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The President's Slate

Scott Brown, President

It would appear summer has finally arrived. And just in time for our Horizon 2-day trip. We were fortunate to spend both sunny days at San Clemente Island diving at Little Flower, Fish Hook, Black Caverns, Inside Boiler, and Twin Caves. This was the first stop ever for the Horizon at twin caves as a dive site and everyone aboard agreed it was a great site. I intend to keep Twin Caves in mind as a possible night dive site in the future; maybe next year.

Our dinner theme was Red, White, and Blue which was easy for everyone to manage and as a result we had wonderful participation. Not so for the Red Dress Dive on Sunday with only four of us taking part in the shenanigans. I'm proud to announce that the scepter has once again been claimed by the male gender with crew member Kyle taking first place. He's been putting forth great effort for several years now and it's finally paid off. Our thanks go out to the entire Horizon crew with special recognition as always to Chef Mark for his excellent meals.

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.

What's Happening at the July Meeting

Thursday, July 7th, 7pm at Giovanni's

The San Diego Dive Club is pleased to announce

Mike Bartick

will be presenting

"Observations Anilao"

A photographic essay and talk presented in PowerPoint, discussing animal mimicry, aposematic behaviors and ambush style predation. Mike cracks the door for a peek into the intricate and vicious world of benthic animals. Cryptic sand dwellers, lightning fast strike speeds, built in lures, subterranean carnivorous polychaete worms, highly venomous sea creatures that rule their kingdoms with supernatural animal powers.

Mike Bartick is a professional Marine Wildlife Photographer, Photojournalist and Naturalist, Published in magazine's and text books worldwide. He is a field guide and small animal expert concentrating on California, the Indo Pacific, and the Philippines.

Mike is also the Editor at large for California Diver Magazine and staff writer for UW photography guide.

Mike's most recent projects: Work with the Philippine Department of Tourism promoting Macro photography in the Safari Event. Mike is also the in-house Photo pro for Philippine Safari Boat Dive Ops and Marco Vincent Resorts.

Barbara Lloyd
Entertainment Coordinator



Long Range Calendar

Jul. 7	Club Meeting – Quarterly Raffle
Jul. 9	BBQ & Movie on the Beach – LJS
Jul. 17	Underwater Confidence Course – Sport Chalet Pt Loma, Rich Burns
Jul. 23	3-R's, Pescadero, 4902 Orchard Ave, Top of Stairs, Host: SDDC
Aug. 6	3-R's & Club dive after, Hospital Pt
Aug. 13	Movie on the Beach, Pot luck, LJS
Sep. 1	Club Meeting
Sep. 17	Carne Asada BBQ, Movie on the Beach, LJS

San Diego Dive Club Check Out These Benefits!!!

10% discount on non-sale dive gear & rentals, education classes, & boat charters at Sport Chalet.

10 free air fills and 10% discount on additional air 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.

Raffle Prize Winners of the June Meeting

Scott Brown	Zipper mesh bag w/Aqua Lung cards, wax, lanyard	Scott Anderson	Aqua Lung Low Tide Socks
	Body Glove Surf Rash Guard Top		Scuba Master Scuba Tool
Steve Gardner	\$50 Sport Chalet Gift Certificate	John Swanson	Rescue Tape
Danny Csaszar	San Diego Dive Club T-Shirt	Rich Burns	Pro Blue Dive Line
Walt Weaver	Sea Snips – donated by Rich Burns		

Photo of the Month Contest of the June Meeting

This is a friendly contest, featuring framed underwater photos displayed at the club meeting. Anyone in attendance can vote; the winning photographer receives 5 raffle tickets plus the fame and appreciation of the SDDC. Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the club meeting with the previous month's winner, and featured in the newsletter. Competitors, consider placing your photos onto portable media to provide to the Newsletter Editor in the event you win so the photo may be featured in the newsletter; or send as attachment to SDDCNewsletter@gmail.com.

The rules for this contest, enforced by the honor system, include:

- **Underwater pictures only (digital or film) taken since the last meeting**
- **The photographer and subject must be submersed in the same liquid at the same time the photo was taken**
- **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, and No Software-based Enhancement before printing**

WINNER

Scott Brown

Sea Scallop, Catalina Island

CLUB DIVES

June's club dive was held at the foot of Marine Street. Even though there are no facilities, there is ample parking for an early morning dive which makes this site a great alternative to La Jolla Shores during the summer. The lifeguard stationed there informed me that more often than not the swell pattern is fairly flat during the summer - another reason to add this to your repertoire of San Diego shore diving sites.

We have decided that our club dives should have themes, just for fun, and this month's dive was in honor of the fathers in our club. Eight of the eleven divers who attended received a small present in honor of their special status as Dads. A really good time was had by everyone and the excellent dive briefing combined with in water experience means these divers now know how to dive a new site.

Whenever possible we intend to hold club dives at locations covered by the San Diego Council of Divers 3r's program, which will give everyone who participates in both events the opportunity to get a very thorough briefing of a new site plus experience in the water with and without dive gear. If you like to dive locally, but are bored with a steady diet of La Jolla Shores, these dives are for you!

*Merrienne Dean
Kathy Bouic
Dive Coordinators*

...AND SPEAKING OF THE 3 R's

From Scott Anderson, President, Council of Divers

3R's (Rips, Rocks, and Reefs) 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, and then enter the water and tour popular diver sites with local Instructors.

3Rs is a great way for newer divers to learn more about the ocean and for experienced divers to explore new dive sites.

3 R's continued:

Participants learn how to:

1. Identify underwater rocks and reefs by observing water movement and surf;
2. Take advantage of the ocean's natural wave motion;
3. Spot safe places to enter and exit;
4. Avoid places hazardous to divers and snorkelers;
5. Encounter rip and long shore currents;
6. Use tides to plan dives;

Who can attend?

