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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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March 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks and Welcome

A new administration begins this month, sort of. We have two new officers. Welcome to Denny Bianchi as community representative and Laura Brown as secretary. All the other officers have signed on for another year in their current positions or have moved to a new slot. Many thanks to the officers of this past year for all their hard work and dedication. And a special thanks to past president Rich Burns who guided our club through a fantastic year of trips, events and dives.

Of course, the new year brings with it many of the same events as last year. Up first is our semi-annual April excursion to Two Harbors, Catalina. It's always a great trip with excellent diving and camaraderie around the bar-B-Q. On the heels of Two Harbors will be our annual Easter pancake breakfast and underwater egg hunt. Upon special request, Steve Anderson may be talked into cooking his world renown Mickey Mouse pancakes.

Once the pancake breakfast is wrapped up, we'll hold our yearly planning meeting to map out events for the rest of the year. Please stick around after breakfast and provide your inspiration to the club's plans.

Scott Brown - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Mar. 2 , 2006 7:00 pm

(see back page for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for March is:

John Boyer - DUI

John will be joining us to talk about warm water dry suits from DUI as well as full face masks with underwater communications equipment.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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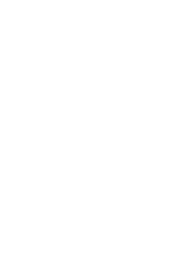
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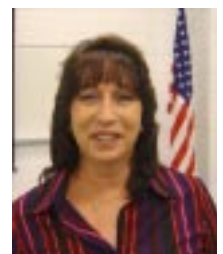
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Club Historian



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
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
March 2006			1	2 Club Meeting 7:00	3	4
Events Calendar						
5 Dive South Casa	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

San Diego Dive Club's March Dive at the South Casa Cove!

This may be your last chance to bag a bug! Don't forget your flashlights and tank lights. And if you plan on hunting don't forget your game bags, lobster gauges, and fishing licenses (for 2006).

Date: Sunday, March 5th, 2006 Time: 05:30pm in the water no later than 6:00pm.

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 Netdave@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 arrive 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, guitarfish, stingrays, sheephead, barred sandbass, 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>

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



Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Scuba Charters March 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
04-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
05-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Mar	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 3 Tank	\$90	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
05-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
11-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
11-Mar	Encore	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
11-Mar	Island Time	Oil Rigs-Advanced Only	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
11-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
12-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
18-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
18-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
18-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
18-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
19-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
19-Mar	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$147	3/18, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
19-Mar	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
19-Mar	Lois Ann	Coronados - 3 Tank	\$105	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
19-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
25-Mar	Encore	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
25-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
25-Mar	Horizon	San Clemente	\$140	3/24, 9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
25-Mar	Magician	Farnsworth - Adv Only	\$147	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Mar	Encore	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Mar	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
26-Mar	Lois Ann	Coronados - 3 Tank	\$105	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A

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

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday March 15

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 February (**Feb 18**), at:

[Marie Calendar's Restaurant 6950 Alvarado Rd., La Mesa.](#)

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, West End, Catalina Island
April 7th – 9th, 2006**

We have finalized details for our springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 7th through the 9th. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~10:00 am on Friday, the 7th, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:30pm on Sunday, the 9th. The cost of the trip is \$110* for non-divers and \$182* for divers taking part in the Saturday 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, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, and a pasta dinner on Friday night and a Carne and Pollo Asada 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@cox.net or by calling 619-697-6589. This trip is currently 2/3rds full so don't wait too long.. All payments are due by the March dive club meeting. *cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.

Photo of the month contest

The club officers have come up with a friendly contest we all can enjoy. Here's how it works: Take an underwater picture, frame it for easy display and set it up at the meeting with all the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five raffle tickets. The intent here is to involve as many people as possible in fun and entertainment.

Even a friendly contest has rules (not guidelines) and we'll all be operating under the honor system. Underwater pictures only, taken during the time since the last meeting. One picture per person per month. Digital or film. Display your picture as you shot it with your camera and lighting settings. Cropping is OK but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using Photoshop before printing. One vote per person and you must be present at the meeting to vote. Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the following month's meeting as the previous month's winner.

