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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Variety of Diving

Reading the various dive publications available to all of us each month brings continual amazement of the variety in the realm of diving. Diving opportunities coupled with each individual's desires can result in experiences retold for years. Diving with sharks, conducting research, hunting, exploring wrecks, reefs, kelp beds, caves, warm or cold water, from shore or by boat, photography, world travel, diving under ice, fresh water, diving at altitude, and instructing. This is by no means a complete list. And viewing the underwater environment is not restricted to only divers. Non-divers fascinated by the ocean realm are able to view it's wonders by visiting aquarium displays in

several countries. Our own Scripps is a perfect example. It's large kelp bed tank shares that which we all have experienced first hand. Large display tanks are the centerpieces of major aquariums. The Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta includes a football field size enclosure with two, and eventually four, whale sharks. Each diver's priorities change over time. The variety our sport offers provides new experiences throughout a diver's lifetime. My own diving history began with hunting, moved on to exploring which soon morphed into slow motion viewing and now centers around photography. Anyone diving with me these days, including Laura, quickly becomes impatient with my slow motion

travel and holding position for that perfect shot. What will be next? I have no idea. The prospect of cave diving looks interesting. Some of the pictures shown in National Geographic have been spectacular. It would require extensive new training, a completely new gear set up, and long distance travel. If anyone would like to institute a fund raising campaign for such an endeavor... Until then, I'll deep taking pictures and memories. How's your own diving interest? Begriming to wane? Perhaps motivation is simply a matter of variety. Try something new and enjoy life!!

Scott Brown - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Feb 1 , 2007 7:00 pm

(see back page for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for February is:
Not yet determined

Due to my vacation schedule I am doing the newsletter early this month and so the name of the speaker for the February meeting was not available at press time. Ed.

—Cody Gilstrap, 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
February 2007				1 Club Meeting 7:00	2	3 UW confidence course
Events Calendar						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

Underwater Confidence Course
Saturday, February 3rd, 2007, 9:00 AM - 1:00 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 to Fiji. 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. You will be guided 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. If you do not want to try the course and just want to test out that new gear or buy some new gear to test out, that's OK too. You can't beat the cost for this course; it's free. We will have aluminum 80 SCUBA tanks for you to use and free air, but you must bring your own equipment, in good shape and ready to use. 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.

San Diego Dive Club
Officers' Meeting
Wednesday Feb 21st

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 usually held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at :
 Coco's restaurant 7398 Clairmont Mesa Blvd. 858 292-9030

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.



Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Scuba Charters February 2007

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
03-Feb	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
03-Feb	Magician	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
04-Feb	CeeRay	Catalina	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Feb	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$150	2/3, 10PM	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$125	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Feb	Magician	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
11-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$125	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
11-Feb	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
17-Feb	Magician	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
18-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$125	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
18-Feb	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
24-Feb	CeeRay	Catalina	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
24-Feb	Magician	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
25-Feb	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
25-Feb	Great Escape	Catalina	\$125	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
25-Feb	Magician	Catalina-No OW Classes	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills

Trip dates, boats, destinations and prices are subject to change without notice.

Photo Contest

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

Picture of the Month for January Kathy Bouic

At Our Last Meeting

Scott Cassell graced us in January with his amazing Humboldt squid presentation. I had seen his similar presentation at a Council of Divers meeting several months ago. His talk to us showcased several much larger animals caught on video. He also told us of his upcoming History Channel show which will reveal footage of perhaps the first free swimming Giant Squid. Watch for this sometime in July

Scott Brown

Raffle

Here are the winners from January's raffle

Membership

Please welcome these new and renewing members...

New members

Carol Kirkland
Al Price

Renewals

Eliana Garcia
Kelly Noel
Steven Noel

Sandy Schankin	Pink Tusa Fins
Dave Pierce	UK Pink LED Underwater Light
Laura Brown	Mares Snorkel
Barbara Lloyd	Aqua Seal Ankle weights
Joe Constantine	Sea Gold Mask Drops
Kathy Bouic	Search for the Red Demon video
Kevin Lass	Bonne Motion Sickness Pills
Mike Petschek	Trident wet suit ease
Mike Petschek	Sport Chalet Dive log book
Mark Burrows	After Sting Gel
Mark Burrows	Cetacea Retractable Clip
Joe Constantine	Glow Stick
Kevin Lass	Glow Stick
Mark Burrows	Glow Stick
Sandy Schankin	Glow Stick
Maryanne Dean	Blue BC Dive Knife

Scott Brown Quarterly Prize: Aqua Lung Titan Reg.

Future Club Happenings

Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island

April 27th – 30th, 2007

We have finalized details for our springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 27th through the 30th. Please note that since we are now making the venture over to Two Harbors only once a year we have decided to make this a 4 day weekend. That means we will be heading over on Friday morning, the 27th, and coming back Monday afternoon, the 30th. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~10:00 am on Friday and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:30pm on Monday. The cost of the trip is \$140* and includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, 3 nights accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings, and dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Choice of cabins will be on a first pay, first choose basis. Boat diving has been arranged for both Saturday and Sunday and costs \$72 for each 2 tank dive, the purchase of a boat dive will also get you free tank and weight rentals for the weekend for shore diving. 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 always fills up so don't wait too long. *cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.

DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

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

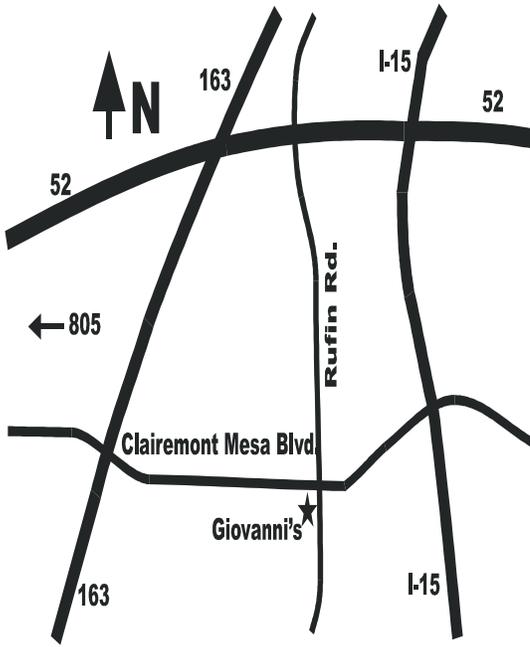
Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

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.

