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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
www.dive-club.org



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Participate in your Club!

Yep, it's that dreaded time of year again. That time when many of you choose not to come to a meeting out of the fear of getting involved. This is something I have never understood. I've been involved with the club since before it began and consequently I have a deep sense of pride and commitment in the club's well being. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a club officer in one form or another over the past 16 years and plan to continue as long as the club exists. Yes, I do plan to run for Club President again this year and hope to have some enthusiastic members become officers as well.

I don't think any existing officer would tell you that the job is difficult or unrewarding. We meet once a month for about an hour or so, eat dinner, review club issues and do some brainstorming.

Lately we've had a few motivated club members join our officer meetings and volunteer some of their time and some great ideas. It's my hope we will fill all the open positions.

Jeff Feldbaum is our Entertainment Coordinator and has filled this position for almost as long as I can remember. Jeff has indicated he can no longer perform this task. This club's success and popularity owes much to Jeff for the outstanding guest speakers he has provided over the years and I am terrified we will not find his replacement.

There are a few officer positions that the club can not survive without. A few positions are required by law to retain our status as a non-profit corporation.

It is important to know that each club officer is responsible to make sure the job gets done but is not required to do the work themselves. Officers act as coordinators. Everyone is a volunteer and we hope each officer participates because they want to.

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

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Wed., Feb. 4, 2004 7:00 pm

(see page 8 for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for Feb

Mark Yturralde

Diving the Bikini Atolls

— Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator

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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% discount on 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:

US Mail:

San Diego Dive Club
P.O. Box 81678
San Diego, CA 92138-1678

Phone: (619)225-9051

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*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
8	9	10	11 Scripps Lecture (see pg 7)	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	19	20	21
22 Scripp's Canyon Dive	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Scripps Canyon Dive
 Sunday, February 22nd, 8:00 AM
 Experience Level: **Advanced**
 Hosted by: Graham Hufford

The club will be getting together to dive Scripps Canyon . This site is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful sites in San Diego, however, it does have its draw backs.

Scripps Canyon is not a beginners dive. You must have a minimum of 40 logged dives in order to participate. Unlike other deep diving experiences around San Diego, like the Yukon where the bottom is at about 100 feet, or deep diving at LJS where you likely descend down the slope, Scripps Canyon is a wall dive with no reasonable bottom (the bottom is well in excess of sport diving limits)

This dive is a deep dive, with an average depth in the 100+ foot range. Because there is no bottom you must have excellent buoyancy control. If your buoyancy isn't dialed in, there is nothing to stop your descent except your buddy, and no one should be depending upon their buddy to limit their depth. Likewise, you need to have excellent buoyancy control because even from the shallowest part of the canyon lip, ~80 feet, you do not want to make a quick ascent to the surface.

If I haven't scared you off, we will meet in the area of the multilevel, white life guard tower at Kellogg Park at La Jolla Shores at 8:00 am. We will car pool over to the Scripps Canyon area, no later than 8:10, buddy up, conduct a briefing and then hit the water.

Technical details: a low tide @ 4:16 am of 0.81 feet, followed by a high @ 10:17 am of 5.77 feet. Sunrise is at 6:25 am.

Directions: Take La Jolla Parkway west off of 52 or I-5. This becomes Torrey Pines Road. Take a right on La Jolla Shores Drive and then a left on Vallecitos and follow it to the beach. We will meet in the area of the multi-level, white life guard tower.



