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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter  
www.sandiegodiveclub.com



*May 2006*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Summer's on the way**

Being in construction, I've never been a fan of cold or rainy weather. Working outside in those conditions just makes me grumpy. So each year, when the weather warms up, my outlook improves. Long hot days + warm water ( yeah, right ) + bar-B-Qs + movies on the beach = pure summertime happiness. Our club is most active of course during the summer months. And after the annual planning meeting, we now have several events lined up. The usual suspects such as bar-B-Qs, movies on the beach, 3Rs, and the annual Horizon 3-day trip will show up. We've also thrown into the mix a July 3 tank Coronados trip on the Lois Ann and a September camping trip to Albion for abalone. The human powered submarine races will be held this year also. Down the road, after

summer will be Disneyland, the underwater santa shoot, and the parade of lights. Watch your newsletters for event dates.

To recap since the April newsletter. The Catalina Two Harbors trip was funtastic! The water was chilly but the vis was great and the critters were out in force. We split the dive group of 38 into two seperate boat trips to avoid swimming into each other. The food was delicious, the margaritas tastey, the movies entertaining, and the company enjoyable. I'm anticipating severe competition at our May meeting's photo of the month contest. Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen cooking and cleaning. Thanks to Steve Anderson for the movies. And thanks to Rich Burns for managing the trip.

The Easter pancake breakfast and underwater egg hunt was another great April success. We fed approximately 150 people ( some several meals ), including the always starving life guards. 38 or so divers went into the water on their egg quest. All the eggs were recovered with Eliana Garcia and Bryce Newall taking first place by finding the golden egg. Thanks to all who helped set up, cook, clean up, and tear down. All our events happen only as a result of our member's involvement. It's a pleasure to have so mant show up and have a good time. Now, bring on the summer!

*Scott Brown - President*

## **AT OUR NEXT MEETING**

**Thur., May. 4 , 2006 7:00 pm**

(see back page for meeting location)

**The Guest Speaker for May is:**

*John Boyer - Underwater Communications*

John Boyer from DUI will join us again. For this presentation John will be talking about the DUI Underwater Communications equipment. John gave a presentation to the club just recently about DUI Drysuits. He was unable at that time to tell us about the great communications system available from DUI.

Come and hear about how this could greatly enhance your enjoyment of diving with you buddies and increase diving safety.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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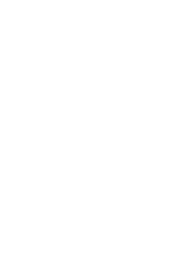
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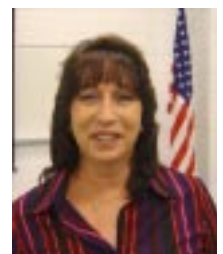
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**Betty Parrish**

### *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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

## CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Club Meeting 7:00	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Dive La Jolla Cove
14	15	16	17 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	May 2006 Events Calendar		

### San Diego Dive Club's May Dive at La Jolla Cove!

Date: Saturday, May 13th, 2006 Time: 9:00am.

**Location:** La Jolla Cove 1100 Coast Blvd La Jolla, CA 92037

**Divemaster:** Hunza Kotas [Hunza@cox.net](mailto:Hunza@cox.net) hm# 619-749-8435.

**Meeting:** In grassy area between the restrooms and the stairs leading down to the beach. Meet at 9am, in water by 10am at the latest.

**Directions:** From the north, take Interstate 5 to La Jolla Village Drive, westbound. Turn left on Torrey Pines Road at the signalized intersection. Follow Torrey Pines Road to the signalized intersection at Prospect Street and turn right. Watch for the signs and bear right on Coast Boulevard.

From the South, take Interstate 5 north to La Jolla Parkway. Continue on as it becomes Torrey Pines Road. Follow Torrey Pines Road to the signalized intersection at Prospect Street and turn right. Watch for the signs and stay right on Coast Boulevard.

**Entry:** We'll descend at the flight of stairs on the North side of the lifeguard tower.

**Features:** A mix of rocky reefs, sea grass, and kelp. The dive is relatively shallow and ranges 30-40ft at depth.

**Marine Life:** This is just a sample of what I've seen at this site: Spiny lobster, horn sharks, garibaldi, surf perch, guitar fish, stingrays, sheephead fish, seabass, greenlings, giant kelp fish, crabs, nudibranchs, sea stars, sea lions, harbor seals, etc..

