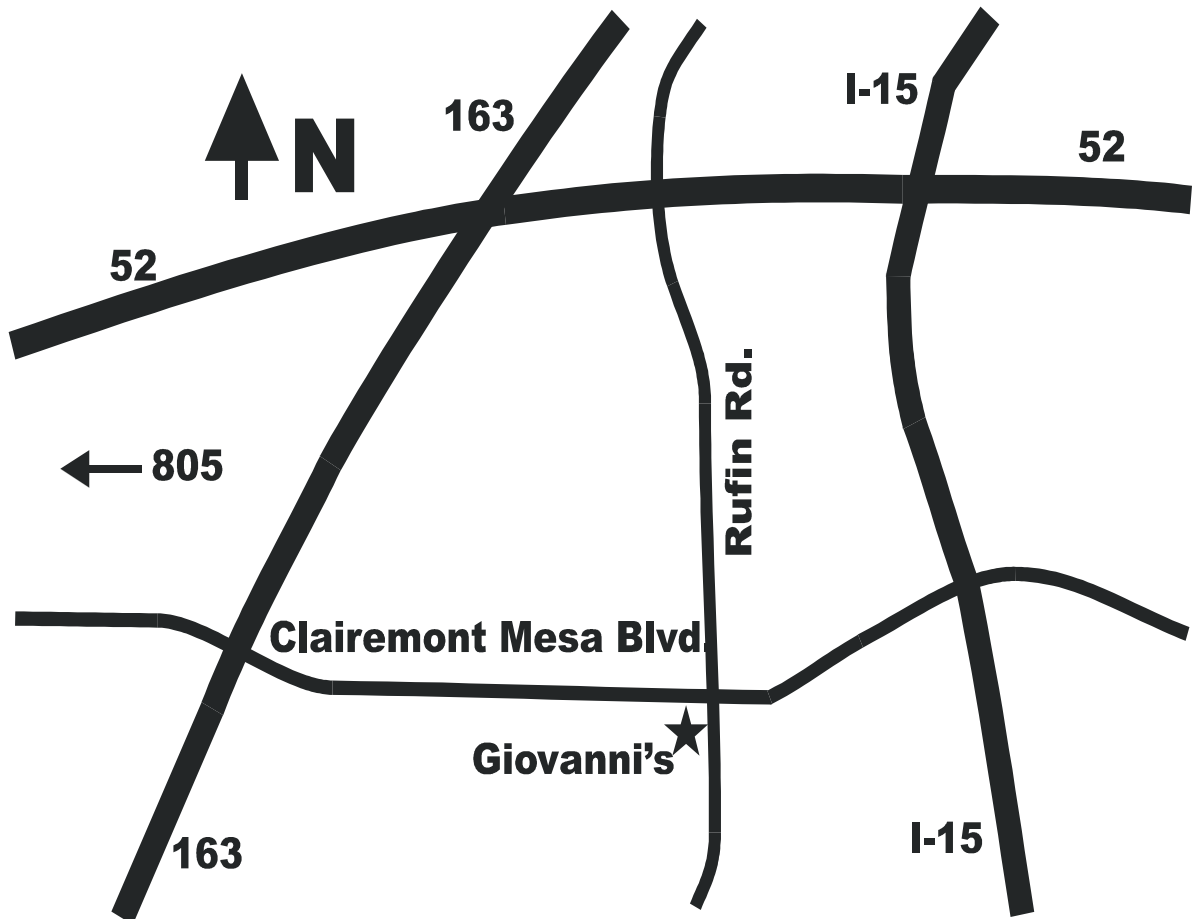
We Have Moved

After meeting the first Wednesday of each month at UTC for approximately 13 years it is time to move on. The rooms that we had been using are no longer available for use. The new venue for our meeting is:

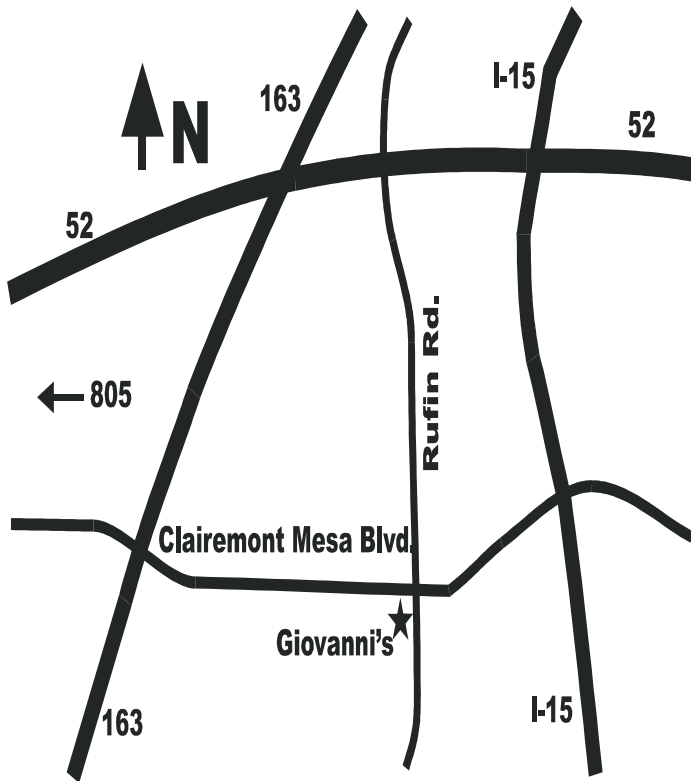
Giovanni's Italian Restaurant 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

This is at a little strip mall at the South West corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Ruffin Rd.

From 163 go East on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Make a right turn at Ruffin Rd. and Giovanni's will be on your right.
From I-15 go West on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Turn Left at Ruffin Rd., and Giovanni's will be on the right just past the intersection.



Please note that we are no longer meeting the first Wednesday of each month, but have moved the meeting day to the **First Thursday** of each month, still at 7:00 P.M.



DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

**1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd**

From 163 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. East
From 15 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. West
Giovanni's is on the South side of Clairemont Mesa on the West side of Ruffin

January, April, July and October are the club's quarterly meetings and we have a grand raffle prize at those meetings.

**The April Quarterly Prize is a
SEA-DOO SEASCOOTER GTI**

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!!!***

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



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