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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2003

We've got a lot to do!

This month we have our annual underwater Easter egg hunt and pancake breakfast at La Jolla Shores. We typically provide breakfast for over 150 people and have about 15 dive teams looking for those elusive bunny droppings under water.

What, exactly, has a rabbit got to do with colored chicken eggs? And why does he hide them under water? Why does our club give prizes to divers for finding these things and why do we feed people for free? Well, I can't answer the first two questions except it is supposed to have something to do with fertility and new life. Heck, I never figured out how the tooth fairy could sneak under my pillow to replace my tooth with a quarter.

Our club exists to promote diving and entertain and educate our members. We also consider it our mission to support our local environment both above and below water. Providing a free breakfast to a

couple hundred people accomplishes everything our club believes in and provides great public relations at the same time. More than anything our club is a social group, a means to meet other like minded people and make friends. I can think of no better way of doing this than participating in fun events like this. Besides, I like to flip pancakes.

We're also going to Two Harbors Catalina again at the end of April. If you aren't going it's certainly your loss.

Our new Dive Coordinator Kurt Gross is hard at work planning boat trips for us. He's scheduled a trip to the Northern Channel Islands on the Iron Eagle for Labor Day weekend. Now I don't want to hear excuses like "I have to watch the Jerry Lewis Telethon", cause Jerry isn't looking too good lately. You can always send in your million dollar donation ahead of time and set your VCR.

Calling all Divemasters! Our club needs you! Since we are no longer covered by the Sport Chalet liability policy most of our previous Divemaster are no longer insured if they host club dives. Although we can have our members sign liability release waivers and make it understood that the club does not accept liability at our dives this doesn't protect a Divemaster from litigation. So, if you are a self insured Divemaster the club will reimburse you \$50 if you will provide the site briefing and supervision. If you have a dive site you'd like to lead a dive at please contact our Dive Coordinator Kurt Gross (619-640-2731).

Steve Anderson
President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

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Wed., May 7, 2003 7:00 pm

(see page 10 for meeting location)

Another Mystery Guest

**At press time, our guest speaker for May had not yet confirmed.
Be assured though, the speaker should be great as usual!!**

— *Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator*

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Community Representative

The club needs a representative to the Council. If you can help out, talk with an officer.

Dive Coordinator



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Store Representative

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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
- 1/2 price air fills, first 10 are free
- 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

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
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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
May 2003				1	2	3
Events Calendar						
4	5	6	7 Club Meeting 7:00	8	9	10
11	12	13 Council meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Scuba Charters May 2003

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
03-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
03-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
03-May	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
04-May	Blue Escape	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	3:30 PM	N/A
04-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
04-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
04-May	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-May	CeeRay	Chamber Day 2003	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-May	Flying Dutchman	Chamber Day 2003	\$ 75	N/A	Please call for details. 18003483794		
07-May	Horizon	Chamber Day 2003	\$ 75	5/6, 9 pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	Food & Drinks
07-May	Island Time	Chamber Day 2003	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
10-May	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 115	5/9, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
10-May	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 125	5/9, 9 pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
10-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
10-May	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
11-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
11-May	D-n-D II	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	noon	N/A
11-May	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 115	5/10,10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
11-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
11-May	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
17-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
17-May	Liberty	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
17-May	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
18-May	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
18-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
18-May	Lois Ann	2 Wrk,1 Night/Kelp	\$ 85	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
18-May	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
24-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	
24-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
25-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
25-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
25-May	Lois Ann	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
31-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
31-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
31-May	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	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.

AT OUR LAST MEETING...

Our guest speaker was Mark Brown from the San Diego Lifeguard service. This guy could sell you on the idea of living in Iraq. Funny, educational, stimulating and experienced are only a few descriptions I can think of to describe Mark. Mark gave us a presentation on the 3R's (Rocks Rips & Reefs) program with some video from Seal team 5 getting trashed in the surf.

Mark also updated us on the current status of the Children's pool (people vs. seals). I'm excited about the possibility of diving the area again. Perhaps we can ask Mark to lead a 3R's at the Children's pool for our club so we can learn to get in and out without disturbing the seals (or the La Jollans).

