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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
www.sandiegodiveclub.com



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

I'm writing this a couple of days after our club's trip to the Coronado Islands on the Lois Ann. Early lightning and dark cloudy skies threatened to turn the day into an endurance exercise. By the time all the releases were filled out, and the boat brief was done, the sun came out and off we went. 3 good dives with great friends, that's what I call a wonderful day. The high point being all of us sharing the joy with Kevin Lass for his 100th dive.

While on the trip, I overheard a comment which inspired this article's title. One of the divers mentioned being 1200 miles off the coast of southern California and finding a plastic shopping bag floating in the water. How the bag arrived in that location is irrelevant. The fact it was there, I think we can all agree, was

unfortunate. I also remember someone telling me of a TV show documenting a jelly fish with it's tentacles so covered with small bits of plastic that it could no longer feed. While at the Scuba Show I picked up a brochure from Algalita Marine Research Foundation in which the marine pollution from plastics was put into reality with shamefull statistics. Plastics don't biodegrade. That only occurs with natural materials. Plastics photo degrade. Over 300-500 years, and only with UV from sunlight, plastics break down into smaller and smaller pieces. They're still plastic polymers and they're with us forever. I personally recycle everything I can. And San Diego has met it's mandated 50% landfill diversion thank goodness.

This article's title however points out that recycling is the last option in our arsenal. Reduce first, reuse second. These two concepts are not always possible, and when possible usually require forethought. The benefits of all three concepts are immense.

As divers, our marine pollution concerns are mostly related to underwater visibility. And visibility is greatly affected by surface runoff. We can't do much about dirt. Washing downhill is it's mission in life. We can have an effect on whatever may end up in the street. This is a very simple fact: If it's in the street, it will soon be in the ocean. Keeping everything out of the street is not easy, and also usually requires forethought. The benefit, once again, is immense. Here's the concluding thought: Use of brain cells = immense benefits. One man's opinion and soap box shout.

Scott Brown - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., August 3 , 2006 7:00 pm

(see back page for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for August is:

Mike Steidley from Aqualung

Mike will be speaking to us about the history and mechanics of regulators

— *Cody Gilstrap, Entertainment 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
- 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.sandiegodiveclub.com

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
August 2006 Events Calendar		1	2	3 Club Meeting 7:00	4 Night Dive L.J Shores	5 3 R's
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	17	18	19 3 R's
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

San Diego Dive Club's August Night Dive at La Jolla Shores!

Date: Friday Night- August 4th **Time:** 7:30pm

Location: La Jolla Shores (Kellog Park)
Vallecitos St. & Camino Del Oro, La Jolla, CA 92037

Night Dive: Bring a primary light, a backup light, and a tank light (glow stick).

Divemaster: Hunza Kotas Hunza@cox.net hm# 619-749-8435.

Meeting: In the grassy area near the (new) restrooms next to Vallecitos street.

Parking: The parking lot closes at 10pm so be there on time so it's not an issue.

Entry: Shore entry through surf. You can call the SD lifeguard surf/dive report at (619) 221-8824 for current conditions.

Features: Ecological preserve (no hunting), sandy bottom, canyon, ledges.

Marine Life: Stingrays, thornback rays, shovelnose guitarfish, banded guitarfish, octopus, Halibut, turbot, spiny lobster, horn shark, sheephead, seabass, sheep crabs, nudibranchs, Sea stars, bat rays, squid, cusk eels, gobies, etc...

Links:

Pictures & Description: http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/CalS/La_Jolla_Shores/index.htm

General info and directions: <http://www.sandiego.gov/lifeguards/beaches/shores.shtml>

San Diego Dive Club: <http://www.dive-club.org/>



Scuba Charters

August 2006

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
05-Aug	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
05-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
06-Aug	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
06-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
06-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
06-Aug	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A
06-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
12-Aug	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Aug	Great Escape	Farnsworth-Adv Only	\$135	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Aug	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A
12-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
13-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
13-Aug	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
13-Aug	Island Time	Oil Rigs-Adv Only	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
13-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank pm	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
13-Aug	Lois Ann	Yukon - 2 Tank	\$82	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	12:00 PM	N/A
13-Aug	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
19-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
19-Aug	Horizon	San Clemente	\$140	8/19, 9PM	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
19-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
19-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank pm	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
19-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
20-Aug	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
20-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
20-Aug	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
20-Aug	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$82	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	N/A
20-Aug	Magician	Santa Barbara	\$147	8/19, 10PM	1:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
26-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
26-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	Nitrox Fills
26-Aug	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
27-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
27-Aug	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
27-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
27-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank pm	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
27-Aug	Lois Ann	Kelp - 2 Tank	\$92	12:00 AM	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	N/A

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

**Southern Channel Islands
3-day trip
August 24,25,& 26**

Once again it's time to plan our 3-day trip to the southern channel islands on board the Horizon. The dates this year are August 24,25,& 26. Space is limited to 26 divers to ensure seating for all while enjoying the fine efforts of chef Mark. Our usual destinations are the islands of Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, and San Clemente. This year, conditions permitting, we will pass on Santa Barbara and try for San Nicolas island with it's bat rays. Cost is \$ 450.00 per person. A deposit of \$ 200.00 will reserve a space on the trip. Sleeping accomodations may be selected only upon full payment. Deposits and payments in full will be accepted begining at the May 4th club meeting. For info, contact Scott Brown, (858) 254-9484, lsbro1@mindspring.com.

