



# CURRENT BUBBLES

*Newsletter of Dolphin Divers of Sacramento*

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## *President's Message*

Hello DDS divers:

As 2011 sinks into the history books, 2012 soars up with new challenges and opportunities for our members. January has Pt. Lobos. February has Presidents Day. March has the Easter Egg Dive and April has the Ab Opener. There are rumors of a club ski trip and a club shooting contest! Even as 2011 disappears, she still wants to keep us entertained to the very end. We have our Christmas Party in 3 weeks. Steve and Marlyn have that one all wrapped up and ready for our pleasure. If you are interested in giving a few hours of your time to those less fortunate than yourself, Corinne Fuerst is rounding up help for the Christmas Promise event. Corinne coordinates between Dolphin Divers, The Seahorses, and AIM to gather up helpers to wrap gifts for those in need. We had over 20 divers last year from all 3 clubs. I had a ton of fun at the last one and will be there again this year.

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## *~Meetings~*

**General meetings** start at 7:30 pm, and are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Lane (at Madison). Call 916-989-1133 to order in advance, and be sure to ask for the Dolphin Dive Club discount.

**Board meetings** are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at a board members house. All members are welcome to attend all meetings, however we ask that you call the host to RSVP. Board meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming board meetings:

December 7: Ken Takata  
(916) 428-8883

January 4: Marlyn Sepulveda  
(916) 768-0189

## *Dolphin Birthday Club*

Stephanie Knigge	5-Dec
Richard Sears	6-Dec
Bob Taylor	12-Dec
Ikemoto Edward	20-Dec
Dalton McGuire Jr.	21-Dec
Shaun O'Keefe	23-Dec
David Andres	23-Dec
John Meyer	25-Dec
Raphael Harris	26-Dec
Ryan Green	26-Dec
William Dutton	28-Dec

## *New Members*

Catrina Swatts  
Edward Ikemoto  
Drew Nelson

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Dolphin Divers is fortunate to have some dedicated and caring members. These members put on events, serve on the Board, and help out as they can. They give up their own time and sweat to keep up the traditions of Dolphin Divers. The Memorial Day event. The Channel Islands Trip. Labor Day Event. These events do not happen by their self. DDS members take the time and effort to make it all happen so that the rest of us can have some fun. To all the Dolphin Diver members that have put forth the extra effort required to be on the Board or plan and run an event.....I say "THANK YOU VERY MUCH!"

All of you have a safe holiday time. The Board of DDS hopes that have a grand and wonderful December.

Brad Freelove

## *Sunshine Committee*

If you know of a club member in need of some sunshine, please contact our sunshine committee chair, Maridee Green at (916) 722-7665 or [lmgreen@comcast.net](mailto:lmgreen@comcast.net)

## *Weight Belt Replacements*

Every drowned diver that I have ever heard of was still wearing a weight belt. DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!!! Never let the cost of a belt slow you from dropping it. I have a small supply of used weight belts donated to me for the purpose of replacing any lost by club members during an emergency. If you ever find yourself in a situation where you need to ditch your belt just LET IT GO! Then let me know about it and I will give you one of the belts that I have.

Jack Millard, 916.987.1303

## *Abalone Report Card Return*

All abalone reporting cards need to be returned to/ mailed to the DF&G no later than January 31, 2012. Their mailing address is:

California Department of Fish and Game  
32330 N. Harbor Drive  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437-5554

## *Event Photos Needed!*

by Reneé Viehmann

Do you enjoy seeing photos of club events? Me too! Tired of seeing photos of other people's families and not yours? If you have taken photos please be sure to send them to me so they can be uploaded to the website. Click here for photo submission guidelines <http://www.dolphindivers.org/photo-gallery/photo-submittal-guidelines/>. If these guidelines seem daunting, here's it is quick and dirty: reduce the file size if you know how to, go through your pictures and only send the good stuff! You can email your photos to me at [renee@reneeerox.com](mailto:renee@reneeerox.com) or put on CD or flash drive and mail or give to me at a meeting. Now, there's no excuse. Let's see YOUR photos!



