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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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March 2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

That's a some spicy meatball!

Wow! What an incredible membership turnout at our very first meeting at our new location, Giovanni's Italian restaurant in Kearny Mesa. We filled the room to slightly beyond its capacity. We do have a few kinks to work out like where we should put the screen, how to turn the lights on and off when we need to and how we can reduce the confusion in food delivery. We should be able to get the restaurant let us flip the switch ourselves. The screen should be set up between the TV and the entrance so all seats have a good view. For food delivery maybe we can have people just hold up their order number when the waitress comes in the room rather than having her call out our numbers.

Please make a note that all future meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month. Please come early to order your food. If you wait until the meeting, you'll be standing in a long line.

I was also impressed by the fact that we actually received functional nominations for all officer positions except Community Representative. I don't think this is an issue except when an official vote is needed by the Council of Divers. I'll be glad to take our vote to the Council as needed.

We have quite a few things going on in the next few months. About 35 club members will be traveling to Bonaire in March. We have our annual underwater Easter egg hunt and pancake breakfast on March 26th. In April we have our bi-

annual trip to Two Harbors Catalina. In August we have our annual 3 day dive trip on the Horizon.

Start dieting now so you'll have plenty of room for pancakes! We can use a few hearty souls to help us set up the canopy and cooking equipment for our pancake breakfast. Event setup begins at 6 AM on the grass in front of the main lifeguard tower at La Jolla Shores.

I've had a great three years as your President. I'm sure I'll do it again in the future. I'm very proud of this club and the other officers. Now I'll get to sit at club meetings in the front row and heckle the next club President.

Thanks for making my job a pleasure!

Steve Anderson - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Mar 3, 2005 7:00 pm

(see page 7 for meeting location)

NEW

The Guest Speaker for March is:

Rick Zitren - Diving the Tsunami

Our Speaker Rick Zitren will share his experience diving as the Tsunami rolled overhead. Rick was on a liveboard vacation off of Phuket Island Thailand and was diving when the wave hit.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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Officer Elections will be held at the March meeting!!!

Club Information

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Unofficial Greeter



Michelle Russell

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 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 Club Meeting 7:00	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Easter Egg Hunt
27	28	29	30	31	March 2005 Events Calendar	

Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

&

Free Pancake Breakfast

La Jolla Shores

(near the main lifeguard station)

Saturday, March 26th, 2005

8am until noon



Once again the Easter Bunny has been seen SCUBA diving near the underwater canyon at La Jolla Shores. He always likes to get a head start for the Annual San Diego Dive Club Underwater Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast.

All divers and their families are invited to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt and share a great breakfast of pancakes of all shapes and types, served piping hot with sausage or bacon and topped off with hot coffee cocoa or juice. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Easter Egg hunt will take place near the Marine Canyon at La Jolla Shores. The briefing for this event will take place at 9:00 AM with all divers expected to hit the water by 9:30 AM, dive event will conclude at 11:00 AM. Prizes will be given to the buddy teams that find the most eggs.

While the divers head down to the water the younger attendees will be treated to a Children's Easter Egg Hunt, this will take place at 10:00 AM at Kellogg Park.

To participate in the dive, you must be a certified diver, have signed a release and be accompanied by a dive buddy. If you do not have a dive buddy, don't worry, we will find one for you. Depending on the weather, this dive is generally considered an easy dive.

If you'd like to help us setup, please be at the main lifeguard tower by 6 AM





Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Scuba Charters March 2005

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
05-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
06-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
06-Mar	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A
06-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 86	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
12-Mar	Island Time	Oil Rigs-Advanced Only	\$ 86	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
12-Mar	Lois Ann	2 Wreck, 1 night	\$ 92	12:30pm	1:00 PM	7:00 PM	N/A
12-Mar	Monterey Express	Monterey Bay	\$ 88	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	5:30 PM	N/A
12-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 86	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
13-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
13-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
13-Mar	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
13-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 86	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
19-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
19-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
19-Mar	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 135	3/19, 9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
19-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
19-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 86	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
20-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 102	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
20-Mar	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 127	3/19, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
20-Mar	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 86	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
20-Mar	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
20-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 86	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
26-Mar	Encore	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Mar	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 127	3/25, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Mar	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A
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San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday March 16

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 **Tyler's Taste of Texas at 576 North 2nd St. El Cajon 92021 (619) 444-9295**. The next meeting will be **Mar 16**. 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.

