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President's Message

DDS members!

At our next general meeting on November 16, you will be asked to vote for the Member of the Year. Some deserving member will receive recognition from their peers in the club for a job well done. There has to be someone out there that you know of that has done something extra special for you or the club. Does not have to be a board member. Does not have to be an adult. They do have to be a member. Perhaps it was someone that ran an event. Or, maybe someone that is always helping out at an event. Take some time to reflect on the past year. Who stands out in your mind? Which member was there doing something extra special that brightened your day? Not sure? Ask around. I can think of a dozen members that are deserving. You get your chance on the 16th to pay back that special someone that did the extra special thing. Vote for them. Get your friends to vote for them. Let them know that you voted for them. Let them know that they are appreciated.

While you are thinking of this special member, look around and take note of a

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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.

November 2nd: Minh Nguyen
(530) 757-7411

December 7th: Ken Takata
(916) 428-8883

Dolphin Birthday Club

11/10 Victor Knigge
11/11 Pam Carlson
11/17 Craig Brookey
11/19 Minh Nguyen
11/22 Megan Taylor
11/23 Dennis Little
11/25 Ray Brown
11/28 Rilee Sepulveda

New Members

Dale and Bobbie Lewis

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member that you have not seen in a while. Perhaps a member that used to show up at meetings and events but has been noticeably absent for the past few months. If you have the time, send them a short email or give them a quick phone call. Let them know that they are missed. Does not take all that much time and effort to let them know that you care. Perhaps they are attending night school. Maybe a new child or a sick loved one. Your short message might brighten up their day and remind them that they club is still out there for them. Still lots of diving and non-diving stuff for them to get involved in. Veteran's Day event. Christmas Party to attend. Pt. Lobos dive to make reservations for. Easter Egg dive to plan for. A ton of fun if they want it. Brad

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 Imgreen@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

New General Meeting Starting Time

Hello DDS members:

Several members have been asking about the possibility of starting the general meetings at 7 pm instead of 7:30 pm. At the last general meeting I asked all those present if they had any comments about a new starting time. All 36 members stated that it sounded like a great idea and would be all for it. As the next meeting should have a better turn out, I will ask again. If most of the membership is for a new, earlier starting time, we will try and get this done by the end of the year. If you have any comments (nice ones) let me know somehow. Phone, email or note tied to a rock.....they all work.

Brad

Think Safety!

By Ken Takata

Pet Etiquette at DDS Outings

Many of us bring dogs to club outings. We enjoy having our four legged "best friends" along to share our adventures. However, in order for our pets to be welcome guests, it is important to be courteous and responsible owners.

No matter how devoted and loving our pets behave toward family members and familiar friends at home, placed in unfamiliar surroundings and faced with strangers and unknown dogs, our pets can react unpredictably. Dogs will be dogs and even the most submissive animals will get into fights with other dogs. In addition to the dogs suffering injury, owners may be bitten breaking up fights. Kids will also be kids and sometimes will "rush" at a dog in their enthusiasm to make a new friend. Startled, the dog may react defensively and nip at the child. Thus it is important for pet owners to be vigilant and not assume your dog will always be the well-mannered good citizen he is at home.

Over the years, the club has had several unfortunate incidents caused by owners not controlling their dogs. Because of the large number of adults, children, and other pets attending outings, it is important to keep all dogs controlled and properly restrained. This may require keeping your dog on a leash, a tether, or carrying the dog in your arms.

Another common complaint is owners not cleaning up after their pets. No one wants to step out of their tent right into a pile of poop left by an inconsiderate pet owner. Be a courteous owner and carry around a plastic bag to clean up your pet's mess. There is no excuse for not picking up after your pet.

Excessive barking is another common complaint. Please be courteous of your neighbors and restrain your dog from excessive and annoying barking.

Following these simple rules of Pet Etiquette will make your furry best friend a welcome addition to the Dolphin family.

Future Events

Veterans Day Event Nov.11 to 13

We have about 10 of us going to Woodside Campground and RV Park in Ft. Bragg. Please contact Woodside directly and make your own arrangements for staying the weekend. This event will include the usual ocean activities plus this time of year offers opportunities for crabbing and mussel

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picking. Also there are many wine and mushroom events occurring. Note that Veterans Day falls on a Friday this year and maybe you could turn this into a 3 day weekend. Please let me know if you are attending.

