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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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The President's Slate

During this last month there were many changes in my life. I had to say my last “goodbye” to my father and spent the rest of the month saying hello to so many smiling new divers. I have so many fond memories of my father being there after work every night, pushing me to become something better as a mentor, showing me new things all the time in my childhood and beyond with camping, travel and such. The intent and impact of which was basically preparing me to become a father myself (and an Instructor too! ☺). I will always carry that memory with me as the man he was lives on as man that I am.

This last month I spent a lot of time teaching scuba and seeing the affect that I have had on all of these faces. Seeing them move into the Diving World reminds me that my father’s wisdom is alive and well. This experience has had me observe the affect we all have on one another and how new divers really look for those new experiences and someone to “show them the ropes”. I do it as an instructor and we all do it in the San Diego Dive Club as “buddies” to our fellow divers.

Just remember that this sport that we all love and respect comes with “buddies”. Some you have known for years, some you just met and some who will be there to know you for years. We all have an effect on and with each other. Please take a moment say hi to the diver next to you, give them your wisdom and let them carry that tradition on to the next diver down the road of life.

It’s now time to go blow bubbles!

Michael J. King

PS. Rest in Peace Dad (Love You Always)

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.



Long Range Calendar

****San Diego Dive Club sponsored events****

- Oct. 10** SDDC Dive, Casino Point, Catalina, 9am Mike King coordinating
- Oct 30-Nov 2** Two Harbors, Catalina Island, Rich Burns coordinating
- Nov 14** SDDC Dive, Marine St. 8am, Michael King coordinating
- Nov 21** Disneyland-Steve Anderson coordinating
- Dec 5** Underwater Santa-Point Loma Sport Chalet
- Dec 5-12** Turk and Caicos charter trip, Sport Chalet/PADI Travel
- Dec. 12** SDDC Dive, South Casa, 8am, David Pierce, Scott Anderson & Hunza Kota coordinating
- Dec 20** Parade of Lights-Star of India, Scott Brown coordinating
- Jan. 9** SDDC Dive, Underwater Confidence Course, Rich Burns coordinating
- Feb. 13** SDDC Dive, site/coordinator tbd
- Mar. 13** SDDC Dive, site/coordinator tbd



Sat. Dec. 5, 2009

SDDC ANNUAL UNDERWATER SANTA PHOTO SHOOT, DISCOVER SCUBA AND TOY DRIVE



October Meeting **Guest Speaker Roddenberry Dive Team** *Thursday, Oct. 1, 7pm at Giovanni's*

The Roddenberry Dive Team (RDT), is committed to the promotion of education, exploration and stewardship of our oceans through safe diving activities. RDT is passionate about incorporating the philanthropic ideals embedded in Star Trek into real world experiences for divers and non-divers around the world, with the optimism handed down by Gene Roddenberry. RDT was founded by Eugene "Rod" Roddenberry, son of Gene Roddenberry, and provides discovery, exploration, adventure and education for its members. Join us to find out about their programs and missions.

QUARTERLY RAFFLE PRIZE **H.P. STEEL 80 for use w/wo din fitting**

Hawaiian Shirt Theme Night-each member wearing a "Hawaiian shirt" will receive one raffle ticket NOT valid for the quarterly prize.

Two Harbors, Catalina Island **Oct 30 – Nov 2, 2009**

We have reserved the camping cabins at Two Harbors for Halloween weekend in 2009. At press time a few cabins are still available. Enjoy a great get away and the horrors of Two Harbors, including the haunted house at the "skinning shed", the ghosts of Banning house, spirits of ship rock, and lobsters dropped into boiling water and then drowned in butter. We will be heading over on Friday morning and coming back Monday afternoon. Exact boat times and locations are tbd, and the cost of the trip is estimated at \$160, per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins, and includes round trip transportation between the LA area and Two Harbors via local charter service, 3 nights accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast Sat., Sun. and Mon. mornings, and dinner Fri., Sat. and Sun. nights. Choice of cabins will be on a first pay, first choose basis, and you must be a current club member to sign up. Boat diving has been arranged for both Saturday and Sunday and costs \$82 for each 2-tank dive; purchase of boat dive includes free tank and weight rentals for the weekend for shore diving. This is lobster season and "bugging" requires licenses and report cards. Significant discounts on equipment rentals from Two Harbors Dive & Recreation Center are available. Contact Rich Burns at sddiver@cox.net or 619-697-6589.

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.

August Photo- Fernando Ramirez – New Hope Rock Fish

PHOTO Tip – October 2009



Respect your subjects. Mark Snyder will pop his strobes a number of times to acclimatize creatures to it. "Spending time with an animal underwater is important, first to maybe learn something about its behavior, then to get the animal used to you and the camera," he says. "We are big in the water and perceived as a potential predator. Move slowly, and if an animal is moving, never chase it. Choose a spot out in the distance where you hope the animal will go, and wait for the shot to come."

San Diego Council of Divers

The Council is a forum for the exchange of information between dive clubs, divers and local, state, and federal agencies. The local clubs work together to improve diving. The council sponsors programs of interest to a broad range of divers. SDDC is represented at the Council meetings by several of our members, including Community Representatives, Kevin & Barbie Lass. The next general meeting will be Oct 13th, 7:00 pm, at the La Jolla Brew House, 7536 Fay Ave, speaker to be announced. Join us for an evening of fine food, designer beers and meeting folks from other clubs. To find out what the Council means to all of us visit SDdivers.com.

The Sept. 9 meeting included updates on the MLPA, and the 3 new proposed regulations on lobster report cards, gear, and tailing, dfg.com - fish and game, info from the owner of IB Divers, the news that Ocean Explorers Dive Club is disbanding, and open positions on the Council of Divers. The guest speaker, Joe Barnett, Treasure Hunter, entertained us with stores of riches found, and examples in both photos and for touching. He is a former San Diego Life Guard and now hunts for treasure all over the world. He can sometimes be found at the Kobey swap meet, selling silver pieces of eight and other recovered artifacts.

<http://www.kobeyswap.com/articles/treasurehunt/barnett.html>

San Diego Dive Club – Sept. Meeting

Kevin Lee – Diver and Adventurer

Kevin shared his photographs and stories from his unique and exciting adventure to the bottom of the world diving in Antarctica. His really cold water diving and the ordeal to arrive at the location proved fascinating. Visit (www.diverkevin.com) to view these photos again.

Raffle Prize Winners

Merianne Dean	Aqualung Octopus
Scott Anderson	Lobster book, bag & gloves
Sandra Anderson	Dry suit powder
John Swanson	Hooded vest
Mike Petscheck	Yelling device
Fernando Ramirez	Laser pointer
Terry Johnson	Dive mat

DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

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
ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE QUARTERLY PRIZE!!!***



**SDDC members get 10% off
most charters & full price scuba
gear and free airfills at Sport
Chalet. Please see our website
for full membership details, or
contact a board member at our
meetings.**



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Dips, Tips and Trips

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