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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Holiday Season is upon us!

It's hard to believe, but the Holiday Season is about to roll through for yet another year. Several of the dive club elves have been scurrying around and starting to gather up the equipment for our annual SCUBA Santa event and we have chartered the Horizon for the Parade of Lights.

SCUBA Santa will be conducted at the Sport Chalet pool in Point Loma once again. On December 3rd, Santa will be taking time out from his busy holiday schedule to stop by and put on his dive gear and hang out in the pool to give everyone the chance to get some holiday photos to send out to friends and

family. This is also an opportunity to help remember some of those that are less fortunate than our selves by donating a gift to be distributed at St Vincent De Paul Village. For all the details on this event, look inside this newsletter, or go to the club web site at www.sandiegodiveclub.com.

SCUBA Santa is always a great event and always well attended. However, it takes a lot of helpers to pull it off, so if you would like to join in the fun we could always use gear tenders, registration volunteers, photographers, tree decorators, Santa assistants, etc., etc. If you would like to get involved please give

me a call or shoot me an e-mail and I will put in touch with the elf that is coordinating the portion of the event you want to help with.

We have lots of other stuff to do during this Holiday Season also, a trip to Cozumel, a dive at Children's Pool this month and then a dive at the Marine Room next month, trip to Disneyland, and the Parade of Lights on San Diego Bay. So join in the fun and get involved.

See you in the water,

Rich Burns - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Nov. 2 , 2005 7:00 pm

(see page 10 for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for November is:

Dr. Hans Bertsch - California Nudibranchs

Dr. Hans Bertsch was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. He has named over 30 species of nudibranchs, and has had several named in his honor. His favorite is *Bajaeolis bertschi*, colored in various shades of pink and red, with white maculations. When not underwater, preparing lectures, or writing, he enjoys meandering the dirt roads of the Baja California peninsula, plant, animal, and rock art hunting.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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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

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 15th of each month.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Club Meeting 7:00	4	5 Dive Children's Pool
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	November 2005 Events Calendar		

San Diego Dive Club's November Dive at the Children's Pool!

Date: Saturday, November 5th, 2005 Time: 9:00am.

Location: Children's Pool in La Jolla, CA
850 Coast Blvd La Jolla, CA 92037 (about 500 yards South of La Jolla Cove)

Divemaster: Hunza Kotas Hunza@cox.net hm# 619-749-8435.

Meeting: Top of the stairs on the north side of the lifeguard tower. We'll stay off the sandy beach until we're ready to enter the water in order to minimize the impact of our presence on the sea lions and harbor seals. Note- I do not advise diving the Children's Pool when the pups are nursing (which is not at this time of the year).

Parking: There is limited street parking directly in front of the Children's pool and on the street to the North and South. Be patient or early and you can usually find a good spot.

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 not much deeper than 30ft at its deepest.

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/Childrens_Pool/

General info and directions: <http://www.sannet.gov/lifeguards/beaches/pool.shtml>

San Diego Dive Club: <http://www.sandiegodiveclub.com>



Scuba Charters November 2005

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
05-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Nov	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 88	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
06-Nov	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
06-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
06-Nov	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
06-Nov	Island Time	Oil Rigs-Advanced Only	\$ 94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
12-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Nov	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Nov	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 88	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
13-Nov	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
13-Nov	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
13-Nov	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 82	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	N/A
19-Nov	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
19-Nov	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
19-Nov	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 Tank	\$ 82	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	6:30 PM	N/A
19-Nov	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 88	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
20-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
20-Nov	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
20-Nov	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
26-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
26-Nov	Encore	San Clemente	\$ 137	11/26,10p	1:00 AM	12:00 AM	N/A
26-Nov	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 Tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
27-Nov	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 117	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 November 16

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 November (**Nov 16**), at:

[Marie Callender's Restaurant & Bakery, 5405 Balboa Blvd., San Diego, 92111, \(858\) 279-6604.](#)

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.

Cozumel, Mexico for Thanksgiving November 18 through 27, 2005

We have set up a small group trip to spend Thanksgiving week diving in Cozumel, Mexico. We will be departing out of LAX on midnight Friday, November 18th and returning on Sunday November 27th.

We will be stay at the Bahia Suites <http://www.suitesbahia.com/> (continental breakfast included). We will be doing 5 days of 2 tank diving with Careyitos Advanced Divers <http://www.advanceddivers.com/> (lunch included on dive boat, on dive days, for divers)

This trip is currently full and we are no longer taking reservations, keep your eyes out for additional trips which will be posting in the near future.

Photo of the month contest

The club officers have come up with a friendly contest we all can enjoy. Here's how it works: Take an underwater picture, frame it for easy display and set it up at the meeting with all the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five raffle tickets. The intent here is to involve as many people as possible in fun and entertainment.

