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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
www.dive-club.org



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July 2003

Why Do We Do It?

I believe I had mentioned in a previous letter that I hadn't had many opportunities to go diving lately. Well, things change. I've been assisting a PADI Openwater I course for Aqualung employees and have been getting wet frequently. On Friday, June 6th I had the opportunity to go for a twilight dive at La Jolla Shores. We went no deeper than 70 feet and headed north along the canyon wall. I don't remember ever seeing so many babies at one time! There were more baby octopi than I could count. Similarly there were tons of baby Sea Hares and crabs. The water was around 64 degrees with a noticeable thermocline at about 50 feet.

I had heard various reports that a giant black sea bass had been seen in the area, yeah right. At the end of the dive in about 40 feet of water just south of the main life-guard tower my buddy and I were surprised to see this monster. I think this was my very first giant sea bass and I've been diving for 17 years. He circled us slowly giving us the evil eye.

I looked around for Stan House's wolf eels he video taped but didn't know where to look. Stan told me later and I promised not tell anyone, besides, the directions were so complex I doubt I would remember how to find them anyway.

This last Friday, June 13, I took the day off work and zipped over to Avalon and did 3 dives with the Aqualung class in the underwater park in front of the Casino. This was another first for me, I have dived all over Catalina but never at Avalon.

So what's my point? Well, I started thinking about all the work and expense we go through to go diving. It takes a lot of time and energy to get all your gear together, put in on, drag it through the surf or drag it on to a boat, dive, refill your

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

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Wed., July 2, 2003 7:00 pm

(see page 10 for meeting location)

Ron Mullins

The Undersea World Of Southern California

Ron Mullins is a champion blue water freediver and a videographer who has been freediving the coastal waters of Southern California and Baja Mexico for nearly forty years.

See page 7 for more information

— *Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator*

JULY 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:

USMail:


San Diego Dive Club
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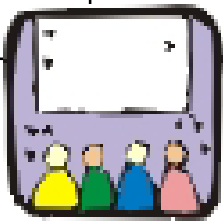
Phone: (619)225-9051

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
		1	2 Club Meeting 7:00	3	4 	5
6	7	8	9	10 Council meeting 7:00 PM (pg 5)	11	12 Movie on the Beach 3 R's (pg 6)
13	14	15	16 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 3 R's (pg 6)
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**Movie on the Beach
8:00 PM
Sat Jul 12**

Come on down to La Jolla Shores and join the group for a night of entertainment. The Club will be putting on a presentation of *Sea Hunt* (You Remember Mike Nelson, don't you?) on the sand at La Jolla Shores. This is the first of the summer season of *Movies on the Beach*, and it will be fun. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, and bring something to snack and drink. We will be starting the show about 8:00 when it gets dark enough to see the screen well. It is on the sand close to the lifeguard tower.

Later in the season the club will host other nights, and we will provide food and possibly dives, but for this first one, you are on your own for the snack bar.

Please, no glass containers, and remember - alcohol is not allowed on the beach!

At Our Last Meeting

Membership

Please welcome the following new and renewed members:

New
Craig Harwell
Jim Ingraham
Cliff Pryor

Renewals
Randy Miller
Mike Neubig
David Cox

Raffel Prize Winners

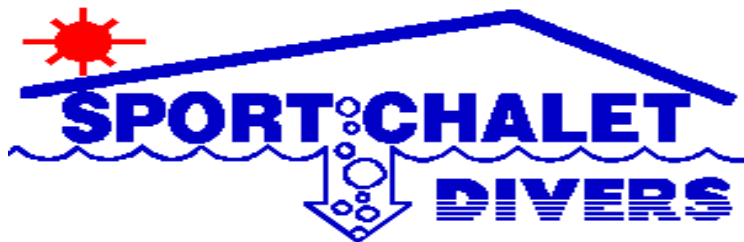
Denny Bianchi - Lois Ann dive trip
Rich Burns - dive knife
Sandi Schankin - Pack-it starterkit
Wayne Schwartz - foam tank pak
Scott Brown - UKSL4 dive lite
Sandi Schankin - console gauge retractor
Paul Schankin - dive club t-shirt
Josh Sokoloff - deluxe divers tool dit
Dave Pierce - Akona mask bag
Cliff Pryor - Scuba show tickets
Clyde Hessom - Sea snips

At Our Last Meeting....

