



The Primary Regulator

San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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The President's Slate

Just coming back from a diving vacation in the south pacific and I had a few observations. One was the warm water...88 degrees (yes, you read that right!) is really, REALLY nice! Seriously, though, the people in these impoverished nations are so nice and just a joy to talk to and get to know. A laptop with Google Earth is such a fun toy to demonstrate to the locals where we came from, and even zoom right into my house...and then zoom right into theirs! And afterward to jump in the water together and enjoy the dive and let them show me THEIR reef in their backyard. It was interesting to hear their reaction to my rambling on how beautiful and fantastic their ocean world was. During this trip I found myself making friends with people and now have them as friends on Facebook so we can continue to write while a world away. We have this common bond in Scuba and the love of the Ocean.

A bond that continues here in San Diego with our club, other clubs, and the Local Dive Shops that you and others will frequent. We all come together with the common chord of Diving. We all enjoy hearing the ramblings of each other talking about this sighting or that, or this adventure or that. We can relate and it makes it that much more fun to share our times together. In the coming year we will be posting more activities from other clubs and inviting them to join us in our events too. Everyone is welcome and it's nice to have that commonality.

We all witnessed the horrific seismic event occur in Haiti. Being from California we all have probably felt our fair share of earth tremblings. The commonality that we feel with those souls in Haiti is only a small fraction of what they are going through. Here our buildings are much safer in their design and construction. Please offer help where you can and lend a hand in assisting these people getting back on their feet. But... It's now time to go blow bubbles!

Michael J. King

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 held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Thursday** 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.



Long Range Calendar

****San Diego Dive Club sponsored events****

- Feb 4** SDDC Meeting Behind the scenes of under the sea 3D
- Feb. 13** SDDC Dive, site/coordinator tbd
- Mar. 13** SDDC Dive, site/coordinator tbd
- March 28th** – Aquarium of the Pacific – **Divers Day** (FREE) 9a-5pm
- April 3** Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt at LJ Shores
- April 23-25** Two harbors Trip

CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Do you have a desire to make a difference in your club? Do you know a member that can? Then throw your hat into the ring at this months' meeting. Club Officer Nominations at the February meeting.

San Diego Dive Club Check Out These Benefits!!!

- 10% discount on non-sale dive gear & rentals, continuing education classes, and boat charters at Sport Chalet.
- 10 free air fills and 10% discount on additional air fills at Sport Chalet.
- Quarterly buddy lists & Monthly newsletter.
- Meet new friends and dive buddies at monthly meetings & dives.
- Group travel to exotic diving locations.
- Ocean, lake, and beach cleanup events.
- Special member only events.
- Fantastic monthly and quarterly raffle prizes.

San Diego Dive Club – Jan. Meeting QUARTERLY DRAWING

Heather Lippert Digital Camera

Raffle Prize Winners

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| Terry Thomas | Tank Ball |
| Kevin Lass | Mask |
| Merrienne Dean | Hooded Vest |
| Scott Brown | Notepad; Hitch Cover |
| Randy Thomas | Weight Bag |
| Mike Petschek | Scuba Tank Key Fob |
| Steve Fillet | Key Lanyard |
| John Swanson | Mesh Bag |
| David Pierce | Snorkle |

February Meeting

*A special meeting this month
Feb 4th Sumner Auditorium at S.I.O.
(See directions on page 3)*

Please join the **San Diego Dive Club** at our regular dive club meeting and enjoy an excellent "Behind the Scenes" presentation by the Hall's. After the presentation we will have our regular "open carousel" of photographs and video, followed by an excellent raffle. The raffle is open to everyone. If you are not already a member, now is a great time to join. There are many great [benefits](#).

In 1975, Michele didn't know that her SCUBA instructor, Howard Hall, would not only become her future husband but business partner as well. Prior to joining Howard in the film business in 1991, Michele enjoyed a 19-year career as a registered nurse. Her underwater photographs have been published in numerous books and magazines around the world. With a degree in zoology from SDSU, Howard's interest in marine wildlife led him to author numerous articles about marine life. Together they have accumulated several decades' worth of scuba diving, photography, and film experience as well as leading expeditions to exotic dive locations around the world, and have even authored children's books together.

Howard and Michele Hall are film producers specializing in marine wildlife films. They are considered among the top underwater filmmakers in the world. Howard has received six cinematography Emmys for films produced for television. Michele has received one Emmy award. They have won numerous awards in the wildlife film business as well.

Howard made his directorial debut in the IMAX format in 1994 with "**Into the Deep**", and has moved on to even more IMAX and NOVAMAX endeavors. Howard Hall Productions has now produced and/or directed four IMAX Features, with Howard Hall as Director/Director of Underwater Photography/Writer and Michele as Producer, and contributed to many more works both above and below the surface.

