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Presidents Message

Hello Dolphin Divers,

Can you believe it's almost that time of year again? By the time you read this, Halloween may be over, and then it is the mad dash to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's! So what does that mean for Dolphin Divers? Well, many of us are too busy with 'life' to dive during this crazy time, but don't forget some of the best diving on our coast can be in the winter.

It also meant it is time for the Annual Dolphin Diver's Christmas Party. With a new event leader (thanks Brittania!) it promises to have new surprises for everyone. We also announce the winners of the club photo contest, big fish and big ab, as well as member of the year! Please mark your calendars for our November General

Meeting (November 20th) to come and vote for the photo contest and member of the year!

Member of the year is a special honor for one club member each year. Our entire membership has the opportunity to vote for the one club member they feel exemplifies our club. Does someone stand out in your mind? Often it is difficult to think of who is deserving of this honor. Take some time to think about who has done a lot for the club this year. Event leaders, those who have volunteered to serve on the board of directors, maybe someone who has been active but more behind the scenes? Perhaps there is a new member that stands out in your mind as really stepping up... Or a long term member who is always there doing things... We are lucky that we have a lot of people willing to volunteer to make this club and its activities happen!

I hope to see everyone at the November General Meeting, and the Christmas Party!

Holly

~ Meetings ~

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

November 6: Steve Volpicelli

General Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Lane (at Madison). Call 916-923-3763 to order in advance, be sure to ask for the Dolphin Dive Club Discount.

Safety

You and I didn't become divers simply to swim with a self-contained underwater breathing apparatus. No, we did it to discover and enjoy many more things we don't see topside. People all around the world do it because they are fascinated about the underwater world surrounding us. People who are passionate about diving want to share it. Whether it's their photos taken on some exotic trip or their latest catch from the deep blue. The more we share the more others are interested. We want people to become divers, to dive safely and to experience and enjoy the beauty of the underwater world as we do. Eventually, if they appreciate what we do, hope is that they will also protect it because we want them to experience reefs, lakes, rivers and kelp forests and so on. If we appreciate them we protect them.

Funny thing is, we don't practice this in our own lives. Hum. That is if we appreciate it, we will protect it.

When we first introduce divers to the water we caution them to be "aware" of everything around them and keep breathing. The cardinal rule in SCUBA diving, "Don't hold your breath." Take good care of your equipment and it will be there for a long time to come. Have your equipment serviced regularly and it will not fail.

Odd, I don't know about you, but conscientiously I don't practice these same disciplines in my life. Sure, I get out and walk most every morning. I ride my bike a good distance both on and off road. I lift weights several times a day (especially when I am holding back from throwing out the computer that is just not cooperating). I've put more miles on swimming in Dolphins pool for classes than anyone should be familiar with the chlorine in it. I dive, dive, dive on such a regular basis I think my gear needs to dry out. And yet with all this exercise I find there is still more room for improvement. Each and every time I prepare for a new class and look at the students, I try to size them up. It always amazes me which one is the problem child. Funny how it is the little things that gets even the most experienced to freak out.

They freak out for many reasons. They hear bubbles coming from behind their head because of an O-ring. Their mask keeps leaking and it won't clear. They can't clear their ears at 90 feet so they decide to kick their feet and inflate their BC – bursting through the surface at Mach 1 speed. Their Inflator sticks at depth because

of them dragging it through the sand and they panic. They decide to continue diving after their computer fails and they realize they have no air.

So I challenge you to do your part in staying in shape, keeping your gear in shape and educating others on the importance of keeping both your body and equipment tuned.

Yes I am done with my safety rant! ☺

Chris

Website Photo Contest

It's been several years since our website was built and the header photo, taken by Stacy Nguyen, was chosen to be our header. It's time to freshen up the site with a new photo.

We are adding a side category to the annual photo contest especially for the website photo. If you are interested in submitting a photo for the website, please consider the following rules/guidelines:

*photo should be taken in California waters (since we're a California diving club)

*photo may be from any timeframe.

*photo should be arranged in landscape format.

*keep in mind that the photo will be cropped to fit the website

*photos will be voted on by those in attendance of the November general meeting to determine top choices. *Final selection to be made by the webmaster and Board of Directors.

*winner to be announced at the Christmas party.

