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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
www.sandiegodiveclub.com



July 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Club Events

By the time you're all reading this issue, we will have kicked off the Summer with our first Bar-B-Q and movie on the beach. It wasn't extravagant, just burgers, dogs, a few friends, and Cecil B. Anderson's showing of Narnia. I always enjoy seeing other people at La Jolla shores come and join us to watch the movie. Mark September 9th on your calendar for our end of Summer Bar-B-Q and movie on the beach. That one will be a bit more of a production with carne and pollo asada along with all the fixings.

November 18th and 19th are the dates this year of our now annual Disneyland trek. December 2nd, Santa will visit the Point Loma Sport Chalet pool for the underwater Santa shoot and toy drive. December 17th is the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. And we'll be setting up the underwater confidence course again on January 7th of next year. All of these events happen only with the help of many. If you would like to help, please talk to any club officer and we'll be happy to work you to the bone.

In the past, the club has held a blood drive during early December. Donations were great at first. However, participation dwindled over the years to below acceptable levels for the San Diego Blood Bank and we stopped holding the drive. Myself and the club officers would like to revive this event and couple it with a pancake breakfast at La Jolla shores October 7th. Please contact me as soon as you read this and let me know your thoughts. Hopefully we can make this work once again.

Scott Brown - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., July 6 , 2006 7:00 pm

(see back page for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for July is:

Mike Keeney from Aqualung

Mike is an engineering technician in the military product development division of Aqualung. He will be speaking to us on the U.S. Navy's training and use of dolphins for ordinance and personnel search and recovery

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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**July is a
Quarterly Prize
Month!**

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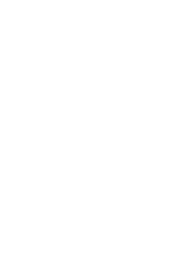
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Membership

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
- 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

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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Phone: (619)225-9051

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Deadline for all submissions is the 15th of each month.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6 Club Meeting 7:00	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Dive Coronados	17	18	19 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	20 Human Powered sub races 8-5	21 Human powered sub races 8-5	22 Human Powered sub races 8-5
23 HPS 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

DIVE CORONADO ISLANDS Sunday, July 16, 2006 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM Experience Level: Beginner to Intermediate

The club has chartered the Lois Ann out of Seaforth Sport Fishing in San Diego for a trip to the Coronado Islands. A mere \$85* will get you 3-4 dives, including: air fills to 3500 psi for your HP tanks. Boat provides 80c.f. aluminum tanks & weights, lunch, snacks, soft drinks & cookies. If you have the appropriate certification, NITROX is also available for an extra charge, but you must let us know ahead of time. To sign up, come to the next club meeting with payment and provide to Laura Brown (SDDC Secretary). If you can not make the club meeting contact Rich Burns at (619) 697-6589 or at SDDiver@cox.net 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. For dive site information and directions to the boat check out: <http://www.loisann.com/>

The Coronado Islands in Mexican waters are a great dive destination. They are just 20 miles from San Diego which is only a 1-1/2 hour boat ride to a full day of diving in blue water with visibility averaging 50 feet. The island group consists of two main islands referred to as North and South Island. Even though North Island is the smaller of the two, it has the better dive sites. On the leeward side is Lobster Shack, a small cove where 20 years ago a Mexican fisherman built and lived in a shack on the rocks just above the cove. Depths range from 10 to 65 feet. A few harbor seals call this cove home year-round while in the winter some 200 sea lions move over from the windward side of the island and often will leave the shore to play with the divers. Farther down the island toward the southern tip is The Arch, commonly referred to as "Keyhole", an arch that divers can swim through to the windward side of the island. But this is only possible on days when the waves are small. Depths here range from 10 to 130 feet.



Scuba Charters

July 2006

Reservations can be made at any Sport Chalet or with the Scuba Reservation office at

800-348-3794.

Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Date	Boat	Destination	Price	Board	Depart	Return	Additional Charges
01-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
01-Jul	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
01-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
01-Jul	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$82	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	12:00 PM	N/A
01-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
02-Jul	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
02-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
02-Jul	Island Time	Oil Rigs-Adv Only	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
02-Jul	Lois Ann	Kelp - 2 Tank	\$82	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
02-Jul	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$82	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	8:30 PM	N/A
08-Jul	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
08-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
08-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	7:30 PM	N/A
08-Jul	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 AM	Food & Air Fills
09-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
09-Jul	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$147	7/8,10PM	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
09-Jul	Island Time	Catalina - 2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
09-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank pm	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
09-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
09-Jul	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 AM	Food & Air Fills
15-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
15-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank night	\$94	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:30 AM	N/A
15-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
16-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
16-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank pm	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
16-Jul	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
16-Jul	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
22-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
22-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
22-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank pm	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
22-Jul	Magician	San Clemente	\$150	7/21,10PM	1:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
23-Jul	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
23-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
23-Jul	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
23-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
23-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank pm	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
29-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
29-Jul	Great Escape	Backside Catalina	\$135	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
29-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
29-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank night	\$94	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:30 AM	N/A
29-Jul	Magician	Catalina-No OW Class	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
29-Jul	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
30-Jul	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Jul	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
30-Jul	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank pm	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A

