



Primary Regulator

San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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The President's Slate

Light Bubbles from your Primary Regulator for August

So, when was the last time you dove? Were you on a boat or on the shore? Was it a nightmare of tangled gear, an ill-fitting wetsuit (long winter, eh?) and malfunctioning equipment? Or did you feel comfortable wearing your gear, breathing and happily floating in the water with other beautiful sea creatures?

The time is now; check out your gear before you head to the pool or slide into the wonderful cradle of the ocean. If your gear needs a tune up or perhaps an up-sizing (or for some folks a down-sizing) take care of it. Perhaps it is time to get new gear. Remember how wonderful it felt when you finally realized it was more fun to be under the water than on land? I certainly do. When your gear, your partner and the ocean cooperate, it is like a little slice of heaven (or chocolate...). So, what are you waiting for? It's summer and the beach is beckoning for you to come out and play. There are awesome deals on the boats and beautiful pictures to take underwater; with your camera or your imagination.

Dive more; dive happy!

Scott Brown, President

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' Meetings are held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at:

Marie Calender's, 6950 Alvarado Canyon Rd, San Diego (619)465-1910

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. We need your new thoughts and ideas to keep our club fun and exciting.



Long Range Calendar

- July 28 3Rs, Marine St.
- Aug. 4 Super Villain/Hero BBQ and Movie on the Beach, bring desserts, LJ Shores
- Aug. 11 3Rs, Shell Beach
- Aug. 25 3Rs, Hospital Point
- Sept. 8 Annual Carne/Pollo Asada with Movie on the Beach, LJ Shores, bring desserts
- Sept. 8 3Rs, Pescadero
- Sept. 22 3Rs, Childrens Pool & South Casa, SDDC hosts
- Dec. 1 Underwater Santa
- Mar 30 Underwater Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast
- Apr 19-22 Two Harbors, Catalina, Rich Burns Coor.

August Meeting

Thursday, August 2 7pm at Giovanni's

**Mystery speaker, to be announced via email.
Watch for it!**

*DIVE, Superhero/Villain BBQ
Movie on the Beach
August 4*

La Jolla Shores, Kellogg Park

Look for SDDC banner and canopy on the grass. Set up at 6am. Food at 5pm, including burger & dogs, please bring desserts to share. View movie at dusk on the beach.



Photo by Randy Thomas

SDDC July Meeting

At our July meeting, our own citizen scientist and Education & Speaker Coordinator, Barbara Lloyd, reviewed selected local invertebrates and algae, via very good underwater photographs. Surprisingly, many of us use the scientific name vs. the “correct” common name. The photo review was a follow-up to the Reef Check California presentation in June. We then completed self-scored quizzes. A fun time was had by all, especially the highest scorer, Peggy Petcheck. Thank you, Barbara, for a fun and educational evening.

Photo of the Month Winner

**Randy Thomas,
Tritonia festiva
La Jolla Shores**

Raffle Prizes –July Meeting

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| Walt Weaver | Dive Hitch Cover |
| Terry Thomas | Dive Rash Guard- 50 SPF |
| | Tank Key Ring with O rings |
| Marianne Dean | Trident Dive Tag |
| | Mira Zym Stink Away |
| Heather Lippert | Save a dive trip |
| Kevin Lass | Dan Line Cutter |
| | Quarterly Prize |
| Terry Thomas | 2 Tickets to the Coronados |

Movie on the Beach Revisited, as reported by Steve Anderson

This last Saturday (June 23rd) we had our first Movie on The Beach of the season along with a Luau themed potluck. While only a few remembered to wear Hawaiian themed clothes it seems almost everyone was "Layed". A nice assortment of foods showed up along with just plain 'ol' burgers and fired chicken. The weather held out nicely until about 4 P.M. when the cloud layer rolled in and it got a bit chilly. I think there were about 25 attendees. The beach was very crowded and we watched at least three people hauled away in ambulances from close encounters from stingrays or skates. I saw at least 3 more people with similar injuries soaking their feet in buckets at the lifeguard tower. I was a little surprised that at no time did I ever hear the Lifeguards warning people to shuffle their feet!



