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Don't Forget! Scuba Santa Toy Drive December 7, 2013



Scuba Santa is scheduled to make a special underwater appearance on December 7th at Point Loma Sport Chalet from 10am – 4pm. He asks that you bring an unwrapped toy (suggested value \$10 - \$20) to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

You will be able to have your photo taken with Santa, a lit tree, wrapped gifts and a chimney!

No SCUBA experience required. Ages 10+.

Please see flyer on page 4 for more details.



Long Range Calendar

- Dec 5** Dive Club Meeting – Speaker TBD
- Dec 7** Underwater Scuba Santa Toy Drive
- Jan 2** Dive Club Meeting – Speaker TBD
- Jun 14-21** Curacao Dive Trip

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting All Are Welcome!

Do you 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 miscellaneous locations. Please contact the SDDC President for monthly location.

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.

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*
- *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.

Important Message from San Diego Council of Divers

Elections were held at the November 18th Council of Divers meeting.

Thank you to the previous board for all of their hard work and support of the San Diego dive community.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new board members:

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| President: | Volker Hoehne |
| Vice President: | Marc Henning |
| Secretary: | Tom Baker |
| Treasurer: | OPEN |
| Board member: | Maxine Baker |
| Returning board members: | |

David Pearce and Cary Humphries

There are still openings on the board and all volunteers are welcome.

The next council meeting will be January 14th, location is TBD.

Come support the new board and see what's going on in your dive community.

High Tech High Students Conducting Ocean Pollution Survey



Students from High Tech High have partnered with San Diego Coastkeeper to study and test for toxins in the ocean. Several students will be attending the San Diego Dive Club meeting on December 5th to conduct a survey about ocean pollution.

The High Tech High students are interested in learning about how much knowledge San Diegans have of pollutants and contaminants in local waters. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes.

It's great to see young people interested in our ocean environment! We look forward to the results of their findings.

For more information, please visit:

http://hthbio.blogspot.com/2013_11_01_archive.html

CA Spiny
Lobster
Season:
9/28/13 to
3/19/14

DIVE TRIP!

Curaçao June 14-21 2014



Spectacular reefs, walls, wrecks, calm conditions, good visibility, macro life and unlimited shore diving. Surrounded by a fringing reef with dozens of dive sites roadside and easy boat diving. Excursions to the historic sites of the island round out your experience.

Whether a beginner or experienced diver, just enjoying the reef view or focused on the viewfinder, Curaçao offers something for everyone. Excellent snorkeling opportunities for non-diving friends.

The Package: \$1054 per person/double occupancy at Lions Dive
7 Nights accommodations, 6 days of 2 tank diving, unlimited shore diving with tanks, weights and weight belt, airport transfers, hotel tax and service charges. (Airfare not included)

Deposit #1: \$200, due immediately

Deposit #2: \$200, due 2/14/14

Final Payment: \$654 due 4/14/14

Can cancel up to 4/14/14 with no penalty

Airfare not included, estimated at \$810. Available through PADI Travel

Meal Plans available if desired

Confirm with Trip Leader: Kathy Bouic
619-318-1716, kbouic@earthlink.net

To pay Contact Cammie Akins at PADI Travel:
Toll-Free: +1 800-736-7021, Cameron.Akins@padi.com



Shore Diving Courtesy Reminders

Have you ever noticed how when a group of divers get together for a dive, it's almost like one big happy family reunion?

Even though you may have seen your diving cohorts just yesterday, we're always very enthusiastic to greet each other and eager to prep our gear for our underwater explorations. Sometimes in our enthusiasm we forget that we're in a residential neighborhood and that perhaps the residents aren't as enthusiastic about our early morning or late night dives as we are. Especially because diver etiquette is a sensitive topic around the Kellogg Park neighborhood, we should try our best to be courteous and to gently remind our fellow divers of the same. The list below, taken in part from the Council of Divers meeting in December 2012, can help assist with keeping good public relations and should be used *whenever* you are diving in someone else's neighborhood.