We have several excellent photographers within our membership and as this contest continues, I hope to see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

Scott Brown

At Our Last Meeting

Richard Woulfe inspired warm water dreams of Fiji and Wakatobi at our last month's meeting. Spacious and private liveaboard accommodations along with warm water diving would certainly be a welcome diversion for any of us. If anyone out there would care to donate to the Scott and Laura Brown warm water diving fund, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to Dave McNair for arranging Richard's presentation. The floor was opened for additional officer nominations, however none were submitted. Elections were held and all positions were filled. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for the full election results.

Scott Brown

Membership

Please welcome these new and
renewing members...

New members

No New Members

Renewals

Merrienne Dean
Laurel Bartels
Jon Major

Raffle

Here are the winners from February's raffle

Steve Anderson -	Speedo backpack Pocket first aid kit T-shirt
Sandi Schankin	Gloves Dive Mask
Scott Brown	Keychain
Matt Gieselman	Pelican Box Blue game bag
Merrienne Dean	Walkie talkies

Officer Election Results

Officer elections were held at our meeting in February . These are the results of the elections.

Please Welcome your new Officers!

President: Scott Brown

Vice President: Steve Anderson

Secretary: Laura Brown

Treasurer: Peggy Petschek

Equipment Coordinator: Steve Fillet

Entertainment Coordinator: Bruce Laiho

Dive Coordinator: Hunza Kotas, Dave McNair

Newsletter editor: Paul Brooks

Public Relations: Rich Burns

Historian: : Betty Parish

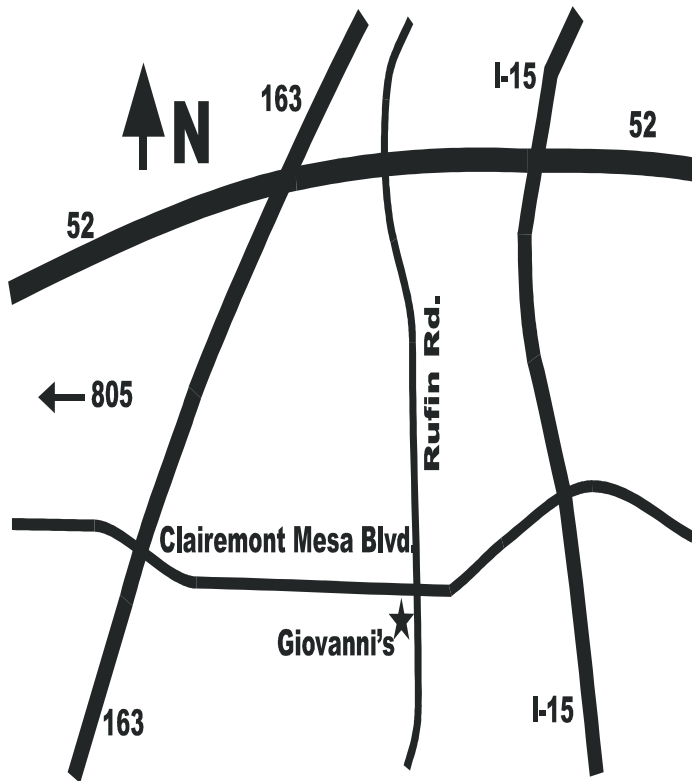
Store Representative: Dave McNair

I wish to thank Rich Burns and his staff for their leadership for the past year, and I welcome Scott Brown and the other Officers who are either new or are taking new positions. And a big thank you too to those Officers who have been helping the club for many years and have decided to continue their support in the same positions they have held in the past.

As a past President of the Club I know how much effort and thought is involved in the operation of the Club, and I know how difficult it is to continue to keep the meetings interesting and keep people involved in our Club. We need new ideas constantly and all the help we can get to keep offering the club members what it is that they might want.

Please help your new officers by offering suggestions, passing along information about dives and sites, and don't be afraid to pitch in and help out at events such as the Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast or any others that might interest you or to suggest new events that might be of interest to the Club.

Paul Brooks - Editor



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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