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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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February 2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Would you like anchovies on that?

Our new meeting location is Giovanni's Italian Restaurant at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. This is at a little strip mall at the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Ruffin Rd.

Quickest way to get there is to take I-15 to Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Our meeting date has also changed; it's now the second Thursday of the month (Feb., 10). Meeting time is still the same (7pm) however; I'd like to suggest you arrive by 6:30 to order dinner. Future meetings will be held on the FIRST Thursday of each month, only February's will be on the second Thursday.

We've Moved!

The club web site (www.dive-club.org) has the restaurant menu and photos. The restaurant has two separate dining areas. A large dining room and a smaller sports bar. We will be in the sports bar. For those meetings where we might anticipate a larger crowd we can switch to the main dining room. The sports bar should fit about 70 people.

The room is free as long as we guarantee at least 20 meals; I don't think that will be a problem. The location is a little more ideal for our club's membership. I know this might be a little less convenient for North county members and I hope you'll stick with us.

More good news; we now have two new 4' x 4' banners. It's been several years since we changed the club name and had to trash our old banners. Now we'll once again have something we can display proudly at our events!

Speaking of events, we've got our annual U/W Easter egg hunt and pancake breakfast coming up soon. Easter is Sunday, March 27th so we'll have our Pancake breakfast on Saturday March 26th. We need volunteers as usual to help set up, buy the food, cook, organize the dive, organize the kids Easter egg hunt and tear everything down. We'll have a volunteer sign up sheet at our next meeting.

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Feb 10, 2005 7:00 pm

(see page 7 for meeting location)

NEW

The Guest Speaker for February is:

*Colleen Wisniewski
San Diego Bay keepers*

Colleen Wisniewski from San Diego Baykeepers will speak on the local efforts to monitor, replant and maintain kelp forests as part of the Regional Kelp Restoration and Monitoring Project.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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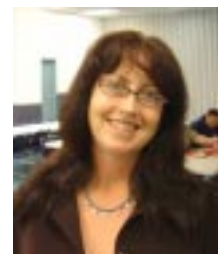
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Unofficial Greeter



Michelle Russell

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 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

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
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Club Meeting 7:00	11 Night Dive La Jolla Shores	12
13	14	15	16 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	<h3>February 2005</h3> <h4>Events Calendar</h4>				

February's Dive

Friday night, February 11th, 6:00pm at La Jolla Shores.

8200 Camino Del Oro, La Jolla, CA 92037

La Jolla shores is one of the best spots for consistently good visibility and conditions, especially in the winter. On my last night dive I saw 2 horn sharks, 2 octopi, 1 large sheep crab, a few giant California sheephead, thornback rays, stingrays, swimmer crabs, ghost shrimp, squid, halibut, sand dollars, cusk eels, and more. Don't forget to bring your lights/glow sticks. And since La Jolla Shores is part of a marine reserve, you can leave your fishing licenses and goody bags at home.

We'll meet at near the flagpole at the South end of the park at Vallecitos street. Parking is not a problem this time of year.

And don't forget the dive club meeting the night before at its new day and new location. Thursday the 10th (2nd Thursday of this month, but following meetings will be the 1st Thursday) at Giovanni's.

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant

9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd (intersection of Ruffin rd & Clairemont Mesa Blvd) (Near I-15)

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See you at the beach,

-Hunza Kotas

San Diego Dive Club- Dive Coordinator

PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor



Scuba Charters February 2005

Reservations can be made at any Sport Chalet or with the Scuba Reservation office at

800-348-3794.

Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Date	Boat	Destination	Price	Board	Depart	Return	Additional Charges
05-Feb	Encore	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 86	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
06-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
06-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 86	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
06-Feb	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A
12-Feb	Encore	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Feb	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 127	2/11, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Feb	Vision	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 120	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
13-Feb	DNDII	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 86	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
13-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
13-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 86	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
19-Feb	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
19-Feb	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 135	2/18, 9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
19-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 86	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
19-Feb	Monterey Express	Monterey Bay	\$ 86	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	5:30 PM	N/A
20-Feb	DNDII	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 86	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
20-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Feb	Encore	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Feb	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 127	2/25, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Feb	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A
26-Feb	Conception	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 125	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
27-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
27-Feb	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:30 PM	N/A

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday February 16

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 **Tyler's Taste of Texas at 576 North 2nd St. El Cajon 92021 (619) 444-9295**. The next meeting will be **Feb 16**. 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.

President's Message Cont.

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One more piece of business; officer nominations for 2005 will be accepted at our next meeting and elections will follow at our March meeting. Please consider taking an active part in making this best dang dive club on Earth and run for a position. I would like to take a year off from being president and I think there are a number of people that can do a great job in this role. I'm still going to be very involved with the club and will be at every officer and club meeting. I just think it's time for a leadership change; I don't want to see the club get into a rut.

