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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter  
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*March 2003*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

# **Beware the ides of March!**

Who said that? What does it mean?  
Who cares?

Well, club officer elections are coming up in March and I'm relieved that there is at least one person interested in each position that is open. I want to thank all the current club officers for an outstanding job this last year. Our clubs success is largely due to some incredible people who give of themselves to make this club what it is. I also want to thank those people that are making themselves available as upcoming club officers. Most of all, I want to thank those offic-

ers that are "hanging in there". Our club doesn't have all of its procedures well documented so it's important to have people who know how things are supposed to work.

I really enjoy being President I hope you can tolerate another year of me, if not then you'd better run for President! If you are interested in helping with the club business in some way but don't want to be an officer then just let me know. You are always welcome to come to any officer meeting. Details on when and where the officers meet are in

this newsletter. We (your club officers) try to keep things relaxed and fun. If it wasn't fun, I'd be the first to quit.

Looks like things are going to shape up nicely this next year and we'll get back to the business of diving. Kurt Gross wants to be our new dive coordinator and is really excited about doing some special trips, etc.

Don't be shy! If you have a dive site you'd like to share with others please send me an email or a dive site survey, we'll put it in our newsletter. Maybe

## **AT OUR NEXT MEETING**

**Wed., Mar. 5, 2003 7:00 pm**

(see page 6 for meeting location)

**AL BRUTON** is a photojournalist and underwater photographer who has been diving for 44 years. His photographs have appeared in numerous national publications in the US, Canada, Mexico, Japan and all of Europe. Included are 48 magazine covers. His work has been exhibited in San Diego, Mexico City, and Rome, Italy, and he has won several international awards for his photography. He has video credits on all national networks in the US, Canada and Mexico. Al is a retired lifeguard lieutenant from the city of San Diego. He is often called the Father of San Diego's Wreck Alley and serves as an advisor to Mexico's artificial reef program. Al is most well known for being the first guest speaker at the San Diego Dive Club, formerly known as Sport Chalet Dive Club.

— Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator

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## Club Information

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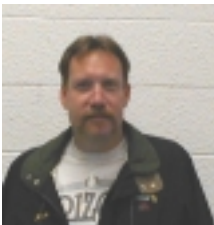
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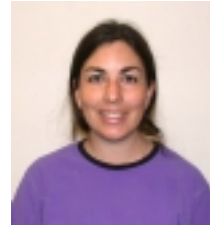
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## Membership

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

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**Deadline for all submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

## CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
March 2003						1
Events Calendar						
2	3	4	5 Club Meeting 7:00	6	7	8
9	10	11 Council Meeting 6:00	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29



## Scuba Charters March 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-Mar	Encore	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
01-Mar	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 115	2/28,10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
01-Mar	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
02-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
02-Mar	Lois Ann	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
02-Mar	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
08-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
08-Mar	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
09-Mar	Blue Escape	2 Wreck,1 night/kelp	\$ 85	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	7:30 PM	N/A
09-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
09-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
09-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
15-Mar	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
15-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
16-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
16-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
16-Mar	Lois Ann	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
16-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
22-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
22-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
22-Mar	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 125	3/21, 9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
22-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
23-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
23-Mar	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 115	3/22,10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
23-Mar	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
23-Mar	Lois Ann	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
29-Mar	Encore	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
29-Mar	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 115	3/28,10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
29-Mar	Liberty	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
29-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
30-Mar	D-n-D II	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	noon	N/A
30-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
30-Mar	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
30-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills

Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.

## Club Happenings

### AT OUR LAST MEETING...

Tracey Clarke gave us a wonderful presentation on some local diving opportunities. Tracey had some excellent photos taken in deep blue water and from good 'ol' La Jolla Shores. Nice job Tracey, thanks!

We also accepted nominations for all club officer positions. I want to thank everyone that either volunteered or didn't run away screaming when they were nominated. I didn't hear anyone decline which is very rare.

### **Sport Chalet 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 Sport Chalet 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 **Mar 19**. 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.

Our new club tee shirts became available at the last meeting thanks to Rich Burns for designing, ordering, providing

the up-front costs, delivering and being a salesman. It's people like Rich that are the heart of this club, thanks Rich!

### **Two Harbors, Catalina**

April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

We still a few remaining spots left on our trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at 12:30 on Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, and then returning at 2:30pm on Sunday, the 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost of this trip is \$98\* for non-divers, and \$170\* for divers taking part in the Friday afternoon/evening boat dive. The trip price includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, and a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning and a Bar-B-Q and movies on Saturday night. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at [sddiver@cts.com](mailto:sddiver@cts.com) or by calling 619-697-6589. But don't procrastinate too much longer, this trip will close out any day now. \*cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.

### **Membership**

**Please welcome the following  
New Members:**

We had no new members sign up during the meeting in January or February!

Please help our club to grow. Get your friends that dive or are interested in things related to diving and the Ocean Environment to come and see what we do, and how entertaining and educational our presentations usually are.

### **Raffle Winners**

These people were winners in the February raffle:

UK Sunlight D4 light - Josh Sokoloff  
Cressi mask - Kurt Gross  
Trident Divers kit - Clyde Hessom  
Dry box - Steve Fellet  
Wenoka Knife - Cody Gilstrap  
Akona Booties - Steve Fellet  
Cressi Frog Fins - Bryce Newall  
Scuba Pro Jet Fins - Peggy Petchek

## Community Information

## 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, March 11, 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.

The Council has a new website address: <http://home.nethere.net/hgruenha/sdcd.htm>



you'd be interested in giving a site briefing, you don't need to be a Divemaster or Instructor.

Do you know someone who'd make a good guest speaker at one of our club meetings? If so, please send me an email

on how we can contact that person or group.

This club needs your participation and input to run well.

Has anybody seen the squid run this year? I haven't had the opportunity to go diving in several months now and I have to settle for diving vicariously.

Now go out and go blow some bubbles! Blow some for me while your out there!

*Steve Anderson*  
*President*

## *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.

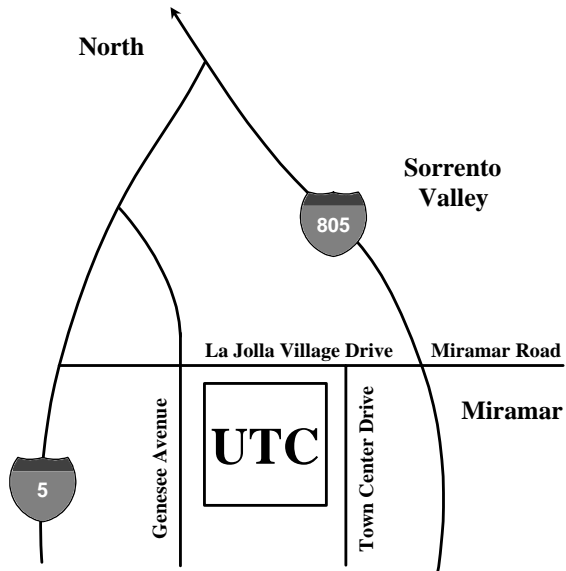
## *Costa Rica*

November 8<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup>

The club is finalizing the last few details for a trip to beautiful Costa Rica. We will depart on the morning of Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> and return in the late afternoon of Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 River 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, the aforementioned adventure activities and ground transportation. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at [rburns@nassco.com](mailto:rburns@nassco.com) or by calling 619-697-6589 or 619-544-8616.



**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**  
**ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!!!**

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**Check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership.**



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