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



*May 2004*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **From the Prez!**

I want to thank everyone who made our annual U/W Easter egg hunt and pancake breakfast a success. We fed over 100 people and had six dive teams recovering Easter eggs. If you have any suggestions on how we might do things better please send them to me.

I also want to thank Paul Brooks for organizing the Scripps Institute of Oceanography Collections library tour. Over 150 people showed up and kind of overwhelmed the caretakers.

The SIO Collection library is one of the world's treasures and a local resource we should not lose. Due to recent funding cuts the salaries of the various

people who take care of the collection is no longer adequate to be able to properly maintain it. The open house was a means to introduce our local dive community to the benefits and research provided by the collection team. If you have the resources or know of someone who does please consider a financial contribution. The details of where you can contribute are in this newsletter.

Occasionally there are individuals that contribute to the operation of the dive club and the benefit of the members that go unnoticed. These people are often not club officers and we are unable to coerce them into becoming one. Never

the less, we need to show our appreciation. There are three people I can think of that fit this category; Paul Brooks, Stan House and Michelle Russell. Please forgive me if I am leaving your name out, I'm sure we'll catch up with your efforts at a later time but these three people really stand out.

Paul Brooks had been involved with the club for a long time and has been Club President a number of times. While Paul is not an "official" officer he continues to support the club every month by creating the newsletter. This is a task I am very glad to not have to do myself.

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## **AT OUR NEXT MEETING**

**Wed., May 5, 2004 7:00 pm**

(see page 10 for meeting location)

**The Guest Speaker for May is:  
Bill Hagey - President of Pisces Design**

Bill Hagey, president of Pisces Design will talk about his work instrumenting large marine creatures to study their physiology and behavior underwater. Bill will discuss the evolution and future developments of video/data collection systems used in Antarctica on Weddel seals and elsewhere. This presentation includes many beautiful and interesting images and video.

— *Rich Burns, Entertainment Coordinator*

## Club Information

### *President*



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**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 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.dive-club.org](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

## CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>May 2004</b>						1
<b>Events Calendar</b>						
2	3	4	5 Club Meeting 7:00	6	7	8 Dive: Beacons
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

San Diego Dive Club's ~~April~~ May Dive at the Beacon's in Lucadia!  
My favorite local shore dive this year!

Date: **Saturday May 8th, 2004 Time: 09:30am in the water no later than 10am.**  
 Location: **Beacon's Beach** West end of Lucadia Blvd in Lucadia (Just North of Encinitas).  
 Divemasters: **Hunza Kotas [Hunza@cox.net](mailto:Hunza@cox.net) hm# 619-749-8435**  
**Dave McNair [Netdave@cox.net](mailto:Netdave@cox.net) hm# 760-7221845**

Directions: Take the 5 freeway and exit at Lucadia Blvd. Go west on Lucadia until you hit the ocean.

Parking: There is a small parking lot located at Beacon's Beach. Parking is free. This is where we'll meet - no, really, it will happen this time.

Entry: We'll descend the switchbacks to the beach, walk north about 40 yards and enter the water just in front of the large bamboo outcropping.

Features: A mix of rocky reefs, sea grass, and kelp. There is a great reef system here! It's a shallow dive (20ft) so you get a lot of bottom time and it's a short kick out to the reef system. I see as much marine life here as I do in our local marine preserves and not too many people know about it.

MarineLife: Here is just a sample of what I've seen at this site: Spiny lobster, horn sharks, leopard sharks, garibaldi, surf perch, stingrays, sheephead, seabass, greenlings, giant kelp fish, crabs, octopi, nudibranchs, sea stars, Sea lions, etc..

Pictures, Description, & live webcam: <http://www.beaconsbeach.com>



## Scuba Charters

May 2004

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-Apr	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
01-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
01-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
01-May	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
02-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
02-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
02-May	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 119	5/1, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
02-May	Lois Ann	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
02-May	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
05-May	CeeRay	Chamber Day 2004	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
05-May	Flying Dutchman	Chamber Day 2004	\$ 75	Please call for details. 1-800-348-3794			
05-May	Horizon	Chamber Day 2004	\$ 95	5/4, 9 pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
05-May	Island Time	Chamber Day 2004	\$ 85	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
08-May	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
08-May	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 125	5/7, 9 pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
08-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
08-May	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
09-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
09-May	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 119	5/8, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
09-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
09-May	Lois Ann	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
09-May	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-May	Encore	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
15-May	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-May	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
16-May	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
16-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
16-May	Lois Ann	2 Wreck, 1 night/kelp	\$ 85	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	9:30 PM	N/A
16-May	Spectre	S. Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
22-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
22-May	Encore	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
22-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
23-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
23-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
23-May	Lois Ann	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
23-May	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
29-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
29-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
29-May	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
30-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
30-May	Ocean Odyssey	San Clemente	\$ 125	5-29, 9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
30-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
30-May	Lois Ann	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A

Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.