Steve Anderson - President

Two Harbors, Catalina Island

April 29th – May 1st

Come join us for our semi annual pilgrimage to Two Harbors, Catalina Island. We have reservations for the last weekend of April. We will be making a 2 tank boat dive on the Garibaldi on Saturday morning and doing a BarBQ on Saturday night followed by movies in the Amphitheatre compliments of Uncle Steve. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~12:30 pm on Friday, the 29th, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:00pm on Sunday. The trip price will be \$110 for non-divers and \$179 for divers taking part in the 2 tank boat dive on Saturday morning. Included in the diver price are tanks and weights for unlimited shore diving, and the use of a sea kayak. The trip price for all 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, and dinner on Friday and Saturday night. In order to keep the trip prices so low each person will be assigned an item to contribute and a cooking assignment over the weekend. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cox.net 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.

At Our Last Meeting

We had our very last club meeting at the UTC shopping mall!

John Boyer was our guest speaker. John is a sales rep for DUI and Ocean Reef. John gave a lengthy and detailed presentation on why dry suits are better and why DUI is the best. John then talked a little about the Ocean Reef full face mask and U/W communication system.

Everyone seemed to appreciate the information since the questions were non-stop. The meeting went to 9:30pm.

I've wanted to buy a U/W comm. System so we'd always have it for our U/W Santa toy drive. Looks to me like the Ocean Reef system would be a great choice.

Steve Anderson

Raffle

Here are the winners from
January's raffle

Ankle Weights - *Cody Gilstrap*
Pelican Float - *Merrienne Dean*
Seagold Anti-fog; - *Mike Petschek*
Massage - Courtesy of Laura Brown
- *Mike Petschek*
Mask strap - *Dennis Fox*
Micro-fiber towel - *Laura Brown*
Sunscreen - *Kathy Bouic*
Gear Marking pen - *Hunza Kota*
Dive slate; Mesh bag - *Scott Brown*
Whistle - *Rich Arrieta*

Quarterly prize winner:

Michelle Russell
100 cuft steel HP cylinder

Membership

Please welcome these new and
renewing members...

New members

Dan McDermott
Brian Reiser
Ken Simpkins
Merrienne Dean
Lea Crabtree

Renewals

Denny Bianchi
Peter Eto
Bill Magdych
Michelle Russell
Eliana Garcia
Bryce Newall
Richard Arrieta
Graham Hufford

The following is a final draft of a letter from Dick Long of the San Diego Oceans Foundation regarding more ships to be sunk for artificial reefs (note - the attached position paper referred to is not in fact attached):

January 12, 2005

In 2000 the San Diego Oceans Foundation put the ex-HMCS Yukon down as an Artificial Reef off San Diego. It has been an overwhelming success. It also has become the model for the US Government's approach to dispose of 400 obsolete warships mandated by Congress. Basically the government will provide both the ships and the money to clean them up for this purpose.

The San Diego Oceans Foundation will hold a meeting on March 11 at 7 PM at Sumner Hall at Scripps Institution of Oceanography to explain this process, as well as release reports on the economic impact of the Yukon. We also will invite people and organizations to partner with the SDOF to form a regional effort to bring a large number of these ships to California for a variety of purposes. We believe we can be more efficient and productive by combining resources and efforts in a focused manner.

We ask your assistance by identifying potentially interested parties and inviting them to this presentation. Our goal will be to form a group within the SDOF that will work with federal, state and local governments as well as with civic groups to place these ships where they will do the most good for the ocean and for the citizens of California. Please open the attached position paper. This is the approach we are starting with. The final approach will be developed with the partners that will become part of this project. We welcome your input as to how best to accomplish this very important project.

We are not inviting the press or government entities until after we can form the core organization and be able to present a well thought out plan or approach.

Each attendee will receive a free DVD that has the information on it from the attached index.

This is to request that you supply the SDOF with your contact list so that we may issue an invitation to the meeting or we can forward the invitation to you to distribute. The invitation will be forwarded after hearing back from you.

You can learn more about the SDOF and Ships to Reefs by visiting our web sites at www.sdoceans.org and www.ships2reefs.com

For more information or to contact me with your input please call me at 619-742-1979 or Email: sdof_cs2r@yahoo.com. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

The San Diego Oceans Foundation is a 20-year old 501c3 not for profit corporation dedicated to promoting the stewardship for the ocean.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dick Long

