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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Knowledge is Power

Laura and I attended the presentation and book signing by author David Behrens for his new book *Nudibranch Behavior* at Scripps Aquarium. The aquarium partnered with the San Diego Council of Divers to bring David Behrens to San Diego. The diving community owes a significant debt of gratitude to both these organizations for this event. In addition to viewing all the wonderful photographs during the presentation, we received a great education. Nudibranchs are a feast for photographers. I myself, camera in hand, am constantly on the lookout for them. And as long as Laura can find at least one per dive, she's happy.

Our success thus far finding these colorful animals has been purely luck since we've never researched their behavior. That's all about to change. I could probably fill an entire page with: did you know... facts about nudibranchs just from what we heard at the presentation. David Behrens covered feeding, coloration, gills, smell, body structure, locomotion, swimming, defence, life cycles, reproduction, mimicry, and what eats them. The audience was literally glued to their seats during the ending 10 minute video of various nudibranchs on the move. We all had to be gently encouraged to leave so the staff could finally go home.

I was encouraged to see several club members at the presentation. I was further encouraged to see only one fellow competitor in our photo of the month contest, Barbara Lloyd. She did not have book in hand however. Perhaps I'll now have a slight advantage finding my favorite photographic prey and be able to use their stunning colors in future contests. Knowledge is power.

Scott Brown - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., June 1 , 2006 7:00 pm

(see back page for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for June is:

Human Powered Submarines

Our main presentation will be on the Human Powered Submarine Races comming up in July: Dates, volunteer opportunities, activities, and how to get involved.

We will have a video showing how a scuba cylinder is made and possibly another on the making of fins. Judy Riddle, who is running for San Diego city council against Donna Fry, and is in favor of cleaning up the Children's Pool, will be available to meet

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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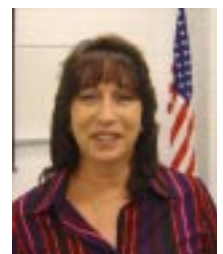
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Betty Parrish

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:

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
June 2006 Events Calendar				1 Club Meeting 7:00	2	3 Dive Children's Pool 3 r's pg 5
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 HPS Safety Diver Briefing pg 6	15	16	17 3 r's pg 5
18	19	20	21 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 HPS Safety Diver Briefing pg 6	29	30	

San Diego Dive Club's June Dive at the Children's Pool!

Date: Saturday, June 3rd Time: 10:00am.

Location: Children's Pool in La Jolla, CA
850 Coast Blvd La Jolla, CA 92037 (about 500 yards South of La Jolla Cove)

Divemaster: Hunza Kotas Hunza@cox.net hm# 619-749-8435.

Meeting: Top of the stairs on the north side of the lifeguard tower. We'll stay off the sandy beach until we're ready to enter the water in order to minimize the impact of our presence on the sea lions and harbor seals. Note- I do not advise diving the Children's Pool when the pups are nursing (which is not at this time of the year).

Parking: There is limited street parking and it's for 3 hours. So get there on time and be ready to go so you don't end up with a parking ticket.

Entry: We'll descend at the flight of stairs on the North side of the lifeguard tower.

Features: A mix of rocky reefs, sea grass, and kelp. The dive is relatively shallow and not much deeper than 30ft at its deepest.

Marine Life: This is just a sample of what I've seen at this site: Spiny lobster, horn sharks, garibaldi, surf perch, guitar fish, stingrays, sheephead fish, seabass, greenlings, giant kelp fish, crabs, nudibranchs, sea stars, sea lions, harbor seals, etc..

Links:

Pictures & Description: : http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/CalS/La_Jolla_Cove/index.htm

General info and directions: <http://www.sandiego.gov/lifeguards/beaches/cove.shtml>

San Diego Dive Club: <http://www.dive-club.org/>



Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Scuba Charters June 2006

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
03-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
03-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
03-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
03-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
03-Jun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
04-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Jun	Great Escape	Backside Catalina	\$135	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
10-Jun	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Jun	Horizon	San Clemente	\$140	6/9,9PM	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
10-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
10-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
10-Jun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
11-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
11-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
11-Jun	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$147	6/10,10PM	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
11-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
11-Jun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
17-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
17-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
17-Jun	Island Time	Oil Rigs-Adv. Only	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
17-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
18-Jun	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
18-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
18-Jun	Lois Ann	Kelp - 2 Tank	\$82	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
18-Jun	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$82	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	8:30 PM	N/A
18-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
24-Jun	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
24-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
24-Jun	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank pm	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
24-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
24-Jun	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
25-Jun	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
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25-Jun	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$82	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	8:30 PM	N/A
25-Jun	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A

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

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday June 21st

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 3 Officer's Meetings will be held at La Jolla Shores..

