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



*November 2004*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **To Move or Not to Move?**

The club officers are looking at a new meeting location. You're probably tired of reading about why; it boils down to poor support from the UTC mall management and cost.

Our club started in La Mesa and moved to La Jolla when we outgrew the Fudruckers restaurant. We are considering a restaurant in El Cajon, don't panic, I said we are just considering it! We don't want to alienate anyone by moving the club too far away. I would prefer to find someplace in Mission Valley. It seems we have a larger number of members from the East county area than we do from the North county region. I'll have to do some calculations by zip code from our club database and

find the geographic member distribution. I'd like your feedback on moving, would it cause a problem for you? Would you continue coming to meetings? Please email your thoughts (unclesteve@cox.net)

Hope you had a great Halloween! Since this article was written before the Two Harbors dive / camping trip I don't know who won the costume contest. I can only assume it will be me cause Halloween is my favorite time of year.

Next month we have scheduled a trip to Disneyland. I know it's not dive related but I figure we can all wear our masks and snorkels and get a group photo going down splash mountain. I have

obtained two adult tickets to Disneyland which will be part of the November raffle. More information about the Disney trip is in this newsletter.

Last meeting we goofed and forgot to bring the losing raffle tickets from the previous two months so we couldn't in all fairness have the quarterly drawing. We decided to delay our normal quarterly raffle drawing until the November meeting, so remember to bring your losing raffle tickets from August, September and October. Up for grabs at the quarterly raffle are numerous items: (1) rolling gear bag; (1) gift certificate

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## **AT OUR NEXT MEETING**

**Wed., Nov 3 , 2004 7:00 pm**

(see page 8 for meeting location)

**The Guest Speaker for November is:**

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The guest speaker for the November meeting has not yet been confirmed. However, we always have somebody to entertain and educate us. Please come by and see who joins us in November.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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## Club Information

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**Betty Parrish**

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### *Unofficial Greeter*



**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
	1	2	3 Club Meeting 7:00	4	5	6 Dive Del Mar 4:30 PM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	18	19	20 Disneyland Pg 7
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29	30	<b>November 2004</b>			
<b>Events Calendar</b>						

### San Diego Dive Club's November Dive in Del Mar, CA! Dusk Dive

- Date:** Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> 2004 Time: 4:00pm in the water by 4:30pm
- Location:** Del Mar (Powerhouse Park)(Coast Blvd & 15th Street)  
Just North of the railroad tracks that cross Coast Blvd & South of the Poseidon Restaurant.
- Directions:** Exit on Del Mar Heights from I-5 and head West, turn Right (North) on Camino Del Mar/Coast Hwy, about 2 miles turn Left on 15<sup>th</sup> Street, at the end turn Right on Coast Blvd. Park anywhere after you cross the railroad tracks.
- Parking:** Parking is available on the street or in a pay parking lot across the street from the park.
- Meeting:** Meet in the center of the park- most likely at one of the benches on the grass. We'll have a dive flag as the marker.
- Dive Plan:** Descend on the ramp in the center of the park that leads to the sand/beach. Walk about 50 yards South and enter the water, watch out for surfers. We'll kick out for a little ways (until we can't see the bottom) and then we'll descend and continue underwater until we hit the reef. We'll explore the reef for a while and return to the shore underwater. Bring your lobster bags and gauges- last year we got 4 bugs at the same site and the dive was in the morning.
- Features:** It's a fairly shallow dive reaching about 30ft max. The bottom consists of sand, sea grass, rocks, and reefs. Marine life: lobster, eels, horn sharks, sheep crabs.
- Contact:** Contact Hunza Kotas (Club Dive Coordinator) with any questions at [Hunza@cox.net](mailto:Hunza@cox.net) or at 619-749-8435 or Cell 619-204-3415. Or Dave McNair at [netdave1@cox.net](mailto:netdave1@cox.net) or 760-722-1845.
- Link to live cam, surf, and dive conditions:**

<http://www.camzone.com/index.php?cam=delmar>

**San Diego Dive Club:**

<http://www.dive-club.org/>



Remember, Club Members get  
10% off these prices!

## Scuba Charters November 2004

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
06-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
06-Nov	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
06-Nov	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
07-Nov	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
07-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
07-Nov	Great Escape	Backside Catalina	\$ 109	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
07-Nov	Island Time	Oil Rig- Advanced only	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
13-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
13-Nov	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$ 119	11/12,10p	1:00 AM	6:30 PM	N/A
13-Nov	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
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14-Nov	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Personal food ok
20-Nov	Encore	San Clemente	\$ 119	11/19,10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
20-Nov	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
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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 **Nov 17**. 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.

## 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:

The Council of Divers will hold a general meeting on **Tuesday, November 9, 2004** at:

Today's Pizza & Salad

481 Santa Fe Drive

Encinitas, CA 92024

760-753-6425

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

The meeting itself will start at 7:00 pm. Socializing will start around 6:30 pm.

Well-known writer and underwater photographer Eric Hanauer will present a slide show and speak about his favorite places to dive after 40 years of local and international diving experience.

For more information about Eric Hanauer, please visit his website at: <http://www.ehanauer.com/>

In addition, Don Gilbert will give a presentation on fish traps. Briefly, the current 2" x 2" mesh size on fish traps catches fish smaller than the legal limit. Releasing the small fish at the surface is problematic because the fish are injured by being brought to the surface. It is proposed that a 2" x 3" escape port be required at each end of fish traps and that the minimum mesh size for future traps be at least 2" by 3". The Fish & Game Commission is expected to this issue at its December 3, 2004 meeting.