Ships to Reefs chairman

Attach: Position Paper, Yukon DVD Index

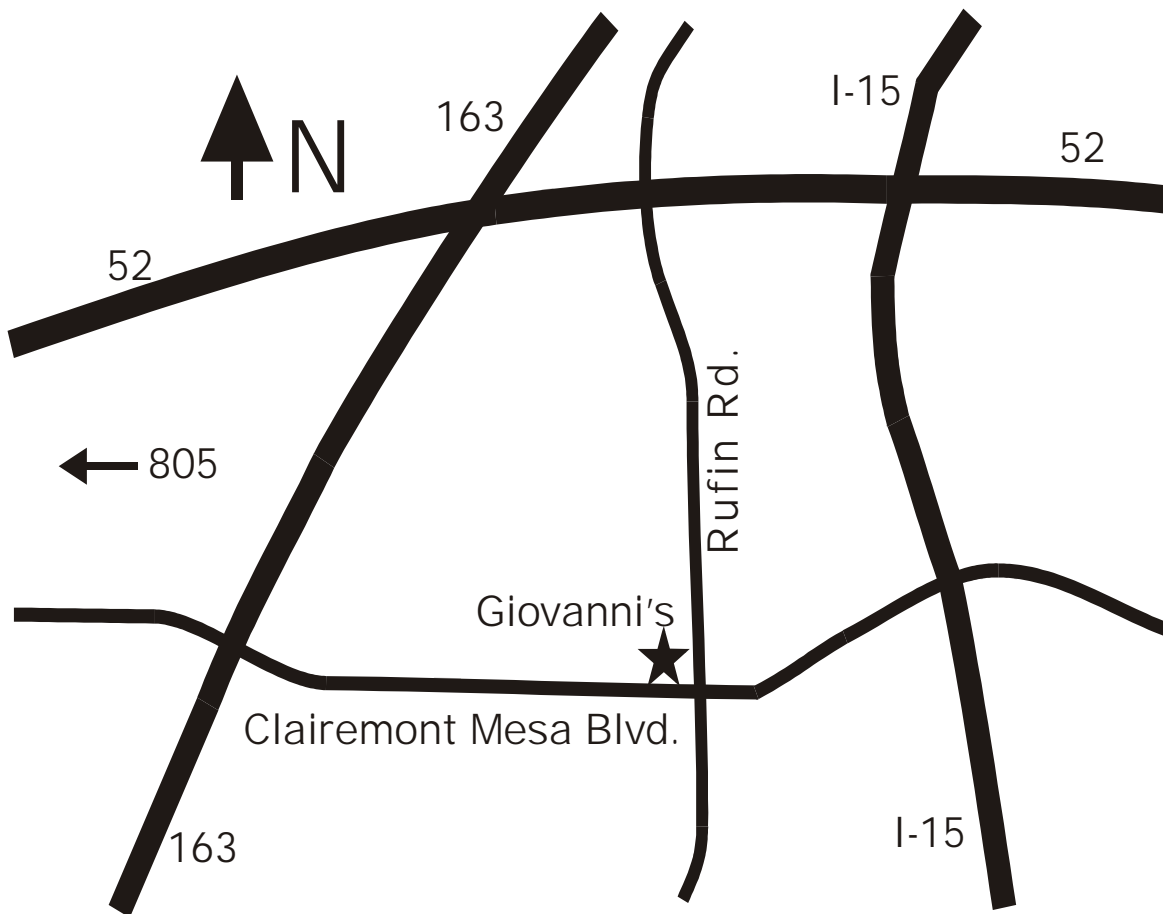
We Have Moved

After meeting the first Wednesday of each month at UTC for approximately 13 years it is time to move on. The rooms that we had been using are no longer available for use. The new venue for our meeting is:

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant 9340 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

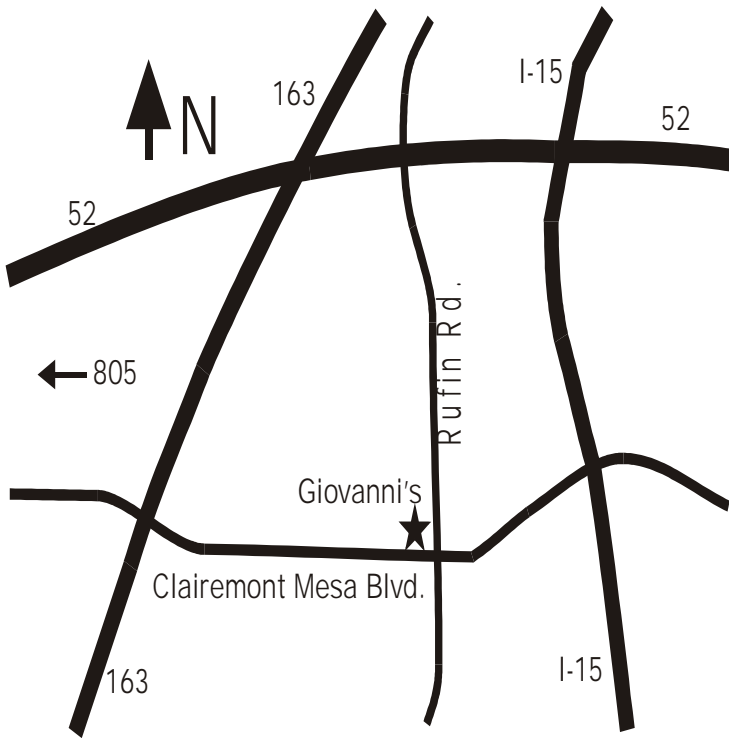
This is at a little strip mall at the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Ruffin Rd.

From 163 go East on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Make a U-turn at Ruffin Rd. and Giovanni's will be on your right.
From I-15 go West on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Pass Ruffin Rd., and Giovanni's will be on the right just past the intersection.



Please note that we are no longer meeting the first Wednesday of each month, but have moved the meeting day to the **First Thursday of each month.**

(Note: the meeting for February only will be the SECOND Thursday, not the first. We will attempt to make hold all future meetings on the FIRST Thursday)



DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

**Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9340 Clairemont Mesa Blvd**

**From 163 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. East
From 15 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. West**

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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