



# Primary Regulator

San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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## The President's Slate

This year's Scuba Show was a delight to attend. As always, there were many travel exhibitors set up for all the popular exotic diving locations with deals aplenty. During the past couple of years it seemed they were greatly outnumbering everything else combined. This year's return of more gear exhibitors was a very welcome sight and I snagged a few items for our future raffles. All the major scuba gear manufacturers were there along with several of the specialty gear vendors and it was great to stop and chat with folks I've met at past shows. One of them was John Boyer who has been to our club meetings a couple of times to showcase DUI products. John couldn't give me a ballpark release date but promised sometime in the near future (which is of course relative) DUI would finally be releasing its new drysuit silicone zipseals. Silicone seals for drysuits have been available on other manufacturer's suits for a bit of time now and I'll be happy to be able to have them on my suit soon. He also made the same statement regarding an electrically heated drysuit under garment which I'll also welcome since the older I get, the more wimpy I am in our cold waters on my long dives. There were at least a couple of electrically heated neoprene vests on display at the show for those diving wet and I'm sure we'll see more manufactures offering them as time goes by.

All the usual photography vendors were there and they all had a selection of hardware related to the GoPro video cameras which have brought video capability to the masses. I managed to reconfigure my camera rig to accommodate both my still camera and the GoPro for a very reasonable cost. The photography vendors also display all the latest diving lights and it's amazing to notice the trend towards smaller more compact units with significantly more light than what we're used to.

*Scott Brown, President*

## 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' Meetings are held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at:

*Marie Calender's, 6950 Alvarado Canyon Rd, San Diego (619)465-1910*

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. We need your new thoughts and ideas to keep our club fun and exciting.



## Long Range Calendar

- June 2 3Rs, Boomers/LJ Cove, SDDC hosts
- June 23 Luau Potluck and Movie on the Beach, with morning dive(8am), LJ Shores
- June 23 3Rs, North Bird Rock
- July 14 3Rs, Goldfish Point(La Jolla Caves)
- July 28 3Rs, Marine St.
- Aug. 4 Super Villain/Hero BBQ and Movie on the Beach,bring desserts, LJ Shores
- Aug. 11 3Rs, Shell Beach
- Aug. 25 3Rs, Hospital Point
- Sept. 8 Annual Carne/Pollo Asada with Movie on the Beach, LJ Shores, bring desserts
- Sept. 8 3Rs, Pescadero
- Sept. 22 3Rs, Childrens Pool & South Casa, SDDC hosts
- Dec. 1 Underwater Santa

**DIVE, LUAU POTLUCK &  
MOVIE ON THE BEACH  
JUNE 23**

La Jolla Shores, Kellogg Park

Look for SDDC banner and canopy on the grass. Dive at 8am. Bring a dish to share for dinner. View Lilo & Stitch at dusk on the beach.



## June Meeting

Thursday, June 7 7pm at Giovanni's

### Citizen Science Diving with RCCA

Presented by Colleen Wisniewski  
Reef Check California (RCCA) aims to build a network of informed and involved citizens who support the sustainable use and conservation of our near shore marine resources. To accomplish this, volunteers are trained to carry out surveys of CA's rocky reefs providing data on the status of key indicator species.

Colleen Wisniewski manages training and data collection efforts throughout Southern California. After receiving her B.S. in Biology from Rutgers Univ., she spent 6 years teaching marine biology field classes and scuba diving in the Florida Keys and on Catalina Island. For 5 years she was Director for the Kelp Restoration and Monitoring Project at San Diego Coastkeeper. Colleen is an active NAUI Instructor and a certified AAUS Scientific Diver



## SDDC May Meeting

### Photo of the Month Winner Steve Gardner, Crabs, LJ Shores

We viewed very informative TED talks about plastic trash in the ocean and melting glaciers/global warming. We then enjoyed Barbie Lass' photos of the Two Harbors trip and the pancake breakfast, and John Major's video of his trip to Belize. Reported by Laura Brown, Secretary

Photo by Steve Gardner

## Burgers and Bubbles-May 23

Report by Kathy Bouic

Arriving about 5:15 at La Jolla Shores, I was greeted by Randi and Terri who helped set up. Philip, Randal, Jackie, Dr. Charles and Marianne (surface support), joined us. . Surf was fairly large with sets of+ 4ft. All 4 divers returned safely to picnic on hamburgers with all the fixins and potato and macaroni salad, but one fin never returned. Divers shared tall tales of their night time adventure-everyone saw Bat Rays! Surface temp. 58 F. vis 8ft, green & hazy.

