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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

STATE OF THE GRUNION

Well, we're still working on re-incorporating under our new club name. We have not received our incorporation paperwork from the State yet. This is key to moving forward with just about every other legal process. I have filed for a local fictitious business license with the city of San Diego. As soon as we have our paperwork from the State we can file with the IRS and California Franchise board for non-profit status. We can then purchase non-profit liability insurance.

Until the club is officially a non-profit entity and has liability coverage we will not be hosting club dives. No big deal, we have a very small turn-out for club dives this time of year anyway.

We will be looking for self-insured Divemasters to assist in running our club dives. We are non-profit so we can't afford

to pay much for your services but we hope to be able to work something out.

We asked Sport Chalet if they would stage local dives we could take advantage of but the answer was no.

Rich Burns is looking into new club tee shirts and sweatshirts with our new logo, so stay tuned. If you have ideas for other items with the club logo on it let us know.

Our biggest club event, the annual Underwater Santa Photo Shoot & Toy Drive, will take place on schedule, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Be sure to invite all your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family. Be sure to bring a swim suit and towel and I would advise you to cover up white skin. Some people really dress up for the occasion. Kids are welcome too! Santa will come up to the surface and pose with kids

snorkeling. A limited number of children's SCUBA units will be available.

I will post a copy of the U/W Santa flyer on the club web site in Adobe Acrobat format for you to download and print.

At our next meeting Tom Phillipp, one of the founding club members, will give us a presentation on the latest in re-breathers. I once tried to breathe out of a plastic garbage bag underwater. First of all I couldn't get underwater very far and second, I guess I should have used a bag that wasn't full of garbage.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Steve Anderson
President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Wed., Dec. 4, 2002 7:00 pm

(see page 6 for meeting location)

Recreational Rebreathers

Tom Phillipp

Please see page 5 for more information about this presentation, which is one you don't want to miss!!

— Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator

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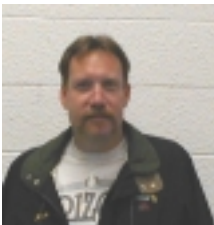
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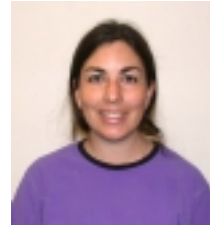
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Membership

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:

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
1	2	3	4 Club Meeting 7:00	5	6	7 Blood Drive
8	9	10 Council Meeting 6:00	11	12	13	14  UW Santa
15	16	17	18 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
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Under Water Photo with Santa



Get your picture taken sitting on Santa's lap next to the fireplace and Christmas tree, *underwater*!!

You'll have a great time and many of San Diego's most needy children will have a great time with the presents that you donate. So come join the fun.

Who: Anyone over 8 years old. San Diego Dive Club and Sport Chalet dive department will provide instruction by certified SCUBA instructors for anyone not certified to use SCUBA equipment. There will be certified instructors and dive masters present at all times to ensure the safety of all participants.

When: Saturday December 14, 2002
10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Where: Sport Chalet (Point Loma)
3695 Midway Drive
San Diego, CA

Cost: We ask that each participant bring an unwrapped toy (eg. sporting goods) that will be donated to St Vincent De Paul Village.

Equipment: Bring a swimming suit and a towel. Sport Chalet will provide any necessary diving gear.

Your Dive Coordinators

Club Happenings

AT OUR LAST MEETING...

We were educated by Navy Seal Tor Anderson. I think our club size intimidated Tor just a little and made him a bit nervous. It's funny to think that a Navy Seal trained for stealth combat missions, trained to dive in zero visibility, someone who travels around the world on dangerous missions gets nervous in front of a crowd of people.

Tor warmed up to our crowd nicely and gave an excellent presentation. We extended the break time by 50% to allow people to come up and meet Tor and ask questions. My 13 year old Nephew showed up and was in general awe by Tor's presence.

Our entire club wishes to thank Tor, all Navy Seals and all our military for putting their lives between us and danger.

Steve Anderson

Catalina in the Spring Time

First of all, I would like to thank all those who attended and helped out with the Two Harbors, Catalina trip in October. It was a blast! We had a total of 44 people take part in the festivities. The pancake breakfast was great, the carne & pollo asada Bar-B-Q was fantastic, and what Lobster there was, was not too bad either, Thanks Mike! Everyone had such a good time that we were planning the Spring trip before we had even left the Island.

So when is the trip in springtime you say? Well, we have made reservations for the last weekend in April, that's April 25-27. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at about noon on Friday and then be returning at approximately 2:00pm 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. The trip price does not include boat diving on the Garibaldi; however, arrangements will be made for boat diving and a 2-tank dive on the Garibaldi runs approximately \$68. We will have all the details in following newsletters and sign-ups will be available at the next club meeting or by e-mail to Rich Burns at sddiver@cts.com. But don't wait too long to make your reservations, the trip is almost half way sold out already.

(* cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins).

Sport Chalet 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 Sport Chalet 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 **Dec 18**. 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.