**Links:**

**Pictures & Description:** [http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA\\_West/CalS/La\\_Jolla\\_Coveindex.htm](http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/CalS/La_Jolla_Coveindex.htm)  
**General info and directions:** <http://www.sandiego.gov/lifeguards/beaches/cove.shtml>  
**San Diego Dive Club:** <http://www.dive-club.org/>



Remember, Club Members get  
10% off these prices!

## Scuba Charters May 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	
03-May	Magician	Chamber Day 2006	\$115	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	
03-May	Island Time	Chamber Day 2006	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A	
03-May	Flying Dutchman	Chamber Day 2006	\$85	Please call for details.				1-800-348-3794
03-May	Aquarium of Pac.	Chamber Evening	\$85	7:00 PM	8:15 PM	10:30 PM	N/A	
06-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	
06-May	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	
06-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A	
06-May	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	
06-May	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills	
07-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	
07-May	Great Escape	Farnsworth - Adv Only	\$135	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	
07-May	Island Time	Catalina - 2 Tank	\$94	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	N/A	
07-May	Lois Ann	Wrecks - 2 Tank	\$82	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A	
07-May	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	
13-May	Horizon	San Clemente	\$140	5/12, 9PM	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A	
13-May	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	
14-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	
14-May	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	
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14-May	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills	
20-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	
20-May	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	7:30 PM	N/A	
20-May	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A	
21-May	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	
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27-May	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A	
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**Trip dates, boats, destinations and prices are subject to change without notice.**

### San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday May 17th

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 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.](#)

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.

### **DIVE CORONADO ISLANDS** **Sunday, July 16, 2006 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM** **Experience Level: Beginner to Intermediate**

The club has chartered the Lois Ann out of Seaforth Sport Fishing in San Diego for a trip to the Coronado Islands. A mere \$85\* will get you 3-4 dives, including: air fills to 3500psi for your HP tanks. Boat provides 80c.f. aluminum tanks & weights, lunch, snacks, soft drinks & cookies. If you have the appropriate certification, NITROX is also available for an extra charge, but you must let us know ahead of time. To sign up, come to the next club meeting with payment and provide to Laura Brown (SDDC Secretary). If you can not make the club meeting contact Rich Burns at (619) 697-6589 or at SDDiver@cox.net 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/>

The Coronado Islands in Mexican waters are a great dive destination. They are just 20 miles from San Diego which is only a 1-1/2 hour boat ride to a full day of diving in blue water with visibility averaging 50 feet. The island group consists of two main islands referred to as North and South Island. Even though North Island is the smaller of the two, it has the better dive sites. On the leeward side is Lobster Shack, a small cove where 20 years ago a Mexican fisherman built and lived in a shack on the rocks just above the cove. Depths range from 10 to 65 feet. A few harbor seals call this cove home year-round while in the winter some 200 sea lions move over from the windward side of the island and often will leave the shore to play with the divers. Farther down the island toward the southern tip is The Arch, commonly referred to as "Keyhole", an arch that divers can swim through to the windward side of the island. But this is only possible on days when the waves are small. Depths here range from 10 to 130 feet.

### **Southern Channel Islands** **3-day trip** **August 24,25,& 26**

Once again it's time to plan our 3-day trip to the southern channel islands on board the Horizon. The dates this year are August 24,25,& 26. Space is limited to 26 divers to ensure seating for all while enjoying the fine efforts of chef Mark. Our usual destinations are the islands of Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, and San Clemente. This year, conditions permitting, we will pass on Santa Barbara and try for San Nicolas island with it's bat rays. Cost is \$ 450.00 per person. A deposit of \$ 200.00 will reserve a space on the trip. Sleeping accommodations may be selected only upon full payment. Deposits and payments in full will be accepted beginning at the May 4th club meeting. For info, contact Scott Brown, (858) 254-9484, [lsbro1@mindspring.com](mailto:lsbro1@mindspring.com).

