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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Your dive club wants
You!

Yes, it's election time again, your favorite time of year. Not to worry, we have volunteers to fill almost every officer position. I say almost because we are missing one of the most important officers, the Entertainment Coordinator. This is the person that books the guest speaker for our monthly meetings. We have plenty of people to book we just don't have someone willing to step up and call these people and submit the information to the newsletter each month. How hard can that be?

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Your Dive Club Wants You!

I said at the last meeting that if we don't have an Entertainment Coordinator we won't have any guest speakers. If we don't have any guest speakers we're gonna watch old Sea Hunt TV videos until you get sea sick. I suspect nobody will want to come to meetings and the club will fold.

It's not hard; you get somebody's name and phone number once a month and ask them to speak at a meeting. If they agree you send an email to the newsletter editor. We have or can get just about any piece of video gear someone might need for a presentation. We also pay our guest speakers \$60 for their time and effort. We have a standard set of instructions to give the guest speaker so they know where and when to come to the meeting and what to expect.

Don't make me beg you, it wouldn't be pretty.

Change of subject, how about those diving maniacs that post all those great dive reports on the club email system? Are you taking the time to read the reports? These guys must have taken a creative writing class. I really liked the last one where the mating crabs were so busy they were heating up the water.

We had a quick review of the 2003 Santa toy drive and came up with some great ideas on how to improve it for next year. Mark Burrows and Scott Brown provided some excellent insight. It's all going to cost me more money next year but hey I like buying tech toys.

By the time this newsletter is printed we will have had our club dive to Scripps Canyon, I hope we all had fun!

Steve Anderson

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Wed., Mar. 3, 2004 7:00 pm

(see page 10 for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for March is Bob Gladden

Born and raised in San Diego, CA, Bob Gladden is a very accomplished diver and underwater photographer and filmmaker. Since his dive certification in 1963, Bob's diving activities have included commercial and research diving. He has logged over 5,000 dives. An underwater photographer for 17 years, his work has been recognized with numerous awards, and has appeared in publications such as California Diving News, Discover Diving and Skin Diver. His films have been featured in local TV newscasts, TV specials and at numerous film festivals. Bob also contributed a segment to Discovery Channel's "Incredible Vacation Videos."

— *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
- 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.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 Club Meeting 7:00	4	5	6 Dive Casa Cove
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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San Diego Dive Club's March Dive at the South Casa Cove!

This might be your last chance to get some bugs before the end of the season!!

Date: Saturday March 6th, 2004 Time: 08:30am in the water no later than 9am.

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

Divemasters: Hunza Kotas Hunza@cox.net hm# 619-749-8435.
Dave McNair scubadiverdave@cox.net hm# 760-722-1845.

Meeting: Top of the stairs on the South side of the lifeguard tower located at the Children's Pool.

Parking: There is limited street parking directly in front of the Children's pool and on the street to the North and South. Be patient or early and you can usually find a good spot.

Entry: We'll descend at the 2nd flight of stairs on the South side of the lifeguard tower.

Features: A mix of rocky reefs, sea grass, and kelp.

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/Childrens_Pool/
General info and directions: <http://www.sannet.gov/lifeguards/beaches/pool.shtml>



Scuba Charters March 2004

Reservations can be made at any Sport Chalet or with the Scuba Reservation office at

800-348-3794.

Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Date	Boat	Destination	Price	Board	Depart	Return	Additional Charges
06-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Mar	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-Mar	Blue Escape	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
07-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
07-Mar	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
13-Mar	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
13-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
13-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
14-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
14-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
14-Mar	Lois Ann	2 Wreck, 1 night/kelp	\$ 85	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	8:30 PM	N/A
14-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
20-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
20-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
20-Mar	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 125	3/19, 9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
20-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
20-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
21-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
21-Mar	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 119	3/20, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
21-Mar	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
27-Mar	Encore	San Clemente	\$ 119	3/26, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
27-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
27-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
28-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
28-Mar	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
28-Mar	Lois Ann	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
28-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.

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 **Mar. 17**. 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 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.

The San Diego Council of Divers
NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS



San Diego Council of Divers Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2004
06:30 PM
Sumner Auditorium, SIO, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. La Jolla

More information will be posted on the Council's website - www.sddivers.com

At Our Last Meeting

At our last meeting.....

Mark Yturralde shared video and stories of his trip to the Bikini Atoll and diving on the fleet of ships that were sunk during the nuclear bomb tests from 1946 to 1958

Thanks Mark; Paul wanted to know if you got a free bowl of soup with your shoes.

Membership

**Raffle Prize
Winners**

Please welcome the following new and renewed members:

New

David Brown

Renewals

David Smith
Monty Ray
Stan House
Lou Anne Dreyer
Colin Pearse

Scott Anderson - Camera
Mike Petschek - Akona gear bag
Josh Sokoloff - Booties
Josh Sokoloff - Akona weight bag
Josh Sokoloff - See's candy
Fred Hill - Wetsuit hanger
Clyde Hessom - Sunscreen
Denny Bianchi - Net gear bag
Mark Burrows - Laughing fish

Elections to be held

Elections for Club Officers will be held at the March Meeting.

