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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I officially proclaim 2004 as the year of the SCUBA! Yeah, I looked it up in the Chinese calendar. Well, actually, it's the year of the Monkey on the Chinese calendar, but I thought SCUBA diving was as close to "Monkeying around" as you could get.

The Chinese Lunar Calendar names each of the twelve years after an animal. Legend has it that the Lord Buddha summoned all the animals to come to him before he departed from earth. Only twelve came to bid him farewell and as a reward he named a year after each one in the order they arrived. The Chinese believe the animal ruling the year in which a person is born has a profound influence on personality, saying: "This is the animal that hides in your heart."

I've seen my share of diving baboons, I'm sure you have too.

I've often thought about creating a club tradition of diving on New Year's Day but then I realized too many people party too hard the night before. We probably would have a very low turnout or have a high risk of SCUBA complications.

We just finished our annual underwater Santa toy drive. The turnout was a little less than last year and we had some new issues and time delays to contend with. We did all the photography with a digital camera this year. The Dean's photo shop next door to Sport Chalet is gone so it was more reason to go digital. The plan was to be faster and

better quality than film. Okay, so we have some bugs to work out. The first three or four divers had very blurry pictures (we don't know why).

Because I was able to do color and image correction prior to printing photos this created a big delay. Most people were very patient in waiting for me to re-touch each photo.

We sold about \$100 worth of CD-ROM's with people photos on them so they could take it somewhere and have Christmas cards made. This money goes to the club.

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

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Wed., Jan. 7, 2004 7:00 pm

(see page 8 for meeting location)

Another Mystery Guest

The arrangements for our guest speaker for January have not yet been finalized. Come and join us for what will surely be another great meeting.

— *Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator*

January is a Quarterly meeting!!

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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:

US Mail:

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
January 2004 Events Calendar				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 Club Meeting 7:00	8	9	10 Night Dive
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

San Diego Dive Club's January Club Dive- Night Dive at the Marine Room!

Date: Saturday January 10th, 2004

Time: 05:00PM in the water no later than 05:30PM

Location: Marine Room in La Jolla, CA
2000 Spindrift Drive La Jolla, CA 92037 (500 yards South of La Jolla Shores)

Divemasters: Hunza Kotas Hunza@cox.net hm# 619-749-8435.
Dave McNair scubadiverdave@cox.net hm# 760-722-1845.

Meeting: In front of the Marine Room next to the walkway to the beach on the South Side of the building. It's easiest to gear up at your vehicle and then walk the very short distance to the water. It's only about 50 yards.

Parking: There is limited street parking in front of the Marine Room restaurant.
I've never had to park more than 5 car lengths from the walkway.

Features: Sand, sea grass, canyon, ledge.

Dive Plan: Swim three quarters of the way out to the first buoy. Drop down and head to the canyon through the sea grass. Follow the canyon South until 1000psi left. Then return to the shore underwater along the south side of the sea grass. Our max depth will be between 60-80ft.

Marine Life: This is just a sample of what I've seen at this site: Spiny lobster, horn sharks, leopard sharks, surf perch, guitar fish, stingrays, sheephead, seabass, greenlings, giant kelp fish, halibut, sandabs, moray eels, cusk eels, crabs, nudibranchs, sea stars, sea lions, sand dollars, etc..

Pictures & Description: http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/CalS/Marine_Room/index.htm

Directions & Info <http://www.sandiegodiving.com/diveSites/marineRoom/>

San Diego Dive Club: <http://www.dive-club.org/>

Don't forget to bring your underwater Lights and glow sticks.



Scuba Charters January 2004

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
10-Jan	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Jan	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
11-Jan	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
17-Jan	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
17-Jan	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
18-Jan	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
18-Jan	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
24-Jan	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
24-Jan	Encore	Santa Barbara	\$ 119	1/23, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
24-Jan	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
25-Jan	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
25-Jan	Lois Ann	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
25-Jan	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
31-Jan	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
31-Jan	Encore	San Clemente	\$ 119	1/30, 10pm		1:00 AM 6:00 PM	N/A

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

San Diego 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 San Diego 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. 21**. 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.

Dive Club T-Shirts

The club has T-Shirts printed with the "New" dive club logo on them. These will be available at the next few dive club meetings until supplies are exhausted. We have short sleeve grey and yellow shirts for \$13-. We also have long sleeve white T-shirts available for \$15-. The shirts are available in sizes small through 3xl, so there is something for everyone.

President's Message Cont.

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The bottom line is, we collected quite a few nice toys for the kids at Saint Vincent De Paul's homeless shelter.

I'd like to personally thank all the volunteers who participated in making the event another success. Some of you are now seriously water damaged as a result of spending nearly 6 hours in the pool. I'll be on medication for quite awhile to calm down.

I posted all the pictures on the club's web site. If you would like a print or two please call me or send email. I can also email you the high-resolution image file (assuming your email allows it); the files are about 1.2 megabytes each.

I'm thinkin I'll burn all the images to a CD-ROM and sell it at the next meeting (Jan 7th, 2004) for \$5 each.

All the club officers hope you've had a wonderful Christmas, Hanukah, Ramadan, Kwanzaa or whatever you celebrate and wish you a great year in 2004!

Steve Anderson - President

At Our Last Meeting

At our last meeting.....