## *Past Events*

### *-Thanksgiving-*

#### **Thanksgiving Adventures at Albion**

Who would have ever thought that the hardy group of 16 Dolphin Divers (inclusive of kids and extended family) would find perfectly blue skies, sunshine, and temperatures in the high 60s at Albion for Thanksgiving Day?!?! Well we did and if you didn't go, you missed one of the better Thanksgiving outings of recent memory. The trip certainly didn't start out that way when the group descended on the coast late Wednesday in pouring rain and chilly temperatures. But alas, the storm moved on, leaving behind only an imposing ocean with towering waves to deal with. Personally, I was lucky enough to head to Albion the weekend before, enjoying excellent seas that allowed me to pull my personal best largest abalone yet right out of Albion Cove. That was before the event officially started, however, so it does not qualify for the club's annual competition.

Given the clear skies early Thursday morning, a warm campfire was quickly started by the early risers (given the abundance of fire wood everybody

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brought, the fires were kept burning for the majority of the waking hours for the rest of the weekend). Before too long, the chefs got to work on an amazing Thanksgiving feast. Thanks to the club's generosity and chefs Corinne and Cayle, our group enjoyed a juicy ham as well as a perfectly brined and roasted turkey that could have fed a group twice as large as ours. And to think that everyone had already snacked on a bunch of appetizers all afternoon long! But no feast would be complete without a number of fantastic side dishes and desserts that everyone contributed.

Thankfully, the long weekend was still young, so that over the course of the next two days, including another fantastic potluck Saturday eve, there ended up being very little in the way of leftovers on Sunday. Then again, the group also grew on Friday when Steve & Marylyn Campbell as well as new members Jeff & Michelle Pluth joined the group (ask Jeff how he likes freediving in rough and frigid Northern California waters versus Hawaii – his response may surprise you! You may also wish to ask him about "little guard shacks" ...).

As already eluded to, the seas did calm down enough by Saturday to allow us to go ab diving from shore. And though we had found a new-to-us well-hidden, but easy access dive spot nearby, no personal records were broken this time around. Nonetheless, Minh did lose his standing atop the leader board for big ab. But as no fish were taken, he should be able to claim "big fish" for his Labor Day lingcod. There were several potential candidates taken this weekend for "little ab" however! It just remains to be seen, if that 'award' will be claimed.

Thanks to John Wong's great RIB, he and Minh were able to set out traps in Albion Cove and catch a dozen or so Dungeness crab. Unfortunately for them, they had too good a time out on the bay and forgot about the tide, leaving them with no alternative but to leave the boat on the beach at low tide. Under a hailstorm of ribbing and cajoling from the rest of us, they were finally able to retrieve the boat late that evening. With a little TLC and an engine service, we all hope that it will soon be as good as new again.... never mind Layni's "injured" pride when, due to the late hour, she couldn't see where the gangway to the dock was and thus simply "stepped off the dock". Thankfully, she caught herself and only "suffered" one wet leg.

Needless to say, the weekend was filled with laughter and good-natured ribbing. As they say "all's

well that ends well". I could write page after page, if I were to recount everything that went on this trip. But I will close by thanking everybody that participated in this club outing for pitching in, helping out when or where needed, and for generally making this a fantastic weekend! It's this kind of camaraderie that makes this club so worthwhile. Happy Holidays to all!  
Holger

## *Upcoming Events*

*-Christmas Party 2011 -*

**HURRY... HURRY... HURRY... LAST CHANCE!!!**

Hello Again Everyone,

Now that Thanksgiving is over, there is only **ONE MORE WEEK** to buy tickets to our

**Dolphin Divers of Sacramento Christmas Party 2011**

The Christmas party will be held at the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge and the date for this year's party is

**Saturday December 17, 2011**

The final, final, **FINAL DAY** to purchase tickets is

**Wednesday December 7, 2011**

But I suggest you **DEFINITELY** buy your tickets before then so you don't miss out. The party starts at 6:00pm and ends at Midnight with plenty of fun, food and festivities in between. The price is only **\$32.50 per person**, which is the same as last year... and I'm sure you remember what a **GREAT TIME** you had last year (for those of you who can "REMEMBER" last year... wink, wink, nudge, nudge)!!!