DIRECTIONS TO SUMNER AUDITORIUM

Sumner Hall, SIO from I-5 Northbound/Southbound

1. Take Exit 28 for La Jolla Village Drive
2. Head west on La Jolla Village Drive toward Villa La Jolla Drive (0.8 mi)
3. Continue straight onto N. Torrey Pines Road (0.4 mi)
4. Turn left at La Jolla Shores Drive; Auditorium will be on right (1.2 mi)

[Sumner Hall, SIO at La Jolla Shores Dr & Naga Way, San Diego, California 92037](#)

Parking is LIMITED and is on the street. If you park on the campus you MUST have a PERMIT. See additional UCSD attachments for UCSD parking lot fees and regulations. Access to Sumner Auditorium is via a stairway from the street.

Photo of the Month Contest

January Winner: Steve Parsons, an Anenome, Ruby E

This is a friendly contest, featuring framed underwater photos set out at the club meeting. Anyone in attendance can vote; the winning photographer receives 5 raffle tickets and fame, and the appreciation of SDDC. The rules for this contest, enforced by the honor system include:

- Underwater pictures only (digital or film) taken since the last meeting
- The photographer must be submersed in the same liquid as the subject
- One picture per person per month
- Display your picture as taken with your camera and lighting
- Cropping is OK, but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using any form of Photoshop'ing before printing

Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the following month's meeting as the previous month's winner, and featured here.

PHOTO Tip – February 2010

React When Conditions Are Favorable (By Stephen Frink - <http://www.stephenfrink.com/uw-photo-tutorials.php>)

Think about the shots that depend most on good conditions, and make those the No. 1 priority as conditions permit. If the sun is shining and the water is clear, even on the first day of the trip, try to get those important wide-angle shots that tell "the story." That sunshine or clear water may not stick around for the week. Macro shots and fish portraits can be captured under almost any light conditions, and even in marginal visibility, so, all things being equal, put off shooting the vignettes until a few of the establishing shots are in the can. The same goes for topside shots of the boat, resort or island. You can never predict what tomorrow might bring, so cover as much of the sunshine-dependent images as you can, when you can. Procrastinators will eventually get burned when wind or rain kicks in before the story-in-pictures is told.

San Diego Dive Club – Jan. Meeting

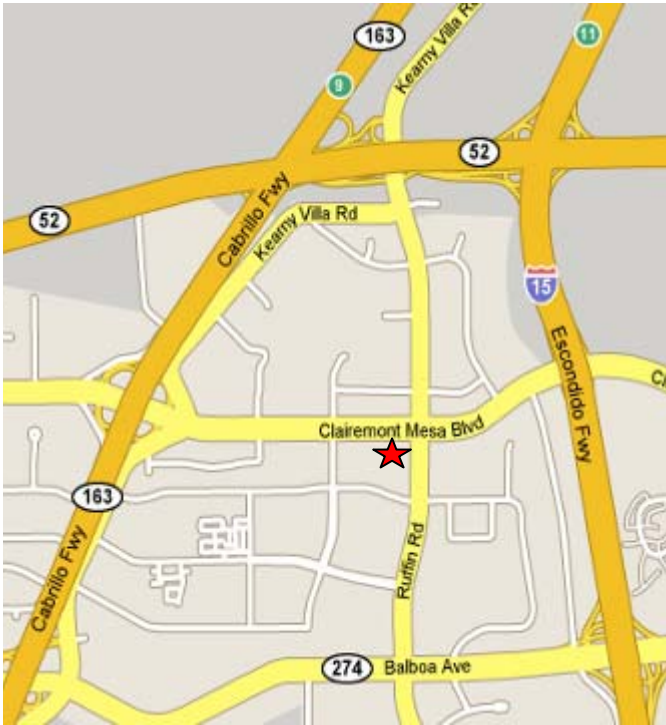
Tom Phillipp

An original and founding member of the San Diego Dive Club, Tom spoke on two topics; one topic was his recent dive tour of inland waterways of Florida, specifically a swim with Manatees, and the other topic was on How BCD's are made. Tom is Product Manager for Aqualung, Inc.

San Diego Council of Divers Update

Your attendance at the Council of Divers Meeting will make a difference. The council is looking for input from the local dive community. What actions does the council need to take in the future to be more viable? Should the council try to preserve access to all local beaches? What does the community want to see on the Council's website? Presentation was made to Paul Kennerson, "2009 Man of the Year", for his help in the fight for public beach access.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 9th, 7:00 at the La Jolla Brew House. See you there!



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 evening's batch and from the previous two months.

***ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE
ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE QUARTERLY PRIZE!!!***

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Dips, Tips and Trips

Please send descriptions of your favorite local dive spot, best dive tips or U/W photo tips, or brief reports or articles describing your last dive trip. Or? We'll select and publish them, as space allows. Please submit electronically by the 15th of the previous month. Submissions are subject to editing.