### **3R's Schedule**

**Here is the Rock' Rips and Reefs (3R's) schedule for this summer.**

**This program is designed to acquaint divers with different areas of the coast and to teach divers how to use the terrain and currents safely. The program is run by the Lifeguards and hosted by various dive clubs.**

1.) May 20<sup>th</sup> La Jolla Cove  
Session Host: TBA

2.) June 3<sup>rd</sup> North Bird Rock  
Session Host: TBA

3.) June 17<sup>th</sup> Gold Fish Point  
Session Host: Dive Animals

4.) July 8<sup>th</sup> Marine Street  
Session Host: San Diego Dive Club

5.) July 22<sup>nd</sup> Shell Beach  
Session Host: TBA

6.) August 5<sup>th</sup> Hospital Point  
Session Host: Sea Dogs

7.) August 19<sup>th</sup> Casa Cove  
Session Host: San Diego Dive Club

## At Our Last Meeting

Dr. Anthony Medak gave us all a great education in hyperbaric medicine and his work at UCSD. We all hope to never need the services of UCSD's chamber and staff. However, knowing what to expect and possibly seeing a familiar face may ease the way. Thanks to Michelle Russell for arranging Dr. Medak's presentation. We had three outstanding pictures in the photo of the month contest. Congratulations to Barbara Lloyd for taking first place with her shot of a *Hermissenda crassicornis* at La Jolla Shores.

*Scott Brown*

<b>Membership</b> Please welcome these new and renewing members...	
<b>New members</b>	<b>Renewals</b>
David Oselett	Bruce Calder Phillip Miller Todd Machemer

## Raffle

Here are the winners from March's raffle

Denni Bianchi	-	Ultimate Sports Duffel
Todd Machemer	-	Dive parka
Rich Burns	-	Flag Gear Bag
Barb Lloyd	-	Dive 1st Aid kit
Steve Anderson	-	Akona Safety tube
Barb Lloyd	-	Dive suit cleaner kit
Scott Brown	-	Breath mints
Scott Brown	-	Safety Whistle
Scott Brown	-	Small Padi Dive bag
Matt Gieselman	-	Quantum Stretch gloves

## Quarterly Prize

**Peggy Ptescheck - Dive Bag**

## SCUBA Show 2006— June 24-25, 2006 Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA

The SCUBA Show, the largest annual dive expo in the Western U.S. will take place June 24-25 at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, California. This is the 19th year of this popular event. Over 10,000 have attended every year for the last 15 years. The show will consist of a 57,000 square feet of diving related exhibits including new gear, travel pros (many offering show discounts), and diving experts. Several exhibitors also offer free drawings for valuable prizes.

Additional activities at the show include a demo/trial tank for divers and want-to-be divers to try scuba for the first time or to try new, revolutionary dive gear, continuous underwater film festival featuring premier films on a Mega-Screen, seminars by top diving experts, door prizes and a Saturday night party.

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 exhibit hall and film festival (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 2006 call (310) 792-2333 or visit the web site <http://www.saintbrendan.com>

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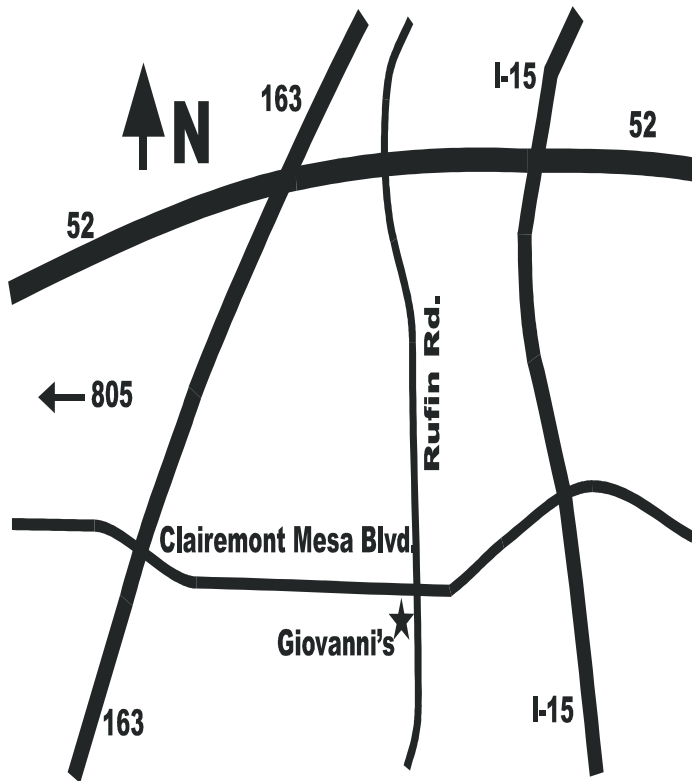
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**DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION**

**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.
