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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Things I've Seen

We have all often heard beneath the water's surface lies another world. It's a somewhat fancifully description of a different environment than our own. And while the ocean's environment can be unforgiving towards us, it also promises discovery and pure fun. At the Coronado Islands I've seen an explosion of newly hatched fish too small to identify hovering just a few inches above every rock surface available. A halibut camouflaged itself so well on the bottom's rubble that a novice open water class diver had no idea what I was pointing at from four feet away. Off the Marine room during a safety stop was a string of perhaps 30 salps flashing colors within their translucent bodies. Settling to the bottom inside a small reef cove at Santa Bar-

bara Island, I looked up a sea mount and watched the movie of the kelp swaying in the surge. The show was worthy of an entire 80 cubic foot tank, but depth had it's limits. Years ago when I hunted, a sheephead watched as I strung one of it's freshly speared brethren and then found itself added to my stringer. A buddy, from that same time, enjoyed abalone shopping with me at San Miguel Island. Catalina Island has shown off morays surrounded by cleaner shrimp and a bat ray feeding face to face with me. While on the Horizon at San Clemente the visibility was so good I could see divers at the stern waiting to exit the water during my safety stop on the bow line. The reef channels of World Famous Inside Boiler are very familiar these days. I can

count on seeing a lone bat ray gliding through them. And I always visit and feed the small population of abalone I've found there. Hovering above the deep crevasse of the swim through, I was inspected by a four foot blue shark. First from one direction, then from another a minute later. San Clemente also hosts the only known small population of the flamboyant Red sis dreesius in the world. This elusive species has only been seen by a small group of very privileged individuals once a year during the past three years. The species is not listed as endangered despite it's dreadfully small numbers. One just might look good above my mantel. Perhaps it's time to take up hunting again.

Scott Brown - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., November 2 , 2006 7:00 pm

(see back page for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for November is:
Undetermined at press time

The Guest speaker has not yet been dteremined. Come on down and see who informs and entertains us this month

— *Cody Gilstrap, 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.sandigodiveclub.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
November 2006			1	2 Club Meeting 7:00	3	4 Dive La Jolla Cove
Events Calendar						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

San Diego Dive Club's November Dive at La Jolla Cove! We'll be looking for the Giant Black Sea Bass!

Date: Saturday, November 4th, 2006 Time: 9:00am.

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

Divemaster: Hunza Kotas Hunza@cox.net hm#619-749-8435 Cell 619-204-3415

Meeting: In the grassy area between the restrooms and the stairs leading down to the beach. Meet at 9am, in water by 9:30am.

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_Cove/index.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 November 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
04-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Nov	Magician	Farnsworth - Adv Only	\$147	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 PM	Nitrox Fills
04-Nov	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
05-Nov	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
05-Nov	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
11-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
11-Nov	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
12-Nov	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Nov	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$147	11/11,10PM	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Nov	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
12-Nov	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 AM	Nitrox Fills
18-Nov	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
18-Nov	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
19-Nov	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
19-Nov	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
19-Nov	Lois Ann	Kelp - 2 Tank	\$82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	N/A
19-Nov	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
25-Nov	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 AM	N/A
26-Nov	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A

Trip dates, boats, destinations and prices are subject to change without notice.

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday Nov 15th

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 Clairmont Mesa Blvd. 858 292-9030

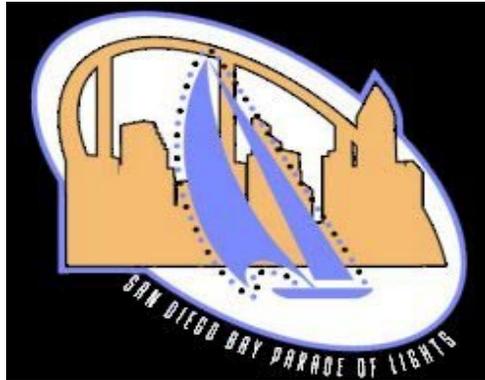
The officers of the club try to anticipate the needs, desires and best interests of the club, but remember that this is your club too, and we need your new thoughts and ideas to keep the club fun and exciting.

