

the **PRIMARY REGULATOR**

San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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February 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks for the Memories...

It's been an outstanding year packed full of great events and fond memories.: Bonaire, Catalina, Santa Barbara, and San Clemente Islands, Underwater Easter Egg Hunt, Dive-A-Thon, pancake breakfasts, 3R's, Bar-B-Q's, Movies on the Beach, SCUBA Santa, Disney Land, Parade of Lights, and lots, and lots of diving. Thanks to all who have made all these events possible, and extremely successful!

We took nominations for officer's positions at the January meeting. We will open the floor for additional nominations at the February meeting and then hold elections, so you still have a chance to volunteer for a position for the 2006 season. If you have never been an officer before, please think about getting more involved, it is truly a rewarding experience.

Along with a change of leadership, that also means it is time to plan the years calendar of events. So if there is something different you want to do this year, or something we did last year that you thought was exceptional, please let us know so we can pass that information along, and get it into the schedule. As for me I am not going away, just taking a slightly less active roll in the new year, either way...

I'll see you in the water,

Rich Burns - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Feb. 2 , 2006 7:00 pm
(see back page for meeting location)
The Guest Speaker for February is:
???? & Officer Elections

At press time a guest speaker for February had not been confirmed. Officer Elections will be held at the February meeting. Plus, Dave McNair will have more information on the Fiji Trip.

— *Bruce Laiho, 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 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 nights 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.sandiegodiveclub.com

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:

USMail:

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 Club Meeting 7:00	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Underwater Confidence Course
26	27	28	February 2006			
Events Calendar						

Underwater Confidence Course

Saturday, February 25th, 2006, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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 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 and keep asking when we will do it again. You will be 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 in getting out of tough situations when diving. What better way to test your skills and build your confidence in those skills than through the controlled atmosphere of this course. You can't beat the cost for this course; it's free. After you have built up your confidence in your skills by going through the obstacle course with your eyes open,... you may want to give it a try blindfolded, but that's optional of course. Hope to see you all there.



Scuba Charters February 2006

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
04-Feb	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Feb	Encore	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
04-Feb	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
05-Feb	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Feb	Encore	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Feb	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$147	2/4,10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
11-Feb	Encore	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
11-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
12-Feb	Spectre	S. Cruz/Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
18-Feb	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
18-Feb	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
19-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
19-Feb	Lois Ann	Coronados - 3 Tank	\$105	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
19-Feb	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
19-Feb	Spectre	S. Cruz/Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
25-Feb	Encore	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
25-Feb	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
26-Feb	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Feb	Lois Ann	Coronados - 3 Tank	\$105	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
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Trip dates, boats, destinations and prices are subject to change without notice.

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday February 15

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 February (**Feb 18**), at :

[Marie Calendar's Restaurant 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.

**Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island
April 7th – 9th, 2006**

We have finalized details for our springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 7th through the 9th. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~10:00 am on Friday, the 7th, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:30pm on Sunday, the 9th. The cost of the trip is \$110* for non-divers and \$182* for divers taking part in the Saturday boat dive. 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, and a pasta dinner on Friday night and a Carne and Pollo Asada 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@cox.net or by calling 619-697-6589. This trip is currently 2/3rds full so don't wait too long.. All payments are due by the March dive club meeting. *cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.

Photo of the month contest

The club officers have come up with a friendly contest we all can enjoy. Here's how it works: Take an underwater picture, frame it for easy display and set it up at the meeting with all the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five raffle tickets. The intent here is to involve as many people as possible in fun and entertainment.

Even a friendly contest has rules (not guidelines) and we'll all be operating under the honor system. Underwater pictures only, taken during the time since the last meeting. One picture per person per month. Digital or film. Display your picture as you shot it with your camera and lighting settings. Cropping is OK but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using Photoshop before printing. One vote per person and you must be present at the meeting to vote. Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the following month's meeting as the previous month's winner.

We have several excellent photographers within our membership and as this contest continues, I hope to see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

Scott Brown

Open Carousel and Dive Club Officer Nominations:

Last month we showcased the talent of some of our club members. Barbara Lloyd presented a video that she took during the SCUBA Santa event in December. Mike King and Scott Brown presented a DVD and pictures of the 3 day trip the club did on the Horizon in August of 2005, pirates, reds dresses and all. Dave McNair and Hunza showed a video that they were lucky enough to capture of them snorkeling off the coast of North County with a group of Pacific spotted dolphins. Thanks to all who contributed to open carousel night. We also had nominations for the dive club officers for the 2006 season. All of those are listed in the newsletter.

Membership Please welcome these new and renewing members...		
New members		Renewals
No New Members		Denny Bianchi Bryce Newall Eliana Garcia James Hoffmark

Raffle

Here are the winners from January's raffle

- Steve Anderson - Dolphin ice cube trays
- Mike Petschek - Ankle weights, Divebums 2006 calendar
- Mark Burrows - Diving first aid kit, Divebums 2006 calendar
- Scott Anderson - Tank Holders
- James Hoffmark - Wenoka Dive knife
- Merrienne Dean - Dinning gift card
- Barbara Lloyd - Beanie cap

Quarterly Prize Winner

Barbara Lloyd - HP100 tank

Officer Position Nominations

At our next meeting in February we will accept additional nominations for each of the officer positions. Elections will be held at the February Meeting.

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.

Nominees: Scott Brown & Mike King

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

Nominee: Steve Anderson

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

Nominee: Laura Brown

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

Nominee: Peggy Petschek

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

Nominee: Steve Fillet

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

Nominee: Bruce Laiho

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

Nominees: Hunza Kotas, Dave McNair, Barbara Lloyd, Dennis Fox

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

Nominee: Paul Brooks

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.)

Nominee: Rich Burns

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

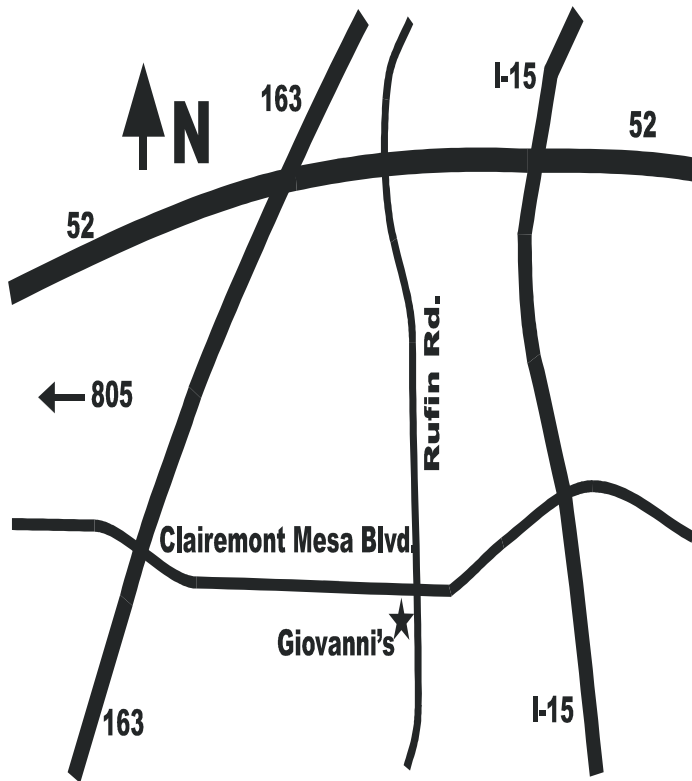
Nominee: Betty Parish

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.

Nominee: Dave McNair

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!**



DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

**1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
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

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
ELIGIBLE 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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