The Council of Divers will accept nominations for 2005 officer and director positions at the November meeting. Elections will be held at the general meeting on January 11, 2005.

For more information about this meeting <http://www.sddivers.com/events/items/313.html>

Steve Haynes

President, San Diego Council of Divers

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

## President's Message Cont.

for 3 days of diving for 2 people at Diving Safaris in Costa Rica; (2) adult tickets to Disneyland.

Club member Dennis Haines showed up as a surprise at the last meeting. Dennis retired to Costa Rica and is the one who brought the gift certificates from Diving Safaris.

We need to start planning for our annual underwater Santa photo shoot and toy drive for the homeless children at St. Vincent de Paul's. We need someone to take charge and coordinate activities. I'll do the digital photo processing and printing again but I need help! Last year I was over-loaded. I've purchased a new computer just for this event so two people can process and print.

We need guest speakers! If you know someone that would make an interesting presenter for one of our club meetings please call Bruce Laiho (619) 246-2090

I've finally spent some time and created new club information flyers that we can give to new dive classes, put in Sport Chalet dive shops and hand out at various events. Look for these to show up soon. Take some to your workplace.

*Steve Anderson - President*

## At Our Last Meeting

Our guest speaker was Bob Rosenthal. Bob shared his trip to Fiji and Cocos Islands. I met Bob on our club's three day Horizon trip and saw his presentation then. I suggested he contact us and show his video at a club meeting. I think he did a great job!

We had a little accident at the last meeting and were unable to hold our quarterly raffle so we have delayed it until the November meeting so don't forget to bring your old tickets!

### Raffle Prize Winners

Scott Brown - Mask, Long Sleeve T-Shirt, Dive Gear soap  
Wayne Schwartz - Snorkel w/cylume stick, T-shirt  
Scott Anderson - Retractor lanyard, T shirt  
Mike Petschek - T Shirt, Nemo hat  
Bob Rosenthal - T-Shirts (x2)  
Steve Fellet - Wetsuit hood  
Dennis Haines - Log Book  
Leslie Peariso - T-Shirt  
Cody Gilstrap - T-Shirt  
Patricia Stennet - Costa Rica Dive 3-day

Ticket puller: Michelle Anderson

The quarterly drawing was not conducted at this meeting, as most of attendees had not brought their older tickets. A consensus of those in attendance was to defer the quarterly drawing until the November meeting.

### MEMBERSHIP

**Please welcome the following New and Renewed members:**

#### NEW

Robert Rosenthal  
Steve Hoerner  
Charles Tu  
Lucille Richard

#### RENEWAL

Sandra Berry  
Mark Berger  
Jon Major  
John Bjorneby  
Kerry Mahoney  
Michael Strickland  
Judith Springer



## We're going to Disneyland!

**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 20

**Cost:** Adult (10 & up) \$49.75

Children (3 – 9) \$39.75

**Bring:** Your mask and snorkel

**Meet:** At statue of Walt Disney and Mickey Mouse in front of the castle at 10:00 AM  
for a group ride and photo (don't forget your snorkel!)

**Guided tour:**

**Me. I'm a really big fan and can show and tell you things you never knew.**

**I'll help you to maximize the fun and minimize the waiting and walking.**

Disneyland is open from 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM

“A Christmas Fantasy” Parade @ 4:00 PM & 7:45 PM

“Believe...In Holiday Magic” Fireworks @ 9:25 PM

Sorry we didn't arrange any group discounts but we would need to have organized the event sooner and couldn't count on a “group” size.

I plan on being at the park when it opens (8:00 AM). I suggest you do the same if you want to get the most for your money. Lines start getting long by Noon. Saturdays are the busiest day at the park but if you get there early and start collecting FastPasses you can make the day a breeze. Then later in the afternoon kick back, watch the parades, the people, the shows and shop around.

I created a Disney tips web site to tell you how to get the most rides accomplished.

Go to <http://members.cox.net/disneytips>

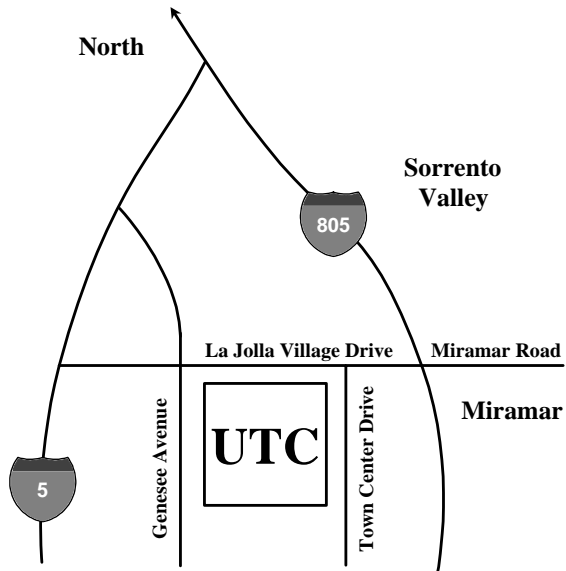
Car-pooling:

Well, this is kinda up to you to deal with but I can take 4 people, give me a call (619-466-8556 home, 858-480-4904 work) or email ([unclesteve@cox.net](mailto:unclesteve@cox.net))

Can't afford it? Come to the next meeting and buy some raffle tickets, we have two adult tickets to give away.

There are a number of attractions closed for refurbishing, check the Disneyland web site at:

<http://www.disneyland.com> for details and show schedules



## 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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**Check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership.**



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