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- Salmon Snorkel 2011 - Saturday, November 12th

For many years Brooke and I have lead the DDS Salmon Snorkel. In recent years we have been forced to cancel the event because there were few, if any, Salmon running up the American River. This year, with reports of better numbers returning to the hatchery, we are toying with the possibility of, once again, braving the chilly waters and screaming through our snorkels as we cruise effortlessly downstream while encountering huge, spawning Chinook Salmon right in front of us. The fishing season ends November 1st so there will not be any fisherman there trying to hook us. The projected date for this event will be November 12th Saturday – Full details will be forthcoming if enough interest is shown. Thanks to Renee's nomination, I will be leading the group from Hazel to the Sunrise Bridge. If you have ever done this then you know what a rush it is – If you have yet to try it – Why Not? Please contact me at cbrookey@sbcglobal.net if you would like to get on the signup list. Craig Brookey

- Member of the Year/Photo Contest - November General Meeting

What: DDS Member of the Year and Photo Contest!!!

When: November 16th

Time: 7 PM

Winners Announced: Christmas Party December 17th

Member of the Year: Have you seen a Dolphin Diver going above and beyond this year to make this club extra special? There are so many members that have gone the extra mile it will be a hard selection but come and join us at the November general meeting on November 16th and vote for who you believe should be the next Dolphin Divers Member of the Year. The winner will be announced at the DDS Christmas Party on December 17th so make sure to get your tickets so you can see firsthand who will receive the honor of being the DDS Member of the Year. All current

Dolphin Diver club members are eligible to participate with one vote per member and a maximum of two votes per family. The winner will receive next year's membership dues waived in addition to the recognition by the club's membership for their commitment to our club. This award is an honor and everyone is encouraged to vote for who you feel has contributed to the success of the club.

Photo Contest: Each current club member can enter up to **TWO** photos. There are three categories for the photo contest: Above Water taken at a club event. Below Water taken at a club event. Open category: any photograph of general interest. Keep in mind that **ALL** photos must have been taken by the member entering them and must have been taken in the last 12 months (since the November 2010 general meeting). All entries need to be at the general meeting November 16th before 7 PM (if you are unable to have your photo in by the deadline, they may be submitted early to a board member). Voting will begin promptly at 7 PM and if your entries are not there, some people may have already voted and you may miss your opportunity.

All pictures are displayed anonymously so please make sure your name is on the back of the photo. Photos must be printed on either 8x10 or 10x12 paper only. There will be no framed photos accepted this year. It is preferred that all photos be mounted on foam board. So go ahead and get started sorting through those photos that you have taken over the past year and get them ready for the Photo Contest of the year!!!

~**Marlyn Sepulveda**

-Thanksgiving-

As in years past, I was able to secure a block of 8 sites in the "C" row for our club. We already have 4 families (us included) confirmed for Thanksgiving Day and another 4 that have indicated that they plan on getting there the day after Thanksgiving. So we'll have a nice little turnout, regardless. (Weather permitting, I will be arriving at Albion as early as Monday, November 21).

The campground map (sent in previous email) shows the block of sites they are holding for us. The sites are C11, C12, C13, & C14, C31, C32, C33, and C34. These sites are being held under the "Dolphin Divers" name. Corinne & I have reserved site C11 for ourselves. **You'll each have to make your own reservations as soon as possible.** We'll have power

and water at each site, so the cost will be \$35/night with the first night deposit due with your reservation. Please note the cancellation policies on the website. The campground is holding our block of sites through the end of this month (September), after which they will open up any unclaimed sites back for general reservations by anyone. Understanding that several of you have indicated your participation being weather dependant - something totally understandable, given some of the rains we've had in the past - I doubt that you'll have any problems making last-minute reservations based on how empty (or full) the campground has been at past Thanksgiving events. But just like in life, there are no guarantees.... Again, for our block of sites, it's "first-come-first serve" - **you need to call the campground and make your own reservation.** You can also make r e s e r v a t i o n s o n - l i n e (www.albionrivercampground.com), though I don't know if the on-line system will show our block of sites as already booked. Please let me know once you've made your reservation so that I can keep a list of everyone attending for coordination purposes.

As we get closer to the event, I'll be coordinating some of the event details, including the Thanksgiving menu with everyone that's indicated their plan to attend. In years past, we've had an incredible Thanksgiving feast, including deep-fried or bbq'd turkey, ham, incredible desserts, ... you name it. Abalone season along the Mendocino coast will still be open, so weather permitting, this may be your last chance to bag a limit, including a shot at the "largest abalone" club award for the year. And then there's the "big fish" trophy to gun for as well.

~Corinne & Holger

The 2011 Dolphin Divers Christmas party December 17th

And Ho Ho Ho and A Christmas Party We Shall Go!!!