### 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 19**. 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.

## Community Information

# The San Diego Council of Divers

## NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

Meetings are currently scheduled for every other month. The next meeting scheduled is:  
Thu May 20th @ 6:30 PM Location TBD

More information will be posted on the Council's website - [www.sddivers.com](http://www.sddivers.com)



## At Our Last Meeting

At our last meeting.....

Dr. Burt Kobayshi was our guest speaker and recounted his exciting and humorous adventures in living in an undersea habitat located in the Bahamas. Burt told our club this story over 10 years ago and it's just as funny now.

I kinda wish there was a commercial dive package that offers this type of adventure for few days. Of course, I'd expect a few more frills like color TV and an indoor bathroom. Watching the same fish through a port hole for days on end doesn't do much for me.

Thanks Burt, great presentation as always!

## Membership

Please welcome the following new and renewed members:

### New

Matt Gieselman  
Kekvin Addison  
John Gorton  
David Harris

### Renewals

Michael Smith  
Marc Burrows  
Jim Campbell  
Dean Gereaux  
Betty Parrish  
Stephen Brunson  
Bruce Calder

## Raffel Prize Winners

Cody Gilstrap - Camp Chair  
Rich Burns - Weight Bag  
Steve Fellett - Tool Kit  
Steve Noel - Dive Light  
Jim Campbell - Dive Knife  
Cody Gilstrap - Mask Strap  
Mark Burrows - Dive Gloves

**Quarterly Prize \_ winoka Dive Bag won by  
Leslie Peariso**

(and our ticket pullers were  
Nick Petschek, Angelina Petschek, and Aubrey  
Johnson)

## President's Message Cont.

Stan House shows up early before each monthly meeting and makes sure our room is properly organized with tables and chairs. Stan alerts the mall management or security people when things go wrong. There have been numerous times when Stan has saved our neoprene covered butts before most of us even show up at the meetings.

Michelle Russell is a newcomer compared to Paul and Stan but has jumped in to make our club a good thing to be part of. For the last several months Michelle has been providing refreshments at each meeting. Nobody asked her to do this, she just started doing it.

This is what makes our club a good thing, the voluntary contributions of creative and caring people. I'd like to see more of it.

Our thanks go these individuals and all those who care enough to make a difference.

At our May 19<sup>th</sup> officer meeting we will have our yearly planning meeting at the Spice House Café on Clairemont Mesa Blvd (between the 15 & 163 freeways).

I would like to invite everyone interested to attend with your ideas on things we can do for the rest of the year.

*Steve Anderson - President*

## Future Club Happenings

### DIVE WRECK ALLEY

**Saturday, July 10, 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Experience Level: Advanced**

The club has chartered the Lois Ann out of Seaforth Sport Fishing in San Diego for a two-tank dive. Our friends from the Dive Club of South Orange County will be joining us. We will be making our first dive on the Yukon and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> dive at on of the sites at wreck alley based on best conditions. A mere \$60\* will get you 2 dives, including: air fills to 3500 psi, 80 c.f. steel tanks & weights. Hot shower, snack, soft drinks & cookies are also included. If you have the appropriate certification, NITROX is also available for an extra charge, but you must let us know ahead of time. ***The dives to the Yukon are advanced dives, so appropriate experience or certification is recommended.*** To sign up, come to the next club meeting with payment or contact Rich Burns at (619) 303-6589 or (619) 697-6589 to book your spot.

\* Note: at this price we cannot guarantee refunds, we will make every attempt to fill your spot in case of a problem. For dive site information and directions to the boat check out: <http://www.loisann.com/>

### ANNUAL SOUTHERN CHANNEL ISLANDS 3-DAY TRIP

We will once again be cruising on the dive boat Horizon to the southern channel islands of Catalina, Santa Barbara, and San Clemente August 28-30. Sparkeling waters, giant kelp, fantastic sea life and Mark's outstanding culinary talents always make this a memorable adventure. Cost is \$385.00 per person with space limited to 26 divers. A \$150.00 deposit per person will reserve space on the trip. Payment in full is due August 4th. Staterooms or bunks may be selected upon full payment anytime. No refunds will be made after August 13th unless you can find someone to take your spot. The trip will be open to club members only until May 13th. After that it will be open to non-members also.

