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



October 2003

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HELP!

We've got lots to do and we need your help. First, our membership is dwindling. Ever since Sport Chalet un-incorporated the clubs they've also stopped promoting the clubs. This means we are not getting many new members. So, what do we do about it? Well, we (you) have to take the initiative and promote the club were-ever you can. Do you know someone who would benefit from being a club member? If you have ideas on how to boost membership please send them my way.

We need more volunteers. When membership levels drop so do the number of volunteers. As a non-profit organization we can't afford to pay for everything we need to get done. Clubs like ours exist for the mutual benefit of the members, this implies that the members help each other. Please consider helping out in some way. It could be as simple as volunteering to bring a barbecue or be a cook.

Officer elections aren't that far away and we have some of the best people I've ever had the privilege to work with. Some of the current officers have been working for the club for nearly 16 years and I'm very sure they'd like to see some new bodies. Please consider becoming a club officer, it doesn't take much time and it's really fun and rewarding.

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

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**Remember
October is a
Quarterly Month!**

Wed., Oct 1, 2003 7:00 pm

(see page 8 for meeting location)

**Tonnara Diving, Sardegna Italy
Peter Brueggeman**

Peter Brueggeman is the Director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library. He has been diving all over the world including Antarctica. Peter will be doing a presentation about the fishing industry in Sardegna Italy. If you are one to be a bit squeamish about fishing and hunting you may want to check out Peter's web sight first to get a quick glimpse of what the presentation will about. <http://peterbrueggeman.com/sardegna/> , This is a fascinating presentation about a historic method of fishing dating back centuries, but there some bloody images that do go in line with any type of fishing

— Jeff Feldbaum, Entertainment Coordinator

The Quarterly Prize this time:

SeaQuest 'LATITUDE' B.C. MSRP \$395 brand new 2004 model

Club Information

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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
- 1/2 price air fills, first 10 are free
- 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 night's 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

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:

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Phone: (619)225-9051

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Deadline for all submissions is the 15th of each month.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
October 2003						
Events Calendar						
			1 Club Meeting 7:00	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Dive So. Mission
12	13	14	15 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Catalina	25 Catalina
26 Catalina	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

LOOK!!! Finally a Beach Dive!!!

Secret Cove/So. Mission Sat Oct 11 9am

South Mission Bay makes for a great place to dive for all divers. The logistics of the dive are fairly easy. You'll enjoy longer bottom time than most dives and you'll find navigation fairly simple as well. You'll also see a variety of marine life.

Experience Level- The dive site is especially suited for beginners or divers who may have been out of the water for a while and would like to ease back into diving. And for the advanced diver, photography and underwater hunting are also options. It makes for a good shore dive when visibility is poor or if the surf is too rough along the coast.

Here are the details of the dive.

Date: Saturday October 11th 2003 at 9am

Location: South Mission Bay/Secret Cove

*Directions: From the roller coaster in Mission Beach, go South on Mission Blvd and turn **LEFT** at the dead end into the parking lot.*

Catalina in the Fall

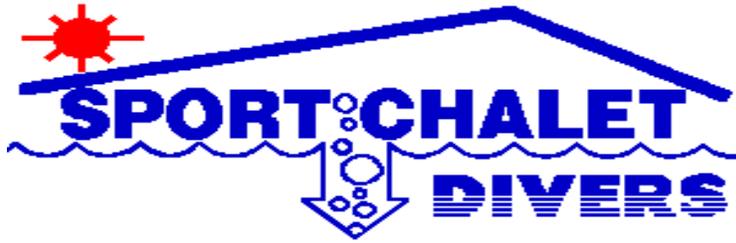
October 24th - 26th, 2003

Experience Level: All Levels - Divers and Non Divers Alike

First of all, I would like to thank all those who attended and helped out with the Two Harbors, Catalina trip in April. It was a blast! The pancake breakfast was great, the Carne & Pollo Asada Bar-B-Q was fantastic, and the Sea Bass tacos weren't bad either!

So, lets do it again! We have made reservations for October 24-26. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at about noon on Friday and then be returning at approximately 2:30pm on Sunday. The cost of this trip is still under \$100.00* and includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, and a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning and a Bar-B Q and movies on Saturday night. We have also made arrangements for a 2-tank dive on the Garibaldi on Friday evening/night. We will have more details in following newsletters and sign-ups are available at the club meeting or by contacting Rich Burns at sddiver@cts.com or 619-303-6589. But don't wait too long to make your reservations, this trip sells out very quickly.

(* cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins, non-diver rate is \$98.50, and rate for divers taking part in the Friday evening/night boat dive is \$166.00).



