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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 2003

How can we make our club better?

Are our meetings too long or too short? Do you want more local dive trips, more warm water trips, more beach dives? What do you think we could do to attract more members? The club officers met after the pancake breakfast and mapped out events for the calendar year. We've got movies on the beach, boat trips, beach dives and barbecues, and another trip to Catalina. We also have a trip to Costa Rica in November and possibly another warm water destination.

How are our raffle prizes? Do we need more little prizes or fewer more expensive prizes? What could the club do to raise money?

Do you want a better meeting place? Someplace where up to 100 people can meet that's quiet and the lights can be

turned off, someplace where there's food.

We're still working on getting our IRS non-profit status, lots of paperwork has to be filled out perfectly. We have a lead on a reasonable liability insurance policy and we are changing our checking account so it matches our new club name. I've purchased a new high capacity laser printer so the club can print its own newsletters and save some money. The club will just pay for toner and paper. We should be able to produce higher quality newsletters for less money and faster turn-around. The new printer should give us the ability to print reasonable black and white photos.

I've also purchased a new high end Sony laptop that I will bring to each club meeting. We will be able to keep a copy

of the membership database on the laptop to check any issues you might have with your membership. We will also be able to use it for Excel or other digital presentations. These are my personal toys but I'm using the dive club as the excuse to buy them.

If anyone has any ideas on how we can improve our club, save money and increase our membership please email or call me any time.

My home email is unclesteve@cox.net. My home phone is (619) 462-3439. My work email is: steve.anderson@pyxix.com My work phone is (858) 480-4904.

Now, go soak your head :)

*Steve Anderson
President*

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

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Wed., June 4, 2003 7:00 pm

(see page 10 for meeting location)

Kurt Gross and Dr. Dave Bowes
Diving Loreto

Kamikaze Kurt(Gross) and Dr. Dave Bowes will speak about and show video from their incredible three day trip diving in Loreto, Baja, aboard the Iron Eagle. Also preview the up and coming one week 4th of July trip, same place, same vessel.

— Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator

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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
P.O. Box 81678
San Diego, CA 92138-1678

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	3	4 Club Meeting 7:00	5	6	7
8	9	10 No Council meeting this month	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	19	20	21 3 R's South Casa 8:00 am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	<h3>June 2003</h3> <h4>Events Calendar</h4>				

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 **June 18**. 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.

3R's, Club Dive & BBQ at South Casa Cove

Saturday, June 21st, 8:00 AM

Experience Level: All Levels

Open to Non-Divers & Divers

The club will be hosting the 3R's - Rocks, Rips, and Reefs at South Casa Cove in La Jolla. This is the section of beach on the south side of the LifeGuard tower from where all the seals congregate at the children's pool. There are bathrooms and showers at children's pool for rinsing off afterward. *Look at the 3R's article on page 6 for more information about this program.*

Plan on being on hand for registration and briefing at 8:00 AM and ready to hit the water by 8:30 AM. Come join us for what has become a very rewarding and informative program. The club will be providing juice, water and plenty of munchies to revive you. Stick around after the 3R's and put your new knowledge of this site to use and join other club members for a SCUBA dive afterward, yes you do have to be certified for this part. Technical details are as follows: high tide of +4.1 feet @ 3:20 AM then a low tide of +.68 feet @ 10:10 AM.

After the dive we will cook up some burgers and hot dogs on the grassy area south of South Casa Cove. This spot overlooks Hospital Point, Wipe Out Beach and South Casa Cove. What should I bring you say? All you need is a chair or blanket to sit on, and your appetite. The club will provide the supplies for the Bar-B-Q. What could be easier?

Directions to South Casa Cove: Take Ardath Road west off of 52 or I-5. This becomes Torrey Pines Road. Follow Torrey Pines Road and take a right on Prospect. Next the road splits. Take the right fork to Coast Blvd. Follow Coast Blvd to the LifeGuard Tower and look for a parking place. Note: Parking is at a premium at all of the La Jolla Beaches during good weather so don't be surprised if you have to park a good ways from the dive site.

Membership

Please Welcome the new and renewing members:

New Members

Barbara Lloyd
Mike Bear
John Ferreira

Renewing Members

Wynona Hawkins
David Pierce



Scuba Charters

June 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
01-Jun	Blue Escape	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
01-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
01-Jun	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 125	5/31, 9 pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
01-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
01-Jun	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
07-Jun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
08-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
08-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
08-Jun	Great Escape	Backside Catalina	\$ 105	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
08-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
08-Jun	Lois Ann	2 Wreck,1 Night	\$ 85	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
14-Jun	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 125	6/13, 9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
14-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
14-Jun	Lois Ann	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
14-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
14-Jun	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-Jun	D-n-D II	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	noon	N/A
15-Jun	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 115	6/14,10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
15-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
15-Jun	Lois Ann	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
15-Jun	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-Jun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
21-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
21-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
21-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
21-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
22-Jun	Blue Escape	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
22-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
22-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
22-Jun	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
28-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
28-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
28-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
28-Jun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
29-Jun	Blue Escape	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
29-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
29-Jun	Encore	San Clemente	\$ 115	6/28,10 pm	1:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
29-Jun	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
29-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok

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.

