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The President's Slate

UNDERWATER SANTA

It's that time again. Time to glide down to the bottom of the Point Loma Sport Chalet pool and have your picture taken sitting on Santa's lap in front of the fireplace and Christmas tree. December 4th, the first Saturday of the month, from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM we'll be there along with Sport Chalet staff helping to put smiles on faces. Please let all your friends know about this event along with the fact they don't need to know how to scuba dive to participate. We'll give them a short Discover Scuba instruction course and have them on Santa's lap in no time. There are of course a few forms to fill out but they don't take too long, and if any certified diver presents their C-card, they can bypass the Discover Scuba instruction course and gear up for the pool as soon as there's room. It takes quite a few of us to put on this event every year and I'm always proud to see the number of club members who turn out to help. If you've volunteered before, please do so again. If you haven't, please step up and join in the fun of our end of the year signature event. We need Santas, Santa's helpers, gear handlers, instructors, safety divers, photographers, photographer helpers, computer operators, guest escorts and check in personnel. Peggy Petscheck is the lead for the event and will be happy to sign up volunteers for a few hours to all day. See her at the meeting and get yourself signed up. And please remember to bring your price of admission, an unwrapped toy to benefit St. Vincent de Paul and Father Joe.

Scott Brown. President

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:

November's Meeting at Boomerang's, 4577 Clairemont Dr, (858)483-9500

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.

What's Happening at the November Meeting

Thursday, November 3rd, 7pm at Giovanni's

"Diving the Philippines"

The Philippines are known for their bio-diversity. **Mike Poirier** and **Pete Fowler** have made three diving trips to the Philippines. Each trip has been a combination of land and live-aboard diving. The land diving is centered in Batangas and most of the live-aboard diving is spent on the Tubbataha Reef, a World Heritage Site.

Mike and **Pete** have photographed both the very small critters of Batangas and the large stuff that an open water reef system such as the Tubbataha attracts!

Mike Poirier made his first dive in chilly lake water in the state of Maine in 1963. After a trip to the Hawaiian Islands, enthusiasm for diving, marine conservation, and U/W photography was sparked in **Mike's** life. Currently **Mike** is the Vice-President of the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society and the editor of the club's newsletter, *The Goby*.

Pete Fowler has been diving for over 30 years and shooting underwater still pictures for over 25 years. Almost immediately after getting certified in a gravel pit in the middle of Ohio, he started diving in Florida, never again to dive in water colder than 70 degrees. Currently **Pete** is the President of the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society and is a member of San Diego UnderSea Film Exhibition Committee.

Barbara Lloyd
Entertainment Coordinator



Long Range Calendar

Nov. 3 Club Meeting
Nov. 5 Club Dive, La Jolla Shores
Dec. 3 Scuba Santa, Sport Chalet, Pt. Loma
Dec. 18 Parade of Lights
Apr 13-16 Two Harbors, Catalina Island

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.

Raffle Prize Winners of the October Meeting

Steve Gardner	Akona Coffee- donated by the Lass's
Kevin Lass	Akona Fin Bag; Aqua Lung Mask Strap
Scott Anderson	UK mini Q40 Dive Light
Scott Brown	\$25 Sport Chalet Gift Certificate; Cetacea Tank Rack
Terri Thomas	Pelican 1060 Dry Box

QUARTERLY PRIZE WINNER: **Bob Milliken**
\$50 Sport Chalet Gift Certificate and 2 Tickets to the Parade of Lights

Photo of the Month Contest of the October Meeting

This is a friendly contest, featuring framed underwater photos displayed at the club meeting. Anyone in attendance can vote; the winning photographer receives 5 raffle tickets plus the fame and appreciation of the SDDC. Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the club meeting with the previous month's winner, and featured in the newsletter. Competitors, consider placing your photos onto portable media to provide to the Newsletter Editor in the event you win so the photo may be featured in the newsletter; or send as attachment to SDDCNewsletter@gmail.com.