Two Harbors, Catalina Island April 29th – May 1st

Come join us for our semi annual pilgrimage to Two Harbors, Catalina Island. We have reservations for the last weekend of April. We will be making a 2 tank boat dive on the Garibaldi on Saturday morning and doing a BarBQ on Saturday night followed by movies in the Amphitheatre compliments of Uncle Steve. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~12:30 pm on Friday, the 29th, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:00pm on Sunday. The trip price will be \$110 for non-divers and \$179 for divers taking part in the 2 tank boat dive on Saturday morning. Included in the diver price are tanks and weights for unlimited shore diving, and the use of a sea kayak. The trip price for all 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, and dinner on Friday and Saturday night. In order to keep the trip prices so low each person will be assigned an item to contribute and a cooking assignment over the weekend. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cox.net or by calling 619-697-6589. 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.

At Our Last Meeting

Our guest speaker was Colleen Wisniewski of "San Diego Bay keepers". Colleen gave us information on local projects to track and maintain our kelp forests. The "Bay keepers" are looking for volunteers to assist in the underwater mapping of critters and kelp.

This was our very first meeting in our new location; Giovani's Italian restaurant. We filled the Sports bar section to capacity and then some. Everyone seemed to like the new location and most people enjoyed some of Giovanni's cuisine. A few people had some difficulty finding the location due to errors in our last newsletter and the fact that the restaurant's sign wasn't lit.

We discussed the upcoming underwater Easter egg hunt and pancake breakfast and asked for volunteers.

We accepted nominations for next months club officer elections.

We announced the annual 3 day dive trip on the Horizon.

We discussed the April trip to Two Harbors Catalina.

After the meeting there was a meeting of the people traveling to Bonaire to discuss last minute trip details.

Steve Anderson

Raffle Here are the winners from February's raffle

Greg Kurras - Pelican case
Steve Fellet - Towel & Ear drops
Mark Webb - Folding beach chair
Eliana - Dry bag
Bruce Laiho - Mask
Paul Schankin - Snorkel & log book
Scott Anderson - Lanyard
Barbara Lloyd - Animated fish display
Bryce Newall - Gloves
Mike Petschek - Mesh bag

Membership

Please welcome these new and renewing members...

New members

PJ Go
Diane Douglas
Kasey McCarthy
Tony Rolfe
Kome Parnell
Laurel Bartels
Azad Homayouni

Renewals

Randy Standke
Bruce Calder
Michael King
David Brown

Club Officer Nominations

As stated in the “At Our Last Meeting” section, nominations for club officers were held at the February meeting. Further nominations will be entertained prior to the election of new officers at the March Meeting. Following is a list of the positions, the current officer holding the position, and the nominees for each:

Officer nominations

Title	Incumbant	Nominees
President	Steve Anderson	Cody Gilstrap Rich Burns
Vice President	Scott Brown	Scott Brown
Treasurer	Peggy Petschek	Peggy Petschek Sandy Schankin
Secretary	Cody Gilstrap	Michelle Russell
Dive Coordinators (2)	Hunza Kotas	Hunza Kotas Barbara Lloyd
Entertainment Coordinator	Bruce Laiho	Bruce Laiho
Equipment Coordinator	Steven Fellet	Steven Fellet
Historian	Betty Parrish	Betty Parrish
Public Relations	Barbara Bolton	Shelley Burns
Community Rep	Steve Spiser	None
Store Representative	Dave McNair	Dave McNair

Please attend the March meeting and vote for your choice for new Club Officers!

