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## **San Diego Dive Club Newsletter**

**July 2009**

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## *The President's Slate*

There has been so much talk about the MLPA work being done by a few volunteers. They have been diligently working on a solution to create a solution to some issues with the ocean. It is a valiant effort and one that is important to us all. The San Diego Dive Club is your club and a great opportunity to get involved. For those who have been involved in our activities it is very rewarding to see everyone having fun with just a few hours of your time. We need more help. Please look at the events calendar in this month's newsletter. There are several items in there where you can assist us. The Star of India, San Diego Oceans Foundation and the Three R's are all causes that we are now very much involved in. For those at last months meeting I passed along a sign-up sheet for the Three R's to have someone from the club there to collect waivers and represent the club. Thank you very much for those who signed up. If you want to get involved please send me a note and I would love to add you to the list!!

The San Diego Oceans Foundation is having their yearly DIVE-A-THON fundraiser. This year it is in JULY so get over to [www.sdoceans.org](http://www.sdoceans.org) and sign up. There are great prizes available for raising money and dive minutes. It is great fun and a way to put your diving to a good cause. The SDOF also raises White Sea Bass in pens along San Diego and Mission Bays. These pens need volunteers to come by daily to feed the fish and check the pens. I think that as a club we could adopt one day a week and provide some people to do this – it's a little work but the reward is great.

Along with these programs and work there is also fun diving! Last month I passed a sign-up sheet around for diving ideas. I had some great ideas for some dives. How about Anacapa, Hope Rock, Hogan, Buccaneer Beach, Catalina – Casino Point and others. We need all of you dive professionals out there to pick a day and your favorite dive and share the experience with your club.

Time to get out there and make something happen. It's your club, these are your friends, lets go diving and let's make something happen ....

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\*\***

- June 27** Star of India Hull Cleaning  
Dive-Scott Brown coordinating
- July** SDOF Dive-a-thon,  
<http://sdoceans.org/index.php>
- July 11** SDDC Dive, site/time tbd
- Jul 11-18** Sport Chalet, Cozumel trip  
\$998 + Airfare. Contact Sport Chalet
- July 11** 3Rs, Goldfish Point (La Jolla Caves) [sddivers.com](http://sddivers.com)
- July 25** 3Rs, Marine Street,
- Aug 4-18?** Albion Trip-Dave Pierce coordinating
- Aug 8** SDDC Dive, site/time tbd
- Aug 8** 3Rs, Hospital Point
- Aug 22** 3Rs-Casa Beach
- Aug 29** Movie on the Beach/Carne Asada Dinner
- Sept 17-20** Horizon Live Aboard Channel Islands Trip-Scott Brown coordinating
- Oct 30-Nov 2** Two Harbors, Catalina Island, Rich Burns coordinating
- Nov 21** Disneyland-Steve Anderson coordinating
- Dec 5** Underwater Santa-Point Loma Sport Chalet
- Dec 20** Parade of Lights-Star of India, Scott Brown coordinating

## **DIVE COORDINATOR NEEDED!**

**SDDC is looking for dive coordinators. Position does NOT require a certified Dive Master.**



## **HORIZON LIVE-ABOARD CHANNEL ISLANDS TRIP SEPT 17-20. 2009**

**Scott Brown will begin selling this trip at the July meeting at 6:00 pm, on a first come basis. For additional information please contact Scott at 858/254-9484.**

## **July Meeting Guest Speaker – Mike Bartick**

### **2009 Opisthobranchs & Biodiversity Study Philippines**

*Thursday, July 2, 7pm at Giovannis*

Mike Bartick is an avid Ca diver, photographer, and owner/operator of Saltwaterphoto.com, with photos in numerous publications and digital media. He is a board member of LA Diving, Orange County Underwater Photographic Society, and the field editor for the dive photo guide "Going Nudi In California." His dive sites include Estonia, Kasawari Lembeh, Anilao Philippines, among many others. Please join us as Mike describes the 2009 Opisthobranchs & Biodiversity study of the Philippines, including slides of various other critters.

### **QUARTERLY RAFFLE PRIZE**

### **Aqua Lung Legend LX Supreme ACD Regulator**

Dive Shirt Theme Night-each member wearing a "dive shirt"(not homemade) will receive one raffle ticket NOT valid for the quarterly prize.

