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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August 2003

STATE OF THE GRUNION MESSAGE

Finally! Our club has liability insurance as of August 1st. This cost the club (you and me) about \$1700 per year so when we schedule dives and other activities I expect you will all show up. I'd hate to think we spent all that money to protect ourselves against nothing happening!

We also have received confirmation that we are now an IRS approved 501(a) tax exempt corporation. We don't make enough money to pay taxes or even file a report.

Being a 501(a) corporation does NOT qualify us as a charity. This means you can NOT legally list donations made to the club as a charitable deduction on your income taxes (bummer!). We are

also a California non profit corporation and also have a San Diego City fictitious business permit.

What does all this mean? It means that we are done with all the legal stuff we needed to do to protect our members and club officers from liability or tax obligations and can legally operate as a non-profit corporation. It also means we need to thank some people for making it all possible.

I'd like to recognize Steve Haynes for his considerable efforts at processing most all of the paperwork to get our California non profit corporation status and our IRS tax exempt status. Steve has volunteered his legal expertise ever since Sport Chalet decided to unincorporate the dive clubs.

I believe we are the first ex-Sport Chalet dive club to have achieved all of the legal things we needed for protection. The Mission Viejo club was the first to obtain liability insurance and D&O (Director and Officer) liability insurance. Clarke Skinner (ex-president) did the leg work to get the Mission Viejo club it's liability insurance and gave me the information on the insurance provider. We (the San Diego Dive Club) decided to purchase the liability insurance from the same source.

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

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Wed., August 6, 2003 7:00 pm

(see page 8 for meeting location)

Steve Drogin

Around the World in 80 Dives

A true professional at travel, dive and presentations, Steve Drogin will once again take us on a trip around the world with images from far off places. I am also told that we will hear some new and exciting news about one of Steve's new projects

— Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator

Club Information

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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 night's 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:

US Mail:

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
August 2003					1	2
Events Calendar						
3	4	5	6 Club Meeting 7:00	7	8 Horizon 3 day	9 Horizon 3 day 3 R's
10 Horizon 3 day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 No Council meeting this month (pg 5)	20 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	21	22	23 Movie on the Beach 3 R's
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Horizon 3 Day Trip Aug 8, 9, 10

Scott Brown is organizing a dive trip to Catalina, San Clemente & Santa Barbara Islands on August 7 (evening boarding), 8, 9, and 10th aboard our favorite boat, The Horizon. If you are interested in joining us on this 3-day trip at the beginning of August (with a nite on the town in Avalon) please contact Scott Brown via our e-mail, lsbro1@mindspring.com, or our home phone: 858-560-6755 before 9pm evenings.

ROCKS, RIPS & REEFS

Participants learn how to:

- Identify underwater rocks and reefs by observing water movement and surf
- Take advantage of the ocean's natural wave motion
- Spot safe places to enter and exit
- Avoid places hazardous to divers and snorkelers
- Encounter rip and longshore currents
- Use tides to plan dives

Bring a mask, fins, and snorkel. The ocean is cool, so a wetsuit is strongly recommended. Weights are unnecessary. Scuba gear (regulator, BC, tank) is not used during the program.

August 9, 2003
Marine Street
300 Marine Street
Session host - Nautilus Dive Club

August 23, 2003
Goldfish Point (La Jolla Caves)
1325 Coast Blvd. (old Shell Shop)
Session host - Dive Animals Scuba Club

3R's is free. Participants must sign a liability waiver.



Movie on the Beach 8:00 PM Sat August 23

Come on down to La Jolla Shores and join the group for a night of entertainment. The Club will be putting on our second night of movies on the sand at La Jolla Shores. This is the second of the summer season of *Movies on the Beach*, and it will be fun. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, and bring something to snack and drink. We will be starting the show about 8:00 when it gets dark enough to see the screen well. It is on the sand close to the lifeguard tower.