Thanks Mark, next time, try to be a little more enthusiastic.

Steve Anderson
President

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 **May 21**. 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.

San Diego Dive Club needs a representative to the San Diego Council of Divers.

The past representative, Steve Haines, is now the President of the Council, and feels there would be a conflict of interest if he also represented San Diego Dive Club at the Council.

If you can help out by attending the Council meetings and reporting to them and to the club, please see one of the officers at the next meeting.

Membership

Please welcome the following new and renewed members:

New Members

David Bowes
Robert Burnett

Renewing Members

Bruce Calder
Mark Burrows
Bill Whitmarsh
Rich Arrieta
Philip Miller
Betty Parrish

Raffle Winners

These people were winners in the April raffle:

Pelican case with lock - Kelly Wolf
3 Quick release clips - Scott Brown
Akona camera case - Paul Brooks
Akona mask case - Josh Sokoloff
Trident scuba multi tool - Mark Burrows
U K SL4 light - Mike Petschek
Hawaii Slap Strap - Lee Schipper

Quarterly Drawing

**Sea & Sea MX5II Camera -
Josh Sokoloff**

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.

In addition to the T-shirts, the club has contracted to have long sleeve hooded sweatshirts made with the dive club logo on them for \$25. These will be a single front pocket, hooded, long sleeve pull over sweatshirt. You will need to order and pay for the shirts at the March dive club meeting and then pick them up at the April club meeting. They are available in your choice of size and the following colors: black, white, navy blue, light blue, grey and yellow.

The San Diego Council of Divers

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS



The next general meeting of the San Diego Council of Divers will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at the Rock Bottom Brewery & Restaurant (upstairs), 8980 Villa La Jolla Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037. Social hour at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are now held every other month.

The following information was sent in by John Moore:

For some time, we've heard very occasional rumors of people being cited for possessing spearguns while TRANSITTING the La Jolla Ecological Reserve, but we've never been certain what the real deal was... Our understanding was that transitting this reserve with fishing gear was OK (so long as the fishing was done outside the reserve; example, a kayak fisher getting in the water at La Jolla Shores, paddling over to the kelp off La Jolla, outside the reserve, fishing there, and then returning to La Jolla Shores). We thought that perhaps this was not a State regulation but a City one relating to the possession of a speargun on shore.

So I've been doing some digging...

It turns out that this is an issue with ALL of the older State marine reserves, not just with La Jolla — all of the State marine reserves except for the new Channel Islands MPAs.

The new Channel Islands MPAs, which go into effect next Wednesday, have a brand new section of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14 — Section 632. This section allows for the possession of fishing gear and catch inside the MPAs so long as you're not using the gear.

Title 14, Section 632 (a) (8) "Transit. Vessels shall be allowed to transit through Marine Protected Areas with catch onboard provided fishing gear is stowed and not in use."

HOWEVER, all of the old marine reserves fall under Title 14, Section 630 (this includes the La Jolla reserve, Heisler Park, etc). Section 630 groups spearguns with firearms and disallows both their discharge AND POSSESSION in ecological reserves.

Title 14, Section 630 (a) (8) "Firearms. No person shall fire or discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, air or gas gun, spear gun, or any other weapon of any kind within or into an ecological reserve or possess such weapons within an ecological reserve, except law enforcement personnel and as provided for in individual area regulations that allow for hunting."

So... that means that means that those of you with fishing rods are fine to transit, but those of you with spearguns are ... well ... you can fill in the word of your choice here!

Note 1: this says nothing about whether this will be / is enforced; only about what they can do if they so choose.

Note 2: it's possible that some specific older marine reserves specifically allow transit within the regs for that one reserve... I've not read the regs for each and every reserve, but unless the reserve specifically allows transit with a speargun the general provision of 630(a)(8) would apply. All of the (usually very brief) regs specific to each individual reserve are also found in Section 630. See <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/> then search for Title 14, Section 630 Ecological Reserves.