The 3R's program is free, and open to the public (**Donations are gladly accepted and the proceeds are only used to keep the program operating**). Snorkelers welcome! SCUBA Certification is not required, but swimming experience is recommended. Participants must sign a liability waiver as part of registration. Participants aged 17 or less must have the waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Here are the remaining dates:

Goldfish Point (La Jolla Caves) Saturday July 9, 2011
Meet at 1325 Coast Blvd. (Old Shell Shop)
Session Host: [Dive Animals](#)

Pescadero Saturday July 23, 2011
Meet at – Top of stairs, 4902 Orchard Ave
Session Host: [San Diego Dive Club](#)

Hospital Point Saturday August 6, 2011
Meet at 400 Coast Blvd (south of Cuvier)
Session Host: San Diego Sea Dogs

Children's Pool Saturday August 20, 2011
Meet at Life Guard Tower 850 Coast Boulevard
Session Host: [San Diego Freedivers](#)

More information on the 3-R's event and schedule can be found on the Council of Divers website at:
<http://www.sddivers.com/3rs.html>

~SA

San Diego Council of Divers Update

- June -

The speaker this month was Kelli Shaw from the San Diego Oceans Foundation. The SDOF pollution prevention programs have stopped millions of gallons of raw sewage and trash from entering our waterways. They also remove trash directly for our waters with our underwater cleanups. Their restoration program has helped revive San Diego's local White Sea bass population from its critically low levels. Aside from teaching children about our local marine ecology, we also teach divers FREE Fish and Invertebrate Identity courses.

All funds raised help SDOF's mobile marine science education and snorkeling program Ocean in Motion, which is growing our underprivileged youth into our future green leaders! SDOF has programs that help release white sea bass back into the ocean, print stenciled messages on storm drains, Canyon Watch – walk sewage lines, check for leakage & pick up trash, distribute Seafood Watch printouts that encourage eating sustainable fish and their Dive-A-Thon.

The Dive-A-Thon is a fun underwater fundraiser. It's a 2-month long competition where divers compete to win prizes by calculating recreational dive minutes and fundraising for the San Diego Oceans Foundation! The Dive-A-Thon starts July 1st and registration costs \$25 (includes a T-shirt and is tax-deductible). Check the SDOF website for more details www.sdoceans.org/
Updates:

- Assy. bill 376 California Shark fin bill has passed every committee and will now go to the Senate floor.
- MLPA was adopted by the California Fish & Game commission and will become effective mid 2011. Southcoast.marinemap.org/marinemap/
- The Department of Fish and Game, DFG's South Coast Region Main Office has moved to **3883 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123**
- The Council and Friends of Children's pool hosted a beach cleanup on Saturday June 18th. This included Wipeout, SO Casa, Children's Pool & Shell beach. A big thank you to everyone that came out to clean up the beaches.
- The next Council of Divers Meeting will be Monday, July 11th at 6:30 pm at the La Jolla Brew House. Come on out for a good burger, great beer and find out what's going on in San Diego.

*Kevin and Barbie Lass
Community Representatives*

UNDERWATER CONFIDENCE COURSE & TREASURE HUNT

Sunday, July 17th, 2011, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Point Loma Sport Chalet SCUBA Training Pool

Has it been a while since you've put on your 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've bought before you take it out to the ocean or on vacation. Well, we have the perfect opportunity for you. Your club Dive Masters and Dive Coordinators 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. You will have an opportunity to 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 and tests some of those basic open water skills we know you all practice on a regular basis. What better place to do this, than in the controlled atmosphere of a nice warm training pool. You can't beat the cost for this course; 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 by showing us your treasure hunting and salvage skills, and by being lucky. If you do not want to take part in the obstacle course, no problem, you're welcome to show up and try out your new gear configurations, or test out your equipment before you hit the ocean. Whatever you're your goal; a challenge, or just increase your comfort level, we hope to see you all there.

Note: One of the primary ideas of 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.

DIVE CLUB MEETING

1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
at

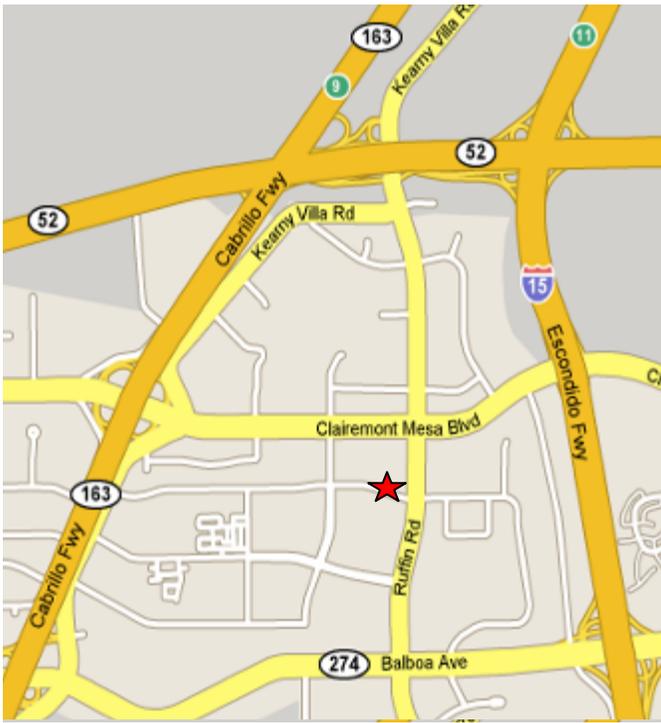
Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

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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