

the **PRIMARY REGULATOR**

San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
www.sandiegodiveclub.com



March 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elections

It's time again to elect club officers. Nominations were held at the February meeting and we have only one position contested thus far. Hunza Kotas and Dave McNair will be stepping aside for Dennis Fox and Jeremy Burns to take over as our new dive co-coordinators. Mike King and myself will be running for president. Before voting takes place at the March meeting, nominations will be opened again for anyone interested in contributing their efforts for our club's well being. Show up and put in your nickels worth. We've had great member attendance at our last two meetings, let's keep it going!

Celebrating the human spirit, inspiration and perseverance were on display in the March issue of Scuba Diving magazine. Matt Johnston lives his days in a wheelchair and can only breathe with the help of a ventilator due to Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Dreaming of scuba diving since the age of six, he became the world's first ventilator-dependent quadriplegic certified diver during June 2006 in Wisconsin's Wazee Lake. In November 2006 Matt made history once again with two open water dives in the Florida keys. If you'd like to read the article, let me know. I'll be glad to share my copy. Our sport provides

wonderful opportunities on a continual basis. Now and again, someone like Matt rises up with all their patience, determination and spirit to remind us all just how fortunate we are to fly through the underwater world. While among us, Matt has shown how great life can be.

Scott Brown - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Mar 1 , 2007 7:00 pm

(see back page for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for March is:

Mr. Mark Barnum: The Brother Jonathan

Come hear the accounts of the search and salvage efforts in the inhospitable waters of St George Reef, California, legal claims by the State Lands Commission including appeals to the US Supreme Court, and what was salvaged and what remains of the wreck of SS Brother Jonathan.

—Cody Gilstrap, Entertainment Coordinator

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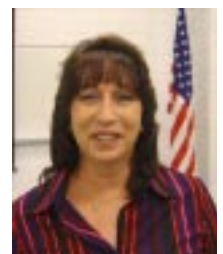
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Club Historian



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

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Deadline for all submissions is the 15th of each month.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
March 2007 Events Calendar				1 Club Meeting 7:00	2	3 Dive Marine Room
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

San Diego Dive Club's March dive at the Marine Room!

Here's your chance to explore the new canyon wall!

Date: Saturday, March 3rd, 2007.

Time: Meet at 9:00am.

Location: Marine Room (Between La Jolla Shores and La Jolla Cove)

2000 Spindrift Drive, La Jolla CA 92037

Meet at the walkway to the beach just South of the Marine Room restaurant. There's limited parking in front of the Marine Room but I've never had to walk more than the length of ten cars.

Divemasters: Hunza Kotas Hunza@cox.net hm# 619-749-8435

Pictures and description: www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/CalS/Marine_Room/index.htm

Directions and info: www.sandiegodiving.com/diveSites/marineRoom

San Diego Dive Club: www.dive-club.org

Don't forget your Certification Cards.

See you in the water!

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday Mar 21st

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 usually held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at :

Coco's restaurant 7398 Clairmont Mesa Blvd. 858 292-9030

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.



Scuba Charters

March

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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	
03-Feb	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	
03-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
03-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
03-Mar	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$75	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A	San Diego
03-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills	San Pedro
04-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
04-Mar	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$75	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A	San Diego
04-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	Ventura
10-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
10-Mar	Magician	Catalina-3 dives, 1 @night	\$120	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	10:30 PM	Nitrox Fills	San Pedro
10-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	Ventura
11-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
11-Mar	Great Escape	Backside Catalina	\$135	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
11-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	Ventura
17-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
17-Mar	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$75	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A	San Diego
17-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills	San Pedro
17-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	Ventura
18-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
18-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$125	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
18-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	Ventura
24-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$125	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
24-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills	San Pedro
25-Mar	Great Escape	Catalina	\$125	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
25-Mar	Lois Ann	Coronados - 3 Tank	\$110	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	N/A	San Diego
25-Mar	Magician	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills	San Pedro
31-Mar	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
31-Mar	CeeRay	Catalina	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	Long Beach
31-Mar	Magician	Catalina-No OW Classes	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills	San Pedro
31-Mar	Spectre	S.Cruz/Anacapa	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	Ventura

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

Photo Contest

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

We were caught short for a speaker last month. Not all was lost however as officer nominations took up most of the meeting.

Scott Brown

Raffle

Here are the winners from February's raffle

Maryanne Dean	Spear Gun
Walter Weaver	\$50 Sport Chalet Gift Certificate
Mike Petschek	Battery Ear Dryer
Mike Petschek	Large Fillet Knife
Barbie Lass	Pelican 2020 Light
Leslie Peariso	Wick dry towel
Jim Shrove	Dive T-Shirt
Jeremy Burns	Pelican 1030 Mini case

Membership

Please welcome these new and renewing members...

New members

Nanette Oselett

Renewals

Denny Bianchi
Merrienne Dean

Future Club Happenings

Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island

April 27th – 30th, 2007

Our springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island is completely full and there is already a long waiting list, so we are not taking any more requests. Reservations are for the weekend of April 27th through the 30th. **Please note** that since we are now making the venture over to Two Harbors only once a year we have decided to make this a 4 day weekend. That means we will be heading over on Friday morning, the 27th, and coming back Monday afternoon, the 30th. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~10:00 am on Friday and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:30pm on Monday. The trip includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, 3 nights accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings, and dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Boat diving has been arranged for both Saturday and Sunday and shore diving is also available. Detail itineraries, information sheets, cabin layouts and BarBQ assignments will be showing up in your e-mails in late March.

10th Anniversary Gold Star Dive.

~ JULY 21st, 2007 ~

Search for Gold Stars in the Casino Point Underwater Park on Catalina Island. Win prizes, get a Commemorative T-Shirt and solid Chocolate Star, have fun diving with other fun-loving divers. All this *and* support a great cause - the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department S.T.A.R. Program and the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber.

Join the hunt!

www.catalinagoldstardive.org

DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

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

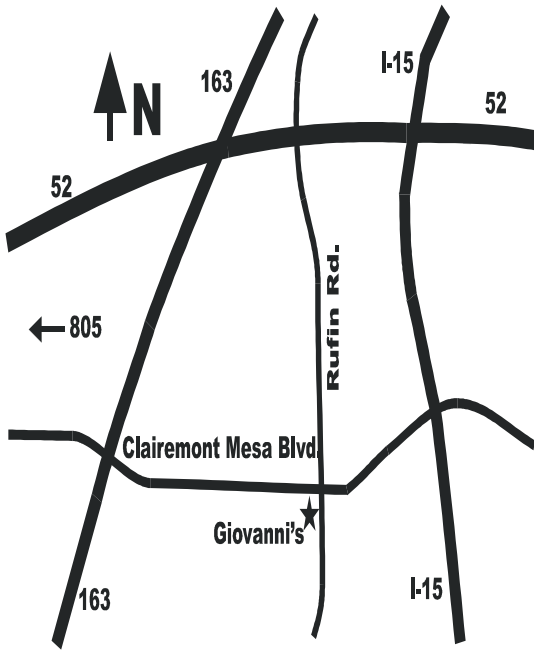
Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

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.