At our meeting in February nominations were held for the club offices. Further nominations will be entertained at the March meeting prior to the election.

Here are the results of the nominations:

President: Steve Anderson (incumbant)

Vice President: Scott Brown (incumbant)

Secretary: ???????

Treasurer: Peggy Petschek (incumbant)

Equipment Coordinator: Steve Fellet (incumbant)

Entertainment Coordinator: ???????

Dive Coordinator: Hunza Kotas (incumbant)

Newsletter Editor: Paul Brooks (incumbant)

Public Relations: Barbara Bolton (incumbant)

Historian: ????

Store Representative: Dave McNair (finally someone stepped forward)

Council Representative: Rich Burns (incumbant)

Please consider becoming a club officer. **If we do not find an Entertainment Coordinator we will not have guest speakers at our meetings.** I suppose we could just watch Sea Hunt videos but that would get old pretty quick. If we do not find a Dive Coordinator then we really wouldn't be a dive club and we'd soon fall apart.

When the club was larger we had more than one member running for several officer positions. There was a time when people actually campaigned for President.

We welcome any kind of help you'd be willing to offer. You do not have to be an officer to lend a hand.

Think about it. Think about who might be a good candidate for and officer position. **Dive in!**

Steve Anderson

Editor's note: Do you see any pattern here to the nominations? Can we get some other people to help?

Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island April 23rd – 25th

We have finalized the details for our Springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 23-25. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~12:30 pm on Friday, the 23rd, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:00pm on Sunday, the 25th. The cost of this trip is \$105* for non-divers and \$182* for divers taking part in the Saturday boat dive. Yes, unfortunately it has gone up slightly, but it is still a fantastic deal. The trip price includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, a spaghetti dinner on Friday night 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 or by calling 619-697-6589 or 619-303-6589. But don't wait too long this trip sells out extremely quickly.

*cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.

Open House

Tuesday March 30, 2004 7:00 PM @ Scripps Institute of Oceanography
Vaughn Hall (adjacent to and just North of Sumner Auditorium)

There will be an Open House at Scripps Institute of Oceanography held to acquaint divers with the collections currently held by Scripps. The purpose of the event is to let divers see the collections and learn how the specimens are used by the scientific community, and how important this collection is to all of us as divers.

There are five major natural history collections at Scripps: three biological, and two geological. Each is unique, reflecting to a large degree the research interests of the Scripps scientists and staff who worked to build them. They also represent the tangible results of the expeditionary voyages of the Scripps fleet over the years. Together the Scripps Collections comprise the largest, most complete natural history repository devoted to the study of the world's oceans.

The Marine Vertebrate collection alone contains over 2,000,000 specimens representing more than 5,300 species.

This is a rare opportunity to view some of the specimens, as well as to see how they are cared for and stored in the buildings that house the collections. .

Representative samples of the various parts of the collection will be on display, and tours of part of the building will be available.

There is no charge, and light refreshments will be served.

MOUNT DESERT ISLAND, Maine — Practical jokers Jim Bright and Chris Costello never imagined that their idea of dressing a female lobster in a Barbie outfit — accessorized with pink high heels — would save her from the steam pot.

But it did — at least 10 times.

As a gag, the fishermen clad the crustacean and placed her in a friend's trap last September.

"It's a monotony hauling traps day after day," said Costello, "and we just wanted to break it up a little bit. It totally worked."

Barbie Lobster, as she has come to be known, has been hauled up — and thrown back — at least 10 times. The radios used by lobstermen buzzed with chatter and laughter each time a new sighting of Barbie was reported.

Costello made a special trip to Wal-Mart to buy the blue blouse, red- and white-checkered skirt and shoes.

The men had wanted to dress up a jumbo lobster, but it was too fat to fit into a Barbie ensemble. Instead, they chose a svelte 1 1/2-pound model.

"They slipped right on, just like Cinderella," Bright said of the footwear.

Costello disagreed, saying it was a challenge to put the high heels on the little lobster legs. There are four legs on each side so the men attached them to the two in the center.

"You try squeezing Barbie shoes on a lobster," he said. "That was the most time-consuming thing."

Barbie hasn't been seen since early December and apparently was unkempt and nearly naked, except for her shoes.

If she survives a few more months, she may be home free for another season, Costello said.

"We have our spring fashions all ready to go," he said.

Swimmer drives shark from water

A man has survived a shark attack on the New South Wales central coast and then driven himself to seek treatment with the shark still attached to his leg.

Luke Tresoglavic from Lake Macquarie says he was swimming near Caves Beach on Tuesday when a wobbegong shark latched on to his leg.

"I just instantly grabbed hold of it with both hands as hard as I could to stop it shaking," he said.

"I just realised I had to swim in like that, hanging on to it.