Our dive coordinator Kurt Gross and Dr. Dave Bowes gave us a video presentation on diving in Loreto aboard the Iron Eagle. Some pretty exciting stuff, thanks Kurt and Dave!

Stan House showed us some composite video of dives at La Jolla Shores with some creatures you wouldn't normally expect to see there.

We also learned the three day trip on the Iron Eagle in September had been canceled due to a change of plans by the Iron Eagle and a lack of interest.



Scuba Charters

July 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-Jul	Island Time	Catalina/Fireworks	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
05-Jul	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
05-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
05-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
06-Jul	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
12-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
12-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
12-Jul	Lois Ann	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30AM	7:00AM	11:30AM	N/A
12-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00AM	7:00AM	5:30PM	Food & Air Fills
12-Jul	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
13-Jul	Blue Escape	2 Wreck,1 Night /Kelp	\$ 85	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	10:00 PM	N/A
13-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
13-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
13-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
13-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
19-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
19-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 78	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
19-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00AM	7:00AM	5:30PM	Food & Air Fills
19-Jul	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
20-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
20-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
20-Jul	Blue Escape	Kelp Beds 2 Tanks	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
20-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
20-Jul	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
26-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
26-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
26-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
27-Jul	Blue Escape	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	3:30 PM	N/A
27-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
27-Jul	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
27-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
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Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.

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.

The club has made arrangements to have long sleeve, hooded sweatshirts made with the dive club logo on them for \$25. These will be a single front pocket, hooded, long sleeve pull over sweatshirt. You will need to order and pay for the shirts and as soon as we have a minimum order of 24, we will have them made and distribute them. To place your order stop by the club meeting or contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cts.com or call 619-697-6589. The shirts are available in your choice of size and the following colors: black, white, navy blue, light blue, grey and yellow

tanks, and then clean everything up. Then there's also the maintenance on your gear, VIPs, Hydros, reg maintenance and inspections, etc. All this work for an occasional 45 minute dive in often lousy conditions. So why do we continue to do it?

We do it for the chance to have that occasional magic dive like I did with the giant black sea bass. I do it for the chance to see the faces of the new divers. We do it to have a special communion with another person. There's something magical about exploring and sharing an adventure with someone without being able to speak. I'm sure each of you have your own reasons and whatever they are, they justify all the work you go through for every dive.

Another thought I had was after Stan House showed us his video was to never underestimate the Shores as a dive site. We tend to think of it as a barren waste land but Stans video and my last dive there tell a completely different story.

If you've never done a twilight or night dive at the Shores you should!

This Month (July) we'll have our first annual "movie on the beach". We will be showing a series of Sea Hunt videos. Please send me an email and let me know if you have any ideas for our next one in August.

Steve Anderson

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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 **July 16**. 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.

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

Community Information

The San Diego Council of Divers

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

The San Diego Council of Divers meeting will be on Thursday, July 10, 2003 at Robb Field in Ocean Beach. An informal barbeque is planned for 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. We will have presentations on places you can drive to and dive in Baja. More information will be posted on the Council's website - www.sddivers.com



UNDERWATER MONOPOLY MARATHON

The SAY organization is announcing a Underwater Monopoly Marathon as a fund raiser on August 16th, 2003, at College of Oceaneering's new dive tank...it's a big and beautiful 45,000 gallon tank complete with viewing portholes and a huge outdoor deck around the top. Each diver needs to raise a minimum of \$250 in donations and/or pledges and we'll have t-shirts, bags and towels. For the top fundraising diver over \$500, we're planning to award a dive trip to the Cayman Islands.

Contact Glenda Belcher below for packets of info and sign-up sheets.

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ROCKS, RIPS & REEFS

The San Diego Council of Divers and the San Diego City Lifeguard Service are proud to present the 2003 Rocks, Rips & Reefs program (3R's). 3R's is an in-water education and site orientation program for divers and snorkelers. Participants are briefed on the interaction of surf, swell, and tides on underwater rocks and reefs, then enter the water and tour popular dive sites with local lifeguards.

Participants learn how to:

- Identify underwater rocks and reefs by observing water movement and surf
- Take advantage of the ocean's natural wave motion
- Spot safe places to enter and exit
- Avoid places hazardous to divers and snorkelers
- Encounter rip and longshore currents
- Use tides to plan dives

SCUBA certification is not required! Snorkelers welcome! 3R's is a great way for newer divers to learn more about the ocean and for experienced divers to explore new dive sites.