- Don't purge regulators.
- Use low tone of voice, especially during early and late hours.
- Try not to use plastic tarps and/or take up a larger area than needed.
- Do not block sidewalks with gear.
- Lay tanks horizontally on the ground.
- Do not store or leave unattended tanks on benches, tables and walls. Items/gear/tanks left on the wall beside the children's swing area are a hazard to children!
- Obey traffic laws, don't stop or block the streets.
- Respect private property.
- Keep radio volume to a low level.
- Pick up your trash, including small plastic items such as o-rings and zip-ties.
- Don't leave food out in the open for the seagulls. Properly store food in a bag or other closed container.
- Smile when you exit the water. Looking like the monster from the Black Lagoon doesn't win PR points.
- Kindly remind fellow divers and visitors to do their part in keeping the area quiet, safe and clean.

Santa Arrives
at Point Loma Sport Chalet swimming pool
Saturday, December 7th, 2013 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 downloadable digital photos taken by our diving photographers. They make unique holiday cards.

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.

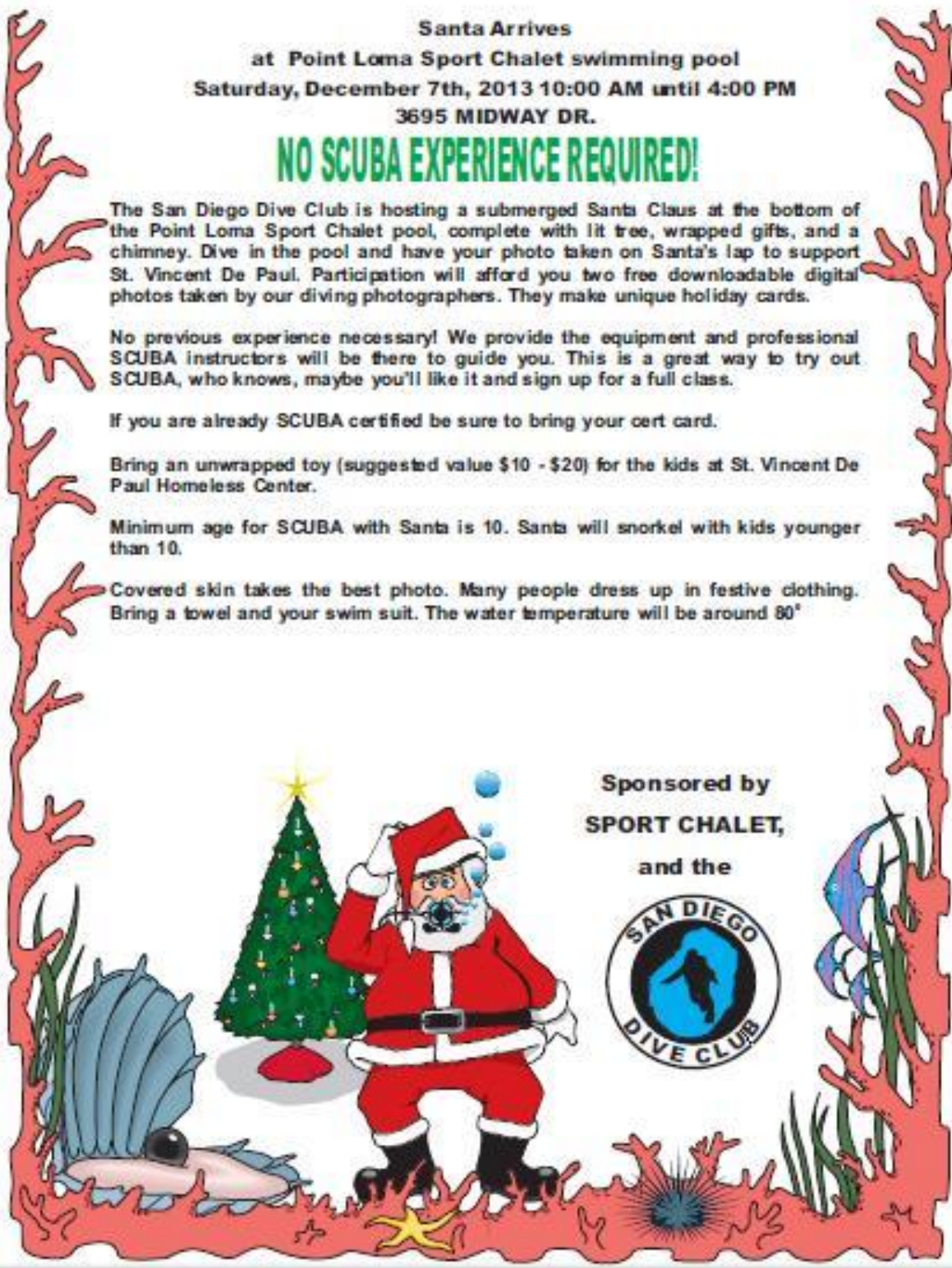
If you are already SCUBA certified be sure to bring your cert card.