In addition to the T-shirts, the club has contracted 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 at the March dive club meeting and then pick them up at the April club meeting. They are available in your choice of size and the following colors: black, white, navy blue, light blue, grey and yellow.

The San Diego Council of Divers

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS



The next general meeting of the San Diego Council of Divers will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2003 at the Rock Bottom Brewery & Restaurant (upstairs), 8980 Villa La Jolla Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037. Social hour at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are now held every other month.

SPEAR GUNS IN THE RESERVE?

One of the better areas for underwater hunters are the La Jolla kelp beds, particularly the area just to the north and northwest of Boomer's. The most practical access for freedivers / hunters in kayaks, surf boards or equivalent, or small boats such as inflatables is via the boat launching area at the foot of Avenida de la Playa at La Jolla Shores. However, state law prohibits being in the La Jolla Ecological Reserve with a spear gun, whether or not the spear gun is in use or is stowed away (see discussion in the club's May newsletter). Local freedivers would like to change the law so that they may transit the reserve with a spear gun on the way to hunt in the kelp outside the reserve. They are NOT requesting the right to use the spear guns in the reserve or to otherwise diminish the protection for marine life. They seek the support of the San Diego Council of Divers.

The presence of spear guns in the reserve raises safety issues, such as accidental discharge and resulting bystander injury. It may also make it somewhat harder to enforce the laws against poachers. Whether these justify barring spear guns is debatable. The trend with new state marine reserves is to permit transit with fishing tackle (including spear guns) provided that the equipment is securely stowed away while in the reserve.

At its July 8th meeting, the Council of Divers will consider whether to take a position in favor of, neutral on, or opposed to permitting transit of the La Jolla Ecological Reserve with spear guns. If you have an opinion, you speak with Rich Burns (the club's Council representative), can e-mail the Council directly (president@sddivers.com), or can attend the July meeting.

Announcing San Diego Dive Club's Labor Day 2003 Channel Isles Trip:

Three days of awesome diving, August 30, 31, and Sept. 1, Tanner Banks, San Nicholas and Santa Barbara on the Iron Eagle out of Long Beach.

Leaves Friday night 29th, @ 9PM, back Monday night @7PM. Dive the Banks, Begg Rock, Seven Fathoms and Brittlestar Bonanza. See pink and purple coral, massive Sheepshead, Sealion rookeries and more. This trip is for advanced divers. Beginners welcome, but should be prepared to sit out dive if too advanced. Limited to 24 divers: 6 bunks, @ \$325.00 each, 7 2 person staterooms @ \$375.00 per person, and 2 1 bed mini suites @ \$450.00 each. \$200.00 deposit required to hold spot, with balance due as of July 31.

Please RSVP to Kurt Gross, @ tigercat3@webtv.net as soon as possible. Available only to SD Dive Club members until April 30, and will then be open to all other dive clubs and individuals. Will sell out fast, so respond quickly!!

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



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SCUBA SHOW 2003 - June 21 & 22, 2003
Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, Ca.

SCUBA Show 2003 diving exhibition will take place June 21 and 22, 2003 at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, California. This is the 16th year of this popular event. Over 10,000 have attended every year for the last 13 years and it is the largest convention of its kind in the Western U.S. The show will consist of a 57,065 square feet of diving related exhibits including new gear, travel pros (many offering show discounts), and diving experts. In the exhibit hall will also be a demo tank with equipment demonstrations and trials (bring your swimsuit!) and free intro scuba courses. Additional activities at the show include a continuous underwater film festival featuring premier films, seminars by top diving experts, exhibitor presentations, door prizes and a Saturday night Casino party benefiting the Catalina Conservancy Divers. Exhibit hall hours are Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$9 and includes admission to the exhibit hall, film festival and exhibitor presentations (seminars are an additional charge). Discount coupons are available at California dive stores, on dive California dive charter boats and through California dive clubs. Age 10 and under are admitted free with paying adult. For information on SCUBA Show 2003 call (310) 792-2333 or visit the web site www.saintbrendan.com

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Greetings Divers and Diverettes.... welcome to the first installment of *Kurtz Kolumn*.... dedicated to the credo of “**More Diving For Less**”.

Your's truly has just returned from three days of dawn-to-midnight diving in the Sea of Cortez. Holeee Snipees, Batman! Can you say "awesome"? Started from Loreto, east side, midsection of Baja for those unaware, and south from there. Boarded the revamped "Iron Eagle" on Sunday night, dawn found at us a pristine little spot called "Cosse Rock". Visualize the rock reefs of Catalina, but virtually seething with Sargent Majors, here and there big bump head Parrotfish, isolated pairs of dinner-plate sized Cortez Angels saying "howdy" massive schools of bright yellow grunts, interspersed with big Triggers and multi-colored goat fish, the always elegant Giant Hawkfish and, what the hell, let's toss six foot long Green Morays into the mix. Get the picture? Now, throw in big dumb 3-4 lb. Slipper bugs who've never seen a diver before, and again, dinner-plate sized (like dat phrase) scallops EVERYWHERE, and you begin to get the idea of what I'm talking about. Now I could go on and on about this, but let's just say it got better from there. And your's truly, being the lovable dive Nazi that he is, was able to knock down 18 separate episodes of purely orgasmic diving. We even dove reefs that had no names, which maybe had never been dove (dived?) before....and, I even got to name one. Starfish Meadows, which those of you who will attend June's meeting, will get to see video of. Hopefully edited (and before Dr. Dave shows his, so I won't be too embarrassed).