If you have any questions, please contact Renee Viehmann at renee@renerox.com

~DOLPHIN BIRTHDAY CLUB ~

<i>Victor Knigge</i>	<i>11/10</i>	<i>Craig Brookey</i>	<i>11/17</i>
<i>Bruce Robbins</i>	<i>11/18</i>	<i>Minh Nguyen</i>	<i>11/19</i>
<i>Charlie Rojas</i>	<i>11/21</i>	<i>Megan Taylor</i>	<i>11/22</i>
<i>Dennis Little</i>	<i>11/23</i>	<i>Ray Brown</i>	<i>11/25</i>
<i>Glen Fisher</i>	<i>11/25</i>		



New Members

Roy Jones

~Past Events~

October Meeting Giveaways

The October DDS General Meeting was a blast with a lot of member participation. Dave Ford and the Littles brought Fruits and Veggies to share, all of the



sunglasses that were found in the American River by the GRCU River Cleanup Divers were distributed to attendees. The winner of the Grand Prize, designed, built and awarded by

Jamie Sepulveda, was Brad Freelove for the weirdest thing found in the river – “Tooth Fairy Wings” beating out entries like Mardi Gras Beads and a Cat Food Bowl. In addition, a small dive mask was awarded to the smallest Dolphin Diver there – Josie –she was very thankful and promised to dive safely. Other items given away were FREE DOG TENNIS BALLS and a number of Dive Magazines. Bottom line – Don’t miss any of the Dolphin Divers General Meeting cuz you never know what you might get. ~CB

~Upcoming Events~

Thanksgiving!

Reservations have been made at Albion River Campground for our annual Thanksgiving camping trip. If you plan to attend, please see me at an upcoming meeting or contact me via email to put in your deposit and reserve your site. Deposit is equal to one night stay of \$35 made out to Dolphin Divers of Sacramento. Attached is a map of the campground with our reserved sites highlighted. Power and water is available at each site. There is also WiFi in the campground. Deposits must be in by October 31st otherwise we will release unreserved sites back to the campground. If you are planning to wait for the weather report, you are more than welcome to do so,

but you will then be reserving your site directly with the campground and will be subject to availability.

We will plan to have a full Thanksgiving dinner potluck on Thursday evening which will be coordinated as we get closer. For those walkers and/or runners, we

will have our 3rd annual Dolphin Divers Turkey Trot which is a little over 2 mile trip up Schooner’s Cove and back. On Saturday night, there will be a leftover potluck and I’m sure there will be appetizers galore.

It will be your last chance for big fish/big ab for the 2013 year. I’m sure there will be multiple opportunities for diving as seas cooperate.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Renée Viehmann

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Christmas Party!

It’s getting to be that time of year again! The annual Christmas party is coming up quick. This year it will be on Saturday, December 14th. It is being held at the Dante Club again (2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento) The Party will be from 6:00 pm to Midnight. Cost is \$35.00 per person for a scrumptious catered dinner. There will also be a no host bar. Please RSVP as early as possible, checks can be mailed to Dolphin Divers of Sacramento, c/o Britannia Junes, 648 West Marlette Street, Ione, CA 95640 or turned in at the November board or general meeting. (checks made payable to Dolphin Divers of Sacramento). This is my first time leading an event and I need your help to make it amazing! I am actively working on some awesome raffle and game prizes, but if you would like to donate anything or know somebody that would, please contact me! As always, we will be awarding member of the year, as well as the photo contest winners. I am very excited for this, so let’s make this the best holiday party yet! (I even hear that Mona might make an appearance...) -Brittania Junes



Point Lobos January 18 Make reservations on November 18!



Join me to help me celebrate my birthday the third weekend in January with a dive trip to Point Lobos. Stay up late on Sunday, November 17, to make a dive team reservation, just after midnight on the 18th, for the Underwater Park at Point Lobos State Park, in Carmel, on Saturday, January 18. As a team leader you **MUST** be there for anyone on your team to dive.

From the Point Lobos website:

Dive Regulations

Underwater activities shall mean engaging in activities beneath the surface of the water and include skin or free diving, and the use of SCUBA (self contained underwater breathing apparatus). You must secure a reservation to dive at Point Lobos. To secure a reservation please use the online form at

<http://www.pointlobos.org/diving/reservations> Diving permits are limited to the fifteen (15) teams on any one day.

Each permit is for a team of two divers. Diving alone is not permitted. All divers must have a partner. Permits are only valid for the date issued.

1. All divers must register at the entrance station prior to diving. All divers on the team must be present to be registered. A valid diver certification card must be in your possession at the time of registration. If your card does not have a photo on it, you may be asked for other photo identification. Snorklers do not need a certification card but still must have a dive partner.
2. All SCUBA divers must have a device capable of maintaining positive buoyancy.
3. Divers and boats may enter or exit the water only at the access ramp at Whalers Cove parking lot.
4. The diving area is limited to Whalers Cove and Bluefish Cove. All other areas of the Reserve are closed to diving. Snorkeling is not permitted at China Cove or Gibson Beach.
5. No teams or kayaks will be permitted to register with less than two hours prior to the Reserve's posted closing time. Closing time is posted at the Entrance Station.
6. No fishing equipment or collecting tools are permitted in the Reserve. Please remember, all animal and plant life, and natural features in the Reserve are fully protected. Please take only

photographs and good memories. Everything else should remain undisturbed.

