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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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December 2004

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Feliz SCUBA Años!

It's hard to believe that 2004 is almost over. I hope it's been a good one for you and you've had many exciting dives.

I hope you enjoyed your share of Thanksgiving turkey and cherished the time with your family and friends. I spent my Thanksgiving with my family down in San Felipe at our vacation home on the beach.

One of the biggest club events is our Underwater Santa photo shoot and toy drive. This effort benefits everyone; homeless children at the St. Vincent De Paul Center, Sport Chalet sells lots of classes and sporting goods, the club gets some great publicity, non-divers

get to try out scuba, club members have fun and all participants get digital photos with Santa under water.

We can always use volunteers! Come on down to the Point Loma Sport Chalet on Dec. 4th and we'll put you to work with something fun! I believe there's room for an extra Santa or two so practice your Ho Ho Ho's.

We will be setting all the equipment up the night before (Friday, Dec. 3 after 6PM). Please drop by and lend us a hand. If you plan on being one of our photographers and would like to get some practice shots in, this would be the time to do it.

Last year we had a snag with the digital photo processing; hopefully we'll do better this year. We will have at least 3 computer systems and 2 digital photo printers working full time so nobody should have to wait for their pics.

To everyone that is scuba certified and plans to have their picture taken with Santa please bring your own gear. This will help out greatly as there just isn't enough store equipment to go around at peak times.

Please tell your family, friends and co-workers about this event, everyone is

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Wed., Dec 1 , 2004 7:00 pm

(see page 8 for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for December is:

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The guest speaker for the December meeting has not yet been confirmed. However, we always have somebody to entertain and educate us. Please come by and see who joins us in November.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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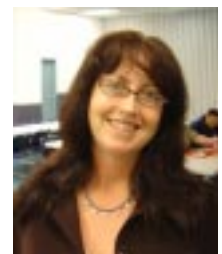
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Membership

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
- 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.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
December 2004			1 Club Meeting 7:00	2	3	4 Underwater Santa pg5
Events Calendar						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Night Dive pg 3
12	13	14	15 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	16	17	18
19 Parade of Lights pg.7	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 New Years Day

San Diego Dive Club's December Night Dive/Bug hunt @ South Mission Beach/Jetty
Saturday December 11th @ 5pm

Recommended for Advanced divers or Open Water divers with 15+ dives and at least 2 night dives.

Call the San Diego dive/surf report at 619-221-8824 the day of the event. The dive is on if you hear "**Mission Bay channel calm for navigation**". If Mission Bay Channel is NOT calm for navigation, then the dive will be cancelled. So make sure you call!

Location: South Mission Beach Jetty (South of the roller coaster)
Take Mission Blvd South, Make a right turn at the dead end into the South Mission Beach parking lot.

Contact: Hunza Kotas 619-749-8435 hm, 619-204-3415 Cell, or Hunza@cox.net

Parking: There's usually plenty of parking in the lot. But not after 10pm*

Entry: Enter on the jetty side. We'll walk to the sand cross over the rocks and enter. We'll head Westerly out toward the Ocean, around the point of the jetty and come back in on the beach side.

Features: Rocks, Sand, and some Sea Grass.

Marine Life: Spiny lobster, octopi, nudibranchs, navanax, garibaldi, sandbass, stingrays, painted greenlings, halibut, Thornback rays, sheephead, crabs, sea stars, guitar fish, rock fish, scorpion fish, sea cucumbers, sand Dollars, etc,....

Where are the bugs? You can find the bugs along the bottom of the rock wall that forms the jetty. They can also be found in and on the rocks. The dive is shallow (10-25ft) so you'll get lots of bottom time. The area is usually calm. You may feel a tidal pull or push depending on the tide shift. Stick close to the rocks and the effects will be lessened.



Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Scuba Charters December 2004

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
04-Dec	Encore	Santa Barbara	\$ 119	12/3,10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Dec	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Dec	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
04-Dec	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
05-Dec	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Dec	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
11-Dec	Encore	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
11-Dec	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 119	12/10,10p	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
11-Dec	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 125	12/10,9 pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
11-Dec	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
11-Dec	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
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Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.

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 **Dec 15**. 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.

**Please Note: The meeting for
December will be held at:
Tyler's Taste of Texas
576 North 2nd St.
El Cajon 92021 (619) 444-9295**

Wednesday December 15

Santa Arrives
at Point Loma Sport Chalet swimming pool
Saturday, December 4, 2004 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM
3695 MIDWAY DR.

NO SCUBA EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

The San Diego Dive Club is hosting a submerged Santa Claus at the bottom of the Point Loma Sport Chalet pool, complete with lit tree, wrapped gifts, and a chimney. Dive in the pool and have your photo taken on Santa's lap to support St. Vincent De Paul. Participation will afford you two free digital photos taken by our diving photographers. They make unique holiday cards. We can also provide a CD-ROM of your photos for \$5.00

No previous experience necessary! We provide the equipment and professional SCUBA instructors will be there to guide you. This is a great way to try out SCUBA, who knows, maybe you'll like it and sign up for a full class.

