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The President's Slate

Do you remember the reason that you started scuba diving? Did you think about it for a long time or was it a spontaneous decision? Do you remember the feeling that you had the first time you used a regulator underwater?

Isn't it interesting how after all these years diving those feelings tend to fade and be replaced by the memories of all that you see and experience.. And not just by what is seen underwater but also those with your fellow divers. Scuba diving is such a "buddy" sport and one that seems to be best when shared.

The camaraderie here is unique and is continued into the dive club. We all come together once a month and also in between for some new experiences. With these trying times the City of San Diego has decided that the Three R's is too expensive to continue. For those who have enjoyed the program... you can all agree just how good it is for divers, surfers, snorkelers and all people who enjoy the ocean. We have come together to privatize the program and bring it into one that we will enjoy for years to come! Your club will be sponsoring the Three R program starting in 2009 and continuing on...

Along with this program there are also all the other things we do together with the club for and with each other. Are there any other ideas? Things you have been thinking about for a long time but have yet to do... share those ideas. Let's make some of those happen too....

It's now time to go blow bubbles!

Michael King

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 held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Thursday** 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.



Long Range Calendar

****San Diego Dive Club sponsored events****

- May 6 Chamber Day/Eve, Catalina
www.chamberday.org
- May 23 **3Rs at Boomers, La Jolla Cove**
Hosted by SDDC
- May 30-31 SCUBA Show, Long Beach
www.scubashow.com
- Jul TBD SDOF Dive-a-thon
www.sdoceans.org
- Jul 11-18 Sport Chalet, Cozumel trip
\$998 + Airfare. Contact Sport Chalet

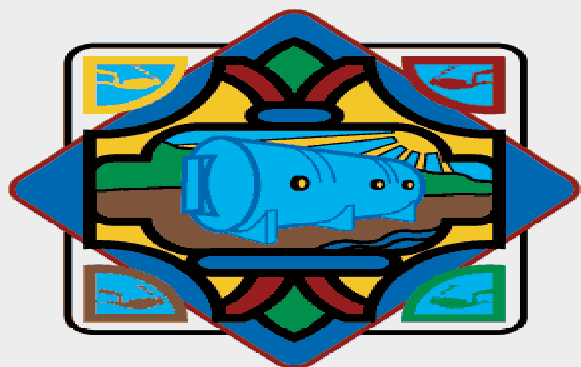


At our last meeting...

Derek Tarr, Underwater Photography Techniques

Derek shared a few of his favorite photographs and discussed underwater photography techniques. This was a very informative talk for those who already have a camera and for those who want to get one in the future. There were lots of tips and techniques to make it easier to get those great shots to share.

(AND win the photo of the month contest!!)



CHAMBER DAY 2009

BENEFITTING THE USC  WEDNESDAY
CATALINA HYPERBARIC CHAMBER - MAY 6TH -

Raffle Prizes April 2009 Meeting

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| UK Dive Light | Barbara Lloyd |
| Pelican Dive Float | Craig Mitchell |
| Dan First Aid Kit | Scott Brown |
| Photo Keychain | Scott Brown |
| Spring Fin Straps | Carol Vaught |
| Red Game Bag | Kevin Lass |
| Wrist Slate | Scott Anderson |

QUARTERLY

Mares Wrist Dive Computer-Dave Pierce

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Guest Speaker – Steve Douglas, Underwater Photography

Thursday, May 7th, 7pm at Giovannis

Steve has been diving for over 20 years, and was an instructor and dive shop owner. Filming for most of that time, he has traveled to the world's most exotic locations capturing rare land and marine creatures and their behaviors. Steve has won numerous awards in film festivals across the U.S. and as far as Yugoslavia. He worked on the feature film, 'The Deep Blue Sea', contributed footage to the Sea World Park Exhibitions, has had his work broadcast by several news channels, and is a founding member of the San Diego Under Sea Film Festival. Steve is a regular book and editing software reviewer on several internet sites around the world and regular writing contributor to Asian Diver Magazine. He is currently living in La Mesa, California.

