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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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The President's Slate

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We find ourselves almost at the end of another diving year which from the club's perspective was wonderful. Meeting speakers took us all over the world including hundreds of feet underground. We fed loads of folks at the Easter pancake breakfast and Summer carne BBQ and went on to entertain them with the movie on the beach. The Horizon 3-day trip provided several great pictures and of course those crazy red dress divers struck again. Two Harbor's Halloween haunted house gave all of us a thrill in more ways than one and I can only imagine how quiet the place was after we left.

The club has a few more items before the year's end including the Party on the Poop, Disneyland, and our signature event, underwater Santa. Last year's underwater Santa set an attendance record and according to Steve Anderson, this will be our 19th year hosting the event. Despite the challenges, each year's underwater Santa manages to improve due to the efforts of all those involved. Personally, I get quite a charge every year when I take all the toys to Father Joe.

Disneyland needs no explanation, but if you must ask questions, direct them to Steve Anderson for everything you always wanted to know.

We've sold 52 of the 60 tickets available for the Party on the Poop and I'll just say this. There'll be an extra hand made present for everyone on board.

See you there,

Scott Brown, President

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.

December Meeting

Thursday, December 2nd, 7pm at Giovanni's

Guest Speaker

Eddie Kisfaludy

Thursday night's presentation will include dramatic aerial video describing the natural history of Guadalupe Island and an overview of collecting and tagging live Dorado and Yellowfin Tuna for display and research in public aquariums. Several other oceanic animals and environments will be featured.

For the past decade, Eddie Kisfaludy was the Biological Specimen Collector, Experimental Aquarium Manager, airplane pilot, and Curator of Field Operations for the Marine Biology Research Division at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Now he owns Oceans Aloft LLC, a private consulting company specializing in the support of unique oceanographic, cinematographic, and aviation related projects.

*Barbara Lloyd
Merrienne Dean
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Long Range Calendar

Dec. 2	Monthly Meeting – Giovanni's 7pm
Dec 4	Club Dive will be the Scuba Santa event Sport Chalet, Sports Arena
Dec 11	Disneyland
Dec 19	Parade of Lights
Jan	Underwater Confidence Course -TBD
Feb 17-27	2011, Key Largo or Carribean, stay tuned

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.

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. Competitors consider placing their photos on a CD to provide to the Newsletter Editor if they win, so the photo may be featured in the newsletter; or send to SDDCNewsletter@gmail.com.

November Photo Winner

Scott Brown

Christmas Tree Worm, Bird Rock – Two Harbors, Catalina

Last Month's Meeting Highlights

~ November ~

Hunza Kotas

Club Member

Hunza spoke to us about Lobster Hunting and tricks, techniques, and legalities to ensure a sustainable fishery.

San Diego Council of Divers Update

November Council of Divers Meeting was changed at the last moment to the Brick House Pizza due to scheduling challenges at the La Jolla Brew house. November's meeting was an update of the activities for the past year.

The 3R's program was very successful and thank you's went out to all of the volunteers.

ACCESS TO CHILDREN'S POOL:

The La Jolla Community Planning Assoc. appealed the City's measure to cordon off Children's Pool indefinitely. There will be a public hearing before the Planning Commission on Dec 9th at 9:00 am in the City Council chambers, 202 C Street, 12th floor. If you feel strongly about joint use of Children's Pool, please plan to attend. The floor is open for free speech up to 3 minutes per person.

The city of San Diego has decided to restrict the number of First Amendment seller tables at La Jolla's Children's Pool, by holding a monthly lottery for applicants effective Dec.1st. An initial lottery was held Nov. 2nd for the first two permits, which were both awarded to pro-beach access groups, the San Diego Council of Divers and The Children's Pool Friends. Pro-seal groups did not apply for, and were not granted, permits to have tables at the popular seal-viewing and water-recreation site. The president of La Jolla Friends of the Seals, said her nonprofit group is largely unaffected by the new regulation, stating they don't have a table down there, and the only money that passes hands is donations for their educational program, but they do have signs.