Even a friendly contest has rules (not guidelines) and we'll all be operating under the honor system. Underwater pictures only, taken during the time since the last meeting. One picture per person per month. Digital or film. Display your picture as you shot it with your camera and lighting settings. Cropping is OK but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using Photoshop before printing. One vote per person and you must be present at the meeting to vote. 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, I hope to see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

Scott Brown

AT Our Last Meeting

Under Antarctic Ice

Peter Brueggeman from Scripps Institution of Oceanography showed a series of fantastic images taken under the ice in Antarctica. The National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs sponsored an underwater photography team to dive out of the US Antarctic Program's base at McMurdo Station, on Ross Island in Antarctica. For three visits in late austral spring, photos were taken on scuba dives and field excursions at locations around McMurdo Sound: Ross Island and the Antarctic mainland. The team was led by Norbert Wu, a professional underwater photographer/cinematographer. Thanks Peter for sharing these wonderful images!

Membership

Please welcome these new and
renewing members...

New members

John Erpelding
Laura Coburn
John Locke
Stephen Lacerte

Renewals

John Erpelding
Laura Coburn
John Locke
Stephen Lacerte

Raffle

Here are the winners from October's raffle

MAIN RAFFLE

Cody Gilstrap	Dive gear bag
Sandi Shankin	Dive parka; Decal/Light stick
Karl Burns	Cozumel book'
Peggy Petscheck	Kayak compass; Decal/Light stick; Pre-paid phone card
Scott Brown	Entertainment book; Pelican float
Mike Bear	Lift bag
Coleene Dehnert	Microfiber towel
Mike Petschek	Decal/Light stick
Barbara Lloyd	Decal/Light stick

QUARTERLY PRIZE WINNER:

Mike Petschek **Nite Rider Light**

TICKET PULLERS:

Michelle Anderson
Timmy Dehnert

34th Annual
San Diego Bay Parade of Lights
2005



Sunday, December 18, 2005
Boarding at 4:00 PM with departure at 5:00 PM
Parade on San Diego Bay - 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

Happy Holidays!

The club has chartered the Horizon out of H&M Landing for the 33rd Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. Come join your friends and participate in a great San Diego tradition. The Horizon crew is going to decorate the boat in its finest holiday decorations and you're invited to come along and join in the festivities. You not only get to watch the parade from a prime front row seat, but you also get to be in it.

This year's theme is "Nautical Nights". Get together with family and friends and come along and participate in what has become a traditional Holiday present to San Diego from the boating community. Ticket price is \$25 per person. There will be plenty of munchies to keep your tummy warm and happy along with appropriate holiday concoctions. There will also be a no host bar available for holiday spirits. To sign up come to the club meeting or contact Rich or Shelley Burns at 619-303-6589 or 619-697-6589 or by e-mail sddiver@cox.net

For more information about the 33rd Annual Parade check out: [San Diego Parade of Lights](#)

Boat is available for boarding at 4 PM, with estimated departure of 5 PM. Do not be late; once we pull away from the dock you have "missed the boat". Adjacent parking is available. The first 1/2 hour is free and then it's \$1.00 per hour up to a maximum of \$5.00 for 24 hours.

The dive boat HORIZON is located at H&M Landing, 2803 Emerson St., San Diego.

**Santa Arrives
at the Point Loma Sport Chalet swimming pool
Saturday, December 3, 2005 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM
3695 MIDWAY DR.**

NO SCUBA EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

The San Diego Dive Club is hosting a submerged Santa Claus at the bottom of the Point Loma Sport Chalet pool, complete with lit tree, wrapped gifts, and a chimney. Dive in the pool and have your photo taken on Santa's lap to support St. Vincent De Paul. Participation will afford you two free digital photos taken by our diving photographers. They make unique holiday cards. We can also provide a CD-ROM of your photos for \$10.00

No previous experience necessary! We provide the equipment and professional SCUBA instructors will be there to guide you. This is a great way to try out SCUBA, who knows, maybe you'll like it and sign up for a full class.

If you are already SCUBA certified be sure to bring your cert card.

Bring an unwrapped toy (suggested value \$10 - \$20) for the kids at St. Vincent De Paul Homeless Center.

Minimum age for SCUBA with Santa is 10. Santa will snorkel with kids younger than 10.

Covered skin takes the best photo. Many people dress up in festive clothing. Bring a towel and your swim suit. The water temperature will be around 80°



Frequently Asked Questions

What is it?

The San Diego Dive Club and Sport Chalet sponsor the event each year to collect toys for the children at the Saint Vincent De Paul Homeless Center. The event helps promote scuba diving, the San Diego Dive Club and Sport Chalet and it's a ton of fun.

Do I need to be scuba certified?

No, the event is designed to introduce you to scuba.

Are there any requirements?