Sure, you might still be carving pumpkins and making dentist appointments for your kids (or yourself). Yeah, you're probably thinking to yourself, "Hmmmmm, where did I put that turkey decoration I had on the front door last year?"

Well, forget all about those "OTHER" holiday events and concentrate for the next few minutes on the big one... the mother of all holiday events... the crème de la crème... the piece de résistance for the year 2011...

The Dolphin Divers of Sacramento Christmas Party

It's only about a month and a half away and tickets are on sale **RIGHT NOW!!!**

For those of you who attended the Crab Feed this year, the Labor Day Weekend at Ocean Cove, the abalone opener and reopener events, remember how much fun you had... well this is even **BETTER** than all of them **PUT TOGETHER!!!** For the low, low, low (how low can you go) price of just **\$32.50 per person**, you'll get hosted hors d' oeuvres, a sumptuous buffet, a chance to win a plethora of magnificent raffle prizes, and a **WHOLE LOTTA MUSIC & DANCING!!!** Not to mention the Awards Ceremony where we'll be announcing the winner of the Big Abalone and Big Fish Contest, the Photo Contest, and of course, the coveted "Member of the Year Award."

Once again, the Christmas party will be held at the luxurious Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge and the date for this year's party is

Saturday December 17, 2011

The party starts at 6:00pm and goes till midnight -- **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!!!**

You must purchase tickets in advance (the cut-off date is December 7, but don't wait or tickets might be sold out) and this can be done one of two ways:

- 1) Either bring a check made out to **Dolphin Divers of Sacramento** to the next Dolphin Diver General Meeting at Round Table Pizza on November 16; or
- 2) Mail a check made out to **Dolphin Divers of Sacramento** to the following address:

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

For more information, please feel free to contact Marlyn Sepulveda at (916) 768-0189 or Steve Volpicelli at (916) 765-5560... and we'll be more than happy to tell you what a **FANTASTIC TIME** you'll have at the party!!!

Warmest Regards,

Steve DJ Little Fox Mix-A-Lot Volpicelli

Mark your calendars:

*Point Lobos in
January -*

**Point Lobos
January 14**

**Make reservations
on November 14!**

Don't forget to stay up late on Sunday, November 13, to

make a dive team reservation just after midnight, for the Underwater Park at Point Lobos State Park, in Carmel, on Saturday, January 14. 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> or call Kristina Rosado, Dive Reservations Coordinator, at the Dive Line: 831-624-8413

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.

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.

All SCUBA divers must have a device capable of maintaining positive buoyancy.

Divers and boats may enter or exit the water only at the access ramp at Whalers Cove parking lot.

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.

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.

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.

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, royaks 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 14. I'll send a reminder to the Yahoo Group just before the reservations are due.

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

- Easter Egg Hunt 2012 -

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

Park Hotel is located) has 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



again, at the Crazy Restaurant. Bay (where Crazy Horse offered us group



- Channel Islands 2012 -

Our annual Channel Islands dive trip on the Conception for 4 days starts Saturday, July 21, 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 22 at Catalina Island. After 4 days of diving we'll head for home on Wednesday, July 25. 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, jmillard@aol.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. 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.dolphinsscuba.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

Renee Viehmann has the following for sale, contact renee@reneerox.com or (916) 837-4973

- West Marine Portable Cabin Heater \$25
- 1 small boat anchors. \$10 each

Chris Anthon has the following for sale, contact (916) 799-9468 or chris@advancednetworkcomputing.com

- Typhoon II Fins sz XL, used once \$40

Wayne or Karen 916 9720437:

- Light & Motion Mako Housing with Sony PC120 Digital Video Camera with monitor back. Strobes included. I have all manuals for housing and video camera. The video camera is a Sony PC120BT. Also included: A large pelican case #1650 (about 2 1/2 feet by 1 1/2 feet) three belts for weights, a console cover, two regulator hangers and one B.C. hanger, 2 B.C. (one large mens and one ladies medium), two dive gear bags. \$850 for everything.

2011 Trophy Corner

Big AB: Minh 8.29 inches, taken at the Ab Opener event

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



DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

November

- 2nd: Board Meeting, location Minh Nguyen
- 5th: Salmon Snorkle contact—Craig Brookey
- 11th—13th: Veterans Day Event (Ft. Bragg) contact—Richard Sears
- 16th: General Meeting, location Round Table Pizza—Madison/Greenback - PHOTO CONTEST and MEMBER OF THE YEAR
- 24th—27th: Thanksgiving (Albion) contact— Holger & Corinne Fuerst

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—Madison/Greenback

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