Note 3: new reserves, enacted through the MLPA process — which will include any current, older reserves which are chosen to continue under the MLPA — will go into Section 632 and allow possession of both fishing rods and spearguns, so long as they're not used (UNLESS a specific reserve specifically excludes such).

Note 4 for San Diego: there is a City ordinance regarding possession of spearguns on the beach or even in the water within 50 feet of a swimmer (don't know if this is ever enforced, but it could be):

SD Municipal Code, Ch. 6, Art. 3, Div. 0, Section 63.20.18: "It is unlawful for any person to carry a fishing spear gun in a cocked or armed position on any public swimming area or within fifty (50) feet of a swimmer in the water or in any area where swimmers are present. All spears, barbs, prongs, and similar implements shall be sheathed, covered, or removed. A spear gun or similar instrument shall be deemed cocked or armed unless it shall be in a harmless condition and incapable of projecting spears, barbs, or prongs."

This email was from John Moore : ed.

As you all may recall, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography's budget got dramatically slashed this year. Because so many of their programs are grant-funded, there are few choices of programs/activities which can be cut because the SIO Director's Office budget was slashed (only a fraction of SIO funding is discretionary).

One of the programs slated to be cut is their Oceanographic Collections department, which houses the largest university oceanographic collection in the world. This collection is an extremely valuable resource to SIO and indirectly to us as local marine enthusiasts as well. Some of the first people I go to while trying to ID stuff are the SIO Collections folks.

It's a tremendous repository of knowledge. SIO is seeking donations to attempt to keep their Collections department going. If you're the philanthropic type, even at lower levels, you might consider this.

Below is the text of the letter sent out recently by Dr. Charles F. Kennel, Director of SIO. Contact 858-822-1865 if you want more information.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Moore,

Those who have attended a Scripps Institution of Oceanography or UCSD Open House have probably enjoyed viewing marine life specimens in jars from the Scripps Marine Vertebrates Collection or rock samples from the deep sea from the Scripps Dredged Rock Collection. Those long associated with Scripps are likely familiar with these incomparable collections.

The Scripps Oceanographic Collections make up the largest and most complete university-based oceanographic collection in the world. With millions of specimens gathered from the world's oceans over the past 100 years, the Scripps Oceanographic Collections include:

- 2 million fish specimens representing more than 5,300 catalogued species
- approximately 100 million pelagic invertebrate specimens, including zooplankton, jellies, squid, and krill
- 40,000 lots of benthic invertebrate specimens, including urchins, sponges, mollusks, and crabs
- 6,600 ocean-bottom sediment cores and 3,500 hauls of dredged rocks from the ocean floor

Students and scientists at Scripps, and visiting researchers from around the world, utilize these extensive collections for their research on marine biodiversity, fisheries biology, Earth's history, ocean pollution, and the effects of climate change.

We need your help.

Current state budget problems are threatening the Scripps Oceanographic Collections. Private support is crucial to maintain the integrity and accessibility of these invaluable research and teaching tools. The cost to sustain the Oceanographic Collections is \$375,000 per year — compared to the more than \$1 billion it would cost to attempt to replace them.

Your gift will help support the Oceanographic Collections and ensure that they continue to be housed at Scripps for use in classroom teaching and students' and scientists' research.

Thank you for your continuing support of Scripps science.
Sincerely,

Charles F. Kennel
Director

P.S. For further information or to join us for a tour, please visit the Scripps Oceanographic Collections web site:
<http://collections.ucsd.edu/>



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SCUBA SHOW 2003 - June 21 & 22, 2003
Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, Ca.

