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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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The President's Slate

Scott Brown, President

YA SHOULDA BEEN THERE

Our annual Horizon 3-day trip to the southern Channel Islands was spectacular. We were blessed with three days of sunshine and calm seas which resulted in low to no swells and a glassy water surface for most of the trip. Friday morning found us at the islands of Santa Barbara and Sutil where the diving was enhanced by the fact we hadn't been there in several years. I've always been fascinated by the diving at Sutil island, almost no kelp, but a very moonscape quality to the underwater topography. Any direction you travel along the bottom keeps your interest and when you move into 30 feet or less there's still the benefit of the low growing algae and flora covering the rocks. With such wonderful conditions, Farnsworth Bank was a given, and that's where we woke up on Saturday. Two dives there generated a large quantity to photos by the shooters on board which were shared all around. Even though the new stipulations of the recent MLPA process have not been fully implemented due to lawsuits, the Horizon puts forth the extra effort of dropping a weighted line with a marker buoy and then anchoring off the mount. It's a bit more effort for us divers to surface kick from the boat to the buoy, but the preservation of the site and the purple hydrocoral is well worth the effort. The rest of the day was spent on the windward side as well at two sites new to all of us, China Point south and Split Rock.

After our western themed dinner (still anchored on the windward side) we motored around to Avalon and hopped the shore boat into town. For the one

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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.

October Meeting

Thursday, October 7th, 7pm at Giovanni's

Guest Speaker

Andrew Georgitsis
Unified Team Diving
www.unifiedteamdiving.com

"Project Graf Zeppelin '09"

Andrew Georgitsis has an extensive professional and personal history in the areas of technical diving, scientific research and preservation of submerged cultural resources.

Graf Zeppelin was a German aircraft carrier, named in honor of Graf Ferdinand von Zeppelin. It was Germany's only aircraft carrier during World War II. Learn about its construction, its launch, and its fate.

Barbara Lloyd
Entertainment Coordinator



Long Range Calendar

Oct. 2	Monthly Meeting – Giovanni's 7pm
Oct 29	Two Harbors, 3 days, Rich Burns
Nov 6	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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guest from Colorado and the contingent of seven from San Francisco this was a very enjoyable new experience showcased by two of them kicking up a great tango outside Luau Larrys. The couple of singers at the karaoke bar should have stayed in their seats though. Thank goodness I wasn't carrying around anything in a glass container. The navy's use of San Clemente island pushed us over to the lee side on Sunday where all the usual craziness of the red dress dive provided entertainment for the out of town divers. I've already printed my entry for the photo of the month contest. Anyone else? See you at the meeting. ~

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.

September Photo Winner
Randy Thomas – Nudibranch at LJS

Last Month's Meeting Highlights

~ September ~

Dr. Bill Bushing

Star Thrower Educational Multimedia 'STEM'
www.StarThrower.org

Dr. Bushing spoke on his ongoing research of marine life that exists under the kelp canopy.

San Diego Council of Divers Update

Mark Brown and Michael Russell were honored at September's Council meeting for their great volunteer services with another successful Rocks, Rips and Reefs (3Rs) Season.

The council would also like to thank all the clubs and support personnel who made this year's event possible.

Due to a scheduling glitch at the LJ Brew House, we were not able to hear from Guest Speaker Mr. Doug Nelson from the Department of Fish and Game. We hope to have him back to speak about the upcoming lobster season and the data which has been compiled from the lobster cards.

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 October 12th, 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
Community Representative*

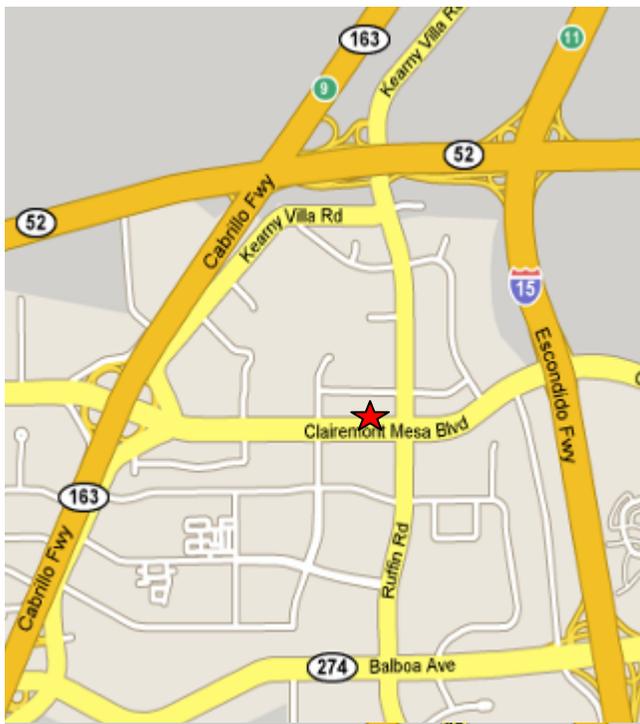
September Raffle Prize Winners

Mike Petschek	Trident Delux Lobster Diver Kit
Scott Brown	Wreck Alley Dive T-Shirt, Donated by Al Stivers
Scott Brown	Aqua Lung Kevlar Gloves
Scott Brown	Dive Tank Key Chain
Kathy Bouic	UK C-8 Large Underwater Dive Light
Paul Schankin	Cetacea Gell Lanyard &
Paul Schankin	Nautilus Travel Snorkel
Matt Gieselman	Ankle Weights
Cody Gilstrap	Trident Lobster Light Attachment
Peggy Petschek	Trident Delux Lobster Diver Kit
Barb Lloyd	Travelling Divers Chat Book, Donated by Kathy Bouic

Two Harbors, Catalina Island, Oct 29 – Nov 1, 2010

The Two Harbors trip is SOLD OUT.

If you are on the trip and have not received all of the itineraries and boat schedules please contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cox.net or by calling 619-697-6589. We will be heading over on Friday morning, and come back Monday afternoon, if you could not make this year's trip we will be doing it again next year, see you then.



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 ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE QUARTERLY PRIZE!!!

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