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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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The President's Slate

Those of you who attended our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt and pancake breakfast know how great a time was had by everyone despite the challenges. Several folks showed up early to make the set up run smoothly. Unfortunately Steve's generator decided to take the day off and we were forced to use Eric's as a back up. One generator would not run all we had, but unless you were one of the cooks, no one was the wiser. In the water for the Egg Hunt, the visibility in the shallows was dismal, maxing out at five feet, and the surge kicking up the sand caused the egg hunters to leave quite a few eggs behind. Rich has put out a message to our Yahoo groups list, but if in the future months you find an egg, please return it to us.

While back at the pancake breakfast, we made do as always, feeding everyone including the starving Life Guards. Afterwards, at the yearly planning meeting, your club's officers mapped out the remaining year's events. In addition to the short range notices in each month's newsletter, there will now be a calendar at the monthly meetings where all the year's events can be seen. We have three movies on the beach planned during this summer so any movie requests should be given to Steve Anderson. I've already put in my request for How to Train Your Dragon.

The Long Beach Scuba Show will be here very soon (the 15th & 16th), hosted by the California Diving News who supply us their magazine free of charge every month, this is the greatest show on earth for divers. You'll see deals on gear, diving destinations, clothing, seminars, and a film festival, and Wyland. If you've never been, go; if you've already been, go again. We'll have discount ticket coupons at the May meeting for everyone.

See you there,
Scott Brown

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 Monthly Meeting
- May 8 Monthly Club Dive, 8am, LJS
- May 15,16 Long Beach Scuba Show
[Discount Coupon](#)
- Sept 23-26 Channel Islands, on Horizon, Scott Brown
- Oct 29 Two Harbors, 3 days, Rich Burns
- Feb 18-27 2011, BELIZE – INFO at MAY Meeting – Michael King

San Diego Dive Club

Check Out These Benefits!!!

- 10% discount on non-sale dive gear & rentals, education classes, & boat charters at Sport Chalet.
- 10 free air fills and 10% discount on additional air at Sport Chalet.
- Quarterly buddy lists & Monthly newsletter.
- Meet new friends and dive buddies at monthly meetings & dives.
- Group travel to exotic diving locations.
- Ocean, lake, and beach cleanup events.
- Special member only events.
- Fantastic monthly and quarterly raffle prizes.

May Meeting

Thursday, May 6th, 7pm at Giovanni's

Guest Speaker Lt. Col. Melvin Pasley Disabled Veterans SCUBA Project

<http://www.disabledveteransscubaproject.org>

Lt. Col. (Army, Retired) Melvin Pasley has first hand experience in the causes of these problems for our returning vets, having been deployed for 12 months in Iraq as an advisor to the Iraqi National Police. As part of



his duties he was also assigned to the Wounded Warrior Battalion at Ft. Riley Kansas for 3 months. He began working with disabled veterans and SCUBA in Jun 2008 and founded the Disabled Veterans SCUBA Project in February 2009. His passion is working with disabled veterans and he will be presenting an

informative talk about adaptive diving and its use today to benefit veterans returning home with physical disabilities, as well as Post Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injuries

Photo of the Month Contest

This is a friendly contest, featuring framed underwater photos set out at the club meeting. Anyone in attendance can vote; the winning photographer receives 5 raffle tickets and fame, and the appreciation of SDDC. The rules for this contest, enforced by the honor system include:

- 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, and featured here.

April Photo Winner

Steve Gardner – Fish eating on kelp

April Raffle Prize Winners

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| Barbara Lloyd - Scuba Tuba | David Samaniego - Manta Ray Fin Straps |
| Dave Pierce - Wet Suit Cleaner Kit | Matt Gieselman - Yellow Dive Light |
| Scott Brown - Dive Flag, Ultra Star Movie Tickets w/ food tickets | Steve Fellet - Trident Dive Slate |
| Mike Petschek - Akona Weight Bag; Sport Chalet Dive Mat; Sun Screen | Peggy Petschek - Wenoka Dive Knife |
| Terry Thomas - Scuba.com Dive T-Shirt | |

QUARTERLY PRIZE WINNER Barbara Lloyd – zip apart dive parka

SCUBA Show 2010 — May 15-16, 2010 Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA

[\\$2 off Admission Coupon](#)

The SCUBA Show, America’s Largest Consumer Dive Expo, will take place May 15-16 at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, California. This is the 23rd year of this popular event. The show will consist of 76,000 square feet of diving related exhibits including new and revolutionary dive gear, travel pros (many offering show discounts), and diving experts. Several exhibitors also offer free drawings for valuable prizes. The first 1,000 people in attendance on Saturday and Sunday will receive complementary tote bags, and door prizes will be taking place through out the day.