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November Raffle Prize Winners

Mark Burrows	Trident Foldaway Backpack
Scott Brown	Trident Lobster Bag
Scott Brown	JBL Mini-Spear Gun (Given to Merrienne Dean)
Scott Brown	Trident Underwater Super Slate
Kevin Lass	I-Dive Trident Beanie
Merrienne Dean	Cetacea Basic Reef Protector Kit
Mike Petschek	Akona Safety Tube
Mike Petschek	Black Pelican Micro Case

CLUB DIVES

December's club dive will be the Scuba Santa event at the Sport Chalet, Sports Arena. Saturday, December 4th between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A donation of an unwrapped toy to the St. Vincent de Paul charity is all it takes to get your picture taken with Santa underwater in front of a Christmas tree and fireplace.

*Peter Lauterbach
Dive Coordinator*

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Bryan Pease, spokesman for the Animal Protection and Rescue League, which has regularly hosted a table at Children's Pool, said he was unaware of the new city regulation restricting the number of First Amendment sellers there. Pease questioned the legality of the restriction, citing a recent federal court ruling issuing a preliminary injunction against Venice Beach regulations implementing a lottery system for First Amendment sellers.

COLLABORATION WITH SEAL PROTECTION:

The San Diego Council of Divers has worked on behalf of the divers and swimmers to guarantee beach access, not to remove the seals. One of the great benefits of having seals there is the ability to swim and dive with them. Please check out their Website to view the seal videos.
<http://www.sddivers.com/Seal%20Videos.html>

CHILDREN'S POOL DOCENT PROGRAM:

The Park Ranger program is to be augmented with unpaid City employee volunteer docents at Children's Pool. These City volunteers must adhere to the City policy of joint use with seal protection, advising the public of the open status of the beach and of responsible beach sharing with protected seals. Requirement would be a minimum of 2 each 4 hours shifts a month.

Check out cpivolunteers@yahoo.com to learn more or call 858 717-2794 to apply.

December Meeting:

After many years of meeting at the La Jolla Brew House, the council is hitting scheduling challenges and will need to find a new meeting place. Please check their website for the location of the December meeting (www.sddivers.com).

December meetings are usually a social event rather than business, a time to let everyone know what they have accomplished during the year.

Stay tuned for the new 2011 3R's schedule at the Council of Divers website: www.sddivers.com.

*Barbie Lass
Kevin Lass
Community Representative*

SANTA ARRIVES
at the Point Loma Sport Chalet swimming pool
Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 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.

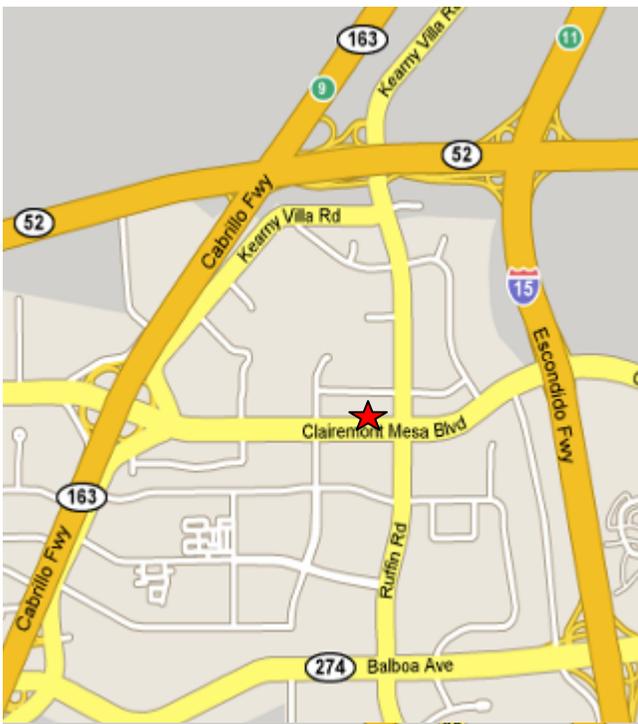
If you are already SCUBA certified, be sure to bring your cert card.

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°





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!!!

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