Scuba Charters October 2003

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
03-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina-Night	\$ 90	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	5:30 AM	N/A
04-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina-Night	\$ 90	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	5:30 AM	N/A
04-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
05-Oct	Blue Escape	Coronado 3 tank	\$ 90	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	N/A
05-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
05-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
05-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
11-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
11-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
11-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 78	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:00 AM	Personal food ok
12-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
12-Oct	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
12-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
12-Oct	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds-2 Tank	\$ 75	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	12:30 PM	N/A
12-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
18-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
18-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
18-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 78	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	12:00 AM	Personal food ok
18-Oct	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 95	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
19-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
19-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
19-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
25-Oct	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
25-Oct	Magician	Catalina	\$ 75	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
25-Oct	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
26-Oct	Blue Escape	Kelp beds-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
26-Oct	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
26-Oct	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok

Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.

Dive Club T-Shirts

The club has T-Shirts printed with the "New" dive club logo on them. These will be available at the next few dive club meetings until supplies are exhausted. We have short sleeve grey and yellow shirts for \$13-. We also have long sleeve white T-shirts available for \$15-. The shirts are available in sizes small through 3xl, so there is something for everyone.

Our next big event is the annual underwater Santa photo shoot and toy drive this December. We need someone to take charge and organize the event. We already have lists of things that need to get done we just need someone to organize people to do them. Last year Dave Petit took charge of the toy drive and did the best job of organizing the event that's ever been done.

This year we're going to try doing something a little different for the Santa photo shoot. We're going to try using digital cameras and photo printers for your pictures instead of using film. This should reduce our cost and significantly reduce the time you have to wait when you get out of the pool to get your photos. This will also give the club the opportunity to make a little money by selling reprints and enlargements. You'll also be able to request a photo CD-ROM.

We just completed our annual end-of-summer Carne asada BBQ and movie on the beach. We had about 20 people from Orange County come on down and spend the day diving, eating and movie watching. The previous movie on the beach had failed due to a technical problem

with the battery power source. I was determined to not let a power failure happen again so I purchased an ultra-quiet Honda 2KW generator. So from now on we'll have all the power we need and not have to dig big sand pits or tolerate noisy generators. I also brought a small microwave so we could heat hot chocolate or make popcorn.

We are still trying to find someone willing to act as dive coordinator. We are fully insured with our own liability policy that includes U/W liability. Any (current) Instructor or Divemaster that wishes to lead a club dive will be covered for \$1,000,000. This is the same policy that most dive stores use to protect themselves and their dive professionals. This policy only covers club-sponsored events; it does NOT cover you if you arrange your own dive or boat trip.

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The Club needs a Store Representative. If you work in one of the local Sport Chalet Stores and would like to help out contact Steve Anderson

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 **Oct. 15**. 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.

Community Information

The San Diego Council of Divers

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

There is no meeting scheduled for October. Meetings are held every other month. The next meeting will be in November. Check the website for other information.

More information will be posted on the Council's website - www.sddivers.com



Underwater Santa Photo Shoot and Toy Drive

The annual Underwater Santa Photo Shoot and toy drive is going to be held on the first Saturday of December, December 6th.

This is always a great event, but requires the help of a lot of people. This is a great opportunity to help the club and the community. The toys we collect are given to St. Vincent De Paul's for the children in their center..

This is a great way to spend a part of the day, and we always have plenty of folks come down to get their picture taken with Santa underwater.

But we need help to organize and man the event.

If you can help out in any of the areas listed here, or would like to help coordinate some of the functions, please talk with Steve Anderson. His info is at the end of his 'President's Message', and on page 2 of this newsletter

QTY	Function
4	Photographers
2	Food gophers
2	Santa tenders
4	Sign up desk assistants
2	Hallway security monitors
2	Tank fillers
4	Divemasters
8	Instructors
2	U/W window monitors
2	Eventsupervisors
2	Photographer assistants
2	Pool assistants
?	Setup volunteers
?	Tear-down volunteers

At Our Last Meeting

Membership

Please welcome the following new and renewed members:

New

Amanda Martin
Bonnie Martin

Renewals

Mark Berger

Raffel Prize Winners

Steve Fellet - Light combo pro pak
Clyde Hessom - Deep Sea gloves
Scott Andersen - California lobster diving book
Mark Burrows - octo holder
Dennis Fox - U. W. film festival tickets
Madeleine King - See's candy
Scott Brown - lobster game bag
Clyde Hessom - lobster guage
Mike Petschek - dive beacon
Dennis Fox - lobster guage

At Our Last Meeting....

