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## San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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## President's Message

### YEAR END BITS AND PIECES

Our Scuba Santa was a wonderful success! We set a new record with 106 people having their picture taken on Santa's lap. Father Joe Carroll at Saint Vincent De Paul was happy to receive five large trash bags of new toys. He promised to play with each and every one to make sure they were all fine before sending them on to all the lucky kids. And the store signed up over a dozen people for scuba classes while selling plenty of items off the floor. Thanks to everyone for their time and effort till late Saturday evening in making Scuba Santa once again one of our club's gems. The very next evening we all took a nice slow cruise around the bay on board the Ocean Odyssey in the parade of lights. I'm working my way through the 3.5 pound bag of peanut M&Ms from the end of cruise raffle. And by the time all of you read this it will be long gone.

All of us having brain cells immersed in sanity were pleased with the state court's ruling on the Children's Pool recently. The current status will remain for a while longer. Let's maintain our presence at the Children's Pool and keep our city officials aware of our desires until they accept their responsibility in

The Marine Life Protection Act will be coming to an ocean near you real soon. Our ocean needs protection and the dive community needs to be proactive this time around. All of us with favorite hunting grounds or areas we would like to see protected should be making lists and checking them twice. The Council of Divers will hold a meeting in the beginning of the year to address the MLPA issue and get us organized. We'll send out the meeting date and location when we can. In the interim, please pass along any suggestions to any of the club officers.

The club has had a great year. I hope it's been the same for all of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I'll see you all in 2008.

**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:

Jan 1	Welcome to 2008!
Jan 3	SDDC Member Meeting
Jan 12	U/W Confidence Course
Jan 16	SDDC Officer Meeting
Apr 25-28	Two Harbors Dive Trip

## At our next meeting...

Our speaker for January will be John Wagner designer and inventor of APS Manta Ray Dive Fins, and Chris Robinson, Sport Chalet Director of Scuba Operations.

**Thurs, Jan 3rd 7pm at Giovanni's**  
(see map on last page)

## At our last meeting...

Matt Gieselman brought out his home movies from his trip to Egypt. The camel was ugly but the wreck dive looked awesome. And Milt Beard just couldn't get away from that pesky seal. Was that Milt harassment?



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## Raffle Winners

Winner Name	Prize Won
Matt Gieselman	Blue Dive Parka
Matt Gieselman	LED Mini Q40 Dive Light
Matt Gieselman	Wrist Dive Slate
Matt Gieselman	Yellow SDDC T-shirt
Dave Pierce	Glow Stick
Steve Fellet	Bag ID tag
Steve Parsons	Akona Regulator Bag
Peggy Petschek	Ankle weights with bag
Terry Johnson	small Digital U/W camera
Kathy Bouic	\$50 Restaurant Gift card

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OR

**\$5 OFF** any \$25 purchase

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Dine in only. One coupon per visit.

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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**

**January's raffle prize is a...**  
**Suunto Cobra 2 Dive Computer**  
**with quick-disconnect**

# San Diego Dive Club's January Dive

**What:** *Underwater Confidence Course*  
**When:** Saturday, January 12th, 2008, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
**Where:** Nice Warm Pool @ Point Loma Sport Chalet

Has it been a while since you've put on the wetsuit and logged some hours under the water, or do you feel that your skills may be a little bit rusty? Maybe you might want to try out that new piece of gear you got for Christmas before you take it out to the ocean or on vacation. Well, we have the perfect opportunity for you. Your club dive masters are going to set up an underwater confidence course at the Sport Chalet pool in Point Loma. Divers who have tried this course in the past have really enjoyed this activity and keep asking when we will do it again. You will be run through a course which will require you to call on some of your dive skills while negotiating various obstacles. If you have not tried this, you will find that it builds up your confidence in getting out of tough situations when diving. What better way to test your skills and build your confidence in those skills than through the controlled atmosphere of this course. You can't beat the cost for this course; it's free. After you have built up your confidence in your skills by going through the obstacle course with your eyes open,... you may want to give it a try blindfolded, but that's optional of course. Hope to see you all there.

Dive coordinators: Dennis Fox (760) 580-5951 / Jeremy Burns (619) 729-6260

## 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 25<sup>th</sup>, and coming back Monday afternoon, the 28<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 \$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](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.



# 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..

## You are invited to Steve Anderson's Christmas light display!

Over 25,000 lights connected to 80 separate computer controlled lighting channels, synchronized to music broadcast on 89.1 FM. All this and snow too! He's added a small snow effect machine this year; it's just enough to make it feel like Christmas!

Where: Steve Anderson's House, 8002 Beaver Lake Drive, San Diego, CA 92119  
When: Every night from 5PM – 9:30PM

## Some Santa Toy-Drive stats:

106 participants total. 84 Discover Scuba divers, 22 were certified divers.  
Store gear sales were up. 15 dive classes were sold, 13 open water and 2 advanced.  
Farthest traveler....a family from Toronto, who learned of the program on Friday during a visit to the Mission Valley store.

Our previous record was 105 participants, which I think was done the second year we did the event. We usually do the event from 10AM to 6PM and only have about 80 participants. Thanks to everyone that made the event possible and everyone who donated a toy. If you have suggestions as to how we could do things better please send them to:

Steve Anderson [unclesteve@cox.net](mailto:unclesteve@cox.net)

The Toy-Drive photos are now on-line at the club web site at: <http://www.sandiegodiveclub.com/Photos/Santa/index.htm>

### As of 11/1/2007

#### New members

Alan Blake

Ana Karina Gomez Espana Schwenk

#### Renewing members

Monty Ray

John Bjerneby

Kerry Mahoney

**There are 107 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.

Last Months Winner: **Kathy Bouic** - Juvenile Garibaldi / Los Coronados Isl.

**NOTE: The January Photo of the Month Contest is no contest at all; bring any or all underwater photos for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual SDDC Photo Gallery. Photoshopping allowed.**



## 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](mailto:mthorn3478@aol.com) no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> 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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