



the Primary Regulator

San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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President's Message

It's the Chinese New Year and we are embarking on our new year for the Club. Lets look to this year to create some new experiences for our club. Scott has provided some great advice and ends it with "Best of Luck". I have enjoyed all of the different club events and trips and dives and found some great new friends in the process. I have had the opportunity to lead a trip to Roatan last year and had a great experience. What do you want to see in our club? Should we be doing more dives, more social events, or ? Being a scuba instructor for the last year has opened my eyes a little of how new divers are eager to dive but lack the confidence to do so. With all the experience in the club we can be here for the new divers and show them the great dives that we all know and love in San Diego and surrounding areas. Does anyone have any other ideas? Think outside the box and remember why you started diving and why you joined the San Diego Dive Club.

I am continuing to work on California Ships 2 Reefs in its efforts to bring new ships to San Diego and California for new and interesting dive sites. An offshoot of this effort is a project here in San Diego to create dive sites out of surplus tanks and other obsolete armor. How about an original large bronze sculpture (over 13 feet high) by Simon Morris to be displayed near the bay and then placed underwater similar to those in Grand Cayman, Key Largo and other places. These projects as well as the club itself gives us the opportunity to shape the future divers and diving in San Diego... 2008 is here.. what will we do with it?

Mike King, President

San Diego Dive Club Officer's 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' Meetings are usually held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at:

Marie Calendar's, 6950 Alvarado rd. La Mesa

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.



Upcoming Events:

Apr 3	SDDC Meeting (Quarterly Raffle)
Apr 5	SDUPS U/W Film Festival
Apr 8	SD Council of Divers Meeting
Apr 25-28	SDDC Trip, Two Harbors
Jun 21, 22	2008 Scuba Show, Long Beach

At our next meeting...

Our speaker for April will be John Wagner, designer and inventor of the [APS Manta Ray Dive Fins](#).

Thursday April 3rd, 7pm at Giovanni's
(see map on last page)

At our last meeting...

We had a bust in the speaker who double booked their night.....it happens to the best of us.



Point Loma (619) 224-6777	La Jolla (858) 453-5656
Mission Valley (619) 718-7070	Tours (800) 660-2754

Raffle Winners

Winner Name	Prize Won
Merrienne Dean	Costa Rica White Dive shirt
Jeremy Burns	Costa Rica Blue Dive shirt
Lesley Alstrand	Costa Rica Dive cap
Mike King	Spring Fin Straps
Mike King	Princeton Tech LED Dive Light
Peggy Petschek	Stryker Scuba Dive Knife
Dave McNair	Jumbo Rolling Cooler
Giles Fabris	Santa Catalina Dive Map
Mike Petschek	Small Plastic Gear Box
Terry Thomas	Power bar
Sandy Miller	Power bar
Scott Brown	Mojo Bar
Matt Gieselman	Mojo Bar
Scott Brown	Blue Dive Towel
Matt Gieselman	Hydration Back pack
Scott Brown	Lewis & Clark Lawn chair

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OR

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Membership has its privileges!

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 – Great Prizes

Tickets may be purchased at each meeting for that night's raffle prizes.

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

The quarterly raffle prize for April will be winners choice of an Aqualung Dive Bag (+ Gift Certificate) OR an Aqualung Aquaflex 7mm Wetsuit with a Hooded Vest



2008 Human Powered Submarine Competition - Needs Divers!!

Offshore Model Basin, Escondido
July 23-27, 2008

HPS 2008 provides an extra curricular activity that will foster innovation, teamwork, an engineering experience, and a competitive spirit amongst young engineers. Experienced divers are needed to ensure the safety of the contestants. For more information or to volunteer please see:

<http://www.sections.asme.org/sandiego/HPS2008/HPS2008volunteers.htm>

In order to volunteer, you must attend **one** of the safety diver briefings at High Tech High School, on June 11th, June 24th, or July 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

39TH ANNUAL SAN DIEGO UNDERWATER FILM FESTIVAL

8602 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, Sumner Auditorium - Scripps Institution of Oceanography

sponsored by the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society

The San Diego Underwater Photographic Society presents their 39th Annual Film Festival, **April 5th** at Sumner Auditorium, SIO, La Jolla, CA USA. For questions or tickets, email the following account sdups.festival@hotmail.com. Free tickets will be sent to the requester. The event showcases SDUPS member's video and still images of marine life large and small, from such exotic locales as the tropical waters of the Indo Pacific & Caribbean to the temperate waters of North America, and of course our own backyard.