Jim Clymer from AquaLung shared the history of US Divers with us. Jim also gave us a detailed description with animations of the inner workings of various US Divers regulators. Dive computers distributed by US Divers were also presented. Jim left a copy of the animation files with me (Steve Anderson) in case an instructor would like to use them in class

Remember October is a Quarterly Month!

You could win a 2004 SeaQuest 'LATITUDE' B.C.!

Costa Rica November 8th -16th

Come and join the San Diego Dive Club for a trip to beautiful Costa Rica. We will depart on the morning of Saturday November 8th and return in the late afternoon of Sunday, November 16th. We will spend 9 days and 8 nights on an adventure of a lifetime. This trip will include Deluxe Accommodations, SCUBA Diving, Horseback Riding at Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge, Treetop Canopy Tour at Witches Rock Canopy, visits to Arenal Volcano and Tabacon Hot Springs, and Whitewater Rafting.

The price of the trip is \$1765.50 for divers, and \$1570.50 for non-divers. This trip price includes: round trip airfare from San Diego, 8 nights of lodging, all of the aforementioned adventure activities and ground transportation. There are also approximately 10 meals included with the package. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at rburns@nassco.com or by calling 619-697-6589 or 619-544-8616. A \$250 deposit* is required to guarantee your spot and full payment will be due 90 days prior to departure, August 8th.

Sol Playa Hermosa Resort & Villas:

The Sol Playa Hermosa Beach Resort and Villas sit on a hill overlooking Playa Hermosa the beach, boats, islands and dive sites with a fantastic view of the Pacific Ocean and gorgeous Costa Rican sunsets. There are monkeys, iguanas, parrots and other birds on the property. The hotel has private balconies, central air conditioning, cable TV, phones, micro-fridge, coffee maker, security safe and a hair dryer. Trams take you around to the three restaurants, three pools, disco, mini mart, dive shop, tour office and beach. Tennis, basketball, volleyball, ping-pong and lots of other activities are available.

Witch's Rock Canopy Tour:

Witch's Rock Canopy Tour is located in Guanacaste, the most attractive and traditional Province of Costa Rica. Designed to offer the adventure and nature lovers a unique combination of captivating tropical dry forest scenery, while enjoying an exciting canopy tour with 23 platforms, surrounded by an amazingly changing natural landscape with privileged Pacific Ocean View, a beautiful waterfall, unforgettable sunsets, as well as the rich and diverse colors and sounds of the typical flora and fauna of the North Western region of the Country.

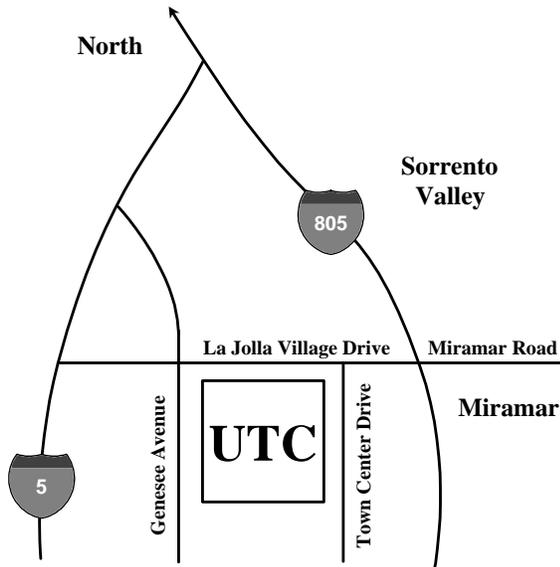
Los Inocentes Wildlife Refuge:

Enjoy abundant wildlife and panoramic views of the rain forest at the foot of the Orosi Volcano while horseback riding through the ranch at Los Inocentes. This is the ultimate nature lover's adventure. This part of the rain forest is home to an estimated 2,250 species of plants, 125 species of birds and 25 species of mammals. The wildlife includes howler and white-faced capuchin monkeys, spider monkeys, tapirs, sloth, jaguars, collared peccaries, the Montezuma Oropendula, and many parrots.

Along with everything listed above we will also be doing:

- 3 days of 2-tank boat diving
- a trip to the Arenal Volcano and spending a couple days at deluxe accommodations at the Tabacon Hot Springs
- a day of Whitewater River Rafting

*Refund Policy is as follows: Airfare is refundable for a \$125 per person cancellation fee. Hotel and ground package is refundable as follows: Cancel more than 90 days in advance no fee, cancel 30 to 90 days in advance \$100 cancellation fee, cancel 15 to 29 days in advance 50% cancellation fee, less than 15 days in advance 100% cancellation fee.



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

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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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