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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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The President's Slate

My thanks go out to all the club officers for their efforts during the past year. Each and every club event during 2009 was successful. Special recognition goes to past president Mike King for his two years of leadership. During his two terms we gained new club shirts, he helped promote the club by creating a DVD on the club to be shown at dive classes, we now have notifications on our Yahoo group site for club meetings and events, the club has a My Space presence, and he was instrumental in the club's partnership with Sport Chalet for Scuba Santa as was evident by the record setting attendance.

Welcome back to all the returning officers along with Eve Burton and Laura Brown as co-secretaries. And welcome to Merriane Dean in her first term as an officer helping Barbara Lloyd with our speakers.

We have two great events in April. First is our annual pancake breakfast and under water Easter egg hunt on the first Saturday. Breakfast is scheduled to be served from 8:00 AM until noon but we usually run out of food before then so don't be late! More information can be found further along in the newsletter or on the website. In the middle of the month we have our Laughlin weekend trip set up by Barbie Lass (more information is further along etc...). From past Laughlin trip photos, I've noticed a predilection towards liquid inspired evening entertainment. Having been digitally recorded myself at last October's Two Harbors trip late at night apparently passed out in a dingy, bottle in hand, I feel it is my duty to match that photo at Laughlin there by giving credence once again to the claim we are a drinking club with a diving problem.

Oh! And one more thing: I'm Baaaaaaaack!

Scott Brown

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 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.



Long Range Calendar

****San Diego Dive Club sponsored events****

- April 1 Monthly Meeting
- April 3 Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt at LJ Shores
- April 16 Laughlin Drift Dive, 3 days, Barbie Lass
- April Two harbors Trip -CANCELLED-
- April 24 I Love a Clean San Diego, Mike King
- May 8 Monthly Club Dive, 8am, location (TBA)
- May 15,16 Long Beach Scuba Show
- Sept 23-26 Channel Islands, on Horizon, Scott Brown
- Oct 29 Two Harbors, 3 days, Rich Burns
- Feb 17-27 2011, Key Largo or Carribean, stay tuned

San Diego Dive Club

Check Out These Benefits!!!

- 10% discount on non-sale dive gear & rentals, education classes, & boat charters at Sport Chalet.
- 10 free air fills and 10% discount on additional air at Sport Chalet.
- Quarterly buddy lists & Monthly newsletter.
- Meet new friends and dive buddies at monthly meetings & dives.
- Group travel to exotic diving locations.
- Ocean, lake, and beach cleanup events.
- Special member only events.
- Fantastic monthly and quarterly raffle prizes.

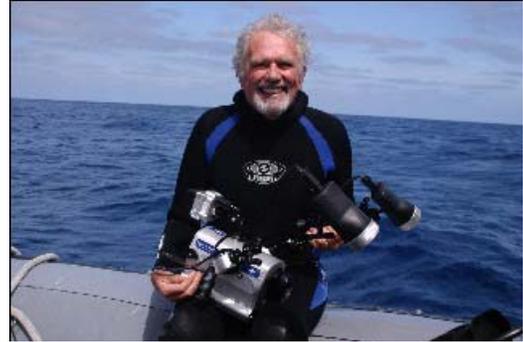
April Meeting

Thursday, April 9th, 7pm at Giovanni's

Guest Speaker Chuck Nicklin

"A History Of Underwater Film Projects"

<http://chucknicklin.com>



Emmy Award-winning **Chuck Nicklin** has made films in Imax, Omnimax, Circlevision, 70mm, 35mm, 16mm, Panavision, digital film and video formats.

Chuck will be presenting behind the scenes photos of documentary and Hollywood films he's been involved with. Feature film credits include The Abyss, The Deep, Never Say Never, For Your Eyes Only, and Love Is Forever.

Documentaries include "Gentle Giants of the Pacific," "Behind the Scenes of The Abyss"," Nomads of the Deep," and "In the Company of Whales." Truly one of the pioneers of underwater cinematography, Chuck Nicklin is actively involved in the diving and underwater film making community and is one of the founders and organizers of the **San Diego Under Sea Film Exhibition.**

Photo of the Month Contest

This is a friendly contest, featuring framed underwater photos set out at the club meeting. Anyone in attendance can vote; the winning photographer receives 5 raffle tickets and fame, and the appreciation of SDDC. The rules for this contest, enforced by the honor system include:

- 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, and featured here.

