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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Summer is diving season and more and more people are getting hooked on the sport. We all remember that feeling at the beginning of our adventure... it was exciting and thrilling and so many new things to feel, see and do! But a little apprehensive too. Remember to be there to be a great "Buddy". When you see a new diver at our meetings or at the dive sites, take a minute or two to impart your knowledge and wisdom. Everyone will be the better for it. Sign up to be a "Mentor Diver" with the club and have someone join you on a dive.

I am sure that you all have had some great experiences this summer that you would also like to impart on us. Remember to write them down and give them to Mike Thornton so he can share them with everyone in the newsletter. We also would love to see some of the photos that you have been taking ... we see them in the online posts... bring a CD to the dive club to share during open carousel and spend 3 to 5 minutes highlighting your experiences. And remember... raffle tickets await those who win the monthly photo contest.

For those of you who have not had memorable experiences yet... then remember that the 3Rs continues on all summer so invite some friends (divers and not) to join in on the fun.

Its now time to go Blow bubbles!

Michael J. King



SAVE TREES!! SAVE TREES!! SAVE TREES!!

Still receiving the newsletter via snail mail? Did you know you can access it online at www.sandiegodiveclub.com? If you're receiving the newsletter via letter mail, have access to the internet, and would like to do your part for the environment. Email the editor now at mthorn3478@aol.com to change.

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

****SD Dive Club sponsored events****

- Aug 10** **Albion Abalone Trip**
- Aug 22-23** **SD Undersea Film Exhibition**
- Aug 23** **3R's - Casa Cove**
- Aug30-Sep6** **La Paz Trip, Sport Chalet**
- Sep 19-21** **Horizon 3 Day Channel Isl. Trip**
- Sep 20** **Beach Cleanup, Sport Chalet**
- Sep 27** **Movie at Beach & Carne Asada**
- Sep26-Oct4** **Bonaire Trip, Sport Chalet**
- Oct 22-25** **DEMA 2008, Las Vegas**
- Oct23-Nov1** **Fiji Trip, Sport Chalet**
- Oct23-Nov1** **Phillipines Trip**
- Oct TBA** **Laughlin River Diving**
- Nov 1-8** **Roatan Trip, Sport Chalet**
- Nov TBA** **Disneyland Day**
- Nov30-Dec7** **Grand Cayman Trip, Sport Chalet**
- Dec 6** **Scuba Santa, PL Sport Chalet**

At our last meeting...

Barbara Lloyd, our own Entertainment Coordinator, presented her video on the infamous P38 off of La Jolla, and discussed the history of the San Diego UnderSea Film Exhibition (SDUFEX).

Monthly Raffle Winners

Prize Won	Winner Name
Yukon map	Mike Thornton
Wenoka Knife	Steve Anderson
Tusa Mask	Scott Brown
Tusa snorkel	Scott Brown
Diver first aid kit	Mike Petschek
wetsuit hanger, Large	Dave Pierce
UK drying hanger	Leslie Olstrand
Akona reg. bag	Carol Vaughn
Aqua Lung backpack	Dave Pierce
Got Sharks? T-shirt	Dave Pierce

Quarterly

Tusa mask, snorkel, fins Mike Petschek

Rocks, Rips & Reefs Program (3Rs)

Last 3R's of the Summer

Casa Cove

Saturday August 23th 2008

Meet at Life Guard Tower 850 Coast Boulevard

Session Host: **San Diego Dive Club**

For more information on 3Rs see the San Diego Dive Council's website at:

www.sddivers/3rs

GIOVANNI'S RESTAURANT

\$3 OFF any \$15 purchase

OR

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Not valid with any other offer or specials. Dine in only. One coupon per visit.

KEARNY MESA 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd 858-279-6700
CLAIREMENT 6133 Balboa Ave. 858-278-9191



Don't miss **Dr. Bert Kobayashi** at our next meeting...Thursday, August 7th, 7pm at Giovannis

Dr. Kobayashi will discuss "The Deep Oceans". Featuring specimens of deep ocean fishes that have made some bizarre adaptations to living in that great expanse of cold, dark waters 300-1500 meters below the surface of the world's oceans.