For reservations and information please contact Scott Brown at (858) 560-6755 or [lsbro1@mindspring.com](mailto:lsbro1@mindspring.com).

# SCUBA SHOW<sup>2004</sup>

May 22-23, Long Beach Convention Center

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Warm weather is rapidly approaching which means THE Diving Event of the Year!<sup>TM</sup> is close at hand - *SCUBA Show 2004*. We will once again be returning to the Long Beach Convention Center. We hope you will be attending this exciting event. More importantly, we hope your entire club will be attending. SCUBA Show 2004 will be an excellent place to become educated, inspired, plan your next dive trip, meet old friends and make new acquaintances.

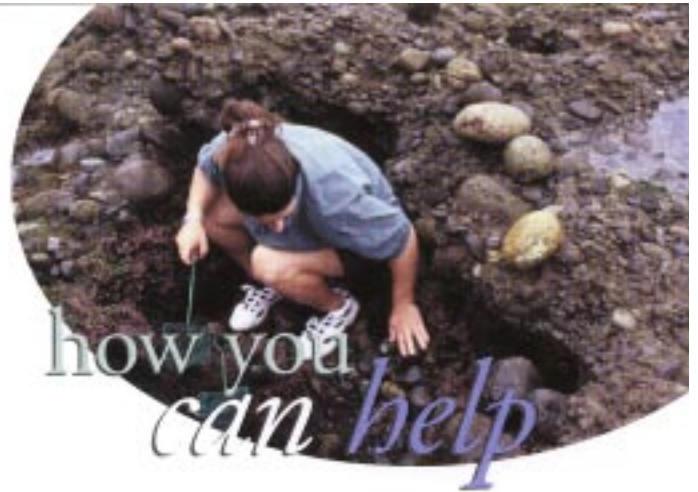
The *SCUBA Show* touts itself as THE Diving Event of the Year!<sup>TM</sup> with good reason. It is the largest event of its kind in the Americas. A consumer dive expo of enormous proportions, the SCUBA Show is inspirational, educational, money-saving and social all wrapped up in one weekend event. You can get wet in the demo tank, see the latest releases of new and innovative dive gear, talk directly to the equipment makers, book your next dive vacation from experts (often with considerable savings), plan your equipment purchases for the summer, take in an educational seminar or film, or just meet with old friends and dive buddies.

You will find full details on the show in the April and May issues of California Diving News, by contacting us directly, or visiting our web site at [www.saintbrendan.com](http://www.saintbrendan.com) (you can pre-register there).

# The Scripps Oceanographic Collections



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- *help educate new generations of scientists*
- *inspire curiosity in schoolchildren*
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For an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more, you can join the *Friends of the Collections* and help sustain this invaluable resource for future generations. *Friends of the Collections* receive periodic updates about the collections, opportunities for collections tours, and an invitation to an annual reception.

For more information about how you can support the Scripps Oceanographic Collections, or to join us for a tour, please contact:

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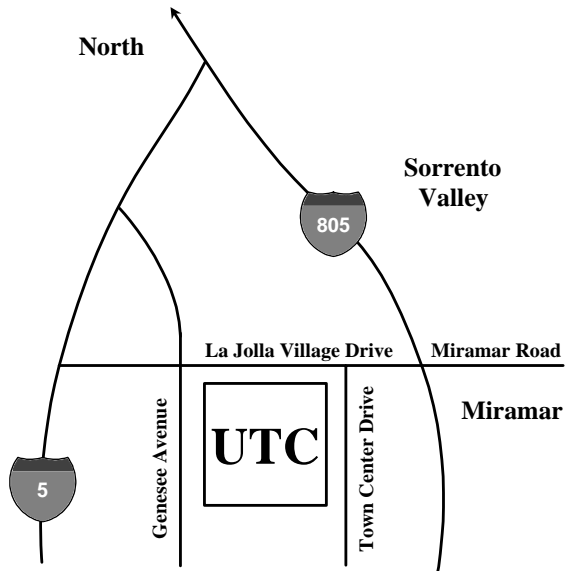
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## DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

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.

The winning ticket is drawn from that evenings batch and from  
 the previous two months.

***ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE  
 ELLIGIBLE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!!!***

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