SCUBA Show 2003 diving exhibition will take place June 21 and 22, 2003 at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, California. This is the 16th year of this popular event. Over 10,000 have attended every year for the last 13 years and it is the largest convention of its kind in the Western U.S. The show will consist of a 57,065 square feet of diving related exhibits including new gear, travel pros (many offering show discounts), and diving experts. In the exhibit hall will also be a demo tank with equipment demonstrations and trials (bring your swimsuit!) and free intro scuba courses. Additional activities at the show include a continuous underwater film festival featuring premier films, seminars by top diving experts, exhibitor presentations, door prizes and a Saturday night Casino party benefiting the Catalina Conservancy Divers. Exhibit hall hours are Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$9 and includes admission to the exhibit hall, film festival and exhibitor presentations (seminars are an additional charge). Discount coupons are available at California dive stores, on dive California dive charter boats and through California dive clubs. Age 10 and under are admitted free with paying adult. For information on SCUBA Show 2003 call (310) 792-2333 or visit the web site www.saintbrendan.com

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CHAMBER DAY & EVE 2003

Registration is now underway for the 15th annual Chamber Day events (to be held on Wednesday, May 7 this year). In case you're not aware of it, Chamber Day is a fund-raiser for our Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber, and is the largest single-day scuba charity event in the United States.

As you may or may not know, the Catalina Chamber is dedicated strictly to the treatment of diving accidents on a 24/7/365 basis. Although we hope you'll never need it, having the Chamber available gives divers a vital safety net in the event something should go wrong with your dive. Although there is a grant from LA County, and the Chamber gets income from some outside activities, Chamber Day provides a significant portion (close to 50%) of the Chamber's annual budget.

The great thing about this event is that ALL the monies raised goes to the Chamber. No administrative fees are deducted from the proceeds, the local SoCal boats (15 of them at press time) donate their time and services, the manufacturers donate gear for raffle prizes (close to \$20,000 worth), the Aquarium of the Pacific donates their facility for the evening event, hundreds of volunteers donate their time, and you (hopefully) donate your money. Last year we raised around \$72,000 and this year - despite the crappy economy - we're hoping to do even better. The event has many facets and there are multiple ways for you to get involved.

The main event is Chamber Day, a full day of diving (two dives) at Catalina plus a walking tour of the Chamber at the Isthmus. Cost for this is \$75 which gets you the diving, the tour, a t-shirt, and five raffle tickets.

For those who can't take a day off but would still like to participate we have the Flying Dutchman, a mythical boat but a big part of Chamber Day as it's the perfect place for those who can't do the event. Those who choose to "dive" the Dutchman get a special limited-edition t-shirt (available ONLY to those who sign up for the Dutchman) as well as raffle tickets.

There's also the Chamber Challenge, where the diving community is "challenged" to raise extra funds for our Chamber, through specific donations (usually \$100, but also \$500 and \$1000), which then hopefully challenge your friends to match your generosity.

Raffle tickets can be purchased for the daytime raffle (you need not be present to win) whether you're going on a boat or just want a chance at winning some fabulous prizes.

Chamber Evening is the cap to everything and is co-sponsored by the Aquarium of the Pacific. It features full access to the Aquarium, a sit-down dinner in the Great Hall (underneath the life-sized model of a Blue Whale), some awards, a separate raffle, and the presentation of the final check to Karl Huggins, Director of the Chamber.

Announcing San Diego Dive Club's Labor Day 2003 Channel Isles Trip:

Three days of awesome diving, August 30, 31, and Sept. 1, Tanner Banks, San Nicholas and Santa Barbara on the Iron Eagle out of Long Beach.

Leaves Friday night 29th, @ 9PM, back Monday night @7PM. Dive the Banks, Begg Rock, Seven Fathoms and Brittlestar Bonanza. See pink and purple coral, massive Sheepshead, Sealion rookeries and more. This trip is for advanced divers. Beginners welcome, but should be prepared to sit out dive if too advanced. Limited to 24 divers: 6 bunks, @ \$325.00 each, 7 2 person staterooms @ \$375.00 per person, and 2 1 bed mini suites @ \$450.00 each. \$200.00 deposit required to hold spot, with balance due as of July 31.

Please RSVP to Kurt Gross, @ tigercat3@webtv.net as soon as possible. Available only to SD Dive Club members until April 30, and will then be open to all other dive clubs and individuals. Will sell out fast, so respond quickly!!