SDUPS is an organization whose members are dedicated to improving their skills and knowledge of all aspects of underwater photography.

DIVING KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

The first person to respond to the editor (mthorn3478@aol.com) with the correct answer, will receive 5 free raffle tickets at the next regular club meeting. You must attend to receive your tickets. Dive Instructors are not eligible.

Q: Any object wholly or partially immersed in a fluid is buoyed up by a force equal to _____.

A: Attend the next meeting to find out – first Thursday of the month, 7pm at Giovanni's



SCUBA CHARTERS

Reservations can be made at any Sport Chalet or at 1-800-348-3794

Remember SD Dive Club members get 10% off charters

Date	Day	Boat	Destination	Price*	Board	Depart	Return	Departs From
5-Apr	Sat	CeeRay	San Clemente	\$190	4/4 @ 10PM	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	Long Beach
5-Apr	Sat	Magician	Catalina	\$135**	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	San Pedro
5-Apr	Sat	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Ventura
6-Apr	Sun	Magician	Catalina	\$135**	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	San Pedro
6-Apr	Sun	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Ventura
12-Apr	Sat	CeeRay	Catalina	\$135	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	Long Beach
12-Apr	Sat	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$70**	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	San Diego
12-Apr	Sat	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Ventura
12-Apr	Sat	Diver Down II	Lake Pleasant - 2 Tank	\$54	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	Lk Pleasant, AZ
13-Apr	Sun	Magician	Catalina	\$135**	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	San Diego
19-Apr	Sat	Magician	Catalina	\$135**	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	San Pedro
19-Apr	Sat	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Ventura
20-Apr	Sun	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$70**	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	San Diego
20-Apr	Sun	Magician	Catalina	\$135**	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	San Pedro
20-Apr	Sun	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Ventura
26-Apr	Sat	CeeRay	Catalina	\$135	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	Long Beach
26-Apr	Sat	Lois Ann	Yukon, Ruby, NOSC 3-tank	\$85**	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	San Diego
27-Apr	Sun	Magician	Catalina	\$135**	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	San Pedro

*Price includes food or snack and air fills (Lois Ann also incl. Tank/Weights) **Nitrox available for add'l charge

Dive the Wrecks & Kelp (rescheduled)

Sunday, April 6, 2008

8:00 AM - Return 2:00 PM

The club has chartered the Lois Ann out of Seaforth Sport Fishing in San Diego for a trip to the Yukon, and kelp forest. **\$55.00 will get you 3 dives.** The boat provides tanks and weights and can fill your personal HP tanks to 3500 psi. Lois Ann will also supply nitrox for an additional charge. Food, drinks, and snacks will be provided. The dive sites are just a short ride from the dock so there is very little travel time. It is recommended that you bring a dive light for wrecks & kelp. This might be your last chance to bag that bug before lobster season ends on March 19th. To sign up come to the club's next meeting in February with payment. *Only 20 spots available.*

If you cannot make the club meeting and would like to go contact Dennis Fox @ (760) 580-5951 or Dhfox@cox.net

Photo of the Month Contest

A friendly contest we can all enjoy. Here's how it works. Take an underwater photo, frame it for easy display, and set it up at the club meeting with the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five free raffle tickets. Membership is not necessary to vote. One vote per person.

The intent here is to involve as many club members as possible in the fun and entertainment. Even a friendly contest has rules (not guidelines) and we'll all be operating under the honor system.

- Underwater pictures only (digital or film) taken since the last meeting
- The photographer must be submersed in the same liquid as the subject
- One picture per person per month
- Display your picture as taken with your camera and lighting
- Cropping is OK, but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using any form of Photoshop'ing before printing

Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the following month's meeting as the previous month's winner. We have several excellent photographers within our membership and as this contest continues, hopefully we'll see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

Last Month's Winner: Terry Thomas



DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
at

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

Monthly raffle drawings!

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

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!!!***

Newsletter Submissions

The "Primary Regulator" is your newsletter. Brief articles and items of interest related to diving for the Newsletter are encouraged from all members. Articles may be of local diving sites, trip reports, lessons learned, etc.

Please submit them electronically to the Editor at mthorn3478@aol.com no later than the 15th of the month. Submissions are subject to editing. Additionally, let me know if there are things you would like to see in future editions of the newsletter.

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