3R's Schedule

Here is the Rock' Rips and Reefs (3R's) schedule for this summer.

This program is designed to acquaint divers with different areas of the coast and to teach divers how to use the terrain and currents afely. The program is run by the Lifeguards and hosted by various dive clubs.

1.) May 20th La Jolla Cove
Session Host: TBA

2.) June 3rd North Bird Rock
Session Host: TBA

3.) June 17th Gold Fish Point
Session Host: Dive Animals

4.) July 8th Marine Street
Session Host: San Deigo Dive
Club

5.) July 22nd Shell Beach
Session Host: TBA

6.) August 5th Hospital Point
Session Host: Sea Dogs

7.) August 19th Casa Cove
Session Host: San Diego Dive
Club

At Our Last Meeting

Mike Keeney from Aqualung gave us all a fascinating presentation on the U. S. Navy's dolphin and seal program. The Q & A probably could have gone on til 10:00 PM. Working with these animals would be a dream job except for the wartime locations. I had the pleasure to present to Michelle Russell her new DUIBC which she won in the California Ships 2 Reefs raffle at the Scuba Show.

Scott Brown

Membership

Please welcome these new and
renewing members...

New members

James Cooper
Scott Eister
Julia Ingleheart
Terry Johnson
Mary Jane Provencher
Richard Stratton

Renewals

Jeff Burton
Dennis Fox
Michael King
Blair Provo
Christopher Sharpe

Raffle

Here are the winners from July's raffle

Laurel Bartels	-	Fin Phone holder-Pink
Scott Anderson	-	Pelican Float
Mike King	-	BC Knife
Leslie Periso	-	Suit Juice
Terry Johnson	-	Panasonic phone
Terry Johnson	-	Scuba tool
Michelle Russell	-	Diver Tool & Repair Kit
Mike Petschek	-	Yellow Folding Dive Gear Bag
Mary Jane Provencher	-	Scuba Cat dish
Cody Gilstrap	-	Digital Underwater Photography Manual
Steve Anderson	-	Underwater Night Light
Anthony Weir	-	Diver Log pages
Steve Harper	-	Erasable Magnetic Underwater Slate
Barbara Lloyd	-	Wood Picture Frame
Scott Brown	-	Wood Picture Frame
Denni Bianchi	-	Yukon Slate
Eric Williams	-	Yukon Slate

*The July quarterly raffle prize was a dive computer with compass.
And the winner was Mike Thornton!!*

Photo of the month contest

The club officers have come up with a friendly contest we all can enjoy. Here's how it works: Take an underwater picture, frame it for easy display and set it up at the meeting with all the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five raffle tickets. The intent here is to involve as many people as possible in fun and entertainment.

Even a friendly contest has rules (not guidelines) and we'll all be operating under the honor system. Underwater pictures only, taken during the time since the last meeting. One picture per person per month. Digital or film. Display your picture as you shot it with your camera and lighting settings. Cropping is OK but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using Photoshop before printing. One vote per person and you must be present at the meeting to vote. 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, I hope to see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

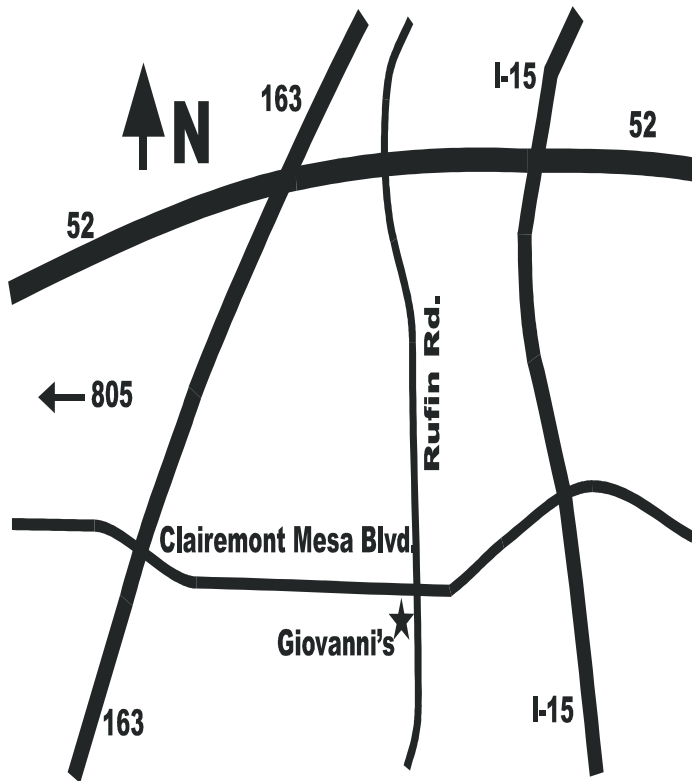
Scott Brown

**San Diego Dive Club
Officers' Meeting
Wednesday August 16th**

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 Wednesday** of each month at :

The August Officer's Meeting will be held at La Jolla Shores..

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.



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 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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