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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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The President's Slate

Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and spent it with friends, neighbors, family and those close to you. It is 2010 already!!! I need to practice writing it on everything so I can get in the habit of doing it and not taking to May before I get it write on a continual basis. ☺

The Club started the holiday tradition with the Scuba Santa Event on Saturday, Dec. 5th which was a big hit with about 150 participants. Huge kudos to everyone who volunteered part (or all) of their day to devote to this event. Without participation from the Club members this event could not occur. We collected toys this year from Thanksgiving until Dec. 19th providing a boatload of toys for Father Joe at the Saint Vincent de Paul Charities.

The season continues this weekend (I am writing this on Dec. 15th) with the San Diego Parade of Lights on San Diego Bay as seen from the Star of India. It looks like everyone will be rewarded with a nice evening of fun, food, and lighted boats of all sizes, varieties and power.

Remember that the holidays are not the only time to lend a hand around and for the club. We have many activities this year, and some to plan! There will be officers positions opening up and it will be you that we are all going to count on to come forward and give a few hours a month to help coordinate some of these events for everyone! Hey, make it a New Year's Resolution.... Give a little back... spend a little time for your friends and dive buddies!! Ok, a bit over the top ... but we do need a little help every once in a while. Mark your calendars with some of our events and lend a few hours of assistance to make sure that everyone has a great time.

Welcome to 2010 – Its going to be a great year!!

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****

- Jan. 9** SDDC Dive, Underwater Confidence Course, Rich Burns coordinating
- 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
- April 3** Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt at LJ Shores
- April** Two harbors Trip Date TBD
- Sept 23-26** Horizon Live aboard Trip to Channel Islands Scott Brown Coordinating

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

January Meeting Guest Speaker Tom Phillipp

Thursday, Jan 7, 7pm at Giovanni's

Manatees of Crystal River & How BCs are Made

After completing the DEMA Show in Orlando, Tom visited Crystal River to swim with manatees. He was pleasantly surprised by the ease & affordability of this side trip, and will share his experiences and images. Then, Tom will share a recent video "How BCs Are Made". He'll guide us through the entire process from material selection through boxing them up, including views inside Aqua Lung's world class BC manufacturing facility in the Mexicali desert.

Tom Phillips is one of the original founders of our club, The San Diego Dive Club. Tom is currently Product Manager at Aqua Lung. Tom has been diving for 28 years and has been an active instructor for 25 years. Whether test diving new equipment or diving with his newly-certified children, he never tires of it.

QUARTERLY RAFFLE & PIRATE THEME

Each member in pirate attire will receive one raffle ticket NOT valid for the quarterly raffle prize. Only members in good standing are eligible for the quarterly raffle prize. Don't forget your raffle tickets from the last two meetings.

What: Underwater Confidence Course & Treasure Hunt

When: Saturday, January 9, 2010, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Where: Nice Warm Pool @ Point Loma Sport Chalet

Has it been a while since you've put on your dive gear, or are your skills a little rusty? Maybe you want to try out that new piece of gear you got for Christmas before you take it out to the ocean or on vacation. Your club is setting up an underwater confidence course at the Sport Chalet pool in Point Loma which is designed to get you to call on some of your dive skills while negotiating various obstacles. What better way to do this than through the controlled atmosphere of this course in a nice warm training pool. You can't beat the cost for this course either; it's free. As part of the course you will also get a chance to win a couple of extra raffle tickets for the next monthly club raffle, how you say, by showing us your treasure hunting and salvage skills and by being very lucky. Hope to see you all there. This course is open to current dive club members and their buddies, so grab your regular dive buddy and come on down. **Note: One of the primary reasons for the course is for you to be familiar, and comfortable with your gear, so only aluminum SCUBA tanks and air will be provided for this event, please bring your own SCUBA gear for use during the course.**

Photo of the Month Contest

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 – January 2010



Insurance (*From www.marscuba.com*)

For when things do go wrong, and if a flood occurs, hopefully you already purchased the necessary insurance.

Underwater camera specific insurance, [Divers Equipment Protection Program \(DEPP\)](#) is one of the most comprehensive plans around. They insure worldwide, and follow up very quickly on claims. They are apparently wonderful at replacing flooded gear.

An alternative is using DAN, Divers Alert Network, which offers a cash equivalent instead of replacement.

Another way to insure for camera loss is with homeowners insurance. A recommendation for getting insurance this way is to include a statement that the replacement cost will include suitable camera housing. For example, if you happen to flood a camera that has been discontinued, you can probably get the latest model, but then that new model camera may no longer fit the older model housing.

San Diego Dive Club – Dec. Meeting

Bert Kobayashi

Bert provided a talk about the Grey Whales that we see migrating past Southern California to and from their birthing grounds in Baja. These large creatures are known but not “well” known and Bert’s talk was very informative.

San Diego Council of Divers Update

December's meeting was the Council's traditional yearend wrap up. This month's meeting started with an open carousel, updates on the Children's Pool and the MLPA Maps. The council meetings are open to everyone. Come see what it's all about Meetings are held at the La Jolla Brew House 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of every month.

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

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