Membership

Please welcome the following
New Members:

Shari Johnston
Scott Anderson
Greg Pheriault

The following people were renewing members this month:

Michael Smith
Richard Tharin
Lou Anne Dreyer
randy Standke
Michael King
Marc Crocker
Jon Major

Raffle Winners

These people were winners in the November raffle:

Camp Gecko T Shirt - Bryce Newall
Trinkent multi tool - Eliana Garcia
Trident tank carrier - Heather Karp
Pouch Weight belt - Cody Gilstrap
SL4 light - Clyde Hessom
Laser Stik - Kurt Grose
Coil Lanyard - Cody Gilstrap
Trident Save A Dive Kit - Shari Johnston
U K dry box - JoAnn Henry
Trident Lobster kit - Scott Brown
Akona Booties - Ed Barker

Community Information

BLOOD DRIVE

San Diego Dive Club, Inc will be holding its' (mostly) annual Blood Drive on Saturday December 7. The holidays are always a time when the Blood Bank needs blood. The Drive will be at the Point Loma Sport Chalet Store, and blood will again be collected by the San Diego Blood Bank. (Last years' collection was through the RedCross, and there was some concern). Come on down between 10:00 am And 3:00 pm*.

This is a great way to help others in the community, and we need all the support - and donations - we can get. Please help us out.

*Times have not yet been confirmed by the Blood Bank, but these have been the usual times in past Blood Drives.

December's Presentation

Presenter: Tom Phillipp

Tom Phillipp is currently the Product Manager for breathing systems at AquaLung. Before joining AquaLung (then U.S. Divers) in 1995, he spent 11 years with the Sport Chalet organization as the Supervisor of Dive Operations. He has been diving for 21 years and actively teaching for 18 years.

He currently resides in Oceanside with his wife Michelle and their four children. His idea of fun is still fresh film in a Nikonos III in clean water (some things never change).

Tom was one of the original founders of our club.

Topic: Recreational Rebreathers

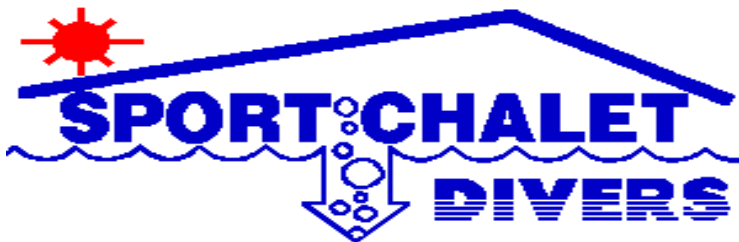
To many of us, rebreathers are associated with elite military special forces or highly technical, mixed-gas deep divers. They involve an expense and level of complexity that leaves our heads spinning. Tom is going to break down the rebreather into its simplest form and remove some of the mystery that surrounds it. He will share with us the Dräger Dolphin recreational rebreathers that can be easily used by any diver with basic nitrox training.

Tom will elaborate on the benefits of recreational rebreathing:

- Silent diving
- The ability to approach shy marine inhabitants
- Breathe warm, moist gas
- Extended dive times
- Longer no-decompression limits

If previous rebreather presentations have bored you or gone over your head, come to this meeting and learn about this fun and exciting alternative to open-circuit scuba.

CLASSES & CHARTERS



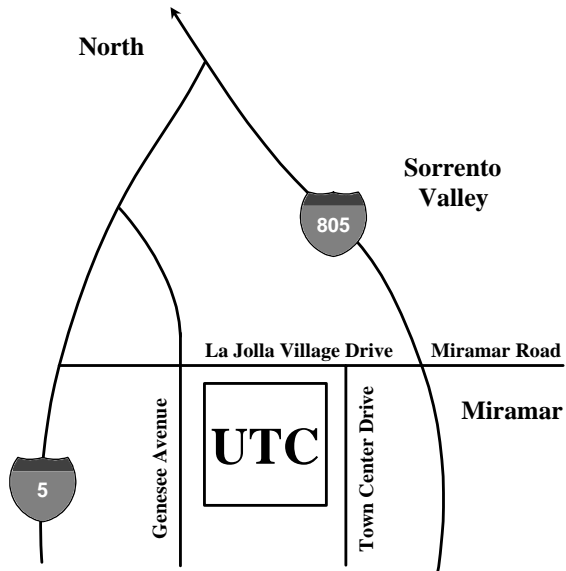
Scuba Charters December 2002

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
01-Dec	Sun	Encore	\$ 90	11/30,10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	Food & Air Fills
01-Dec	Sun	Lois Ann	\$ 65	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
01-Dec	Sun	Spectre	\$ 70	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
07-Dec	Sat	Encore	\$ 90	12/6,10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	Food & Air Fills
07-Dec	Sat	Great Escape	\$ 88	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-Dec	Sat	Horizon	\$ 95	12/6,8 pm	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	Food & Beverages
07-Dec	Sat	Pacific Star	\$ 88	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-Dec	Sat	Spectre	\$ 70	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
08-Dec	Sun	CeeRay	\$ 85	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
08-Dec	Sun	Island Time	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
14-Dec	Sat	Encore	\$ 70	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
14-Dec	Sat	Great Escape	\$108	12/13,10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
14-Dec	Sat	Pacific Star	\$ 88	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-Dec	Sun	Blue Escape	\$ 65	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
15-Dec	Sun	CeeRay	\$ 85	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-Dec	Sun	Great Escape	\$ 88	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-Dec	Sun	Spectre	\$ 70	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills

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



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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