Scuba Charters February 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
01-Feb	Blue Escape	2 Wreck, 1 night/kelp	\$ 85	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	7:30 PM N/A
01-Feb	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
01-Feb	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
01-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM N/A
01-Feb	Lois Ann	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM N/A
07-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM Personal food ok
08-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM N/A
08-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM Personal food ok
08-Feb	Lois Ann	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:30 PM N/A
14-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM N/A
14-Feb	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
15-Feb	Blue Escape	2 Wreck, 1 night/kelp	\$ 85	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	7:30 PM N/A
15-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM N/A
15-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM Personal food ok
15-Feb	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM Food & Air Fills
21-Feb	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
21-Feb	Encore	San Clemente	\$ 119	2/20, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM N/A
21-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM N/A
21-Feb	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 125	2/20, 9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM N/A
21-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM Personal food ok
22-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM N/A
22-Feb	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM Food & Air Fills
28-Feb	Encore	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM N/A
28-Feb	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
29-Feb	Blue Escape	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM N/A
29-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM N/A
29-Feb	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A

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 **Feb. 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.

Dive Club T-Shirts

The club has T-Shirts printed with the "New" dive club logo on them. These will be available at the next few dive club meetings until supplies are exhausted. We have short sleeve grey and yellow shirts for \$13-. We also have long sleeve white T-shirts available for \$15-. The shirts are available in sizes small through 3xl, so there is something for everyone.

Community Information

The San Diego Council of Divers

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS



San Diego Council of Divers

Meeting, Tues, January 20, 2004***

Robb Field in Ocean Beach

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

It will be held at Robb Field in Ocean Beach.

Directions: Go to the western end of I-8 in Ocean Beach. Take Sunset Cliffs Blvd. to West Pt. Loma Blvd. Turn right onto West Pt. Loma Blvd. and head west. At Bacon Street, turn right (north) into Robb Field. Follow the driveway around to the picnic area next to the San Diego River. There is lots of free parking.

There currently is no meeting scheduled for February.

*** This is a change from the previous date of Jan 15

More information will be posted on the Council's website - www.sddivers.com

At Our Last Meeting

At our last meeting.....

Tom Phillipp, club member #1 and Product Manager for AquaLung brought several pieces of equipment and gave us an in depth "show and tell".

The limited edition regulator was designed to be a collector's item while the BC looked like a very practical and well thought out design.

It was interesting to hear all the processes that were used to create the regulator and all the experience that went into the design of the BC.

Thanks Tom!

Membership

Please welcome the following new and renewed members:

New

Symphorosa Williams

Renewals

Joshua Sokoloff

Bryce Newall

Eliana Garcia

Vito Roti

Cody Gilstrap

Milt Beard

Scott Brown

Laura Brown

Raffel Prize Winners

Mike Petschek -

M & M shower radio

Joshua Sokoloff -

Dive mask bag

PADI divelog notebook

Inflator accessory

Bryce Newall -

Mask

Fred Hill -

Mask

Bruce Laiho -

Wiegth belt

Tony Blas -

Dry box

Scott Brown -

Dive mask bag

Quarterly Prize Winner

Hunza Kotas -

HP 80 cylinder

At our next meeting in February we will accept nominations for each of the officer positions.

President: Coordinates activities. The President presides over club and officer meetings and writes the monthly update for the newsletter. Arranges for meeting room rental as needed. Interacts with other outside agencies to represent the club.

Vice President: Takes charge of membership issues and acts as a back-up for the President.

Secretary: Takes meeting minutes at officer meetings. Takes notes on raffle winners at club meetings.

Treasurer: Spends the club's money. Works with store personnel to obtain raffle prizes. Maintains checking account and keeps checking account in balance.

Equipment Coordinator: Responsible for keeping and setting up audio/video equipment at each club meeting.

Entertainment Coordinator: Finds guest speakers to provide education and entertainment for our meetings.

Dive Coordinator: Arranges for monthly dives. Obtains Divemasters as needed to lead each dive. Not required to be a Divemaster.

Newsletter editor: Creates the monthly newsletter from input from members, officers and Sport Chalet.

Public Relations: Provides pre and post club activity information to diving magazines, radio and television. Interfaces with other public services to coordinate activities (police, fire, blood bank, etc.)

Historian: Retains all club newsletters and photographs. Takes photos of unique club events. Compiles statistics from club's operation.

