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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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President's Message

POLITICS

We have two important topics to deal with at the February club meeting. First up will be club officer nominations. Nominations will be opened at both the February and March meetings in order to give everyone a chance to run for office. Elections will be held at the March meeting after nominations have been closed and that will be that. No dinner time phone calls, no mail boxes stuffed full of junk mailers, no eight months of worthless campaign promises. Only current members may be nominated and vote. It is not necessary to be present at the meeting in order to be nominated for a position and self nomination is welcomed. Attendance is advised since humor often rears its head with absent members being nominated. As is the case with most clubs, ours is run by a small number of dedicated individuals willing to put forth a bit of time and effort to make the club the fine organization it is. So to all interested members, please step up. Yours may be the next great idea to help our club grow.

The other topic is the Marine Life Protection Act. We've brought up this subject during the last two club meetings and it will be the main topic of discussion at the February 12th Council of Divers meeting. In preparation for the council meeting we have asked all of you to think of ocean areas you would or would not like to see protected at some level. Within this newsletter is a form to help simplify the input process. Many of you will have also received the form via our Yahoo groups e-mail list and I apologize if you feel badgered. The issue is very important and in the MLPA decision making process we, concerned citizens, are at the bottom of the heap. Our opinions are not being solicited. In order to be heard our input must be proactive. Please take a few minutes to fill in the form and return it via e-mail or at the club meeting. We'll compile the information and present them to the council.

Scott Brown, President

San Diego Dive Club Officer's 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' Meetings are usually held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at:

Marie Calendar's, 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.



Upcoming Events:

Feb 7 SDDC Mtg, Officer nominations
 Feb 17 SDDC Dive – Marine Room
 Feb 12 SD Council of Divers Meeting
 (MLPA Discussion – Please attend)
 Mar 6 Officer nominations/Elections
 Mar 16 SDDC Dive – Wrecks/Kelp
 Mar 22 UW Easter Egg Hunt
 Apr 3 SDDC Meeting
 Apr 5 SD U/W Film Festival
 Apr 25-28 Two Harbors Dive Trip

At our next meeting...

Come hear marine biologist **Dr Hans Bertsch** talk about the 2nd revision of the book *Sea of Cortez Marine Invertebrates*. Originally written by Alex Kerstitch over 20 years ago, Dr Bertsch co-authored this revision (which is publication-speak for having nearly re-written the whole book), with updated photographs and information for over 300 species of nudibranchs. Dr. Bertsch renowned expert on nudibranchs, and a prime contributor to Slugsite, the web's leading site dedicated to opisthobranch mollusks.

Thursday Feb 7th, 7pm at Giovanni's
 (see map on last page)

At our last meeting...

Sport Chalet's director of SCUBA operations Chris Robinson gave us a run down of future plans for dive club and store partnership. He also presented a certificate of appreciation to the club for our outstanding 2007 SCUBA Santa Event.



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Raffle Winners

Winner Name	Prize Won
Steve Anderson	Dive Bums 2008 Calendar
Mike Petschek	Costa Rica T-Shirt - White
Melissa Maldonado	Costa Rica button T-Shirt - White
Matt Geiselman	Costa Rica T-Shirt - Blue
Matt Geiselman	Deep See Safe Sole Dive Booties
Terri Thomas	Deep See Dive Bag
Kathy Bouic	Dive Care Essentials Kit
Kevin Lass	UK Hangair Quik Dry Hanger
Carl Burns	Dan First Aid kit
Merrianne Dean	SeCure High Flow mouthpiece
Dave Pierce	Impex Tri-Ex fins
	Qtly prize:
Bryce Newall	Suunto Cobra II Dive computer

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Membership has its privileges!

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 – Great Prizes

Tickets may be purchased at each meeting for that night's raffle prizes.

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

The April quarterly raffle prize will be the winner's choice of an Aqua Lung 7 mil wet suit with hooded vest or an Aqua Lung tropical rolling backpack gear bag with a gift certificate inside.

San Diego Dive Club's February Dive

Marine Room, February 17th

Time: 8:00 am
Location: Marine Room
High Tide: 5.7 @ 6:00am

Info and Directions : http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/CalS/Marine_Room/index.htm

Hello Divers,

What better way to add to a 3 day weekend (President's Day) than to explore the reefs south of the marine room. This is a shallow dive (not too cold) with lots of life to explore. Extended bottom time, since it's not very deep. Meet at the top of the ramp at 8:00am to check the conditions.

Dive Coordinators Jeremy Burns / Dennis Fox

39TH ANNUAL SAN DIEGO UNDERWATER FILM FESTIVAL

8602 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, Sumner Auditorium - Scripps Institution of Oceanography
sponsored by the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society

The San Diego Underwater Photographic Society presents their 39th Annual Film Festival, April 5th at Sumner Auditorium, SIO, La Jolla, CA USA. The event is free and showcases SDUPS member's video and still images of marine life large and small, from such exotic locales as the tropical waters of the Indo Pacific and Caribbean to the temperate waters of North America, and of course our own backyard, San Diego. Tickets available March 6th.