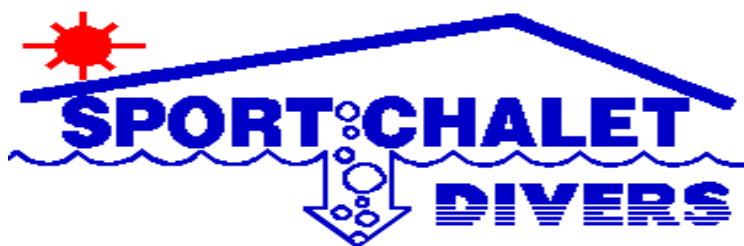
At the September event we will have a carne asada bbq and possibly dives, but for this one you are again on your own for the snack bar.

Please, no glass containers, and remember - alcohol is *not* allowed on the beach!

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.

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



Scuba Charters

August 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
09-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
09-Aug	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
10-Aug	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
10-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
10-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
10-Aug	Lois Ann	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
16-Aug	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
16-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
16-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 78	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:00 AM	Personal food ok
16-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
16-Aug	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
17-Aug	Blue Escape	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
17-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
17-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
17-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
17-Aug	Lois Ann	2 Wreck,1 Night	\$ 85	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
17-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
17-Aug	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
23-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
23-Aug	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 115	8/22,10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
23-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
23-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
23-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
24-Aug	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
24-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
24-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
24-Aug	Lois Ann	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
24-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
30-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
30-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
31-Aug	Blue Escape	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
31-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
31-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
31-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok

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

Our club decided to not purchase Director and Officer insurance as we were advised this was traditionally used to protect law suits filed by Directors and Officers for being fired and losing their high paying salaries.

Since we are a tiny little, all volunteer, corporation there is very little chance this will be an issue. Besides, let's get realistic here, what kind of club could anyone have if all of the assets were spent trying to protect against every form of possible liability?

Different subject; we had our first annual Movie on the Beach on Saturday, July 12th and everything went well and was a lot of fun seeing old Mike Nelson save the world catching bad guys underwater. I think we should pick an episode once in awhile and show it at a club meeting for a laugh, my how things have changed!

Unfortunately, the police were a little more anal than usual on Saturday evening and closed the parking lot before 10pm and began issuing tickets immediately at 10pm (if not sooner). I have asked the officers to think about the problem and see if there's anything we can do. I know at least four people at our movie got tickets. If you did get a ticket would you please photo-copy the ticket and hang on to the copy until we figure out if there's something we can do?

Whew! I feel like I've dropped my weight belt now that all the legal paperwork stuff is done. I just hope we can go back to being a "Dive Club" and actually start diving and not worry if someone chips a nail and sues us.

*Steve Anderson
President
San Diego Dive Club*

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 **August 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.

The Club needs a Store Representative. If you work in one of the local Sport Chalet Stores and would like to help out contact Steve Anderson

Community Information

The San Diego Council of Divers

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

There is no Council Meeting scheduled for August. More information will be posted on the Council's website - www.sddivers.com



UNDERWATER MONOPOLY MARATHON

The SAY organization is announcing a Underwater Monopoly Marathon as a fund raiser on August 16th, 2003, at College of Oceaneering's new dive tank...it's a big and beautiful 45,000 gallon tank complete with viewing portholes and a huge outdoor deck around the top. Each diver needs to raise a minimum of \$250 in donations and/or pledges and we'll have t-shirts, bags and towels. For the top fundraising diver over \$500, we're planning to award a dive trip to the Cayman Islands.

Contact Glenda Belcher below for packets of info and sign-up sheets.