<http://www.worldfilmsandtravel.com/>

Photo Tip of the Month



Staying away from the “same old photos”

Seems like every photographer will get to a point where all the photos appear to be the same. This is a common “plateau” event which happens as you get to a point where you have an “eye” for things that look familiar. Try and stop this from happening by reviewing your photos and critique them. Also have others do the same and give you another perspective. Review professional photos and critique them the same way.

You can also try and change your gear set-up and place new strobes out there or lens (either on the camera or on the housing). Adding wide angle lens on the housing can have dramatic effects on the photos.

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

Contact your local Sport Chalet

Point Loma (619) 224-6777

La Jolla (858) 453-5656

Mission Valley (619) 718-7070

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 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 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 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 Photoshop'ing 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.

Last Month's Winner: **Steve Parsons - Sea Hare - Location ??**



\$2 OFF ADMISSION

America's Largest Dive Expo!
Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About
Scuba In One Place, At One Time!

22nd Annual
SCUBA SHOW
THE DIVING EVENT OF THE YEAR!

May 30-31, 2009 Long Beach Convention Center, CA

- 75,000 sq. ft. of exhibits: New Gear, Travel Pros & Dive Experts
- Continuous Film Festival • Door Prizes • Seminars
- Sat. Night Casino Party Benefiting CA Ships to Reefs

Personal appearance: live painting and art exhibit by world famous artist Wyland.

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Regular admission \$12, \$10 with this coupon (CASH ONLY AT THE DOOR). Children 10 and under free. General admission includes admission to the Film Festival and Exhibit Hall for Saturday or Sunday. Seminars and the Saturday Night Casino Party benefit are extra. Pre-registration for seminars is recommended as space is limited. DIRECTIONS TO LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER: Take the Long Beach Fwy (710) south and follow the signs. HOURS: Sat. 10am - 6pm (Casino Party 6pm - 11pm), Sun. 10am - 5pm. For complete information, including advanced seminar registration, see the April or May issues of California Diving News, call (310) 792-2333, Fax (310) 792-2336, or visit our web site:

www.ScubaShow.com

THIS COUPON COURTESY OF:

SAN DIEGO DIVE CLUB

SCUBA Show 2009 at the Long Beach Convention Center, 11201, Torrance, CA 90502

April San Diego Council of Divers Meeting:

This month's speaker was Joe Exline - a recreational fisher and member of FIN (Fisherman's Information Network) & FIC (Fisherman's Information Committee)

The FIN & FIC committees were formed to expand fisherman's participation and local knowledge in the MLPA initiative process, facilitate communication, provide broad knowledge, serve as liaison, and represent commercial, rec. and harbor community interests.

Joe discussed the status of the MLPA studies. The first round draft maps are moving to the review process. There are currently 10 maps in play but they do not all meet size and spacing guidelines. The 10 proposals will need to be compiled down to 5 maps by the next Regional Stakeholders Group meeting in two weeks.

New maps can no longer be submitted but the proposed maps can be reviewed and we can add our support the one(s) that best fits our needs.

For more information go to: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/index.asp>

Children's Pool Update: Senator Kehoe's bill, DB428, passed the first hurdle and moves to the next step.

This bill moves to add a marine mammal park to the wording of the existing Children's pool trust. If you have concerns about the Kehoe bill, please contact your local government representatives. www.sdvote.com

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 ELLIGIBLE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!!!



Dips, Tips and Trips

Send a description of your favorite local dive spot, your best Dive Tips or U/W Photo Tips, or a brief report or article describing your last Dive Trip. Each month we'll select and publish the best ones in the *Primary Regulator*.
Submit them electronically to, jlburtonus@yahoo.com NLT the 15th of each month. Submissions are subject to editing.

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Check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership

