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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter  
www.sandiegodiveclub.com



*December 2006*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Year End**

It's been a wonderful year for our club. We've had a pancake breakfast, underwater Easter egg hunt, Catalina camping trip, Coronado trip, southern channel islands 3-day trip, carne asada BBQ, movies on the beach, at least one new shore dive site, a new dive master, two new instructors, and a membership holding steady at just over 100. Several key members,

throughout the year, generously give their time and effort at club events to set up, cook, clean up, tear down, run dives, show movies and provide supplies without asking for thanks or reimbursement. You all know who you are. Thank you. Your generosity keeps our club alive and well. To finish off the year we'll have our underwater Santa and parade of lights boat ride this

month. I know I'll see most of you at both. Early next year, elections for club officers will come around again. All of the current officers have been strongly active for several years and will continue their efforts regardless of officer status. Some, of course, would like a break from holding office. If you're interested, please step up. We'll be glad to have you. Thanks for a great year.

*Scott Brown - President*

## **AT OUR NEXT MEETING**

**Thur., December 7 , 2006 7:00 pm**

(see back page for meeting location)

**The Guest Speaker for December is:**

*Tom Phillipp*

Aqua Lung, the world's foremost SCUBA diving company and leader in product design, made waves at the Diving Equipment and Marketing Association's (DEMA) Show 2006 in Orlando, FL with the introduction of three revolutionary new products.

Putting its creativity and expertise to the test in developing its 2007 line of products, Aqua Lung showed more than 10,000 attending industry professionals and media the future of diving. Latest innovations include.....

Come to the Dec meeting and find out for yourself as Tom unveils 3 new products for 2007.

—Cody Gilstrap, Entertainment Coordinator

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## Club Information

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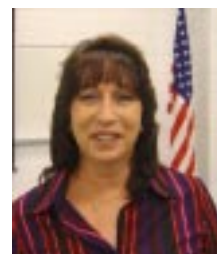
### *Publicity Representative*



**Rich Burns**

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### *Club Historian*



**Betty Parrish**

### *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
- 10 Free air fills, 10% disc after that
- 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.sandiegodiveclub.com](http://www.sandiegodiveclub.com)

#### *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:**

San Diego Dive Club  
P.O. Box 81678  
San Diego, CA 92138-1678

**Phone:** (619)225-9051

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*Deadline for all submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

## CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>December 2006</b>					1	2 Underwater Santa
<b>Events Calendar</b>						
3	4	5	6	7 Club Meeting 7:00	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 SIO tour pg 7	15	16 Parade of lights pg 5
17	18	19	20 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	21	22	23
24 31	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30

**Santa Arrives**  
**at the Point Loma Sport Chalet swimming pool**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2006 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM**  
**3695 MIDWAY DR.**

### NO SCUBA EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

The San Diego Dive Club is hosting a submerged Santa Claus at the bottom of the Point Loma Sport Chalet pool, complete with lit tree, wrapped gifts, and a chimney. Dive in the pool and have your photo taken on Santa's lap to support St. Vincent De Paul. Participation will afford you two free digital photos taken by our diving photographers. They make unique holiday cards. We can also provide a CD-ROM of your photos for \$5.00

No previous experience necessary! We provide the equipment and professional SCUBA instructors will be there to guide you. This is a great way to try out SCUBA, who knows, maybe you'll like it and sign up for a full class.

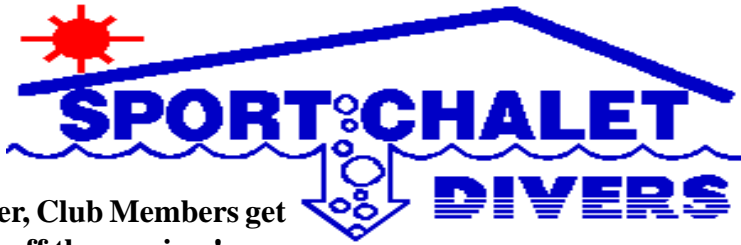
If you are already SCUBA certified be sure to bring your cert card.

Bring an unwrapped toy (suggested value \$10 - \$20) for the kids at St. Vincent De Paul Homeless Center.

Minimum age for SCUBA with Santa is 10. Santa will snorkel with kids younger than 10.

Covered skin takes the best photo. Many people dress up in festive clothing. Bring a towel and your swim suit. The water temperature will be around 80°





Remember, Club Members get  
10% off these prices!