Glenda Belcher Director of Development SAY San Diego glenda@saysandiego.org

Phone: 858-565-4148, x 230

Fax: 858-565-4178

Future Happenings

DIVE THE YUKON

Saturday, September 27th,
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Experience Level: Advanced

The club has chartered the Lois Ann out of Seaforth Sport fishing in San Diego for a three-tank dive. Our friends from the Dive Club of South Orange County will be joining us. We will be making 2 dives on the Yukon and then the 3rd dive at the Point Loma Kelp Beds. A mere \$65* will get you 3 dives, including: air fills to 3500 psi, 80 c.f. steel tanks & Seasoft weight belts. Hot shower, lunch, soft drinks & cookies are also included. If you have the appropriate certification, NITROX is also available for an extra charge, but you must let us know ahead of time. The dives to the Yukon are advanced dives, so appropriate experience or certification is recommended. To sign up, come to the next club meeting with payment or contact Rich Burns at (619) 303-6589 or (619) 697-6589 to book your spot. * Note: at this price we cannot guarantee refunds, we will make every attempt to fill your spot in case of a problem, but no guarantees. For directions to the boat check out: www.loisann.com

Catalina in the Fall

October 24th - 26th, 2003

Experience Level: All Levels - Divers and Non Divers Alike

First of all, I would like to thank all those who attended and helped out with the Two Harbors, Catalina trip in April. It was a blast! The pancake breakfast was great, the Carne & Pollo Asada Bar-B-Q was fantastic, and the Sea Bass tacos weren't bad either!

So, lets do it again! We have made reservations for October 24-26. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at about noon on Friday and then be returning at approximately 2:30pm on Sunday. The cost of this trip is still under \$100.00* and includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, and a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning and a Bar-B Q and movies on Saturday night. We have also made arrangements for a 2-tank dive on the Garibaldi on Friday evening/night. We will have more details in following newsletters and sign-ups are available at the club meeting or by contacting Rich Burns at sddiver@cts.com or 619-303-6589. But don't wait too long to make your reservations, this trip sells out very quickly.

(* cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins, non-diver rate is \$98.50, and rate for divers taking part in the Friday evening/night boat dive is \$166.00).

At Our Last Meeting

Membership

Please welcome the following new
and renewed members:

New

John Howard
Dan Schooler
Ron Schooler
Lily Wong
Ron Russell
Donald Kallansrud
Leslie Peariso

Renewals

Dennis Fox
Bruce Laiho

Raffel Prize Winners

Josh Sokoloff - Fleece Jacket
Ryan Burns - Technisub dive mask
Bruce Laiho - Impules 2 snorkel
Scott Anderson - Tandem folding chair
Ron Russell - T-shirt
David Pierce - T-shirt
Bruce Laiho - Compact Binoculars
Scott Anderson - Massage gift
certificate
Ryan Burns - Mask defog
Sandi Schankin - Wonder Wheeler

Quarterly Prize

Tina Souza - Coronado Is. boat trip for
two

At Our Last Meeting....

Ron Mullins gave us a phenomenal video presentation shot entirely while free diving in Southern California waters. We saw encounters with bat rays, giant black sea bass, sea lions, harbor saels, and whales. Yes, Whales! Up close and personal. Outstanding stuff, thank you Ron.

Paul Brooks showed a video of his Africa Trip, and Milt showed a video of the preparation of the Yukon for sinking.

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 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.

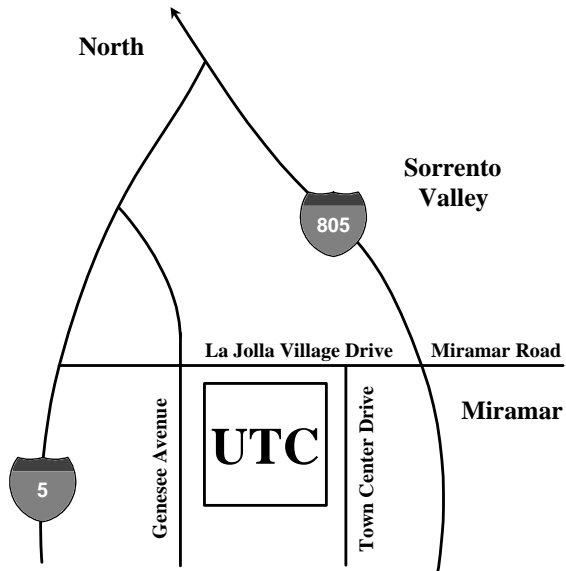
Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge:

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

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

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

ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE ELLIGIBLE 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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