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 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 3500psi 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.

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 accommodations may be selected only upon full payment. Deposits and payments in full will be accepted beginning 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 acquaint divers with different areas of the coast and to teach divers how to use the terrain and currents safely. 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

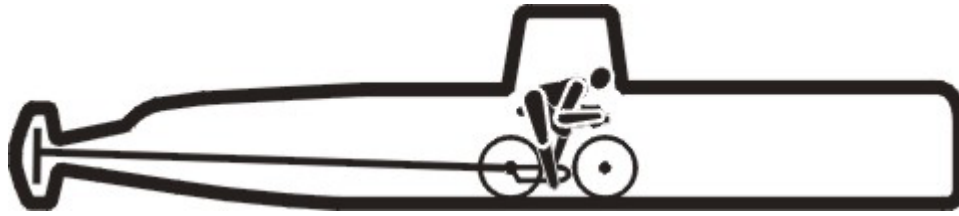
3.) June 17th Gold Fish Point
Session Host: Dive Animals

4.) July 8th Marine Street
Session Host: San Deigo Dive Club

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



Save the week of July 19 – 23 for the Human Powered Submarine Races!

Every year several University engineering schools compete in Human Powered Submarine Races. It's as much a human competition as it is a test of the students engineering abilities.

In even years the event is held here in San Diego at the Offshore Modeling Basin in Escondido.

Volunteers are needed in several areas but Safety Divers are especially critical. The subs don't really have good emergency escape capabilities and are dependent on the Safety divers for rescue.

For more information visit the HPS web site at:

<http://sections.asme.org/sandiego/HPS2006.htm>

The first Safety diver briefing will take place Wednesday, June 14th at 6:00 pm at “High Tech High”

High Tech High is located in the Point Loma area of San Diego, on the former Naval Training Center. Its address is 2861 Womble Road, San Diego, CA 92106

From I-5 Southbound or I-8 Westbound, take the Rosecrans Street exit, turn left on Womble Road. From the San Diego airport, go west on Harbor Drive, right on Nitmitz, right on Rosecrans, and right on Womble Road.

HPS Schedule

Date	Time	Place	Event
Sunday, April 30, 2006	5:00 pm	NA	Entry and Fee Deadline
Wednesday, June 14	6:00 pm	High Tech High	Safety Diver Briefing
Wednesday, June 28	6:00 pm	High Tech High	Safety Diver Briefing
Thursday, July 13	6:00 pm	High Tech High	Safety Diver Briefing
Wednesday, July 19			Registration Begins All Teams Arrive
	5:00 - 5:30 pm	TBD	Opening
	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Cal State University - San Marcos	Design Presentations
	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Cal State University - San Marcos	Safety Presentations
	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Cal State University - San Marcos	Design Presentations
Thursday, July 20	8:00 am - 12:00 noon	Offshore Model Basin	Course setup
	12:00 noon - 5:00 pm	Basin	Racing
Friday, July 21	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Basin	Racing
Saturday, July 22	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Basin	Racing
	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Basin	Judging of subs while idle
	Evening	Beach, TBD	BBQ
Sunday, July 23	8:00 am - 12:00 noon	Basin	Racing
	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Basin	Course take down
	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Basin	Awards Presentations

At Our Last Meeting

John Boyer once again graced our club with his presentation of the underwater communications system and full face mask made by Ocean Reef. Being the great guy he is, John agreed to provide us with the use of the system at our next underwater Santa event.

David McNair has nailed down a great price for the Fiji trip and will be needing deposits soon. Those of you going, have your checkbooks ready.

Mike King had a fantastic picture of a whale shark from his latest trip in our photo of the month contest but I just managed to nudge him out with my shot of a turbot taken during our Two Harbors trip.

Scott Brown

Membership

Please welcome these new and
renewing members...

