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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT'S 2003!

Here it is 2003 already and I haven't created the club promo CD I talked about when I became president. Well, this little project moved to the back burner due to the club name change and liability issues.

I can't tell you when we will get back to scheduling club dives. We even asked Sport Chalet if we could purchase the services of a store Divemaster to run a few dives, but the answer was no. Sport Chalet needs to limit their liabilities, and other clubs were doing things which exposed them to too great a risk. They can sponsor us financially, but can assume no liability for our operations, including dives.

In the grand scheme of things Sport Chalet is in the business to make money

by selling equipment. SCUBA training classes and boat trips are not big profit items, neither is selling air fills or tank inspections. All of these things are done to build a customer base that needs to purchase equipment. I would think that hosting local dives with store insured Divemasters would be an activity that could also generate sales and customer loyalty, but the exposure needs to be weighed against the gain.

We have two unresolved issues before we can resume sponsoring club dives, both are liability problems. The first is the liability of the person running the dive. To protect the person actually responsible for running the dive they should be a certified and insured Divemaster or Instructor. We will need to find people that

carry their own personal professional liability insurance that are willing to take charge of the dive. The second liability issue is protection of the club officers and directors against the loss of personal assets in case of a lawsuit against the club.

We have decided to purchase a non-profit general liability policy for the club for \$2200 per year. We do not know how we can continue to do this every year or even if we need to. We have also revised the liability waivers that are part of your membership application forms.

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Wed., Jan. 1, 2003 7:00 pm

(see page 6 for meeting location)

YES! New Year's Day

The meeting for January will be on the first Wednesday in January, which happens to be the 1st.

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— Jeff Feldbaum, 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
- 1/2 price air fills, first 10 are free
- 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:

USMail:

San Diego Dive Club
P.O.Box 81678
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Phone: (619)225-9051

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Deadline for all submissions is the 15th of each month.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
January 2003			1 Club Meeting 7:00	2	3	4
Events Calendar						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Council Meeting 6:00	15 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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We know we can not protect against every possible liability issue but we can take steps to reduce our exposure to liability.

We will be requiring every current club member over the course of the next year to fill out another membership application form and read and sign the liability waiver on the reverse side.

How we can limit our liability:

- We will provide insured Divemasters to host our dives.
- We will obtain a general non-profit liability insurance policy.
- We have created new corporate bylaws and will take the appropriate steps to insure they are followed.
- We will create a list of safe diving standards we recommend every member follow.
- All members and guests must read and sign liability waivers and risk acceptance forms before participating in dive events.

Nobody can assure anyone that accidents won't happen and the club won't

be sued. Most clubs are not incorporated or insured or have any money in a bank account and these things tend to discourage (but not prohibit) law suits.

Okay, enough of the problems, we'll work it all out, it will just take a little time. I'm writing this article even before we've had our annual Underwater Santa toy drive so I have no idea how things will go. Traditionally it all comes together nicely and we have over 100 people sit on Santa's lap. I would like to thank all the people who worked very hard to make this event possible. Dave Petit spear-headed the coordination and deserves a really big thanks!

We should all be very proud of what this club contributes to the community. A big part of our clubs purpose is to make the community aware that divers are really good people. No dive club does this better than we do. Go take a look at the number of plaques on the Yukon from club members. Count the number of breakfasts we've served at our Easter pancake breakfast. Weigh the amount of blood donated to the blood bank. Look at the faces of the homeless children at

Saint Vincent de Paul's at Christmas. Compare the cleanliness of our underwater dive spots to other places because of our participation in cleanups.

Our club isn't just about getting together for diving it's about doing good things for other people and having fun at the same time.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas or Hanukah. I hope you find time to go diving. Just because the club hasn't scheduled any dives doesn't mean you can't hook up with other members and schedule your own.

This time of year is great diving as long as there are no storms churning things up. The water is cold but tends to be clearer and the squid begin to lay their eggs in the La Jolla canyon.

So work off that holiday goose, duck or turkey, go diving and kiss a squid! I've had a great year and look forward to the next.

Best fishes
Steve Anderson

Club Happenings

AT OUR LAST MEETING...

Tom Phillipp, Product Manager for breathing systems and B.C.s for AquaLung, gave a presentation on Recreational rebreathers. Tom, who by the way, was one of the founders of our club, explained the benefits of the Dräger Dolphin Rebreather. Tom's presentation highlighted the additional bottom time and safety margin obtained when using breathing gas mixtures with lower nitrogen contents. He explained the history of rebreathers, the workings of the units, and brought two different units for us to look at up close. Thank you Tom for taking the time to inform those of us who have heard about rebreathers but had no real knowledge about them.