7. The animals can chase you, you cannot chase them. The Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act and State laws prohibit you from disturbing or harassing harbor seals, sea lions, whales, and sea otters. Always give them plenty of room. Be cautious in the areas where there are nesting birds. They frighten easily. Please keep your distance!! Hand launchable boats and kayaks are permitted. There is a \$5 per boat launch fee payable at the entrance station upon your arrival. Please let the entrance station person know if you plan to use one of these. If your boat is on a trailer, the trailer must be parked at the Rat Hill boat parking area. Please keep speeds under 5 m.p.h. No Wake! Remember there are areas and beaches that are closed to the public for the protection of the wildlife. Do not come ashore at these locales; including but not limited to, Headland Cove, Bluefish Cove, and the beach at Whalers Cove.

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. Reservations can be made 2 months in advance of the dive date. This is why we each need to make ours just after midnight on Monday, November 11. I'll send a reminder to the Yahoo Group just before the reservations are due.

Jack Millard, 916-987-1303, jbmillard@aol.com

Easter Egg Hunt



Our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt will be held in Monterey on Saturday, March 22. The Awards Ceremony will be held, again, at the Crazy Horse Restaurant. Bay Park Hotel (where Crazy Horse is

located) has offered us group room rates of \$89.00, single or double. To make a room reservation please call them at 1-800-338-3564. Mark your calendar to hold this weekend open. I'll have more information and sign up forms available starting in January.

Jack



Channel Islands 2014

Our annual Channel Islands dive trip on the Conception for 4 days starts Saturday, July 18, when we drive to Santa Barbara to board our dive boat, the "Conception" for a



late night departure. We'll wake up on the boat Sunday, July 20 at Catalina Island. After 4 days of diving we'll head for home on Wednesday, July 23. You can make deposits, payments or payoffs any time, but hurry because space is limited, there are already 26 divers signed up, so there are only 9 spots left. We are holding the cost at just \$625.00 for 4 days of diving including all meals, beverages, snacks, your berth and the camaraderie of all your Dolphin buddies. Dive sites are great for all levels of diving skills and training, from the new diver to the very experienced. I'll tell you more at the meetings and in the "Bubbles".

Jack, jbmillard@aol.com

2013 TROPHY CORNER

BIG FISH: Bubba Harris. 26 lb. Ling Cod.

BIG AB: Brad Freelove 9.467" AB

Small Ab: No Entry at this date

* GARAGE SALE *

Have anything to SELL – TRADE – GIVE AWAY? You can advertise FREE in the Bubbles. Just e mail the editor

Pennybug76@yahoo.com with your ad before the sending deadline following the General Meeting and your ad will appear in the very next issue. Please limit to "Diving Related" items like Dive Gear, Camera Equipment, Boats, Motors, Camping Gear, Cars, Etc.

DONATE BLOOD & SAVE LIVES

When you donate blood tell them that you are a member of Dolphin Dive Club and ask that your donation be credited to our account (#3412) and benefit other club members if they need a blood donation.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of anyone who is celebrating accomplishments, upcoming Weddings, Births, etc., or if you know of a club member who is in need of a little Sunshine please contact Maridee Green at 916-206-0863, or email her at maridee@homebuying101.com

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.

*Indicates shops that honor the free air fills on the back of Dolphin Divers membership cards.

* **Dolphin Scuba Center** (916) 929-8188

* **Fish Eye Scuba** (916) 850-1145

www.fisheyscuba.com

* **Scuba World** (916) 332-8294

www.scubaworldsacto.com

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November

- Board Meeting 11/6/2013: at 7:00pm at Steve Volpicalli's house (again). Please contact Holly Little to RSVP, and to get the address.
- General Meeting 11//2013 at Roundtable Pizza -8822 Madison Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

This is when the annual photo contest is being held, as well as voting for member of the year. Come and cast your ballots!

- 11/27/2013- 12/1/2013: Thanksgiving camping trip at Albion. \$35 fee register. Please contact Renee Viehmann, the event leader, for more details.



December

- Board Meeting: 12/4/2013 at 7:00pm at Tracy Clarke's house. Please contact Holly Little to RSVP, and to get the address.
- **NO GENERAL MEETING**
- 12/14/2013: Annual Dolphin Christmas Party at the Dante Club. Tickets are \$35.00 per person, and **must be purchased in advance**. Please contact Brittania, or a Board Member to purchase your tickets.

