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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

December 2009

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The President's Slate

Its December already! It's the end of another year. This one has been "interesting" for everyone ... we all know people who have endured problems, tribulations and trials. We have all had some great times, laughs and seen some interesting things underwater and above. Did you know that this club of yours is a non-profit, public benefit corporation? As such we try to plan some activities to give back to the community. This last year we sponsored the Three R's and coming up is our yearly Scuba Santa Event!!!! This is a fun day with divers and non-divers alike taking the opportunity to get their photos taken with Santa Claus underwater. We collect toys for Saint Vincent de Paul and Father Joe. This is a tradition that continues into 2009! This event can only be successful with YOU. This is the time to come by ... get YOUR photo taken with Santa AND spend a few hours helping us make this a fantastic event! Last year we had over 120 people come through. Of those there were about 90 NON-Divers! What a great way to give back to the community!

After having all this fun with everyone... remember that we all get together for our "Holiday Party" on the Star of India to watch the Parade of lights on December 20th! This event is our last of the year and what a Holiday Party to watch creatively decorated boats parade around San Diego Bay as viewed by a turn of the century sailboat! A uniquely San Diego Dive Club event!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza and Just plain – Happy Holidays!!!

It's now time to go blow bubbles!

Michael J. King

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

****San Diego Dive Club sponsored events****

- Dec 5** Underwater Santa-at Pt Loma Sport Chalet
- Dec 5-12 Turk and Caicos charter trip, Sport Chalet/PADI Travel
- Dec. 12** SDDC Dive, South Casa, 8am, David Pierce, Scott Anderson & Hunza Kota coordinating
- Dec 20** Parade of Lights-Star of India, Scott Brown coordinating
- Jan. 9** SDDC Dive, Underwater Confidence Course, Rich Burns coordinating
- Feb. 13** SDDC Dive, site/coordinator tbd
- Mar. 13** SDDC Dive, site/coordinator tbd
- April 3** Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt at LJ Shores

December Meeting
Guest Speaker Bert Kobayashi

Thursday, Dec. 3, 7pm at Giovanni's

"The California Gray Whale"

Bert Kobayashi will discuss the gray whale and its migrations south past our shoreline, starting in mid to late December and lasting through mid February. The presentation will include some shots of the gray whale, taken by the American/San Diego Cetacean Society. Please join us!

**Santa Arrives at the Point
Loma Sport Chalet
swimming pool
Saturday, December 5,
10:00 AM until 6:00 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. You can download your photos on the following day from:

www.SanDiegoDiveClub.com

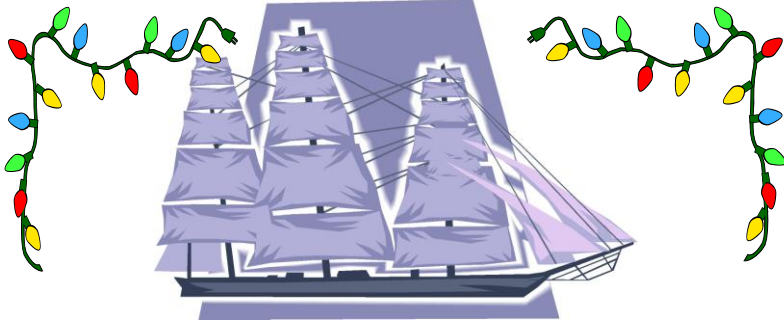
No previous experience necessary! We provide the equipment and professional SCUBA instructors will be there to guide you. This is a great way to try out SCUBA, who knows, maybe you'll like it and sign up for a full class.

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°

Parade of Lights Party on the Poop



On board the Goode Shippe
"Euterpe"
Star of India

With the San Diego Dive Club Parade of Lights
December 20, 2009
Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The San Diego Dive club invites you all to "Pot Luck On The Poop" for a stellar viewing of the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights.

Please bring enough to share for 8 people in a crock pot. We will have access to electrical outlets.

No alcohol is allowed on board the shippe; so drink and be merry **BEFORE** boarding. Bring warm clothes and a hot date!

See ye there!!!!

Call or email for tickets:

Scott & Laura Brown

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San Diego Dive Club – Nov. Meeting

Mike Bartick

"Michael brought us stunning photographs of known and unknown species of nudibranchs. The study has been going on every year and this year there were over 50 new species found! It was a beautiful presentation of such small, colorful critters.

Raffle Prize Winners

Mike Petschek	Backpack
Terry Thomas	Dive Jacket
Merrienne Dean	SC Changing Mat
Merrienne Dean	Calendar
Dave McNair	Hitch Cover
Eliana Newall-	Slap Strap
Peggy Petschek	Octo Holder

Underwater Confidence Course & Treasure Hunt

When: Saturday, January 9, 2010, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Where: Nice Warm Pool @ Point Loma Sport Chalet

Has it been a while since you've put on the wetsuit and logged some hours under the water, or do you feel that your skills may be a little bit rusty? Maybe you might want to try out that new piece of gear you got for Christmas a couple of weeks ago before you take it out to the ocean or on vacation. Well, we have the perfect opportunity for you. Your club Dive Masters are going to set up an underwater confidence course at the Sport Chalet pool in Point Loma. Divers who have tried this course in the past have really enjoyed this activity. You will have an opportunity to run through a course which will require you to call on some of your dive skills while negotiating various obstacles. If you have not tried this, you will find that it builds up your confidence and tests some of those basic open water skills we now you all practice on a regular basis. What better to do all this than through the controlled atmosphere of this course in a nice warm training pool. You can't beat the cost for this course; it's free. As part of the course you will also get a chance to win a couple of extra raffle tickets for the next monthly club raffle, how you say, by showing us your treasure hunting and salvage skills and by being very lucky. Hope to see you all there. **Note: One of the ideas of the course is for you to be familiar, and comfortable with your gear, so only aluminum SCUBA tanks and air will be provided for this event, please bring your own SCUBA gear for use during the course.**



SDDC members get 10% off most charters & full price scuba gear and free airfills at Sport Chalet. Please see our website for full membership details, or contact a board member at our meetings.

Photo of the Month Contest

This is a friendly contest, featuring framed underwater photos set out at the club meeting. Anyone in attendance can vote; the winning photographer receives 5 raffle tickets and fame, and the appreciation of SDDC. The rules for this contest, enforced by the honor system include:

- 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, and featured here.

November Photo- Randy Thomas-Mantis Shrimp Up wall from Secret Garden LJ Shores



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 evening's batch and from the previous two months.

**ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE
ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE QUARTERLY PRIZE!!!**

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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 and publish them, as space allows. Please Submit electronically to, jburtonus@yahoo.com, by the 15th of the previous month. Submissions are subject to editing.

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