Council of Divers Meeting, July 2012

Reported by Barbie Lass, Community Rep

The July Council meeting was used to prepare for the July 11th Coastal Commission hearing. The Council, Friends of Children's Pool, and other concerned citizens worked on their speeches to express concern about the possibility of the state government ruling that public ocean access needs to be curtailed to enhance an unnatural seal habitat. Lifeguards also planned to present a shared use plan using movable boulders to separate humans and seals during pupping season. The California Coastal Commission voted unanimously, Wednesday, to allow the City to seek the permits for a year-round rope barrier designed to protect harbor seals at the Children's Pool in La Jolla, with clear signage for a three-year term, providing the City develops a plan to monitor conditions at the Children's Pool, and the effectiveness of the rope. The "Shared Use" supporters were outnumbered by the animal rights groups, and, did not have equal time to fully express or balance the activist's arguments. The rope will have a 3-foot opening to ensure access to the beach, and will act as a guideline for viewing the seals.

The San Diego Council of Divers celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Underwater Park and Ecological Reserve, with a dedication ceremony held at the commemorative plaque located at the La Jolla Cove, in conjunction with the 3Rs with cake waiting for all of the hungry snorkelers. Many individuals helped create the Underwater Park and Ecological Reserve, unfortunately both men listed on the plaque died prior to the completion. The plaque was positioned to mark the Southern Boundary of the park. The Boundary was move westward during the implementation of the MLPA (Marine Life Protection Act).

The plaque reads:

This plaque

in commemoration of:

Conrad F. Limbaugh and Harold F. Riley
for their efforts toward creation of

The San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park

Presented by

The San Diego Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.
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South Boundary

We hope to see you at the next Council meeting:
Monday, August 13th 6:30 pm at the La Jolla Brewhouse.

3Rs. Goldfish Point (La Jolla Caves)

The July 14th Rocks Rips and Reefs (3Rs) was held at Goldfish Point. This is always one of the favorite locations every year. Approximately 60 people attended and entered the calm, clear waters. Snorkelers learned history of the caves; Sunny Jim's, The Clam, The Arch, Sea Surprise, Shopping Cart, Little Sister, and White Lady, and the calm waters gave most a chance to enter some. The tour ended down at the Cove

Reported & photos by Barbie Lass.



Photo of the Month Contest Guidelines

The rules for this contest, enforced by the honor system, include:

The photographer and subject must be submersed in the same liquid at the same time the photo was taken

One picture per person per month

Display your picture as taken with your camera and lighting

Underwater pictures only (digital or film) taken since the last meeting

Cropping is OK, but please refrain from zooming in, and

No Software-based Enhancement before printing

This is a friendly contest, featuring framed underwater photos displayed at the club meeting. Anyone in attendance can vote; the winning photographer receives 5 raffle tickets plus the fame and appreciation of the SDDC. Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the club meeting with the previous month's winner, and featured in the newsletter. Competitors, consider placing your photos onto portable media to provide to the Newsletter Editor in the event you win so the photo may be featured in the newsletter; or send as attachment to

editor@sandiegodiveclub.com.

DIVE CLUB MEETING

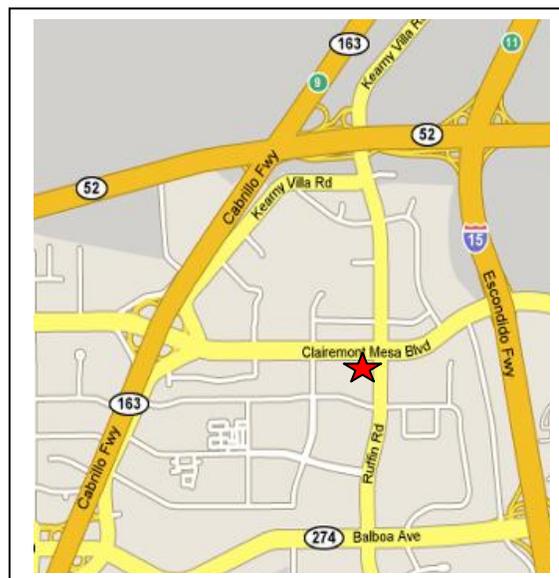
1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
at

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!!!**



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.

Dips, Tips and Trips

Please send descriptions of your favorite local dive spot, best dive tips or U/W photo tips, or brief reports or articles describing your last dive trip. Or? We'll select, edit, and publish them, as space allows. Please submit electronically by the 15th of the month prior to editor@sandiegodiveclub.com.