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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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The President's Slate

TIRELESS EFFORTS

The saga of Children's Pool and the seals has been ongoing for many years. I'm sure everyone, including myself, at one time or another has simply become tired of the issue and relegated it to a low priority status in our day to day lives. Over the years there have been several people involved in the effort to keep the beach open to everyone and I would like to take this opportunity to thank a select few who have put forth extraordinary effort.

First and foremost is our own **David Pierce**. He has been involved for so long I can't remember exactly when he started. Throughout the years, he has been there constantly. Peacefully, and politely using the beach, talking with others and encouraging them to use the beach, refuting the disinformation spread by others, and organizing beach clean ups of both beaches and the surrounding area. His efforts have now expanded to loaning out masks, fins, and snorkels to anyone wishing to enjoy the water and he can relate many tales of happy and thankful people as they return the gear.

Thankfully, he's had help along the way from the following in no particular order:

Scott Anderson, president San Diego Council of Divers, has ensured the Children's Pool issue stay current in all of the local diving community with constant updates and notices of pertinent meetings and decisions.

John Leek, Secretary of the San Diego Council of Divers, has spent countless hours educating himself on the laws concerning the Children's Pool and how the City of San Diego's various governmental entities can, can't, and are required to act regarding the issue.

Kenneth and Marie Hunrich are now staffing a *legally* permitted table (as compared to the seal activist's *illegal non-permitted* table) at the Children's Pool talking with people and making sure truth, facts, and logic rule the day. It's been a long constant effort with the end nowhere in sight, but the efforts are showing results. People are using the beach, the seal population is healthy, and no one is getting hurt. If you run into any of these folks, give them a pat on the back and say THANKS! For they are protecting your continued right to use a public beach.

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:

October'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 October Meeting

Thursday, October 6th, 7pm at Giovanni's

Greetings club members. This month's speaker got sent out to sea! I need to replace her on short notice.

Many of you know I managed to get a very good speaker for last month on short notice, but I just don't know if I can do it two months in a row.

So if you have any suggestions, and can see if they are available first that would help me greatly!!!

If we cannot locate a replacement, have your best diving related photos or videos to share.

BTW, our November meeting is set with a team of excellent speakers and photographers/vidographers:

Mike Poirier & Pete Fowler - Batagas & Tubbataha

Barbara Lloyd
Entertainment Coordinator



Long Range Calendar

Oct. 1-8	Florida Keys, Rich Burns & Matt Geiselman
Oct. 6	Club Meeting, Quarterly Drawing (4-pk of tickets to Parade of Lights), Scuba Santa sign-ups (Peggy Petschek coordinator)
Oct. 9	Club Dive, Lois Ann to Yukon, 7 Fathoms
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 September Meeting

Rich Burns	Blue Tank Boot; Lobster/Goodie Bag	Terri Thomas	Black Small UK Dive Box
Cody Gilstrap	Aqua Lung Low Tide Socks	Randy Thomas	Aqua Lung Sport Dive Fins
Steve Fellet	Trident Glow Stick; Small Plush Sea Lion (Donated by Dave Pierce)		
John Swanson	\$50 Sport Chalet Gift Certificate		
Steve Gardner	Black Tank Boot; Trident Scuba Tuba; Aqua Lung Adult Blue Mask & Snorkel pkg.		

Photo of the Month Contest of the September 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

Terri Thomas
Valecitos Point
Pleutobra Californica

CLUB DIVES

We have designated our October Club dive to be aboard the Lois Ann. This is an open boat which means it is open to the general public and spaces are not reserved for the club, therefore it is likely to sell out.

This is a 3 tank dive, 2 Yukon + 1 at 7 Fathoms. I've had stellar viz in October in the past and I'm hoping the October luck continues for this trip! Cost is \$95. Secure your spots ASAP before the trip sells out! Contact the Lois Ann directly and tell them you are with Kathy and SD Dive Club.

Tell a friend, Bring a friend!

Details:

Date: Sunday Oct. 9th, 2011

Boards @ 8:30am, Departs @ 9am

Returns @ 3pm

3 Dives: 2 at Yukon and 1 at 7 Fathoms

Snacks, Lunch and drinks provided. Weights and tanks provided. Nitrox available for extra charge. Must bring certification card!! I can't vouch for you!! **Remember your C-Card!!!**

Directions to boat: <http://www.loisann.com/directions.html> Phone: 800-201-4381 or 858-780-0130

Releases: <http://www.loisann.com/images/release.pdf>

Everything else Lois Ann: <http://www.loisann.com>

These are Advanced dives due to depth, Yukon sits at 100ft and 7 Fathoms site is about 80ft. I will be going also so I hope to see many of you there!

Please shoot me an e-mail to let me know you're coming!

There will be no refunds for cancellations 1 week prior to trip.

Kathy
619-318-1716

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 - September -

Oops, we forgot to jot down a message to you for this month. Hopefully we'll have one for the next edition.

*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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## Dips, Tips and Trips

Please send descriptions of your favorite local dive spot, best dive tips or U/W photo tips, or brief reports or articles describing your last dive trip. Or? We'll select and publish them, as space allows. Please submit electronically by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. Submissions are subject to editing.