



# the Primary Regulator

## San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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## President's Message

### WHAT'LL THEY THINK OF NEXT?

Did all of you see the same U.T. article as I regarding the new underwater car? There's only one, it's a convertible, and moves along at just less than two miles an hour underwater. It has a one of a kind price tag too at over a million. Even a key man deal would be out of my budget. James Bond fans will be disappointed with the absence of on board weaponry. But any diver can easily remedy that situation. Q won't have any sleepless nights over this car's well being as I'm sure the new owner will be far more respectful than Bond ever was. Where are the flying cars we were supposed to have by now?

At this month's meeting we'll hold our annual officer elections. Thus far, it looks to be a casual event with only the office of club secretary being contested. Nominations will be opened again before voting, so if anyone is interested, please speak up.

Later in the month, on the 22nd, is the underwater Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast at La Jolla Shores. From 8:00 AM til noon everyone will find free breakfast, diving, and prizes. It doesn't get much better. Mickey will even be there in pancake form a la VP Steve Anderson. Immediately following the breakfast clean up, the officers will hold the yearly planning meeting to schedule this year's main club events. All suggestions will be considered. Between now and then, pass on your thoughts to any club officer. Or, better yet, hang around for the planning meeting and put in your 25 cents. All are welcome.

One more thought on that underwater car. I wonder if the maker would be interested in a trade for a Yukon port hole.

*Scott Brown, President*

## San Diego Dive Club Officer's 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' Meetings are usually held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at:

*Marie Calendar's, 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.



## Upcoming Events:

Mar 6	Officer nominations/Elections
Mar 16	SDDC Dive – Wrecks/Kelp
Mar 22	UW Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 3	SDDC Meeting
Apr 5	SD U/W Film Festival
Apr 25-28	Two Harbors Dive Trip

## At our next meeting...

To be determined

Thursday Mar 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Giovanni's  
(see map on last page)

## At our last meeting...

Dr. Hans Bertsch gave us a wonderful talk on his Sea of Cortez research efforts with marine invertebrates. As always, he's quite an entertaining guy.



<b>Point Loma</b> (619) 224-6777	<b>La Jolla</b> (858) 453-5656
<b>Mission Valley</b> (619) 718-7070	<b>Tours</b> (800) 660-2754

## Raffle Winners

Winner Name	Prize Won
Merriane Dean	I-Dive Dive Parka
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Steve Anderson	1400 Pelican case
Sandi Schankin	GSI Gear box
Mike King	Pelican Mini Flasher dive light
Kevin Lass	\$50 Restaurant Gift Certificate
Terry Thomas	Bonaire T-Shirt (donated by The Schankins)
Jared Smith	Nemo Cold Pak
Sophie Liu	Sea of Cortez Book, signed (donated by Hans Bertsch)

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## Membership has its privileges!

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 – Great Prizes

Tickets may be purchased at each meeting for that night's raffle prizes.

### 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**



## 2008 Human Powered Submarine Competition - Needs Divers!!

Offshore Model Basin, Escondido  
July 23-27, 2008

HPS 2008 provides an extra curricular activity that will foster innovation, teamwork, an engineering experience, and a competitive spirit amongst young engineers. Experienced divers are needed to ensure the safety of the contestants. For more information or to volunteer please see:

<http://www.sections.asme.org/sandiego/HPS2008/HPS2008volunteers.htm>

In order to volunteer, you must attend **one** of the safety diver briefings at High Tech High School, on June 11<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, or July 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

## 39TH ANNUAL SAN DIEGO UNDERWATER FILM FESTIVAL

8602 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, Sumner Auditorium - Scripps Institution of Oceanography

*sponsored by the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society*

The San Diego Underwater Photographic Society presents their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Film Festival, **April 5th** at Sumner Auditorium, SIO, La Jolla, CA USA. For questions or tickets, email the following account [sdups.festival@hotmail.com](mailto:sdups.festival@hotmail.com). Free tickets will be sent to the requester. The event showcases SDUPS member's video and still images of marine life large and small, from such exotic locales as the tropical waters of the Indo Pacific & Caribbean to the temperate waters of North America, and of course our own backyard.

SDUPS is an organization whose members are dedicated to improving their skills and knowledge of all aspects of underwater photography.

## Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island Dive Trip April 25th – 28th, 2008

We have finalized details for our springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 25th through the 28th. 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 25<sup>th</sup>, and coming back Monday afternoon, the 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 cost of the trip is \$150\* and 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. Choice of cabins will be on a first pay, first choose basis, and you must be a current club member to sign up. Boat diving has been arranged for both Saturday and Sunday and costs \$72 for each 2 tank dive, the purchase of a boat dive will also get you free tank and weight rentals for the weekend for shore diving. If you would like to sign up for this trip come to the January dive club meeting and see Rich Burns. If you can not make it to the meeting contact Rich after January 4th by e-mail at [sddiver@cox.net](mailto:sddiver@cox.net) or by calling 619-697-6589.

This trip always fills up so don't wait too long.

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



# SCUBA CHARTERS

Reservations can be made at any Sport Chalet or at 1-800-348-3794

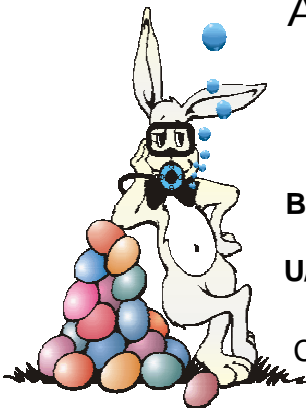
Remember SD Dive Club members get 10% off charters

Not available at press time – Please contact your local Sport Chalet for more information on Dive Charters..

## Dive the Wrecks & Kelp Sunday, March 16, 2008 8:00 AM - Return 2:00 PM

The club has chartered the Lois Ann out of Seaforth Sport Fishing in San Diego for a trip to the Yukon, and kelp forest. **\$55.00 will get you 3 dives.** The boat provides tanks and weights and can fill your personal HP tanks to 3500 psi. Lois Ann will also supply nitrox for an additional charge. Food, drinks, and snacks will be provided. The dive sites are just a short ride from the dock so there is very little travel time. It is recommended that you bring a dive light for wrecks & kelp. This might be your last chance to bag that bug before lobster season ends on March 19<sup>th</sup>. To sign up come to the club's next meeting in February with payment. Only 20 spots available.

If you cannot make the club meeting and would like to go contact Dennis Fox @ (760) 580-5951 or [Dhfox@cox.net](mailto:Dhfox@cox.net)



## Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt & Free Pancake Breakfast

La Jolla Shores  
Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008  
8am until noon

**Breakfast:** served 8am – noon; pancakes, sausage or bacon, coffee, cocoa and juice.

**U/W Easter Egg Hunt:** briefing at 9am, all divers in water by 9:30am. Prizes to the buddy teams that find the most eggs.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt, will take place at 10am 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, we will attempt to pair you up with a suitable buddy. Depending on the ocean conditions, this dive is normally an easy to intermediate dive.*

### Officer Nominations:

Newsletter editor	Mike Thornton
Club Historian	Betty Parrish
Publicity Rep	Rich Burns
Store Rep	Dave McNair
Equip Coordinator	Steve Fellet
Dive Coordinators	Jeremy Burns Dennis FOX
Community Rep	Barb Lass Kevin Lass
Speaker Coordinator	Barb Lloyd
Secretary	Evie Burton Walt Weaver
Vice Pres	Steve Anderson
President	Mike King

### Photo of the Month Contest

A friendly contest we can all enjoy. Here's how it works. Take an underwater photo, frame it for easy display, and set it up at the the club meeting with the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five free raffle tickets. Membership is not necessary to vote. One vote per person. The intent here is to involve as many club members as possible in the fun and entertainment. Even a friendly contest has rules (not guidelines) and we'll all be operating under the honor system.

- Underwater pictures only (digital or film) taken during the time since the last meeting
- The photographer must be submersed in the same liquid as the subject
- One picture per person per month
- Display your picture as taken with your camera and lighting
- Cropping is OK, but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using any form of Photoshopping before printing

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, hopefully we'll see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.



## DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

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

***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

Monthly raffle drawings!

January, April, July and October are the club's quarterly meetings and we will have a grand raffle prize.

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!!!***

### Newsletter Submissions

The "Primary Regulator" is your newsletter. Brief articles and items of interest related to diving for the Newsletter are encouraged from all members. Articles may be of local diving sites, trip reports, lessons learned, etc.

Please submit them electronically to the Editor at [mthorn3478@aol.com](mailto:mthorn3478@aol.com) no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Submissions are subject to editing. Additionally, let me know if there are things you would like to see in future editions of the newsletter.

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