New members

Eric Williams
Peter Gutenberg

Renewals

Mark Burrows
Judith Springer

Raffle

Here are the winners from May's raffle

Mike King - Trident O-ring Kit
Peggy Petschek - Trident O-ring Kit
Eric Williams - Trident Light Stick
Eric Williams - Aqua Lung Octopus
Leslie Periso - Trident Underwater Magnifier
Michelle Russell - Tropical Frame
Mike Petschek - Akona Regulator Bag
Anthony Weir - Blue Print Beach Towel
Mike Petschek - Foam Tank Holders
Scott Anderson - Beach Chair
Denni Bianchi - Oneill Booties
Mike Petschek - Ceatacea gear bag
Kevin Lass - Ocean Reef t-chirt
Mike Long - Ocean Reef t-chirt

SCUBA Show 2006— June 24-25, 2006 Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA

The SCUBA Show, the largest annual dive expo in the Western U.S. will take place June 24-25 at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, California. This is the 19th year of this popular event. Over 10,000 have attended every year for the last 15 years. The show will consist of a 57,000 square feet of diving related exhibits including new gear, travel pros (many offering show discounts), and diving experts. Several exhibitors also offer free drawings for valuable prizes.

Additional activities at the show include a demo/trial tank for divers and want-to-be divers to try scuba for the first time or to try new, revolutionary dive gear, continuous underwater film festival featuring premier films on a Mega-Screen, seminars by top diving experts, door prizes and a Saturday night party.

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 exhibit hall and film festival (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 2006 call (310) 792-2333 or visit the web site <http://www.saintbrendan.com>

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- Continuous UW Film Festival
- Sat. Night Casino Party Benefit
- In-Water Demos & Trifles
- Seminars
- Door Prizes and much more!

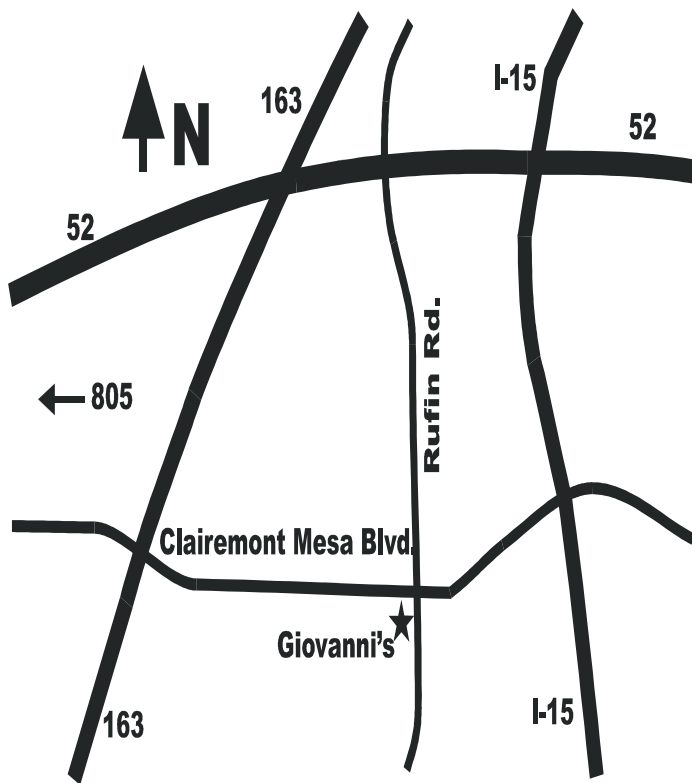
CALIFORNIA DIVING SOCIETY

PADI SPORT DIVER

Regular admission \$9, \$8 with coupon. Children 10 and under free. One discount per coupon. Photo fees additional. Coupon does not apply to registration. General admission includes admission to the Film Festival, Exhibitor Presentations, and Exhibit Hall for Saturday or Sunday. Seminars and the Casino Party are extra. Pre-registration for seminars is recommended as space is limited. DIRECTIONS TO LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER: Take the Long Beach Freeway (710) south and follow the signs. HOURS: Sat. 10am - 6pm / Casino Party 6pm - 11pm / Sun. 10am - 5pm. For complete information, including admission seminar registration use the April or May issues of California Diving News, call (310) 792-2333, Fax (310) 792-2338, or visit our web site: www.saintbrendan.com.

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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.