To purchase tickets, mail a check (**it must be received by December 7**) made out to **Dolphin Divers of Sacramento** to the following address:

**Marlyn Sepulveda  
4168 Birdwell Way  
North Highlands, CA 95660**

For more information or to **buy tickets A.S.A.P.**, please contact Marlyn Sepulveda (916) 768-0189 or Steve Volpicelli at (916) 765-5560. I look forward to seeing you all there!!!

Best Regards,

**Steve DJ Little Fox Mix-A-Lot Volpicelli**

## **-Christmas Promise - December 21**

The annual Christmas Promise Wrapping party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st (change from previously announced date at the last Dolphin Divers general meeting). The timeslot reserved is from 6 PM until 9 PM. You can come a bit later and leave a bit earlier if necessary... For those of you that do not know what the Christmas Promise is all about, this is a non-profit organization that is all volunteers and that ensures that those less fortunate in our immediate community still have a great Christmas Eve. 97.5 percent of all monies donated to the Christmas Promise goes towards purchasing Christmas gifts, supplies, etc. for those that need it... As a group, we only give up 3 hours of our time during this busy time of year to wrap all those gifts so that those in need of a little Christmas cheer are guaranteed to get it.

This year's location is the same as last year's: 9560 Micron Drive, door #11, just West of Bradshaw Road in Sacramento (or is it Rancho Cordova)... Just behind 24-Hour Fitness...Enter driveway between two Wells Fargo offices.

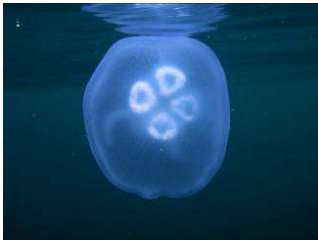
Please let me know if you can make it and/or if you have any questions/comments regarding this special event.

~ Corinne

corinne\_fuerst@yahoo.com

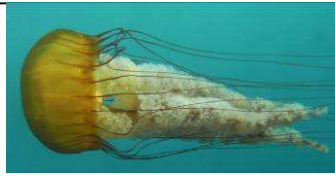
## **-Point Lobos January 14 -**

I'm happy that I get to spend another birthday with my Dolphin Dive Club family. We were able to reserve at least 13 of the 15 team reservations at



Point Lobos State Park. Right now all of the dive teams are full but there is no one on a waiting list. If you will be in Monterey with us and want to join the group for dinner at El

Torito's, after we clean up from diving on Saturday, please let me know so that I can make a group reservation for everyone. If you have a team leader reservation it's important that you show up. If you don't make it your buddy can't dive either. I'll do my best to shuffle divers to fill vacancies, but Point Lobos



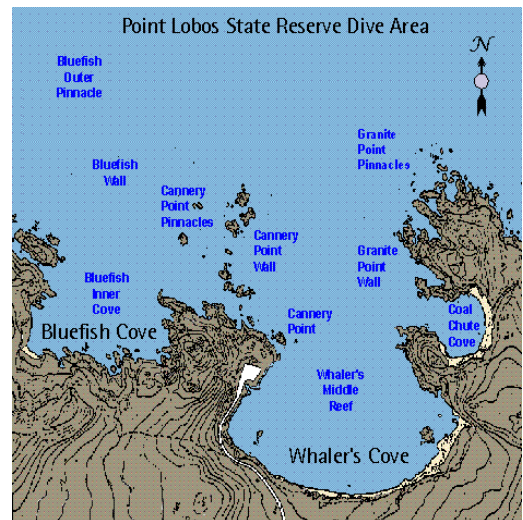
is emphatic about not changing the name of the team leaders on reservations (buddies can be changed) and everyone must have a 2 person buddy team.

Point Lobos is a protected game preserve and nothing may be taken from the waters in the park. Because there is no hunting the fish feel safe and curious about us. We often see more and bigger fish here than elsewhere on our beautiful coast. The visibility is often better here too, because it borders the Carmel Trench and the open ocean. The park opens at 8:00 A.M. I plan on being at the park when it opens. We'll probably make two or three dives. You need to bring enough tanks for the day because it's too far to get them filled between dives. Now let's hope for calm seas and sunny skies!

For more information contact me at: 916-987-1303 or

[jbmillard@aol.com](mailto:jbmillard@aol.com).