Paul Brooks - Ed

Membership

**Please welcome the following
New Members:**

Colin Pearse
Joshua Sokoloff

**The following people were renew-
ing members this month:**

Edward Profancik
Chuck Lane
Vito Roti
Robert Pendleton

Raffle Winners

These people were winners in the December raffle:

Akona Booties - Josh Sokoloff
Cetacea Lanyard - David Pierce
Dacor Gloves - Ed Profancik
Dive Slate - Eliana Garcia
Akona Safety Tube - Ken Stanwood
AquaLung Mask - Laura Brown
AquaSphere Mask - Chad Scott
AquaSphere Kid's mask - Clyde Hessom
Pelican Case - Paul Brooks
Dive Parka - Nate Robinett
Soft Weight Belt - Heather Karp

Catalina in the Spring Time

First of all, I would like to thank all those who attended and helped out with the Two Harbors, Catalina trip in October. It was a blast! We had a total of 44 people take part in the festivities. The pancake breakfast was great, the carne & pollo asada Bar-B-Q was fantastic, and what Lobster there was, was not too bad either, Thanks Mike! Everyone had such a good time that we were planning the Spring trip before we had even left the Island.

So when is the trip in springtime you say? Well, we have made reservations for the last weekend in April, that's April 25-27. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at about noon on Friday and then be returning at approximately 2:00pm on Sunday. The cost of this trip is still under \$100.00* and includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, and a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning and a Bar-B-Q and movies on Saturday night. The trip price does not include boat diving on the Garibaldi; however, arrangements will be made for boat diving and a 2-tank dive on the Garibaldi runs approximately \$68. We will have all the details in following newsletters and sign-ups will be available at the next club meeting or by e-mail to Rich Burns at sddiver@cts.com. But don't wait too long to make your reservations, the trip is almost half way sold out already.

(* cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins).

Sport Chalet Dive Club Officers' 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 Sport Chalet Dive Club Officers' Meetings. The Officers' Meeting will be held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at the **Spice House Cafe at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.** The next meeting will be **Jan 15**. 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.

Community Information

The San Diego Council of Divers

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

The next general meeting of the San Diego Council of Divers will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2003 at the Rock Bottom Brewery & Restaurant (upstairs), 8980 Villa La Jolla Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037. Social hour at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Council has a new website address: <http://home.nethere.net/hgruenha/sdcd.htm>



January meeting

The meeting for January will be on the 1st Wednesday. That happens to be New Year's Day. The officers of the club have been so busy with the re-organization of the club and with the Underwater Santa event that we did not check to see the date in time to get the word out to people to change the meeting date.

we just keep the meeting day the same as much as we can. So, the meeting is indeed on New Year's Day.

Because of the Holiday crush, I had to get the newsletter to the printers very early this month. Jeff Feldbaum has not had a chance to confirm the engagement of the speaker for January.

This has happened in the past, and it always seems that whatever we do, someone misses the meeting. If we move it to the second Wednesday, people forget it was moved and come on the regular week. If we don't move it, people think "they can't possibly have the meeting on New Year's Day", and don't come. I guess it works better if

CLASSES & CHARTERS



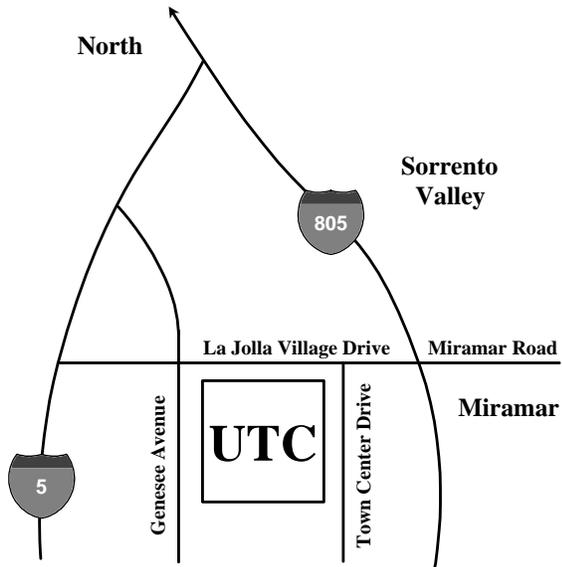
Scuba Charters January 2003

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
04-Jan	Sat	Great Escape	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Jan	Sun	Great Escape	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
11-Jan	Sat	Great Escape	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
11-Jan	Sat	Pacific Star	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
12-Jan	Sun	Island Time	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
18-Jan	Sat	Great Escape	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
18-Jan	Sat	Island Time	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
18-Jan	Sat	Ocean Odyssey	\$ 105	1/17, 8 pm	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	Food & Beverages
19-Jan	Sun	Blue Escape	\$ 80	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
19-Jan	Sun	Great Escape	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
19-Jan	Sun	Island Time	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
25-Jan	Sat	CeeRay	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
25-Jan	Sat	Encore	\$ 100	1/24, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	Food & Air Fills
25-Jan	Sat	Pacific Star	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
26-Jan	Sun	D-n-D II	\$ 75	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	noon	N/A
26-Jan	Sun	Encore	\$ 100	1/25, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	Food & Air Fills
26-Jan	Sun	Great Escape	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Jan	Sun	Spectre	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills

Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.



DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

The Canyon Room 7:00 PM
 (see page 1 for date of meeting)
Lower level of the food court at the University Towne Center shopping mall (U.T.C.)

From 805 take La Jolla Village Dr. West
From 5 take La Jolla Village Dr. East

January, April, July and October are the club's quarterly meetings and we have a grand raffle prize at those meetings.

The Quartely Prize this time is...
Sea & Sea MX-5 Camera
Retail Value \$180
(No, really it is this time)

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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