Notice:

The tour of Scripps Institution of Oceanography Collections that was announced to be held tentatively in November has been moved to December. The date will probably be Thursday Dec 14. Further information will be in the December newsletter.

Paul Brooks, Editor, San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
Chairman, Scripps Institution of Oceanography Collections Development Committee

35th Annual
San Diego Bay
Parade of Lights



Sunday, December 17, 2006
Boarding at 4:00 PM, Depart at 5:00 PM
Fireworks & Parade on San Diego Bay - 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

Happy Holidays!

The Southwest Section of SNAME and the San Diego Dive Club have chartered the Ocean Odyssey out of H&M Landing for the 35th Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. Come join fellow members and their families and participate in a great San Diego tradition. The Ocean Odyssey 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 "Christmas...San Diego Style". Come along and participate in what has become a traditional Holiday present to San Diego from the boating community. Ticket prices are \$25 per person for SNAME or SDDC members and immediate family, \$15 for children 12 and under, and \$30 for non-members. There will be plenty of munchies to keep your tummy warm and happy along with an appropriate holiday concoction. There will also be a no host bar available for beer and wine. Lots of door prizes will be given away to kick off the giving season. To purchase tickets come to one of the monthly meetings or contact Richard Burns 619-544-8616 or by e-mail burnsr@nassco.com

For more information about the 35th Annual Parade check out: [San Diego Parade of Lights](#)

Ocean Odyssey 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". Located conveniently in beautiful San Diego Bay ten minutes from San Diego Lindbergh International Airport. 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 OCEAN ODYSSEY is located at: H&M Landing, 2803 Emerson St., San Diego, California 92106 (619) 222-1144.

Lifeguard Sargent Bill Bender gave us the complete story of Steve Donathan's death while diving the Yukon. All too often we only hear bits and pieces of these incidents and are left to figure out the rest. It was good to finally hear all the facts. Unfortunately the incident highlighted the all too common consequence of diving and poor judgement.

Scott Brown

Raffle

Here are the winners from October's raffle

Membership
Please welcome these new and
renewing members...

New members

Albert Alarcon

Renewals

Mike Bear
Barbara Lloyd
Kathryn Bouic
Barbie Lass

Rich Burns Akona Snorkel Bag w/goo
Laura Brown Trident Light Stick
Jim Schrove Dive Beanie
Kathy Bouic Trident Wet Suite Eze
Black Dry Box w/lock
Dennis fox Trident Glow Stick
Peggy Petschek Entertainment Book
Leslie Peariso UK Dive Beacon
Scott Anderson Xenon High Intensity Mini Light
UK C8 SunLight
Michelle Russell UK SL4 Dive Light
Mike King Dive Parka
Barbara Lloyd Electric Lollipop

Quarterly Prize winner:

Paul Schankin

Sherwood Wisdom Dive Computer

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Photo Contest

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

San Diego Dive Club 2006 Disneyland Trip

Saturday, Nov 18th 2006

We had a great time last year so why not do it again?

Disneyland is open from 8am – 12am.

Everyone is on their own to arrange transportation and purchase tickets. Get there whenever you like. We have no plans to try to keep a large group of people together because that doesn't work well if you want to get anything done.

1 day single park: \$63 (Adults) \$53 (Children age 3 – 9)

1 day park hopper: \$83 (Adults) \$73 (Children age 3 – 9)

If you'd like to be part of a club group photo, be in front of the castle by 2:00pm.

I'm a real Disneyland trivia buff so see if you can find something to quiz me on.

Last year we all brought our masks and snorkels for the group photo. If you want to bring yours, I suggest getting a locker.

Here is park event information and some suggestions for optimizing your day at the parks.