### **Two Harbors, Catalina Island, Oct 30 – Nov 2, 2009**

We have reserved the camping cabins at Two Harbors for Halloween weekend in 2009. Enjoy a great get away and the horrors of Two Harbors, including the haunted house at the "skinning shed", the ghosts of Banning house, spirits of ship rock, and lobsters dropped into boiling water and then drowned in butter. We will be heading over on Friday morning and coming back Monday afternoon. Exact boat times and locations are tbd, and the cost of the trip is estimated at \$160, per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins, and includes round trip transportation between the LA area and Two Harbors via local charter service, 3 nights accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast Sat., Sun. and Mon. mornings, and dinner Fri., Sat. and Sun. 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 \$82 for each 2-tank dive; purchase of boat dive includes free tank and weight rentals for the weekend for shore diving. This is Lobster season and "bugging" requires licenses and report cards. Significant discounts on equipment rentals from Two Harbors Dive & Recreation Center are available. See Rich Burns at the August dive club meeting to sign up on a first come first choose basis, or contact Rich after Aug. 6 at [sddiver@cox.net](mailto:sddiver@cox.net) or 619-697-6589. This trip always fills up so don't wait too long.

## Photo of the Month Contest

A friendly contest we can all enjoy. Here's how it works. Take an underwater photo, frame it for easy display, and set it up at the club meeting with the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five free raffle tickets. Membership is not necessary to vote. One vote per person. The intent is to involve as many club members as possible in the 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 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. We have several excellent photographers within our membership and as this contest continues, hopefully we'll see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

Photo of the Month- Your name could be here for July

### SDDC DIVEMASTER SCHOLARSHIP

San Diego Dive Club Divemaster Scholarship will be offered to a current SDDC member, chosen by the club officers, possibly in Aug. or Sept. Candidates must submit a brief essay including reasons for seeking this scholarship, to be used as part of the selection process. SDDC will only award the scholarship if a suitable candidate is available. Individuals awarded this scholarship must pledge to Divemaster for at least 10 club dives, at no charge, within 18 months of completing the course. For specific requirements & additional details please contact Michael King at (858) 361-0402 or [scubamike44@yahoo.com](mailto:scubamike44@yahoo.com).

### Photo Tip of the Month



#### Depth of Field and Aperture (F-stops)

This huge interest in maximum depth of field is very common in underwater photographers. It is much less common in surface photographers. Portrait photographers rarely shoot at f/22. They know that a person should stand out from a background. If you shoot at f/4 to f/8 (depending on the reproduction ratio), you can get enough depth of field to keep the entire face in focus but throw the background out of focus. This is important because the eye goes to the sharpest thing in a photograph. If the idea is to draw one's attention to the face, you don't want the trees in the background to be sharp. They distract the viewer and clutter the photograph. Same thing underwater. You want the fish in focus and the background a little soft so the fish stands out and the background doesn't interfere.

### San Diego Dive Club – June Meeting Tom and Marie Phillip – Honeymoon Interrupted –Life-Threatening DCS

Tom and Marie shared their tale of DCS while diving in Palau. The moral of this very emotional, scary and true story- Do not think that it cannot happen to you!

### Raffle Prize Winners (Aqua Lung items donated by guest speakers)

Terry Thomas	flashlight
Scott Brown	USB
Kevin Lass	\$25 Sport Chalet card
Randy Thomas	Aqualung Shirt
Sean Francis	Aqualung Mask
Scott Brown	fins
Mike King	reg. bag
David Pierce	mask bag
Barbara Lloyd	Aqualung hat
Terry Thomas	slate
Scott Brown	hazardous first aid guide



## 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 GRAND PRIZE!!!***

## Dips, Tips and Trips

Send a description of your favorite local dive spot, your best Dive Tips or U/W Photo Tips, or a brief report or article describing your last Dive Trip. Each month we'll select and publish the best ones in the *Primary Regulator*.

Submit them electronically to, [jlburtonus@yahoo.com](mailto:jlburtonus@yahoo.com) NLT the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Submissions are subject to editing.

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