SDUPS is an organization whose members are dedicated to improving their skills and knowledge of all aspects of underwater photography.

Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island Dive Trip

April 25th – 28th, 2008

We have finalized details for our springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 25th through the 28th. 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 25th, and coming back Monday afternoon, the 28th. 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 \$150* 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, and you must be a current club member to sign up. 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 come to the January dive club meeting and see Rich Burns. If you can not make it to the meeting contact Rich after January 4th 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.



SCUBA CHARTERS

Reservations can be made at any Sport Chalet or at 1-800-348-3794

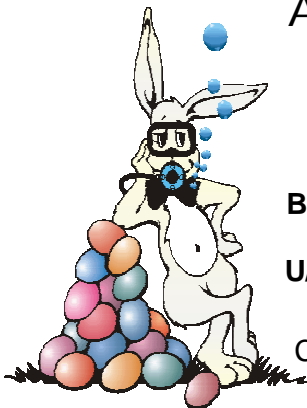
Remember SD Dive Club members get 10% off charters

Not available at press time – Please contact your local Sport Chalet for more information on Dive Charters..

Dive the Wrecks & Kelp Sunday, March 16, 2008 8:00 AM - Return 2:00 PM

The club has chartered the Lois Ann out of Seaforth Sport Fishing in San Diego for a trip to the Yukon, and kelp forest. **\$55.00 will get you 3 dives.** The boat provides tanks and weights and can fill your personal HP tanks to 3500 psi. Lois Ann will also supply nitrox for an additional charge. Food, drinks, and snacks will be provided. The dive sites are just a short ride from the dock so there is very little travel time. It is recommended that you bring a dive light for wrecks & kelp. This might be your last chance to bag that bug before lobster season ends on March 19th. To sign up come to the club's next meeting in February with payment. Only 20 spots available.

If you cannot make the club meeting and would like to go contact Dennis Fox @ (760) 580-5951 or Dhfox@cox.net



Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt & Free Pancake Breakfast

La Jolla Shores
Saturday, March 22nd, 2008
8am until noon

Breakfast: served 8am – noon; pancakes, sausage or bacon, coffee, cocoa and juice.

U/W Easter Egg Hunt: briefing at 9am, all divers in water by 9:30am. Prizes to the buddy teams that find the most eggs.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt, will take place at 10am at Kellogg Park.

To participate in the dive, you must be a certified diver, have signed a release and be accompanied by a dive buddy. If you do not have a dive buddy, we will attempt to pair you up with a suitable buddy. Depending on the ocean conditions, this dive is normally an easy to intermediate dive.



As of 1/3/2008 Welcome new members!

Kathy Housley
Melissa Waldonado

Renewing members

Barbara Bolton
Mike Bear
Judith Springer
Eliana Garcia
Matt Gieselman
Karl Burns
Laurie Lee
Jack Ross
Bryce Newall

There are 111
current members

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 (Digital or film)
- Taken during the time since the last meeting.
- One picture per person per month.
- 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.

San Diego Dive Club Members and Friends,

For the last few months we have been discussing the upcoming review of the MLPA (Marine Life Protection Act) to see what additional protected reserves will be created in the San Diego County area. We, as individuals and club members, have the right and responsibility to help make these decisions. As noted by the president of the Dive Council "**We need to be a combined force and speak with one voice. This is not intended to stop the MLPA process but to ensure wise decisions are made concerning the implementation of MLPA in the oceans of San Diego County.**" Please complete the following survey and return to any club officer.

If you have opinions and feelings that you would like to express, please plan to attend the next Council of Divers meeting held on Feb 12th at 7pm at the La Jolla Brew House. The guest speaker will be Steve Benavides, who will be speaking on MLPA as well as presenting an update on the Abalone harvest at San Miguel Island. Primarily, they will be compiling the views of divers from the area dive clubs to forward to Kevin Cooper to present at the hearings prior to DFG decisions.

Thank you, Barbie Lass (Community Rep)

Diver MLPA Survey Form

Name:

Address:

(Please at least list City)

Club affiliation(s):

How much \$\$ spent annually on Diving

Gear:

(Purchase, rental, Maintenance)

Lunch:

(At Locale)

Gas:

Parking:

Boat passage:

License(s):

Training/Classes:

Scuba dive	Yes	No
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Consumptive (Hunter)	Yes	No
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Hook & line	Yes	No
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Top 3 places you dive	Hunt?	
1)	Yes	No
2)	Yes	No
3)	Yes	No

Top 3 sites, you want to protect rights
1)
2)
3)

(Please stipulate for hunting or non-hunting)

Bottom 3 sites, you would not mind giving up to become reserves
1)
2)
3)



DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

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

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 evenings batch and from the previous two months.

ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE ELLIGIBLE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!!!

Newsletter Submissions

The "Primary Regulator" is your newsletter. Brief articles and items of interest related to diving for the Newsletter are encouraged from all members. Articles may be of local diving sites, trip reports, lessons learned, etc.

Please submit them electronically to the Editor at mthorn3478@aol.com no later than the 15th of the month. Submissions are subject to editing. Additionally, let me know if there are things you would like to see in future editions of the newsletter.

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