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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and the



DIVE CLUB MEETINGS

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 Rd.

Monthly raffle drawings!

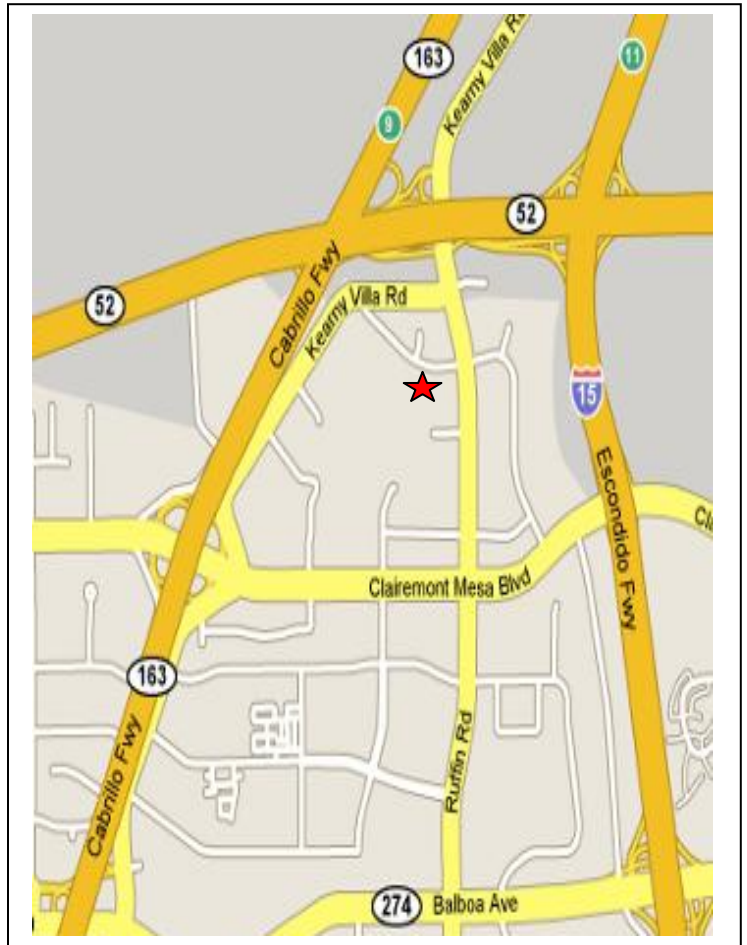
January, April, July and October are the club's quarterly meetings and we will have a grand raffle prize. The winning ticket is drawn from that evening's batch and from the previous two months.

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



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 publication to:
editor@sandiegodiveclub.com.



San Diego Dive Club AWESOME BENEFITS!!!

- 10% discount on non-sale dive gear and rentals, education classes, and boat charters at Sport Chalet.
- 10 free air fills and 10% discount on additional air at Sport Chalet.
- Quarterly buddy lists & newsletter.
- Meet new friends and dive buddies at monthly meetings and dives.
- Group travel to exotic diving locations.
- Ocean, lake, and beach cleanup events.
- Special member only events.
- Fantastic monthly and quarterly raffle prizes.