Store Representative: Attends each club meeting to bring important store sales, classes and new products to the attention of club members. This position should be held by a Sport Chalet Store Employee.

I'd like to suggest a brand new position and see if anyone would be interested; Club Membership Recruiter. This position would entail finding ways to boost club membership. Creating membership materials, educating Instructors and Sport Chalet employees, etc.

Please consider becoming a club officer. If we do not find an Entertainment Coordinator we will not have guest speakers at our meetings. I suppose we could just watch Sea Hunt videos but that would get old pretty quick. If we do not find a Dive Coordinator then we really wouldn't be a dive club and we'd soon fall apart.

When the club was larger we had more than one member running for several officer positions. There was a time when people actually campaigned for President.

We welcome any kind of help you'd be willing to offer. You do not have to be an officer to lend a hand.

Think about it. Think about who might be a good candidate for an officer position. **Dive in!**

Steve Anderson

Future Happenings

Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island April 23rd – 25th

We have finalized the details for our Springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 23-25. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~12:30 pm on Friday, the 23rd, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:00pm on Sunday, the 25th. The cost of this trip is \$105* for non-divers and \$182* for divers taking part in the Saturday boat dive. Yes, unfortunately it has gone up slightly, but it is still a fantastic deal. The trip price includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, a spaghetti dinner on Friday night and a Bar-B-Q and movies on Saturday night. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cts.com or by calling 619-697-6589 or 619-303-6589. But don't wait too long this trip sells out extremely quickly.

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

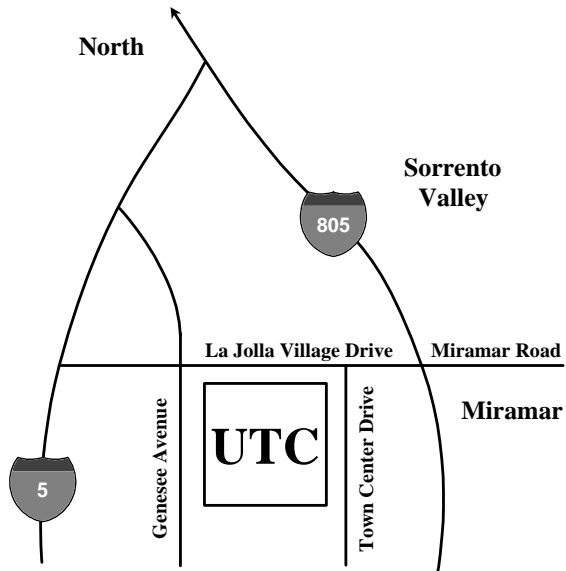
Kayakers! There has been some interest expressed in doing some Kayaking as a group as it seems a number of us have Kayaks! These may be Kayak dives or just paddle out and about! I will be working to organize a get together in January and would like to hear from you if you are interested. I would also like to get the Kayakers to bring their boats out so that other members who are interested could check it out and see what Kayak diving is all about. Please drop me a line at mrussell@ucsd.edu or call 619-889-2106 if you'd like to be included! Thanks, Michelle Russell

Wednesday February 11, 2004 @ Birch Aquarium
Perspectives Lecture: Global Sea Level: An Enigma
Dr. Walter Munk-Scripps Institute of Oceanography

The rate of sea level rise and its cause has been debated for a century. Despite years of scientific scrutiny, no definitive conclusion has been reached. Join Dr. Walter Munk as he describes why 20th Century sea level rise remains an enigma, and why scientists still grapple with whether seawater warming or continental ice melting had the greatest influence

I've had the privilege to hear Dr. Munk speak on a few occasions and have never regretted a one! He is a wonderful speaker, experienced scientist and lover of all things Oceanic. If you are interested in attending the lecture you can register directly or email me mrussell@ucsd.edu

Scripps Members Free/\$8 public call 858-534-5771 to register.



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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