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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter  
www.sandiegodiveclub.com



*January 2007*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Happy New Year**

If you're a resolution person, this is your time of year. New beginnings always bring forth hopes and dreams. Our common thread of course is diving, and it offers plenty of new year's resolution opportunity. Improving skills and knowledge will always lead to being a more competent and confident diver = comfortable in the water = better relaxed = lower air consumption = longer dive time. Plus, plus, plus! My opinion has always been that, as a minimum, a diver should acquire a rescue certification. The process of learn-

ing accident prevention and how to rescue a fellow diver teaches us all to be better divers. Diving more often is probably the most popular resolution among divers. In the recent months past there have been a few more divers showing up at our club dives. This will hopefully continue throughout the year. Becoming more involved in the club's activities and leadership is an aspiration which would be appreciated by every club member. Officer nominations will be held at the February meeting with elections in March. Please step up if you're so in-

clined. A great deal of effort goes into keeping our club alive. Some of the most important work is done behind the scene. I'd like to thank our resident Disney guru and vice president, Steve Anderson, for his club database computer work and website maintenance. Also a great full thanks to past president and current newsletter editor Paul Brooks. We don't see Paul very often these days, but his efforts are noticed each and every month with the newsletter's publication. Happy new year everyone. Use your brain cells and dive safe.

*Scott Brown - President*

## **AT OUR NEXT MEETING**

**Thur., Jan 4 , 2007 7:00 pm**

(see back page for meeting location)

**The Guest Speaker for January is:**

*Not yet determined*

The name of the speaker for the January meeting was not available at press time. Ed.

—Cody Gilstrap, Entertainment Coordinator

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## Club Information

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**Betty Parrish**

### *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](http://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:**

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*Deadline for all submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

## CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Club Meeting 7:00	<b>5</b> Night Dive	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>January 2007 Events Calendar</b>		

### Walk to the Canyon” - Night Dive at the Shores Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, @ 6:00 PM

Lets start the year off right with a night dive just after the full moon, if we are lucky maybe we will see some squid. If the weather cooperates and the squid are running this can be one of the more interesting dives in San Diego. There will be a significant low tide right around the time of the dive so we will eliminate a lot of the surface swim and be able to almost walk out to the canyon.

We will meet in the grassy area in front of the Life Guard Tower, there should be plenty of parking in the Kellogg Park parking lot. We'll conduct a site survey for those who wish at 6:00PM, buddy up, gear up and hit the water. Remember this is a night dive so you need a primary light, a back up light and a light stick or similar illumination device. This is not a night diving class so if you have never done a night dive before, please consider taking an advance class where you can get the proper training. If you have the appropriate training or experience, we look forward to having you join us.

**Technical details are as follows:**      Sunset @ 4:56PM with a low tide of -1.02ft @ 4:58 PM then a high tide of +4.21ft @ 11:32 PM.

**Directions:**      Take La Jolla Parkway west off of 52 or I-5. This becomes Torrey Pines Road. Take a right on La Jolla Shores Drive and then a left on Vallecitos or Calle Frescota and follow it to the water.

*Dennis Fox*



Remember, Club Members get  
10% off these prices!

## Scuba Charters January 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
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The Schedule for dive boats was not available at press time.  
Please see your local Sport Cahlet Store for the latest schedule

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

### **San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday Jan 17th**

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 Blve. 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.

### **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*

## At Our Last Meeting

Our club's first member, Tom Phillip, stopped by to preview Aqualung's newest regulator and BCD. Being the instructor that he is, he just had to ask a few questions of our members relating to general dive gear and it's operation. Those who answered correctly found themselves the proud new owners of gear bag ID tags with the new Aqualung BCD logo. Thanks Tom.

*Scott Brown*

### Membership

Please welcome these new and renewing members...

#### New members

Scott Harris  
Pete Schroeder

#### Renewals

Matt Gieselman  
Chuck Bieger

### Raffle

Here are the winners from December's raffle

Scott Brown	Aqua Lung Computer Bag
Scott Brown	Dive Bums 2007 Nudibranch Calendar
Clarissa Steinbach	Aqua Lung Ball Cap
Mike King	2007 Diving Calendar
Scott Anderson	DAN Diver's 1st Aid Kit
Dave Pierce	Save a Dive kit
Mike Petschek	Squeeze Lock dive knife
Evie Burton	Trident Coil Lanyard
Randy Thomas	Mini tank O-ring on keychain
Mike King	Pink LED mini dive light
Cody Gilstrap	Small Pelican dive box
Terry Johnson	Wet suit wash kit
Scott Anderson	Trident Glow Stick
Cody Gilstrap	Trident Inflator hose kit
Mike King	\$50 Cohen Group Restaurant Gift Card
Kathy Bouic	Akona Safety Tube

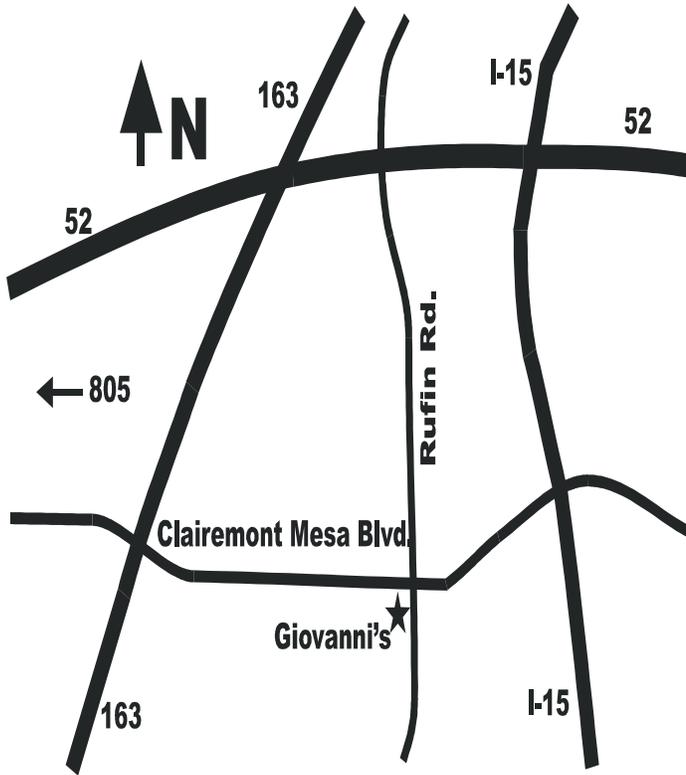
## Future Club Happenings

### Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island

April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007

We have finalized details for our springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup>, and coming back Monday afternoon, the 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

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### 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.