Jack



## **President's Day, Lawson's Landing**

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Contact Fred & Lisa Knoles 916-944-7716

Or email: [fknoles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fknoles@sbcglobal.net)

Lisa and I hope you will join us at Lawson's Landing on President's Day for a weekend of beach walking, dune climbing, kite flying, oyster barbecuing, chowder eating, and much more. We've enjoyed this weekend for quite a few years and we think you'll enjoy it too. Be prepared for foul weather. However, even when it's been very stormy, parts of the weekend have been beautiful. No matter the weather, we always manage to have a great time.

There is a good clam tide Saturday afternoon. If you'd like to try your hand at capturing some of the wily Tomales Bay gaper clams, we'll give that a try. Whether the clams come from the bay or Costco, we'll have a big pot of chowder for the "organized" pot luck Sun night. We'll also get a couple of bags of oysters to barbecue.

Lawson's Landing has a good web site if you want information about camping and other services they have available. ([www.lawsonslanding.com](http://www.lawsonslanding.com)) Reservations probably aren't necessary but they can be made on line at their web site at least seven days prior to Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. There's a meeting on Dec 7 where camping guidelines for Lawson's will be announced. I'll let you know in the next Bubbles if that has any affect on our plans.

Contact us if you have questions. More information will follow in future Bubbles.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**March 24, 2012**

Our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt will be held in Monterey on Saturday, March 24. The Awards

Ceremony will be held again at the Crazy Horse Restaurant. Bay Park Hotel (where Crazy



Horse is located) has offered again us group room rates of \$89.00, single or double. There are also many other motels and campgrounds



to choose from. Mark your calendar and come to the meetings and watch the "Bubbles" for more information. I'll have sign up forms at the January general meeting and they will be included in the newsletters. Jack

**Channel Islands 2012**  
**July 22-25**

Our 2012 Channel Islands dive trip on the Conception will again be for 4 days from Sunday,



July 22 to Wednesday, July 25. We will be diving Catalina Island for the first 3 days then one of the northern islands on the last day. As I write this only 9 spaces are

open for this trip with a member cost of \$625.00. You can make deposits, payments or payoffs any time, but hurry because space is limited. I'll tell you more at the meetings and in the "Bubbles". Jack



## *Out-and-About*

Don't forget when you are out-and-about, the following shops and businesses support Dolphin Divers of Sacramento. When you patronize, please tell them you are a club member and thank them for their support. The following shops honor the free air fills on the back of your membership cards:

- **Dolphin Scuba Center:** (916) 929-8188
- Dolphin Scuba Center of Stockton: (209) 476-8188  
www.dolphin-scuba.com
- **Elk Grove Dive Shop:** (916) 686-1122 www.elkgrovedive.com
- **Fish Eye Scuba:** (916) 850-1145 www.fisheyescuba.com
- **Scuba World** (916) 332-8294 www.scubaworldsacto.com

Dolphin Divers of Sacramento is a non-profit organization not affiliated with any dive shops, but we do support dive shops listed.

## *Garage Sale*

Have anything to [sell, trade, give away?](#)

You can advertise for FREE in the bubbles.

Email: holjohnson@gmail.com or call: (916) 379-0920  
TANK Aluminum 80 Dark Blue Fresh Hydro & Vis (November 2011)  
\$150 Craig 916-952-0322 or CBrookey@sbcglobal.net

## *2011 Trophy Corner*

**Big AB:** Holger 8.516 inches, taken at Thanksgiving

**Big Fish:** Minh 8 lb 4 oz , shot at Labor Day event



# DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

## December

- 7th: Board Meeting, location Ken Takata
- 17th: Christmas Party—Elks Lodge contact— Marlyn Sepulveda
- Please note: NO GENERAL MEETING FOR DECEMBER

## January

- 4th: Board Meeting, location Marlyn and Jamie Sepulveda
- 14th: Point Lobos Dive—contact Jack Millard
- 18th: General Meeting, location Round Table Pizza

## February

- 1st: Board Meeting, location Brad Freelove
- 15th: General Meeting, location Round Table Pizza
- 18th—20th: President’s Day Weekend

## March

- 7th: Board Meeting, location Sandee Smith
- 21st: General Meeting, location Round Table Pizza
- 24th: East Egg Dive—contact Jack Millard

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