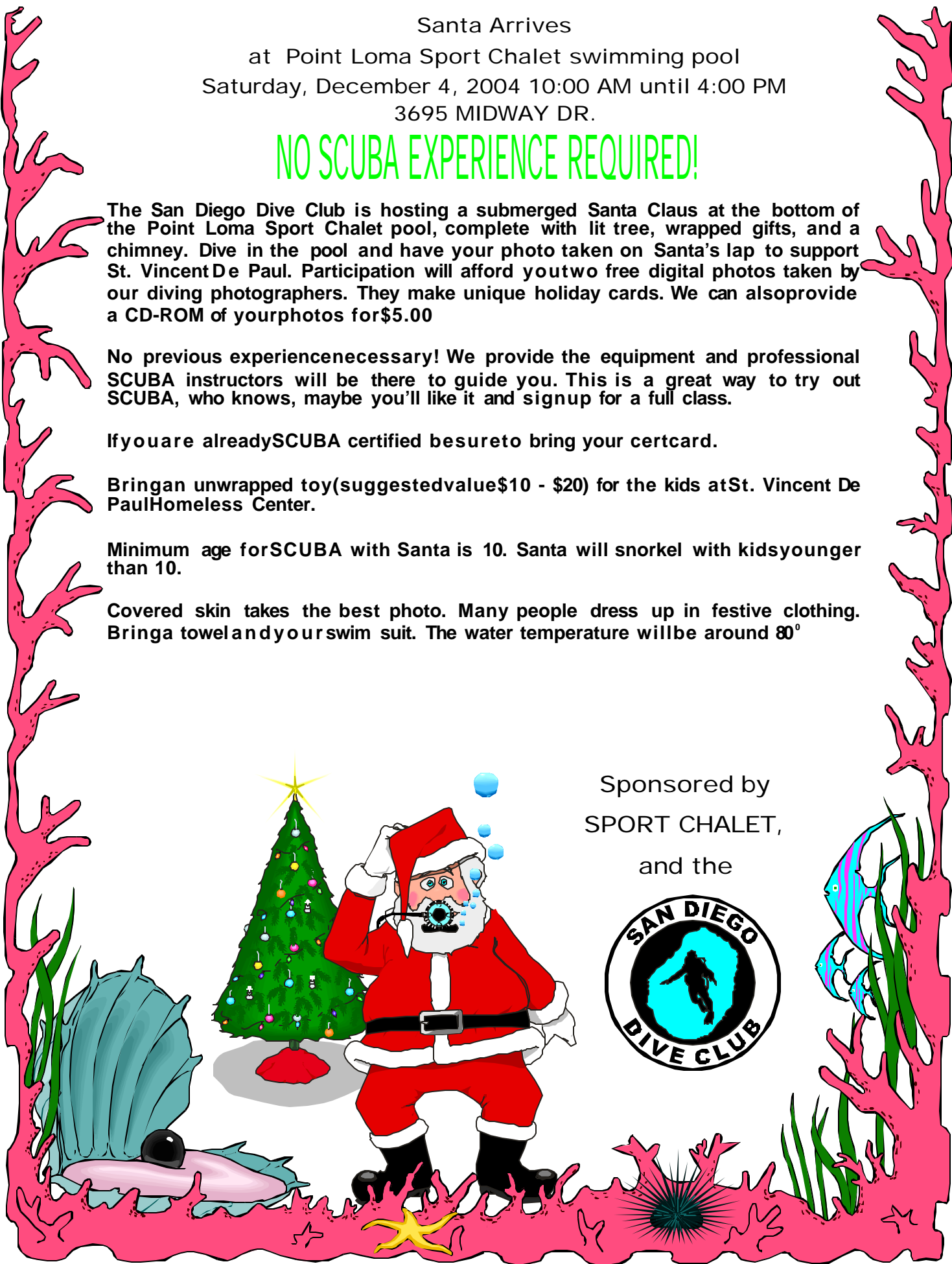
If you are already SCUBA certified be sure to bring your cert card.

Bring an unwrapped toy (suggested value \$10 - \$20) for the kids at St. Vincent De Paul Homeless Center.

Minimum age for SCUBA with Santa is 10. Santa will snorkel with kids younger than 10.

Covered skin takes the best photo. Many people dress up in festive clothing. Bring a towel and your swim suit. The water temperature will be around 80°

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welcome. The web site has more details, go to: <http://www.dive-club.org/events/Santa/index.htm> You can download and print a flyer from there; flyers can also be found at Sport Chalet dive shops in San Diego.

By the time you read this the club will have just returned from a trip to Disneyland. I will be on vacation for the week that follows in Mexico but when I return I'll try to post some photos on the web site.

It's my understanding there are still a few tickets remaining for the San Diego Parade of Lights trip on the Horizon. This will be on Sunday, Dec. 19th. Boarding time is 4:00–4:30 PM. Finger food and snacks will be served. Tickets are priced at less than our cost (\$25 each) so I don't expect them to last long.

