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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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The President's Slate

Scott Brown, President

YA SHOULDA BEEN THERE II

This year's Two Harbors trip was once again something not to be missed. I, for one, had been working long hours every day in the two weeks leading up to the trip and welcomed the chance to relax on island time. Several of us met at the Grinder for breakfast and then headed over to Catalina Classic Cruises for our boat ride to the island. Once on the island and having taken care of the necessities of hauling the gear up to the cabins, acquiring cabin keys, making the bed, and stowing things away, it was down to the patio bar only to find it closed until 4:00 PM. This was not a good sign to start a vacation! The café did have beer however and several club members provided libation from their own private stocks, thereby salvaging our reputation as a drinking club with a diving problem. Friday was spent in complete relaxation by most of us until burgers and dogs hit the grills at dinner time. The weather forecast predicted light rain on Saturday but it cooperated in our favor and only dripped throughout Friday night. By morning we had only overcast skies and cool temperatures for the divers who headed out on the Garibaldi to Emerald Cove and Lion's Head. The visibility had been poor for several weeks before our arrival but cleared to 30'-40' during our stay and the divers reported having two great dives. Saturday night was pasta night with several bottles of fine wine and crazy aprons on crazy people. Kevin Lass won the contest with his "Manpron." Several of us rode out on the boat again Sunday morning to Ship Rock and Bird Rock for two more excellent dives which provided pictures for the evening's slide show. This will probably be the last time we see the good-

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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.

November Meeting

Thursday, November 4th, 7pm at Giovanni's

Guest Speaker

Hunza Kotas

The Lobster Hunting presentation for San Diego includes the rules and regulations, what you need to get started, knowing



your prey, planning your dives, popular lobster hunting dive sites, and how to clean and cook your lobsters.

Hunza is a PADI Master Diver Trainer as well as a dolphin trainer and diver for the Navy's Marine Mammal Program in San Diego. Hunza believes that there is a balance between taking lobster and making sure we can maintain this resource for our future.

Barbara Lloyd
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Entertainment Coordinator



Long Range Calendar

Nov. 4	Monthly Meeting – Giovanni's 7pm
Nov 6	Club Dive, TBD – Scott Brown
Dec 4	Scuba Santa, Sport Chalet, Sports Arena
Dec 11	Disneyland
Dec 19	Parade of Lights
Jan	Underwater Confidence Course -TBD
Feb 17-27	2011, Key Largo or Carribean, stay tuned

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.

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ship Garibaldi since she'll be sold at the end of the year and will no longer reside at Two Harbors. Sunday night was the signature carne and Pollo Asada dinner along with margaritas. I'm always amazed on carne night how the margaritas generate a wide range of zingers which never can be published in this newsletter. Leave it at this; the Lasses were in rare form. Our November meeting's open carousel should be very entertaining and Steve G, you better have a great picture for Picture of the Month 'cause 'ahm bringin' it!~

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 submerged 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. Competitors consider placing their photos on a CD to provide to the Newsletter Editor if they win, so the photo may be featured in the newsletter; or send to SDDCNewsletter@gmail.com.

October Photo Winner

Steve Gardner

LJS, Vallecitos Pt – Sarcastic Fringehead w/Octopus

Last Month's Meeting Highlights

~ October ~

Andrew Georgitsis Unified Team Diving

www.unifiedteamdiving.com

Andrew returns to us to speak on the Project Graf Zeppelin 09, the one and only German aircraft carrier ever built during WWII. Russian forces captured the vessel before it was completed and scuttled it in the North Sea.

September Raffle Prize Winners

Mike Petschek	1600 Pelican Case; Gear Keeper
Scott Brown	Catalina's Kelp Forest Creatures
JJ	Deep Sea Omni Dive Mask
Steve Anderson	Quick Shade Folding Chair
Larry Yates	UTD Intro to Tech Diving
Eliana Newell	UTD Intro to Tech Diving
Merrienne Dean	UTD Intro to Tech Diving
Dennis Fox	UTD Intro to Tech Diving
Randy Thomas	2-3lb. Sea Pearl Integrated Wgt pouch
Randy Thomas	Aqua Lung Playing Cards
Randy Thomas	Aqua Lung 3mm Kevlar Dive Gloves

Quarterly Raffle Winner: Merrienne Dean

Parka, Princeton Tech Light Combo, Lobster light Catcher, Trident Lobster gauge - "Lobster Special Kit"

San Diego Council of Divers Update

October's Guest Speaker was Dr. Doug Nelson from the Department of Fish and Game. Doug spoke about lobster anatomy, their life cycles, and the types of fisheries that hunt for them and the lobster card data. There are two types of lobster fisheries: commercial and recreational. The commercial fisheries have consistently brought in 300 metric tons of lobsters for the last 10 years, 20% of which were caught in the La Jolla area. The recreational fishery is divided into two groups, divers and hoop netters. Both groups are required to fill out the lobster cards. There were 27,537 report cards sold with only 5,764 cards returned (21%) with 406 of those cards (13%) showing no fishing effort. The highest number of lobsters we caught in the La Jolla and Catalina areas.

The Council of Divers meetings are open to everyone.

Come on down and learn something new about your diving community.

Stay tuned for the new 2011 3R's schedule at the Council of Divers website: www.sddivers.com.

Join us at the La Jolla Brewhouse to learn more about your diving community. The next COD meeting will be Tuesday November 9th, 7pm. The guest speaker has yet to be announced, but if you have suggestions for one, please email the council at: <mailto:info@sddivers.com>.

*Barbie Lass
Kevin Lass
Community Representative*



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 ELLIGIBLE TO WIN THE QUARTERLY PRIZE!!!

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