Highlighting the exhibit hall will be a personal appearance by world famous artist Wyland. On Saturday he will be interacting with attendees while painting a new piece of art and on Sunday will be painting with over 200 children who have pre-registered in advance.

Legendary underwater filmmaker Stan Waterman will be headlining a weekend of seminars that include some of the most popular dive experts around. Some of the presenters include Jack and Sue Drafahl, Bruce Watkins, Dale Sheckler, Ken Knezick, Ken Kurtis, and many more. Subjects covered include underwater photography and video, marine life, dive travel, and more. A continuous underwater film festival will be running in the exhibit hall on a three-story high screen and will feature films from around the world by over a dozen underwater imaging experts. Saturday night will feature a Casino party benefiting California Ships to Reefs, a non-profit organization sinking ships along the California coastline as artificial reefs. Highlight of the party will be the awarding of the California Scuba Service Award.

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 \$12 and includes admission to exhibit hall and film festival (seminars are an additional charge). Discount coupons are available at California dive stores, on California dive charter boats and through California dive clubs. Age 12 and under are admitted free. For information on SCUBA Show 2010 call (310) 792-2333 or visit the web site www.scubashow.com.

Last Month’s Meeting Highlights

~ April ~

Chuck Nicklin

“A History Of Underwater Film Projects “

Emmy Award winning Chuck Nicklin shared with us his lifetime of underwater filming and discussed all the different formats from Circlevision through Panavision, digital and video, 16mm through 70mm formats.

He gave us “behind the scenes” views of these types of filming and shared stories of his experiences working on various big screen and major-billed movies such as The Abyss and a couple of the 007 movies and many more. Thank you Chuck for bringing us a little Hollywood.

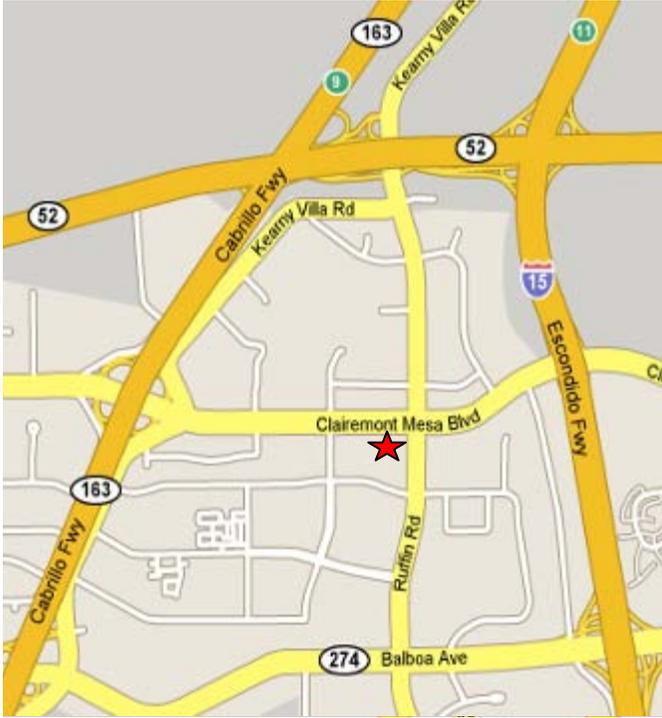
San Diego Council of Divers Update

Barbie Lass

The April Council of Divers meeting was addressed by guest speaker Al Blake of the Diveheart organization. Diveheart trains people to be instructors and dive buddies for people with disabilities. It is a life changing and skill building class that benefits many. Al's goal is to help develop an army of people to teach or be dive buddies for those with disabilities. The costs are: \$200 for volunteer/dive buddy training; and \$375 for Instructor training. If you have interest in this class or this program, please contact Al at www.diving4less.com for local classes and information.

After our guest speaker's presentation, further discussion was held on shared use access for local beaches. Seals have been seen at Alligator Rock and also at the Cove. There is strong concern that other beaches will have limited access once seals start pupping at those locations. Check out the new 2010 3R's schedule at the Council of Divers website: www.sddivers.com.

The next Council meeting will be May 11th at the La Jolla Brew House. The guest speaker has yet to be announced, but if you have suggestions for one, please email the council at: <mailto:info@sddivers.com>.



DIVE CLUB MEETING

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 evening's batch and from the previous two months.
ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE QUARTERLY PRIZE!!!

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