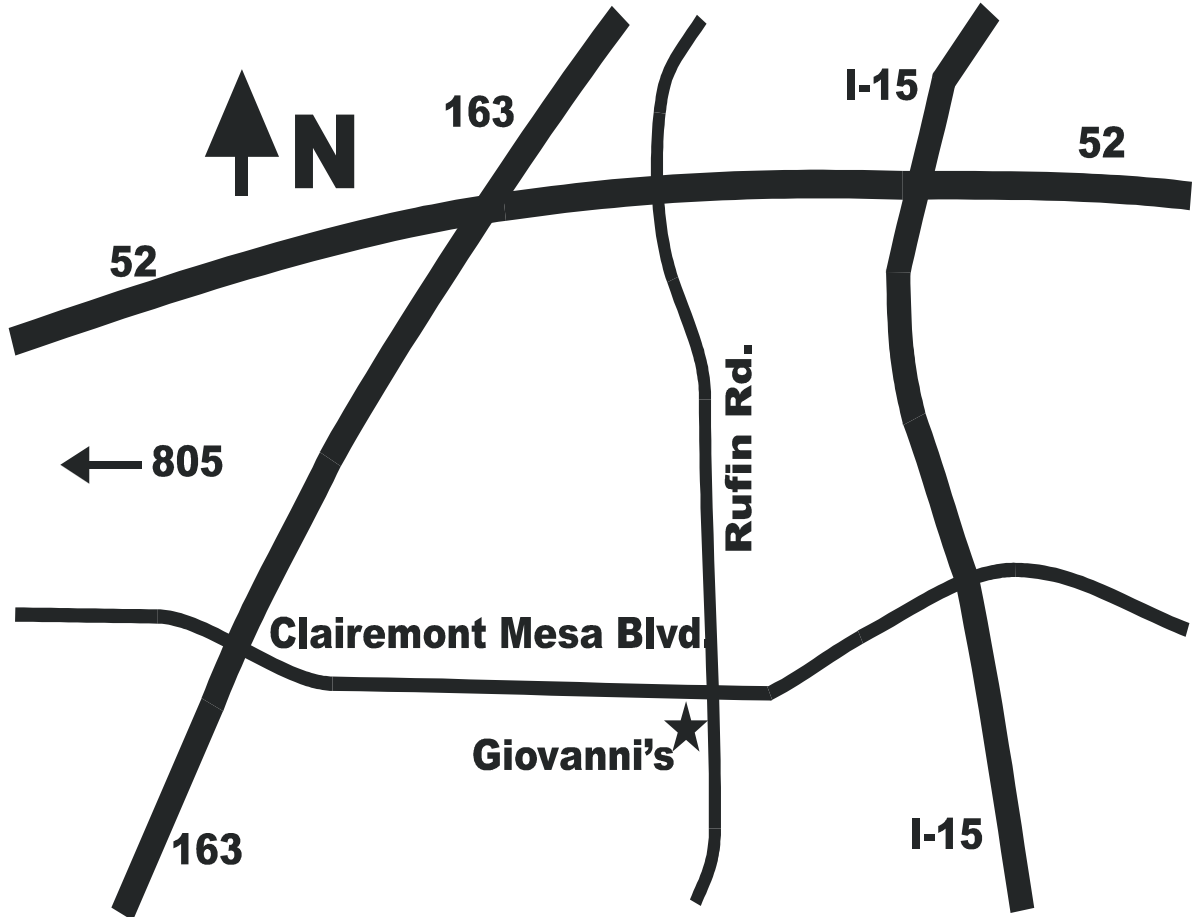
We Have Moved

After meeting the first Wednesday of each month at UTC for approximately 13 years it is time to move on. The rooms that we had been using are no longer available for use. The new venue for our meeting is:

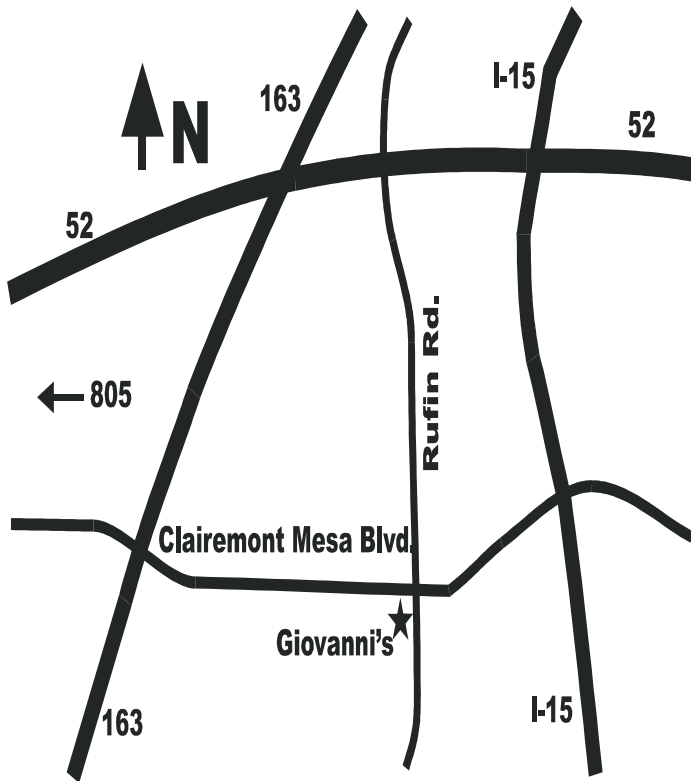
Giovanni's Italian Restaurant 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

This is at a little strip mall at the South West corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Ruffin Rd.

From 163 go East on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Make a right turn at Ruffin Rd. and Giovanni's will be on your right.
From I-15 go West on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Turn Left at Ruffin Rd., and Giovanni's will be on the right just past the intersection.



Please note that we are no longer meeting the first Wednesday of each month, but have moved the meeting day to the **First Thursday** of each month, still at 7:00 P.M.



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.



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