Yes. You must be in good health. You must not be extremely overweight or out of condition. A person with heart trouble, a current cold or congestion, epilepsy, asthma, a severe medical problem, or who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, should not dive. If taking medication, consult your doctor before participating in this program. You must read and sign a PADI "Medical Questionnaire" and a "Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement"

If you answer YES to any question on the "Medical Questionnaire" you must have a physician sign a PADI "Medical Statement and Guidelines for Recreational Scuba Diver's Physical Examination" form.

This form may be obtained at any Sport Chalet or on the San Diego Dive Club website (www.sandiegodiveclub.com).

If I am already scuba certified can I participate?

Absolutely! Just be sure to bring your certification card. You will be required to sign a Liability waiver.

Can I use my own dive equipment?

Yes, as long as it is in good condition. Please, no raw lead weight belts in the pool, they damage the pools protective coating.

What does it cost?

There is no charge for the event. A donation of an unwrapped toy (suggested value \$10 - \$20) for the homeless children at the Saint Vincent De Paul Homeless Center would be greatly appreciated.

What do I need to bring?

A bathing suit and a towel are all you need. If you are already certified bring your cert card and your own scuba gear.

What do I get out of it?

Two free digital photo prints of you and Santa underwater and an introduction to scuba diving.

What can I do to make a good picture?

Wear colorful clothing, cover bare skin as much as possible and sit still. Photos taken early in the morning tend to be better quality as the water is clean and there is plenty of natural sunlight.

How long does it take?

Approximately 1 hour. This depends largely on the number of people ahead of you. There is limited space in the pool and classroom. We cannot anticipate the number of participants and therefore cannot control the length of time it takes for the complete experience. We are unable to take reservations.

What do I do?

- Come in to the Point Loma Sport Chalet between 10am and 4pm
- Donate an unwrapped toy
- Sign in at the registration desk
- Fill out and sign the Medical form the Liability waiver
- Attend a 20 minute classroom session
- Change into your swimsuit and go to the pool
- You will be assigned a scuba Instructor and receive some in water training
- Scuba down to Santa Claus and have your picture taken
- Change back to your street clothes
- Pick up your 2 free digital photo prints.

Can I have more than 2 photo prints?

Unfortunately we do not have the capacity to produce more than 2 per person, however we can "burn" a CD-ROM for a donation of \$10. This can then be taken to any digital photo print station at a local store to make additional prints.

What's the minimum age?

The minimum age to scuba with Santa Claus is 10 years, however younger children may snorkel with Santa. Santa will come near the surface to pose with your child. Children younger than 18 years must have a parent or guardian sign the Medical and Liability waiver forms and must be present.

Can I have more than one person in my photo?

Absolutely, bring your friends and family!

Can I just watch or talk to Santa?

Yes, the Point Loma Sport Chalet pool has excellent underwater viewing windows and we have provided an underwater communication system to permit talking to Santa.

Where can I store my clothes and valuables while I'm in the pool?

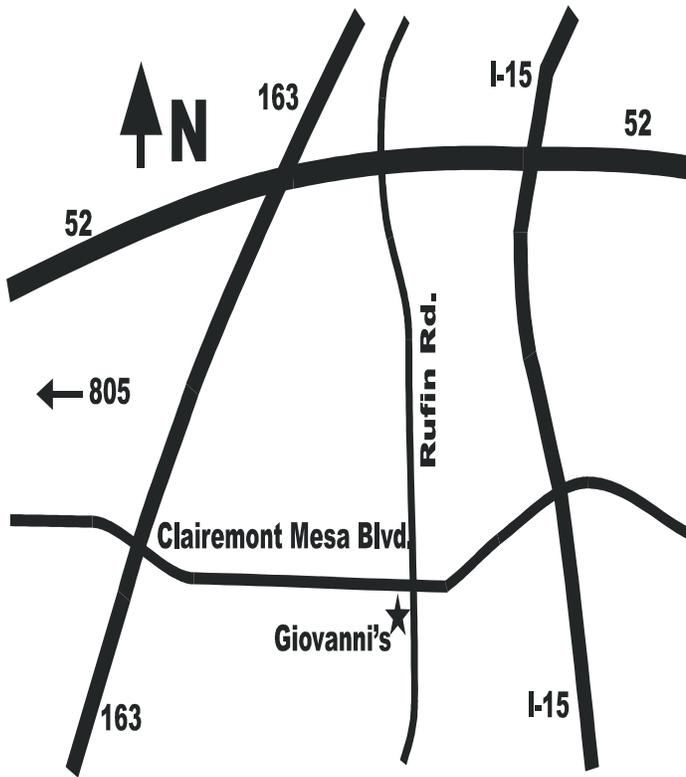
There are Men's and Women's dressing areas and showers with lockers.

We highly recommend you **DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN THE LOCKERS.**

You can bring and use your own lock or take your valuables to the pool deck.

Where can I obtain all the forms?

Any San Diego Sport Chalet dive shop or from the San Diego Dive Club web-site (www.sandiegodiveclub.com)



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.

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