Dr. Kobayashi received his Ph.D. in Biological Oceanography with emphasis on Ichthyology from Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He has been a lecturer in Marine Biology at UCSD since 1976 and has received two Outstanding Teacher Awards from both Muir and Warren Colleges at UCSD. He has published more than 30 scientific and popular articles on the ocean environment from 1960s through 1993. He is currently a narrator and tour-guide at Sea World and has conducted hundreds of public lectures on various topics in Marine Biology to wide diversity of civic groups and clubs.

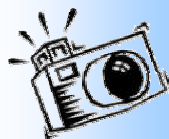
DIVING KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

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 not eligible.**

Q: To measure the flexibility of a scuba tank during a hydrostatic test the U.S. Department of Transportation regulations mandate that it be filled to _____ of its working pressure.

A: Find out the answer & winner at the next Club Meeting.

Photo Tip of the Month



Digital Cameras can be placed on Manual Mode (Typically the "M" selection). This mode typically allows you to change the F Stop (Aperture) and the shutter speed. With those two adjustments you can provide the correct exposure for your photos. By manipulating one or both you can get the light in the background to come up or in the foreground. Take some time to play with your camera on land and adjust these two things to see how it affects your photos. Now take that knowledge underwater and see how you can enhance your photos with a few adjustments.

~ Mike King



The San Diego UnderSea Film Exhibition (UFEX)

Friday & Saturday, August 22nd & 23rd, 2008 at Qualcomm Hall in San Diego, California
www.sdufex.com

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

Date	Day	Boat	Destination	Price	Price Includes	Board	Depart	Return	Add'l Charges	Departs From
2-Aug	Sat	CeeRay	Catalina	\$140	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
2-Aug	Sat	Lois Ann	Yukon - 2 Tank	\$70	Tank, Weight, Food & Air	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Nitrox	San Diego
2-Aug	Sat	Magician	Catalina	\$140	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox	San Pedro
3-Aug	Sun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$140	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
3-Aug	Sun	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$70	Tank, Weight, Food & Air	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Nitrox	San Diego
3-Aug	Sun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$115	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	Ventura
9-Aug	Sat	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 Tank	\$70	Tank, Weight, Food & Air	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Nitrox	San Diego
9-Aug	Sat	Island Time	Catalina - 2 Tank	\$119	Tank,Snacks & Air Fills	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
9-Aug	Sat	Diver Down II	Lake Pleasant,2 - Tank	\$54	Weight, Snacks & Drinks	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	N/A	Lake Pleasant, AZ
10-Aug	Sun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$140	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
10-Aug	Sun	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$70	Tank, Weight, Food & Air	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Nitrox	San Diego
10-Aug	Sun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$115	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	Ventura
16-Aug	Sat	CeeRay	Catalina	\$140	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
16-Aug	Sat	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$70	Tank, Weight, Food & Air	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Nitrox	San Diego
16-Aug	Sat	Island Time	Catalina - 2 Tank	\$119	Tank,Snacks & Air Fills	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
17-Aug	Sun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$140	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
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23-Aug	Sat	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$115	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	Ventura
24-Aug	Sun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$140	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
24-Aug	Sun	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$70	Tank, Weight, Food & Air	2:00 PM	2:30PM	6:30 PM	Nitrox	San Diego
30-Aug	Sat	CeeRay	Catalina	\$140	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
30-Aug	Sat	Lois Ann	Yukon - 2 Tank	\$70	Tank, Weight, Food & Air	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Nitrox	San Diego
30-Aug	Sat	Magician	Catlaina - Wrecks	\$145	Food & Air Fills	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox	San Pedro
31-Aug	Sun	Island Time	Catalina - 2 Tank	\$119	Tank,Snacks & Air Fills	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
31-Aug	Sun	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$70	Tank, Weight, Food & Air	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Nitrox	San Diego
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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.



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!!!***

Dips, Tips and Trips

Send a description of your favorite local dive spot, your best Dive Tips or U/W Photo Tips, or a brief report or article describing your last Dive Trip. Each month we'll select and publish the best ones in the *Primary Regulator*.

Submit them electronically to, mthorn3478@aol.com no later than the 15th of each month. Submissions are subject to editing.

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