Bring a mask, fins, and snorkel. The ocean is cool, so a wetsuit is strongly recommended. Weights are unnecessary. Scuba gear (regulator, BC, tank) is not used during the program.

3R's is free. Participants must sign a liability waiver.

All diving is subject to weather and surf, so be sure you check for last minute cancellations. The San Diego City Lifeguard Service has recorded surf and beach conditions and last-minute schedule changes: (619) 221-8824

We send reminders a few days before each 3R's and notices of last-minute cancellations to our e-mail list. To subscribe, send an e-mail to: rocks-rips-reefs-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

SCHEDULE

Register on site at 8:00 am, then suit up. The briefing starts at 8:15 am, and we're in the water at 8:30 am. Sessions end about 10:00 am.

May 31, 2003

La Jolla Cove

1150 Coast Blvd. (La Jolla Cove steps)

Session host - Bottom Bunch Dive Club

July 12, 2003

Shell Beach (Seal Rock)

1000 Coast Blvd. (Ocean St.)

Session host - Nautilus Dive Club

August 23, 2003

Goldfish Point (La Jolla Caves)

1325 Coast Blvd. (old Shell Shop)

Session host - Dive Animals Scuba Club

June 21, 2003

South Casa Cove

Coast Blvd. at Jenner St.

Session host - San Diego Dive Club

July 26, 2003

North Bird Rock

6000 Camino de la Costa

Session host - San Diego Freedivers

September 13, 2003

Hospital Point

400 Coast Blvd (south of Cuvier)

Session host - San Diego Sea Dogs

August 9, 2003

Marine Street

300 Marine Street

Session host - Nautilus Dive Club

Guest Speaker Info

The Undersea World Of Southern California

Experience the hidden struggles of life under the waves of Southern California where giant black sea bass struggle to establish and maintain dominance over bat rays, sea lions and other animals. Follow the trials of a pair of powerful giant black sea bass as they achieve a hard earned victory only to loose it to a pair of giants nearly twice their own size. Watch one of North America's most elusive animals, white sea bass, as they patrol beautiful kelp forests. Witness the congregation of a secret fraternity of soaring bat rays as they glide through shafts of sunlight. You'll see rare animals seldom seen by man and discover the challenges faced by California freedivers as they struggle to fit into one of nature's oldest and most unforgiving environments. With never before seen footage, filmed entirely while freediving, you'll observe animals playing out the rolls cast by millions of years of evolution. Filmed entirely while freediving, The Undersea World Of Southern California has been nearly five years in the making.

Ron Mullins

Ron Mullins is a champion blue water freediver and a videographer who has been freediving the coastal waters of Southern California and Baja Mexico for nearly forty years. He currently holds two World Records and a California State Record for his accomplishments as a blue water freediver. His most recent video, Freediving The Revillagigedos, is one of the best blue water videos ever made and has set a new standard for freediving videos. In addition, he has written articles for most major freedive publications around the world and his footage has been seen on television in the United States, Mexico, Spain, Australia, and Japan

Future Happenings

Scott Brown is organizing a dive trip to Catalina, San Clemente & Santa Barbara Islands on August 7 (evening boarding), 8, 9, and 10th aboard our favorite boat, The Horizon. If you are interested in joining us on this 3-day trip at the beginning of August (with a nite on the town in Avalon) please contact Scott Brown via our e-mail, lsbro1@mindspring.com, or our home phone: **858-560-6755 before 9pm evenings.**

DIVE THE YUKON

Saturday, September 27th,
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Experience Level: Advanced

The club has chartered the Lois Ann out of Seaforth Sport fishing in San Diego for a three-tank dive. Our friends from the Dive Club of South Orange County will be joining us. We will be making 2 dives on the Yukon and then the 3rd dive at the Point Loma Kelp Beds. A mere \$65* will get you 3 dives, including: air fills to 3500 psi, 80 c.f. steel tanks & Seasoft weight belts. Hot shower, lunch, soft drinks & cookies are also included. If you have the appropriate certification, NITROX is also available for an extra charge, but you must let us know ahead of time. The dives to the Yukon are advanced dives, so appropriate experience or certification is recommended. To sign up, come to the next club meeting with payment or contact Rich Burns at (619) 303-6589 or (619) 697-6589 to book your spot. * Note: at this price we cannot guarantee refunds, we will make every attempt to fill your spot in case of a problem, but no guarantees. For directions to the boat check out: www.loisann.com

Catalina in the Fall

October 24th - 26th, 2003

Experience Level: All Levels - Divers and Non Divers Alike

First of all, I would like to thank all those who attended and helped out with the Two Harbors, Catalina trip in April. It was a blast! The pancake breakfast was great, the Carne & Pollo Asada Bar-B-Q was fantastic, and the Sea Bass tacos weren't bad either!