Professor Philip Hastings brought some *VERY* interesting specimens from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Collection, and gave us a presentation on the workings of the Collection. Dr. Hastings explained how the Collection is used by students and researchers, and how varied and extensive it is.

This valuable resource for scientific study is in danger of shrivelling up and going away because of loss of funding, which would be a tragic loss. You can help. See page 7 of the December 2003 issue of this newsletter (available online).

Raffel Prize Winners

Mark Burrows - Squeeze Lok dive knife
Marc Webb - 4 Light combo pak
Scott Brown - Red towel
Scott Brown - Green towel
Clyde Hessom - Yellow game bag
Leslie Peariso - Pelilock
Michelle Russell - Orange blue funk t-shirt
Denny Beanchi - Dive fins
Jack Ross Red - Costa Rica shirt
Jack Ross - Octopus regulator
Cody Gilstrap - Regulator mouthpiece
Scott Anderson - Mini-retractor

Membership

Please welcome the following new and renewed members:

New

no new members this month

Renewals

Kim Sokho
Jack Ross
Kelly Noel
Steve Noel

The San Diego Council of Divers

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS



San Diego Council of Divers
Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 2004
Robb Field in Ocean Beach
Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

It will be held at Robb Field in Ocean Beach. Directions: Go to the western end of I-8 in Ocean Beach. Take Sunset Cliffs Blvd. to West Pt. Loma Blvd. Turn right onto West Pt. Loma Blvd. and head west. At Bacon Street, turn right (north) into Robb Field. Follow the driveway around to the picnic area next to the San Diego River. There is lots of free parking.

We will have a speaker from the California Wreck Divers. California Wreck Divers was founded in the spring of 1971 in order to provide greater opportunity for the members to explore California shipwrecks and to systematically research and seek out wrecks. They are a not-for-profit organization with the State of California which maintains listings and information about wrecks, including wrecks known to lie in diveable waters.

ELECTIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Council is taking nominations for officers and directors for the year, and then will be holding elections at this meeting. Officers include: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Officers serve a one year term and are elected every year. Directors serve a two year term, with half of the positions opening up each year. There are three director positions open this year. Don Gilbert is the only director running for reelection this year; the other two positions are vacant.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting or if you cannot make it but want to run for a position as an officer or director, contact the Secretary of the Council — John Leek — via e-mail at jleek001@san.rr.com It's quite all right to nominate yourself.

More information will be posted on the Council's website - www.sddivers.com

The Club needs a Store Representative. If you work in one of the local Sport Chalet Stores and would like to help out contact Steve Anderson

Future Happenings

Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island April 23rd – 25th

We have finalized the details for our Springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 23-25. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~12:30 pm on Friday, the 23rd, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:00pm on Sunday, the 25th. The cost of this trip is \$105* for non-divers and \$182* for divers taking part in the Saturday boat dive. Yes, unfortunately it has gone up slightly, but it is still a fantastic deal. 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, a spaghetti dinner on Friday night and a 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@cts.com or by calling 619-697-6589 or 619-303-6589. But don't wait too long this trip sells out extremely quickly.

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

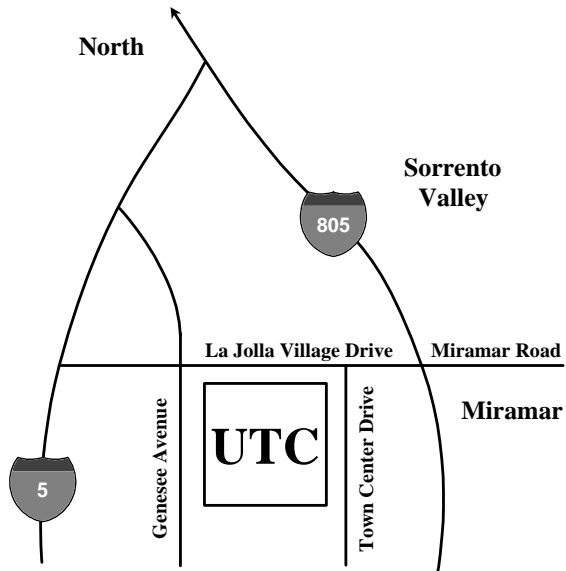
Kayakers! There has been some interest expressed in doing some Kayaking as a group as it seems a number of us have Kayaks! These may be Kayak dives or just paddle out and about! I will be working to organize a get together in January and would like to hear from you if you are interested. I would also like to get the Kayakers to bring their boats out so that other members who are interested could check it out and see what Kayak diving is all about. Please drop me a line at mrussell@ucsd.edu or call 619-889-2106 if you'd like to be included! Thanks, Michelle Russell

Wednesday February 11, 2004 @ Birch Aquarium
Perspectives Lecture: Global Sea Level: An Enigma
Dr. Walter Munk-Scripps Institute of Oceanography

The rate of sea level rise and its cause has been debated for a century. Despite years of scientific scrutiny, no definitive conclusion has been reached. Join Dr. Walter Munk as he describes why 20th Century sea level rise remains an enigma, and why scientists still grapple with whether seawater warming or continental ice melting had the greatest influence

I've had the privilege to hear Dr. Munk speak on a few occasions and have never regretted a one! He is a wonderful speaker, experienced scientist and lover of all things Oceanic. If you are interested in attending the lecture you can register directly or email me mrussell@ucsd.edu

Scripps Members Free/\$8 public call 858-534-5771 to register.



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 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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