## Raffle Prizes –May Meeting

Barbie Lass	Vincere Sand Socks
Scott Brown	Parking sign “Divers Only”
John Major	Wetsuit cleaner kit
	DeepSee Air Form Flip Flops
Merrienne Dean	US Divers Blunt Tip Dive Knife
Steve Gardner	Trident Underwater Dive Slate
Mike Petschek	Outdoor Blanket in a Bag

## Council of Divers Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>, Sumner Hall

Reported by Barbie Lass, Community Rep

Guest speaker, Nicole Nasby-Lucas, a Research Biologist from the Marine Conservation Science Institute (MCSI), spoke on the study of white sharks at Guadalupe Island, Mexico, using satellite tagging and photo-ID, ongoing since 1999.

Pop-up satellite tags are inserted at the base of the shark’s dorsal fin, collecting dating and later detaching and transmitting the collected data. Some conclusions from the collected data include the sharks spending as much as half the year away from land in the winter and spring, and diving to depths of 1000m.

The sharks are also studied via a photo system for identifying individual sharks by their color patterns and scarring. The current catalog of 120 white sharks from Guadalupe Island helps monitor the status of the overall Guadalupe white shark population, with males returning yearly, and mature females disappearing for 2-3 years, a pattern assumed to be associated with mating and giving birth.

A new satellite tag, called SPOT (Smart position or temperature transmitting) are now used, that can send near real-time position data up to six years! Tags are mounted to the dorsal fin of each shark, requiring capture, tagging and release

White sharks continue to fascinate the scientists, and the more they learn, the more new questions there are to address.

**You can make a difference in shark conservation by allowing MCSI to view your Guadalupe Island white shark photos. For more information on how you can help, contact Nicole through the website**

<http://www.marinecsi.org/contact/nicole-nasby-lucas/>

It’s time for the 2012 3Rs Program, beginning June 2, at Boomer/La Jolla Cove. Please check SD Council of Divers at [www.sddivers.com/3rs.html](http://www.sddivers.com/3rs.html). The next council meeting is June 11, 6:30 at the La Jolla Brewhouse.



## SCUBA SHOW RECAP

Many SDDC members and friends enjoyed the Scuba Show in Long Beach (see President’s Slate on page 1). Your editors especially enjoyed the band from Fiji, and reminiscing about our SDDC trip a few years ago. We all found something new - info, plans, gear or dreams.

Photos by Barbie Lass





# Photo of the Month Contest Guidelines

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

*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*

*Underwater pictures only (digital or film) taken since the last meeting*

*Cropping is OK, but please refrain from zooming in, and*

*No Software-based Enhancement before printing*

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

[editor@sandiegodiveclub.com](mailto:editor@sandiegodiveclub.com).

## DIVE CLUB MEETING

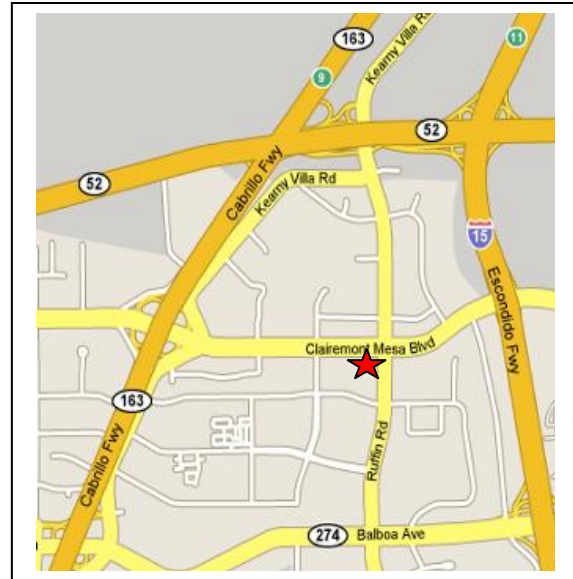
1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.  
at

**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 ELLIGIBLE TO WIN THE QUARTERLY PRIZE!!!**



## Dips, Tips and Trips

Please send descriptions of your favorite local dive spot, best dive tips or U/W photo tips, or brief reports or articles describing your last dive trip. Or? We'll select, edit, and publish them, as space allows. Please submit electronically by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to [editor@sandiegodiveclub.com](mailto:editor@sandiegodiveclub.com).

## 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.