So, lets do it again! We have made reservations for October 24-26. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at about noon on Friday and then be returning at approximately 2:30pm 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. We have also made arrangements for a 2-tank dive on the Garibaldi on Friday evening/night. We will have more details in following newsletters and sign-ups are available at the club meeting or by contacting Rich Burns at sddiver@cts.com or 619-303-6589. But don't wait too long to make your reservations, this trip sells out very quickly.

(* cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins, non-diver rate is \$98.50, and rate for divers taking part in the Friday evening/night boat dive is \$166.00).

SCRIPPS AT THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR

Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) and the Birch Aquarium at Scripps (BAS) are partnering with the Fair to help create a "Commotion by the Ocean," June 13-July 6 (closed Mondays), 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Coinciding with Scripps's Centennial, SIO and BAS have worked hard to create amazing exhibit, Scripps Ocean Explorations, where visitors will experience the thrill of exploring the great depths of the ocean world ...and it's all about Scripps! The 20,000-square-foot exhibit will include artifacts like a diver's shark cage and deep-ocean core samples, plus amazing videos from the world's oceans. Each evening at 7:30 p.m., various SIO researchers will present "Meet the Scripps Explorer" (see list below). Elsewhere on the fairgrounds, visitors will have the chance to walk through a life-size, inflatable gray whale, illustrating the enormous size and fascinating inner anatomy of whales. Live costumed characters will stroll around the fairgrounds, including a whale, a shark, and a sea horse. And although sea horses are fish, horse lovers are in for a surprise in the World of Horses barn: a sea horse stall!

MEET THE SCRIPPS EXPLORERS: 7:30-8:30 p.m. nightly at the Fair

- Friday, June 13, Tracy Mincer on The Final Frontier: Medicine from the Sea
- Saturday, June 14, Graham Kent on Tsunami Waves in the Sierras: Do I Really Need to Bring My Long Board to Lake Tahoe?
- Sunday, June 15, Christine Reif on Journey to the Center of the Earth! Explore the Mysteries of Our Earth's Interior
- Monday, June 16 FAIR CLOSED
- Tuesday, June 17, Bob Burhans on Secrets of the Seahorse
- Wednesday, June 18, Shelley Glenn-Lee on Life at the Edge of Land and Sea
- Thursday, June 19, Kevin Hardy on Scripps Oceanography: 100 Years of Ocean Exploration
- Friday, June 20, Kurt D. Schwehr on Why Study Mud and Muck from the Bottom of the Ocean? Understanding the Chances of Tsunamis Along the California Coast
- Saturday, June 21, Michael Hedlin on Listening to the Secret Sounds of Earth's Atmosphere
- Sunday, June 22, Ed Parnell on A Brief History of Our Local Coastal Resources and a Glimpse into the Future
- Monday, June 23 FAIR CLOSED
- Tuesday, June 24, Leslee Matsushige on Jellyfish: Jewels of the Sea
- Wednesday, June 25, Fernando Nosratpour on Birch Aquarium's Nursery: Coral CraziNESS
- Thursday, June 26, Wolf Berger on Lessons from the Ice Ages for the Climate of the Future
- Friday, June 27, Lisa Levin and Dave Checkley on Creatures of the Deep and the Ups and Downs of Sardines
- Saturday, June 28, Andrew Aubrey on Hydrothermal Vents and Origins of Life
- Sunday, June 29, Christian Solem on Frozen Natural Gas below the Seafloor: The Energy Resource of the Future?
- Monday, June 30 FAIR CLOSED
- Tuesday, July 1, Nigella Hillgarth on Life Under Stress: Human and Climatic Impacts on Marine Bird Populations
- Wednesday, July 2, Jill Weinberger on Burning Ice from the Bottom of the Ocean: A Day in the Life of a Marine Geologist at Sea
- Thursday, July 3, Mark Ohman on Catch of the Day: Exploring the Plankton of the Pacific
- Friday, July 4, Kevin Hardy on Scripps Oceanography: 100 Years of Ocean Exploration
- Saturday, July 5, Jim Stewart on SHARK ATTACK! A Survivor's Story
- Sunday, July 6, Kevin Hardy on Scripps Centennial: The Next Century of Global Discovery