Disneyland park hours:	8:00am – 12:00am
“A Christmas Fantasy” parade	3:30, 6:30pm
“Believe...In Holiday Magic” Fireworks	9:25
Fantasmic!	9pm, 10:30pm
Jump, Jive, Swing Party Featuring Swingtown	7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10:15pm
Jedi training academy	11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm
Disney Princess Faire	10am
Closed for refurbishment	Monorail & Matterhorn Bobsleds

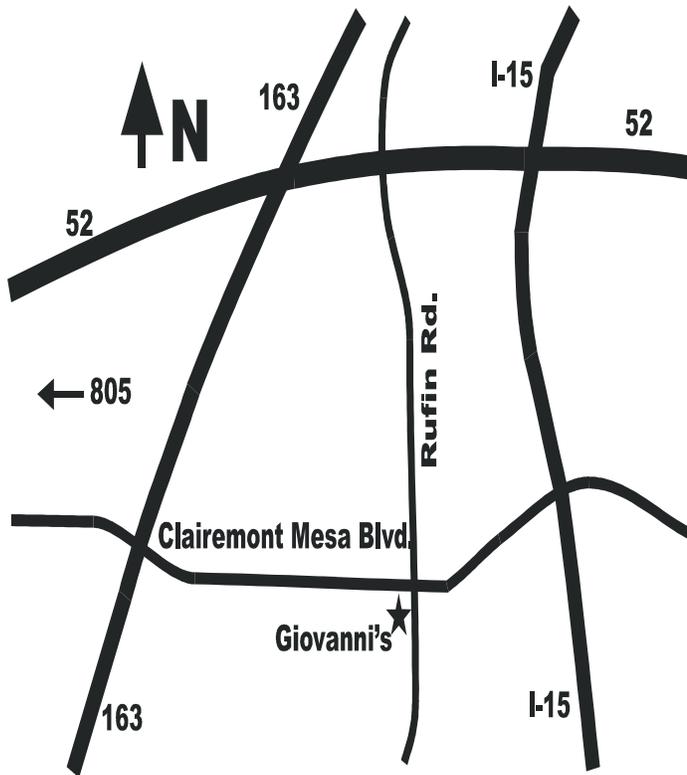
Disney's California's Adventure park	10am – 9pm
Block Party Bash	5:15
Disney's Aladdin – A musical Spectacular	12:25, 1:55, 4:10, 6:05
Playhouse Disney – Live on Stage!	10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15

Suggestions for optimizing your day:

- Enter the park as soon as it opens, the lines are short. The park hits peak crowd by 1pm.
- Use the “FastPass” system at both parks.
- A “FastPass” is a reservation ticket you obtain at each attraction that will allow you to return at a scheduled time and not have to wait in line.
- You can only obtain one “FastPass” at a time.
- You can return to the attraction anytime AFTER the first time printed on the ticket.
- If you obtain a “FastPass” that says to return at 5pm you will not be able to obtain another FastPass until 5pm, so be careful!
- Unless you enter the park at 8am and go straight to Space Mountain and get a FastPass I wouldn't bother getting one for this ride.
- Always collect FastPasses very early in the morning, collect a new one as soon as possible but **DON'T USE THEM UNTIL THE PARK STARTS GETTING CROWDED!** You don't have to use the pass within the time window printed on the ticket! Get a ticket then go on a ride then get another ticket, etc. You don't need FastPass tickets when the lines are short in the morning!
- If you want to watch the fireworks at 9:25 and get a good spot you will need to be in place 1 hour in advance.
- If you want to watch Fantasmic! From a good spot you need to be in place at least 1 hour in advance.
- The second showing of Fantasmic! at 10:30 will be less crowded.
- As soon as the fireworks finish there will be a large crowd rush to exit the park. Don't leave at this time as you will be waiting in long lines for the tram, wait 30 or 40 minutes. Shopping at this time would be a very bad idea since the leaving crowd all has the same idea.
- Take lunch at 11:15 and diner at 4:15 to avoid the crowds.
- If you want a really excellent experience in watching Fantasmic! You can make a Priority Seating reservation by calling (714) 781-3463. This costs \$50 per person and provides a comfortable seat with an unrestricted view and a gourmet buffet desert spread.

If you have any questions before Dec. 10th or while in the park call my cell phone

Steve Anderson (619)459-0798



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.