The rules for this contest, enforced by the honor system, include:

- **Underwater pictures only (digital or film) taken since the last meeting**
- **The photographer and subject must be submersed in the same liquid at the same time the photo was taken**
- **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, and No Software-based Enhancement before printing**

WINNER

Steve Gardner

**SAN DIEGO DIVE CLUB'S
20th annual Underwater Santa Photo Shoot,
Discover Scuba and Toy Drive,
December 3rd 2011**

The San Diego Dive Club will be holding its annual underwater Santa Photo Shoot, Discover SCUBA and Toy Drive, benefiting the children at St. Vincent de Paul, Saturday, December 3rd 2011 from 10:00am-6:00pm at the Point Loma Sport Chalet swimming pool located at 3695 Midway Drive.

There is no charge for this event however; you are requested to bring an unwrapped toy for donation to the children of Saint Vincent DePaul.

Participants in this event will be able to download their pictures for free, from the San Diego Dive Club web site. These photos make great Holiday card inserts.

Participation requires no prior SCUBA experience but bring your C-card if you are certified. You must be 10 years of age or older to SCUBA with

Santa. Go to the San Diego Dive Club website at www.sandiegodiveclub.com for complete details and minimal requirements. Participation in the event requires that you be in good health and have signed a Photo Release and a Liability Waiver. Non-certified divers will attend a short ~30 minute class free of charge prior to entering the pool.

Get the most out of your photo by wearing your best seasonal costume attire for the event. Bring a towel and your Christmas spirit.

**TWO HARBORS, CATALINA
-- RESCHEDULED --**

Due to a number of factors (available dive boats, available charters, island transportation, etc) we have needed to reschedule our planned fall trip to Two Harbors, Catalina Island to the spring of 2012. The new dates for the trip will be April 13-16, 2012. This is the weekend AFTER Easter and will be the usual long weekend format. We will post a detailed announcement in the newsletter at the beginning of the New Year and start taking sign-ups then.

Rich Burns

**San Diego Council of Divers Update
- October -**

The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) was adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission on December 15, 2010 and the effective date is January 1, 2012. Maps are located at: <http://southcoast.marinemap.org/marinemap/>

A San Diego Superior Court judge has initially rebuffed an effort by anglers to overturn marine protected areas on the North Central Coast but has not issued his final decision in a case with implications for fishing and biodiversity in Southern California. The judge's tentative ruling against fishing groups was debated Thursday morning in court. While it didn't directly address the fate of the reserves on the south coast, the lawsuit is designed to get safeguards overturned in both regions of the state.

Updates from the Combined California Councils (CCC):

Next Year's Dive show in Long Beach will be May 5-6

S2R – The *Kawishiwi* sinking is projected for 2013, 1.5 miles south of Dana Point Harbor

California Shark Fin Bills, AB 376 and AB 853 was signed by the Governor October 9th, 2011

The State of California Fish & Game Commission met on Oct 19th in Monterey.

Come to the next council meeting to hear updates from this meeting; November 14th, 6:30 pm at the La Jolla Brew House

*Kevin and Barbie Lass
Community Representatives*

DIVE CLUB MEETING

1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
at

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

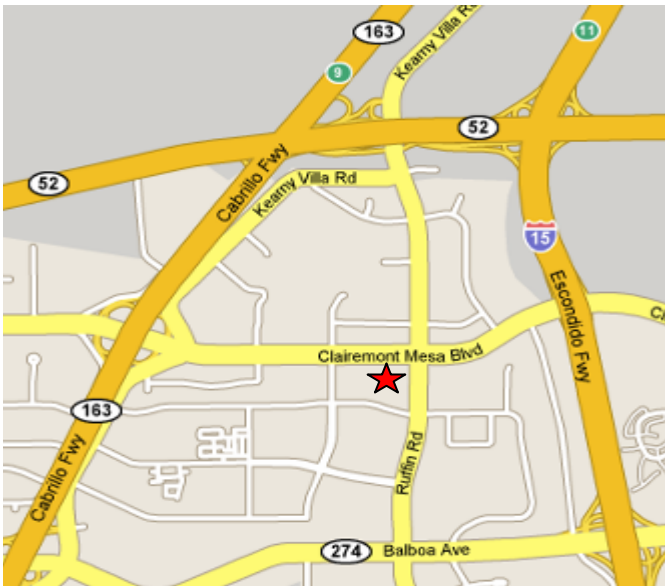
From 163 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. East
From 15 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. West
Giovanni's is on the South side of Clairemont Mesa
on the West side of Ruffin

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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