Costa Rica November 8th -16th

Come and join the San Diego Dive Club for a trip to beautiful Costa Rica. We will depart on the morning of Saturday November 8th and return in the late afternoon of Sunday, November 16th. We will spend 9 days and 8 nights on an adventure of a lifetime. This trip will include Deluxe Accommodations, SCUBA Diving, Horseback Riding at Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge, Treetop Canopy Tour at Witches Rock Canopy, visits to Arenal Volcano and Tabacon Hot Springs, and Whitewater Rafting.

The price of the trip is \$1765.50 for divers, and \$1570.50 for non-divers. This trip price includes: round trip airfare from San Diego, 8 nights of lodging, all of the aforementioned adventure activities and ground transportation. There are also approximately 10 meals included with the package. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at rburns@nassco.com or by calling 619-697-6589 or 619-544-8616. A \$250 deposit* is required to guarantee your spot and full payment will be due 90 days prior to departure, August 8th.

Sol Playa Hermosa Resort & Villas:

The Sol Playa Hermosa Beach Resort and Villas sit on a hill overlooking Playa Hermosa the beach, boats, islands and dive sites with a fantastic view of the Pacific Ocean and gorgeous Costa Rican sunsets. There are monkeys, iguanas, parrots and other birds on the property. The hotel has private balconies, central air conditioning, cable TV, phones, micro-fridge, coffee maker, security safe and a hair dryer. Trams take you around to the three restaurants, three pools, disco, mini mart, dive shop, tour office and beach. Tennis, basketball, volleyball, ping-pong and lots of other activities are available.

Witch's Rock Canopy Tour:

Witch's Rock Canopy Tour is located in Guanacaste, the most attractive and traditional Province of Costa Rica. Designed to offer the adventure and nature lovers a unique combination of captivating tropical dry forest scenery, while enjoying an exciting canopy tour with 23 platforms, surrounded by an amazingly changing natural landscape with privileged Pacific Ocean View, a beautiful waterfall, unforgettable sunsets, as well as the rich and diverse colors and sounds of the typical flora and fauna of the North Western region of the Country.

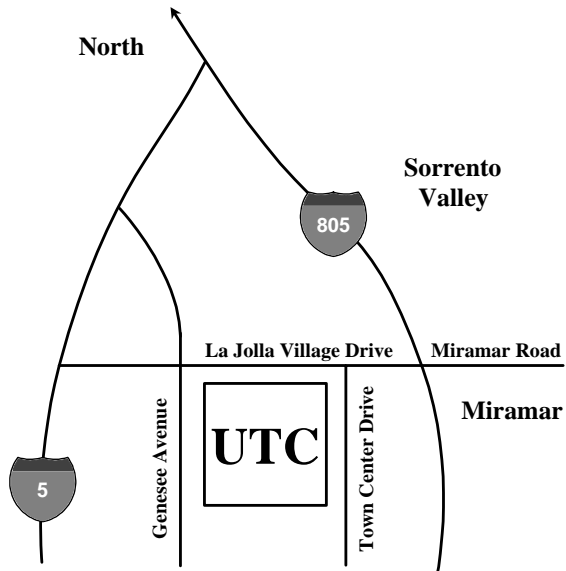
Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge:

Enjoy abundant wildlife and panoramic views of the rain forest at the foot of the Orosi Volcano while horseback riding through the ranch at Los Inocentes. This is the ultimate nature lover's adventure. This part of the rain forest is home to an estimated 2,250 species of plants, 125 species of birds and 25 species of mammals. The wildlife includes howler and white-faced capuchin monkeys, spider monkeys, tapirs, sloth, jaguars, collared peccaries, the Montezuma Oropendula, and many parrots.

Along with everything listed above we will also be doing:

- 3 days of 2-tank boat diving
- a trip to the Arenal Volcano and spending a couple days at deluxe accommodations at the Tabacon Hot Springs
- a day of Whitewater River Rafting

*Refund Policy is as follows: Airfare is refundable for a \$125 per person cancellation fee. Hotel and ground package is refundable as follows: Cancel more than 90 days in advance no fee, cancel 30 to 90 days in advance \$100 cancellation fee, cancel 15 to 29 days in advance 50% cancellation fee, less than 15 days in advance 100% cancellation fee.



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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