## Scuba Charters December 2006

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
02-Dec	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$147	12/1,10PM	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
02-Dec	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
02-Dec	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
03-Dec	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
03-Dec	Island Time	Catalina-2 Tank	\$94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
03-Dec	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
09-Dec	Great Escape	Santa Barbara	\$147	12/8,10PM	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
09-Dec	Horizon	San Clemente	\$155	12/8,9PM	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
09-Dec	Magician	Catalina	\$117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Nitrox Fills
10-Dec	CeeRay	Catalina	\$110	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Dec	Great Escape	Catalina	\$120	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Dec	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$90	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills

**Trip dates, boats, destinations and prices are subject to change without notice.**

### **San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday Dec 20th**

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 usually held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at :

Coco's restaurant 7398 Clairmont Mesa Blve. 858 292-9030

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.

35th Annual  
San Diego Bay  
Parade of Lights



**Sunday, December 17, 2006**  
**Boarding at 4:00 PM, Depart at 5:00 PM**  
**Fireworks & Parade on San Diego Bay - 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM**

Happy Holidays!

The Southwest Section of SNAME and the San Diego Dive Club have chartered the Ocean Odyssey out of H&M Landing for the 35th Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. Come join fellow members and their families and participate in a great San Diego tradition. The Ocean Odyssey crew is going to decorate the boat in its finest holiday decorations and you're invited to come along and join in the festivities. You not only get to watch the parade from a prime front row seat, but you also get to be in it.

**This year's theme is "Christmas...San Diego Style". Come along and participate in what has become a traditional Holiday present to San Diego from the boating community. Ticket prices are \$25 per person for SNAME or SDDC members and immediate family, \$15 for children 12 and under, and \$30 for non-members. There will be plenty of munchies to keep your tummy warm and happy along with an appropriate holiday concoction. There will also be a no host bar available for beer and wine. Lots of door prizes will be given away to kick off the giving season. To purchase tickets come to one of the monthly meetings or contact Richard Burns 619-544-8616 or by e-mail [burnsr@nassco.com](mailto:burnsr@nassco.com)**

For more information about the 35th Annual Parade check out: [San Diego Parade of Lights](#)

Ocean Odyssey is available for boarding at 4 PM, with estimated departure of 5 PM. Do not be late; once we pull away from the dock you have "missed the boat". Located conveniently in beautiful San Diego Bay ten minutes from San Diego Lindbergh International Airport. Adjacent parking is available. The first 1/2 hour is free and then it's \$1.00 per hour up to a maximum of \$5.00 for 24 hours. The OCEAN ODYSSEY is located at: H&M Landing, 2803 Emerson St., San Diego, California 92106 (619) 222-1144.

## At Our Last Meeting

As sometimes happens, we were caught short with a last minute speaker cancelation last month. Not to worry. We enjoyed a 20 minute DVD of this years southern channel islands Horizon 3-day trip put together by Mike King. Along with those pesky seals, we were treated to memories of 100' vis at San Clemente, the great food by chef Corey, and all our crazy red dress friends.

*Scott Brown*

## Raffle

Here are the winners from November's raffle

**Terry Johnson Snorkel Snax (fish food)**  
**Dave Pierce O Ring holder / Dive Sticker w/ dinner gift card / Dive hat beanie**  
**Peggy Petshek Ankle weights / Diners deck**  
**Scott Brown White balance plate (??)**  
**Mitch Greene Air nozzle**  
**Barbara Lloyd After Dive Jacket**  
**James Hoffmark Dan First Aid Kit**

### Membership

Please welcome these new and renewing members...

#### New members

No New Members

#### Renewals

Kim Sokho  
David Pierce  
Mitch ???????  
John Bjerneby  
Kerry Mahoney

## Photo Contest

### Photo of the month contest

The club officers have come up with a friendly contest we all can enjoy. Here's how it works: Take an underwater picture, frame it for easy display and set it up at the meeting with all the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five raffle tickets. The intent here is to involve as many people as possible in fun and entertainment.

Even a friendly contest has rules ( not guidelines ) and we'll all be operating under the honor system. Underwater pictures only, taken during the time since the last meeting. One picture per person per month. Digital or film. Display your picture as you shot it with your camera and lighting settings. Cropping is OK but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using Photoshop before printing. One vote per person and you must be present at the meeting to vote. Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the following month's meeting as the previous month's winner.