The club needs you! You are the club! Please consider a leadership position as a club officer in 2005. I don't plan to run for President again next year. I'd like to

see some new blood and new ideas. The President's job isn't difficult; run the officer and monthly club meetings and pay for the room rental. I'll be an assistant to the President in any capacity. I'll continue to print the newsletter and maintain the web site. Actually, if someone would like to take over maintaining the web site I'd be glad to transfer this. I think the web site could use an over-haul.

Please dive in!

Steve Anderson - President

At Our Last Meeting

Raffel Prize Winners

Mike Petschek - Gear bag (roller) (Quarterly Prize!!)

- Scott Brown - 2 gear hangers; Aqua Lung T-shirt (courtesy of Tom Phillip)
- Josh Sokoloff - Scuba head lamp; Aqua Lung T-shirt (courtesy of Tom Phillip)
- Dave Pearce - Aqua Lung dive mask
- Scott Anderson - Gear Soap Kit
- Peter Eto - Rash Guard undershirt
- Shelley Burns - Costa Rica Dive Package (courtesy of Dennis Haines)
- Cody Gilstrap - Ankle Weights
- Rich Burns - Dive Mask; Aqua Lung T-shirt (courtesy of Tom Phillip)
- Michelle Russell - Disneyland Passes (courtesy of Steve Anderson)

Nick Abadilla shared his views on professional photography and some images of his recent trip to the Galapagos islands. Nick brought a lot of new visitors last meeting and I hope some of them will stick around for future meetings.

SD Dive Club at Del Mar:

Decent conditions and a great turnout- eight divers and two non-divers.

There was a bit of surf on the way out. Four of us made it out just in time, two got hit with a nice set of waves, but they managed to catch up.

The other two decided to go under the waves. In any case, a few of us had some luck and got some bugs. There were a lot of shallow reefs to explore and being a shallow dive, we had plenty of bottom time.

Time in: 05:20pm Time out: 06:25pm 65 Minutes

Temp: 64F Vis: 10-15ft Max depth 29ft Avg depth 19ft

-Hunza Kotas San Diego Dive Club- Dive Coordinator, PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor

*33rd Annual
San Diego Bay Parade of Lights
2004*

Sunday, December 19, 2004

**Boarding at 4:00 PM with departure at 5:00 PM
Parade on San Diego Bay - 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM**

Happy Holidays!

The club has chartered the Horizon out of H&M Landing for the 33rd Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. Come join your friends and participate in a great San Diego tradition. The Horizon crew is going to decorate the boat in its finest holiday decorations and you're invited to come along and join in the festivities. You not only get to watch the parade from a prime front row seat, but you also get to be in it.

This year's theme is "Aloha Holiday". Get together with family and friends and dress up in your favorite Hawaiian print. Come along and participate in what has become a traditional Holiday present to San Diego from the boating community. Ticket price is \$25 per person. There will be plenty of munchies to keep your tummy warm and happy along with an appropriate holiday concoction. There will also be a no host bar available for beer and wine. To sign up come to the club meeting or contact Rich or Shelley Burns at 619-303-6589 or 619-697-6589 or by e-mail sddiver@cox.net

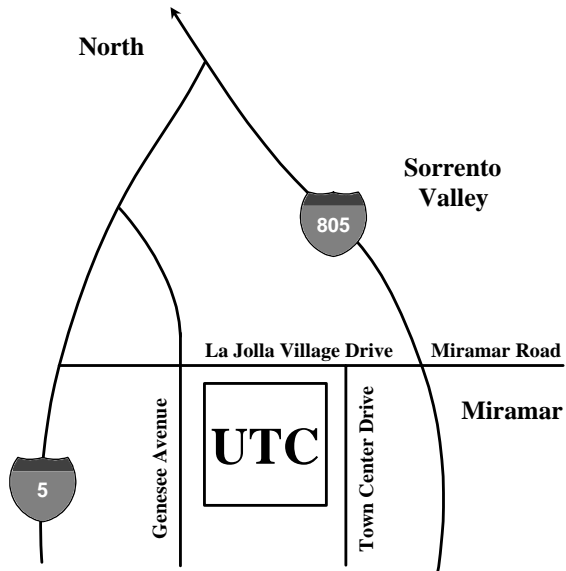
For more information about the 33rd Annual Parade check out: [San Diego Parade of Lights](http://www.sdparadeoflights.org/index.html) located at <http://www.sdparadeoflights.org/index.html>

Boat is available for boarding at 4 PM, with estimated departure of 5 PM. Do not be late; once we pull away from the dock you have "missed the boat". Located conveniently in beautiful San Diego Bay ten minutes from San Diego Lindbergh International Airport.

Adjacent parking is available. The first 1/2 hour is free and then it's \$1.00 per hour up to a maximum of \$5.00 for 24 hours.

A map can be found at: <http://www.horizoncharters.com/horizonmap4.gif>

The dive boats HORIZON and OCEAN ODYSSEY are located at H&M Landing
2803 Emerson St., San Diego, California 92106
(619) 222 - 1144



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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