"Once I got on to shore, a couple of people tried to help me but I could not remove it, it was stuck there.

"So I got up into my car and then drove to the clubhouse and luckily the guys down there had a clue what to do."

Surf lifesavers removed the 60 centimetre shark by hosing it with fresh water.

A Contest

There is an image hidden in the gray box below - what do you see?

Be the first*** to identify the image hidden below and win 5 free raffle tickets for the March meeting. Just e-mail the answer to the email address for the newsletter (that address is in this newsletter - you find it)

All answers must be received by 5:00 PM on Wednesday March 3, 2004

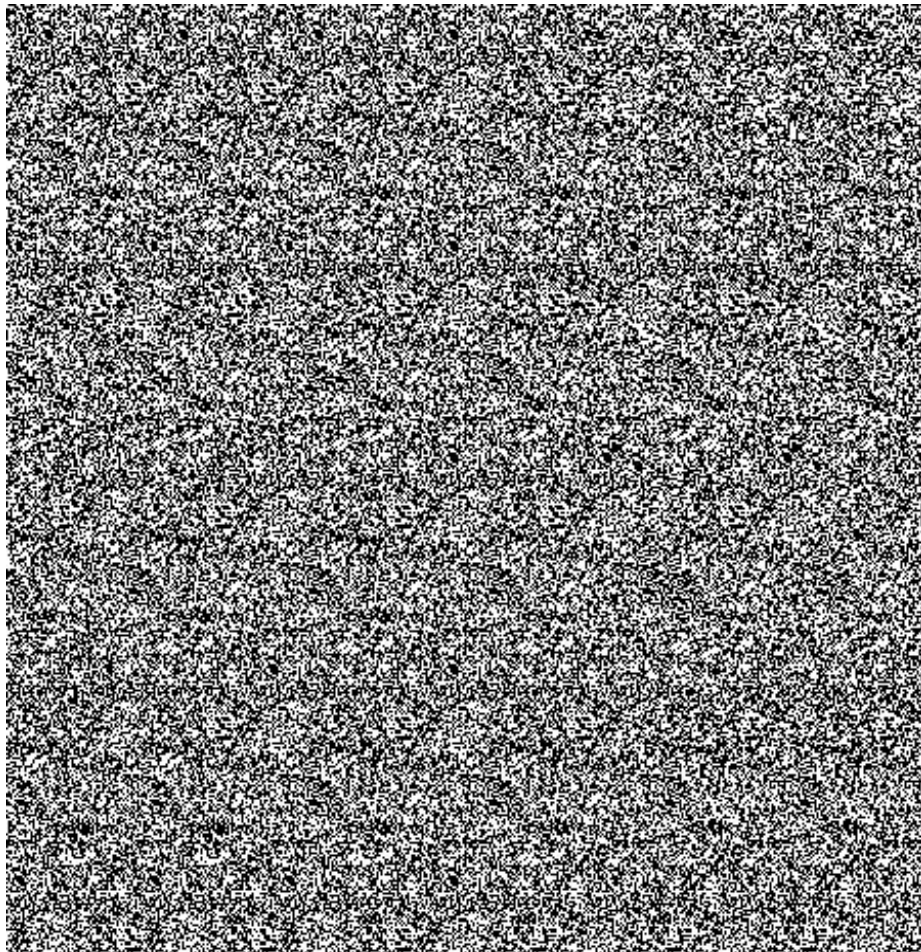
No purchase necessary

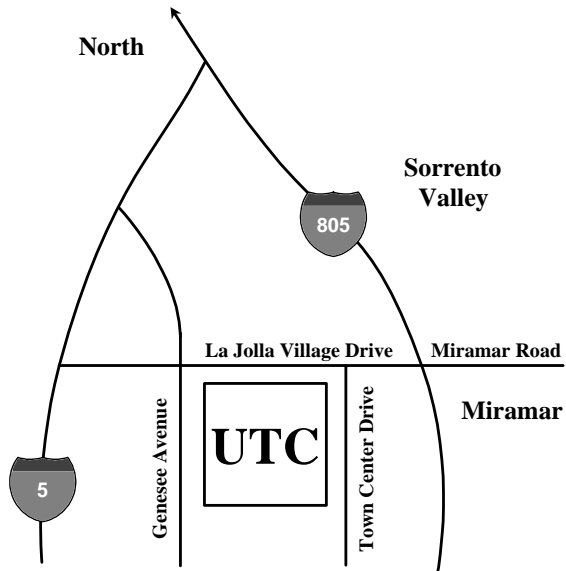
One entry per email respondent.

Answers must be complete in description of image.

***This contest is not open to officers of the club or their families, to employees of Sport Chalet or their families, to any persons whose eyesight is such that they can see fairies in dust motes, to people using Ouija boards or conjuring spells to receive help from beyond, or people who just happen to know the answer.

Offer void where prohibited, taxed, vexed, worried or bothered. This issue is merely for fun





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



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