March Photo Winner

Steve Gardner - Goby eating a worm. La Jolla Shores

MARCH Raffle Prize Winners

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| Randy Thomas - Cressi Mask | Merrienne Dean - flip flops |
| Scott Brown - Fold up snorkel, Multi-tool, "do-rag" hat | Walt Weaver - Book Guide to So Cal Dives |
| Scott Anderson - Movie tix, T-shirt, Face Wash | Mike Petschek - Hitch Cover |
| Steve Gardner - Cup coozie | Steve Fellet - Mouth piece |

SCUBA Show 2010 — May 15-16, 2010 Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA

The SCUBA Show, America’s Largest Consumer Dive Expo, will take place May 15-16 at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, California. This is the 23rd year of this popular event. The show will consist of 76,000 square feet



of diving related exhibits including new and revolutionary dive gear, travel pros (many offering show discounts), and diving experts. Several exhibitors also offer free drawings for valuable prizes. The first 1,000 people in attendance on Saturday and Sunday will receive complementary tote bags, and door prizes will be taking place through out the day. Highlighting the exhibit hall will be a personal appearance by world famous artist Wyland. On Saturday he will be interacting with attendees while painting a new piece of art and on Sunday will be painting with over 200 children who have pre-registered in advance.

Legendary underwater filmmaker Stan Waterman will be headlining a weekend of seminars that include some of the most popular dive experts around. Some of the presenters include Jack and Sue Drafahl, Bruce Watkins, Dale Sheckler, Ken Knezick, Ken Kurtis, and many more. Subjects covered include underwater photography and video, marine life, dive travel, and more. A continuous underwater film festival will be running in the exhibit hall on a three-story high screen and will feature films from around the world by over a dozen underwater imaging experts. Saturday night will feature a Casino party benefiting California Ships to Reefs, a non-profit organization sinking ships along the California coastline as artificial reefs. Highlight of the party will be the awarding of the California Scuba Service Award.

Exhibit hall hours are Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$12 and includes admission to exhibit hall and film festival (seminars are an additional charge). Discount coupons are available at California dive stores, on California dive charter boats and through California dive clubs. Age 12 and under are admitted free. For information on SCUBA Show 2010 call (310) 792-2333 or visit the web site www.scubashow.com.

March Meeting Highlights

**Mary Lynn Price
Video for the 21st Century
Storytelling On Location from Antarctica
to Alaska on land and at sea**

Mary Lynn Price regaled us with a fast-paced look at producing and sharing short-format video for 21st Century storytelling. Presenter Mary Lynn Price will share her tips for making compelling short videos and sharing them via the web, podcasting, and social networking.

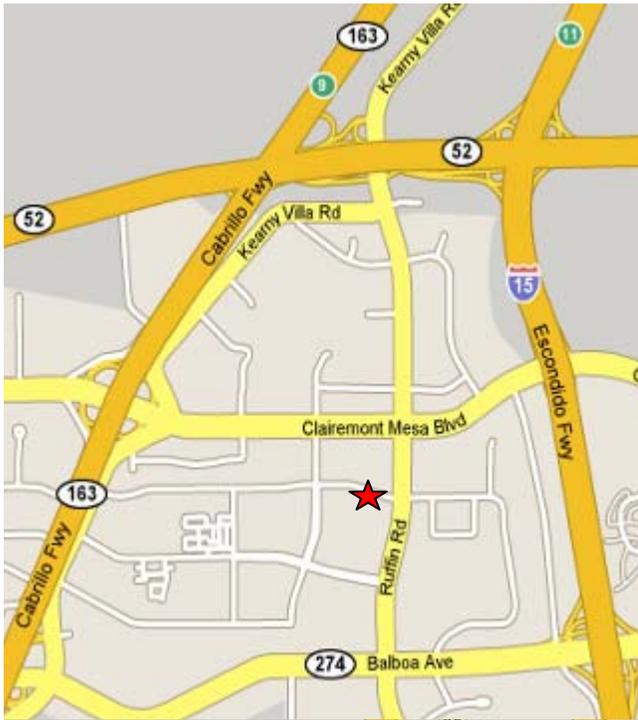
**San Diego Council of Divers Update
Barbie Lass**

The March guest speaker was Kathleen Stogsdall, a full partner at IB Divers. IB Divers has been serving the public for 35 years. They are a full service dive shop and offer dive classes to local military and civilians. IB Divers offers trimix fills and repairs at competitive prices. More information can be found online at www.ibdivers.com. After Kathleen’s informative talk and generous gifts, the discussion moved on to plans to keep access to local beaches. To find out more, please attend the next Council meeting on 4/13/10 at the La Jolla Brew House. The April guest speaker to be announced. If you have suggestions for a guest speaker, please email the council at: info@sdivers.com.

See you there!

Laughlin

The club is heading back to Laughlin the weekend of **April 16th, 17th & 18th** for fun, diving and relaxation. This year we are staying at the Tropicana Express and have a special rate on a block of rooms. Please contact Group Sales at 1-800-243-6846, mention that you are with the SD Dive Club and use code 15881. Contact Barbie or check our club Facebook page for more information: bountifulbarb@hotmail.com



DIVE CLUB MEETING

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 evening's batch and from the previous two months. **ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE ELLIGIBLE TO WIN THE QUARTERLY PRIZE!!!**

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