So here's the poop, boys and girls. June 29 to July 6, Sunday to Sunday, leaving from Loreto Sunday night, rolling south to a mere 20 miles from La Paz. Hammerheads, Manta rays, and Whale Sharks, oh my (ideally speaking of course). Then cruising back north real slow, getting six to eight dives a day. (NOTE: In summer, we're talking 82, 84 degree waters, no algae bloom (the only down side on this past trip).... but it's gonna be hot on the surface as well. So shorts and wet tee shirts will be the dress above the water.) This trip will be limited to 16 divers. Folks, I just started selling this one, I've already got 4 to 6 spots confirmed, and that don't include me and mine. Five solid

days of dawn-to-midnight diving (we were up at 6, in the water shortly thereafter, and sometimes diving until 11PM....then dining on bugs and scallops). Back in Loreto Sat. morn., play in town day and night, fly back to the world Sunday afternoon.

Price: Diver - \$800.00 plus airfare (about \$250.00 right now...flight's on Aero-Mex, and I'm working on reserving a block) plus \$30 for a week Mex. fish license (required, whether you're taking bugs or not), tanks and weights included. Also I believe, for \$30 each way, you can bring your own tanks, for those of us with steels. Non-diver: \$500.00 plus airfare. Accommodations: 7 state rooms, 2 people each, 4 mini state rooms, for one person or couples. The mini state rooms is where a diver/non-diver couple will go, unless they insist on a state room, in which case it will stand at \$800 pp. Only have room for 4 non-divers. And as soon as I've got 16 divers, this one is closed. A word about the Iron Eagle. In other words, to those who are non-divers. This ain't a pleasure cruise, folks..... we gonna be diving, and we gonna have fun. The IE is laid back, and all about diving. The state rooms are roomy, we eat good, and again, we dive hard. Then party hearty. The service is a bit below par, but they're trying hard, and getting better. And that's the tail of that tale. So I need instant feedback to my email ad. (tigercat3@webtv.net) from those who are interested, and require a deposit ASAP. Because I'm gonna open this up across So Cal. by the third week in May, if I haven't filled it from club members. Peggy P. will have my scalp on a rope if I put the club in a hole, so, since I like my scalp where it is, let's try and make this ago, shall we?

Now, let's talk about the Tanner Banks trip over Labor day. Same boat, IE, new pricing structure.

For club members only: each stateroom, \$375.00 pp (\$25.00 more for non-club members, all spots). Three of these staterooms actually have room for a third person, so, for those of you couples who have a kid that dives, and don't mind him staying with ya, a mere additional \$150.00 puts him or her on board. Please make sure that if they are divers, they are skilled because this is an advanced trip. The mini state rooms: \$450.00 for one person, and for those of you couples who don't mind being a bit cramped, but are looking to go economically.... yep, that's right, a mere additional \$150.00. So that's \$600.00 for a couple in a mini state room. Folks, it just don't get better than this. Or does it? Let's try six bunks, all in one bunk room, @ \$250.00 apiece. Have I got your attention yet? Good. I've heard from nobody but 4 people on this one, damn it... so let's try and support your local dive coordinator here, hokey-dokey? I know we're talking a drive to Long Beach on this, but come on Divers and Diverettes, this is So Cal.... we're used to driving light years. And finally, we're talking Tanner Banks, San Nick and Santa Barbara....folks, these are world-class diving spots. I am going to open this one up to all the clubs in So Cal right now, so..... don't delay!

Till next time, and KEEP ON DIVING!

Kamikaze Kurt

See page 5 for particulars about this trip - ed.

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.

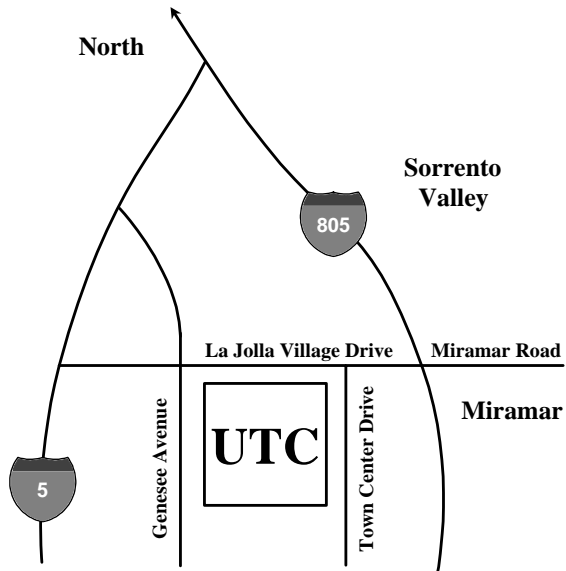
Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge:

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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