Costa Rica November 8th -16th

Come and join the San Diego Dive Club for a trip to beautiful Costa Rica. We will depart on the morning of Saturday November 8th and return in the late afternoon of Sunday, November 16th. We will spend 9 days and 8 nights on an adventure of a lifetime. This trip will include Deluxe Accommodations, SCUBA Diving, Horseback Riding at Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge, Treetop Canopy Tour at Witches Rock Canopy, visits to Arenal Volcano and Tabacon Hot Springs, and Whitewater Rafting.

The price of the trip is \$1765.50 for divers, and \$1570.50 for non-divers. This trip price includes: round trip airfare from San Diego, 8 nights of lodging, all of the aforementioned adventure activities and ground transportation. There are also approximately 10 meals included with the package. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at rburns@nassco.com or by calling 619-697-6589 or 619-544-8616. A \$250 deposit* is required to guarantee your spot and full payment will be due 90 days prior to departure, August 8th.

Sol Playa Hermosa Resort & Villas:

The Sol Playa Hermosa Beach Resort and Villas sit on a hill overlooking Playa Hermosa the beach, boats, islands and dive sites with a fantastic view of the Pacific Ocean and gorgeous Costa Rican sunsets. There are monkeys, iguanas, parrots and other birds on the property. The hotel has private balconies, central air conditioning, cable TV, phones, micro-fridge, coffee maker, security safe and a hair dryer. Trams take you around to the three restaurants, three pools, disco, mini mart, dive shop, tour office and beach. Tennis, basketball, volleyball, ping-pong and lots of other activities are available.

Witch's Rock Canopy Tour:

Witch's Rock Canopy Tour is located in Guanacaste, the most attractive and traditional Province of Costa Rica. Designed to offer the adventure and nature lovers a unique combination of captivating tropical dry forest scenery, while enjoying an exciting canopy tour with 23 platforms, surrounded by an amazingly changing natural landscape with privileged Pacific Ocean View, a beautiful waterfall, unforgettable sunsets, as well as the rich and diverse colors and sounds of the typical flora and fauna of the North Western region of the Country.

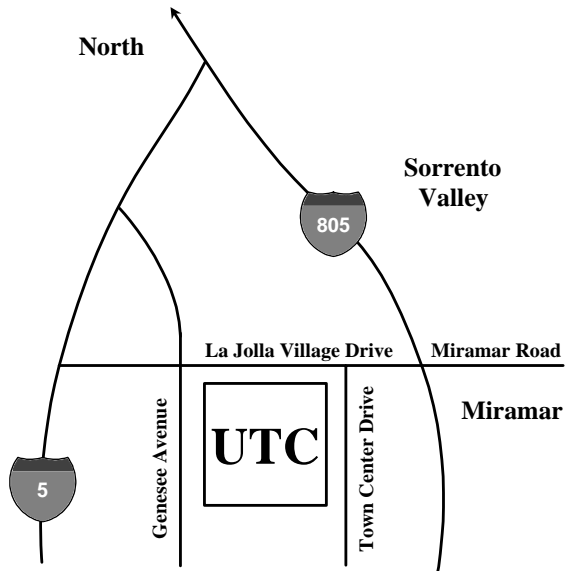
Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge:

Enjoy abundant wildlife and panoramic views of the rain forest at the foot of the Orosi Volcano while horseback riding through the ranch at Los Inocentes. This is the ultimate nature lover's adventure. This part of the rain forest is home to an estimated 2,250 species of plants, 125 species of birds and 25 species of mammals. The wildlife includes howler and white-faced capuchin monkeys, spider monkeys, tapirs, sloth, jaguars, collared peccaries, the Montezuma Oropendula, and many parrots.

Along with everything listed above we will also be doing:

- 3 days of 2-tank boat diving
- a trip to the Arenal Volcano and spending a couple days at deluxe accommodations at the Tabacon Hot Springs
- a day of Whitewater River Rafting

*Refund Policy is as follows: Airfare is refundable for a \$125 per person cancellation fee. Hotel and ground package is refundable as follows: Cancel more than 90 days in advance no fee, cancel 30 to 90 days in advance \$100 cancellation fee, cancel 15 to 29 days in advance 50% cancellation fee, less than 15 days in advance 100% cancellation fee.



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.

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