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

**Southern Channel Islands
3-day trip
August 24,25,& 26**

Once again it's time to plan our 3-day trip to the southern channel islands on board the Horizon. The dates this year are August 24,25,& 26. Space is limited to 26 divers to ensure seating for all while enjoying the fine efforts of chef Mark. Our usual destinations are the islands of Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, and San Clemente. This year, conditions permitting, we will pass on Santa Barbara and try for San Nicolas island with it's bat rays. Cost is \$ 450.00 per person. A deposit of \$ 200.00 will reserve a space on the trip. Sleeping accomodations may be selected only upon full payment. Deposits and payments in full will be accepted begining at the May 4th club meeting. For info, contact Scott Brown, (858) 254-9484, lsbro1@mindspring.com.

3R's Schedule

Here is the Rock' Rips and Reefs (3R's) schedule for this summer.

This program is designed to aquaint divers with different areas of the coast and to teach divers how to use the terrain and currents afely. The program is run by the Lifeguards and hosted by various dive clubs.

**1.) May 20th La Jolla Cove
Session Host: TBA**

**2.) June 3rd North Bird Rock
Session Host: TBA**

**3.) June 17th Marine Street
Session Host: SDDC (us)**

**4.) July 8th Gold Fish Point
Session Host: Dive Animals**

**5.) July 22nd Shell Beach
Session Host: TBA**

**6.) August 5th Hospital Point
Session Host: Sea Dogs**

**7.) August 19th Casa Cove
Session Host: San Diego Dive
Club**

At Our Last Meeting

We all owe our thanks to Eric for sharing with us his videos of the making of scuba cylinders and fins. It was fascinating to watch an aluminum billit be placed into a hydraulic ram and formed into a cylinder. The speaker from the Human Powered Submarine event filled us in on all we needed to know for sign ups and participation. I hope to see many of our members at the event. Barbara Lloyd had a great picture of a hermissinda crassicornus nudibranch in the photo of the month contest. I managed to edge her out however with my horn shark shot.

Scott Brown

Membership

Please welcome these new and
renewing members...

New members

Anthony Weir
Jackie Patay
Gregg Wickstrand

Renewals

Jon Bunnell
Monty Ray

Raffle

Here are the winners from June's raffle

Anthony Weir - Scuba Show Tickets (2)
Barbara Lloyd - Pink Stuffed Puppet fish
Mike Petschek - Lois Ann Dive Boat Gift Certificate
Dennis Fox - Ankle weights
Laura Brown - Body Glove .5mm skin suit
Matt Geiselman - Sport Chalet Mask Strap
Mike Petschek - Travel Pole Spear
Walt Weaver - Fish Stringer w/strap
Cody Gilstrap - Game bag and dive knife

The July quarterly raffel prize is a dive computer with compass.

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

Photo of the month:

Scott Brown

Horned Shark - Southern California

Olympus 5060

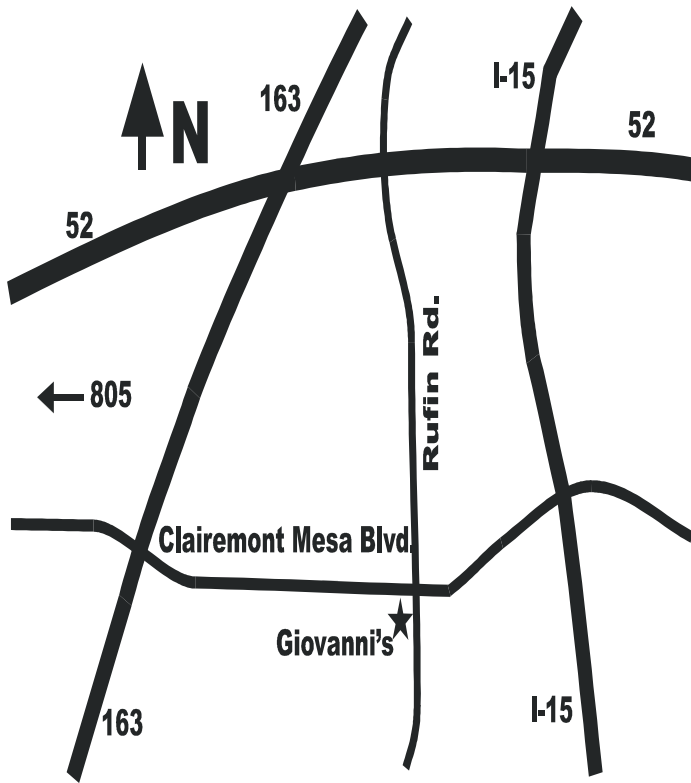
**San Diego Dive Club
Officers' Meeting
Wednesday July 19th**

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 :

The next 2 Officer's Meetings will be held at La Jolla Shores..

The July officers meeting will be at La Jolla shores. We'll provide burgers, dogs, buns, and condiments. Look for us at a table somewhere on the grass.

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 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.

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