We have several excellent photographers within our membership and as this contest continues, I hope to see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

*Scott Brown*

**Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island  
April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

We have finalized details for our springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Please note that since we are now making the venture over to Two Harbors only once a year we have decided to make this a 4 day weekend. That means we will be heading over on Friday morning, the 27<sup>th</sup>, and coming back Monday afternoon, the 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~10:00 am on Friday and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:30pm on Monday. The cost of the trip is \$140\* and includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, 3 nights accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings, and dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Choice of cabins will be on a first pay, first choose basis. Boat diving has been arranged for both Saturday and Sunday and costs \$72 for each 2 tank dive, the purchase of a boat dive will also get you free tank and weight rentals for the weekend for shore diving. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at [sddiver@cox.net](mailto:sddiver@cox.net) or by calling 619-697-6589. This trip always fills up so don't wait too long. \*cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.

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**Tour of the Collections  
Scripps Institution of Oceanography**

Thursday December 14th 6:30 - 8:00

Have you ever seen a giant Squid? How about a bongo trawl? Ever wonder what lurks WAY down below you?

Well, wonder no more. On December 14th there will be a free tour of the items that Scripps Institution of Oceanography has been collecting for about the past 120 years. The collection is the largest University held collection of its kind and comprises 5 separate collections.

Pelagic Vertebrates is the fish collection and has examples of marine fishes from most of the oceans and depths.

Pelagic Invertebrates has krill, squids, octopi, salps and other bizarre and beautiful free swimming organisms.

Benthic Invertebrates has crabs, tunicates, sponges and other bottom dwellers.

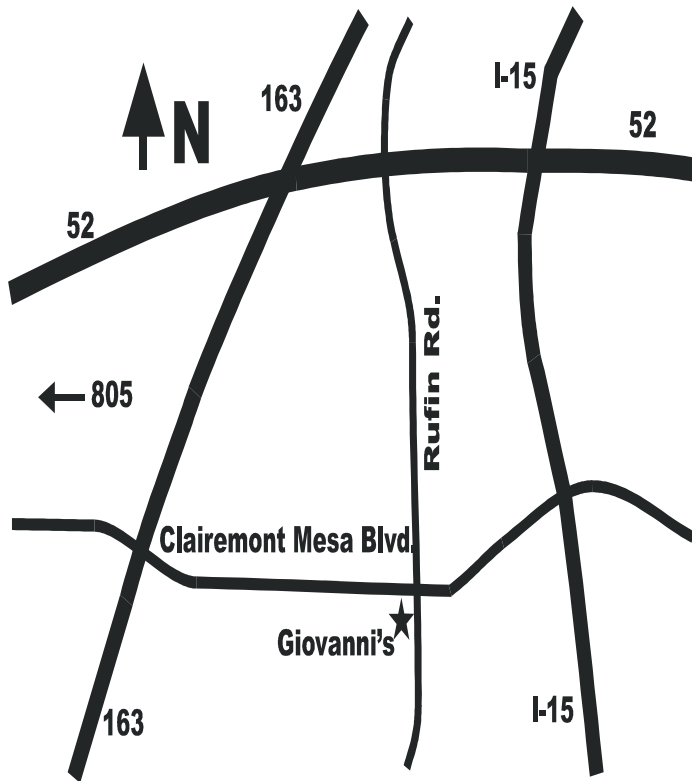
Cored Samples has samples of the ocean bottom used to study what the ocean (and the land) were like thousands and millions of years ago. There is a core that has debris from the impact of the asteroid believed to have wiped out the dinosaurs!

Dredged Samples has rocks from the ocean floor used to study how the earth recycles itself through plate tectonics, vulcanism, and upwellings

These collections are not normally open to the public and are used as academic resources by students and researchers. There is no charge for the tour, but you must RSVP in order to attend. Further information such as directions and parking information will be sent upon your reply.

RSVP to  
Paul Brooks, Chairman, Scripps Institution of Oceanography Collections Development Committee

[pbrooks2@cox.net](mailto:pbrooks2@cox.net)



**DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION**

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

January, April, July and October are the club's quarterly meetings and we have a grand raffle prize at those meetings.

The winning ticket is drawn from that evenings batch and from the previous two months.

***ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE  
ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!!!***

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Check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership.
