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President's Message

Dolphin Divers!

Welcome to 2012! Yes, it is a brand new year. Pt. Lobos in a few weeks, followed by President's Day weekend and then the Easter Egg Dive. Abalone season opens in just 3 months! Lots of fun and exciting events for you to take advantage of. Perhaps it is time to start that exercise program. Get your hand out of the popcorn bowl, get off the couch and go for a walk...or a run...or a swim. Get your equipment in for any repairs or annual inspections that are needed. Standing on the beach at Monterey is not the time to change a leaking high pressure hose or changing your decom meter batteries. Take some time now to have a better dive at your favorite location.

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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:

January 4: Marlyn Sepulveda
(916) 768-0189

February 1: Brad Freelove
(916) 879-3853

March 7: Sandee Smith
(916) 927-0358

Dolphin Birthday Club

Al Couch 1-Jan
Bill Holman 7-Jan
Virgilio Manganaan 9-Jan
Cameron Freelove 10-Jan
David Whiteside 12-Jan
Jack Millard 15-Jan
Dale Lewis 18-Jan
Kim Taylor 31-Jan

2011 closed with a terrific holiday party presented by Steve Volpicelli and Marlyn Sepulveda. Some good food and drinks followed by Steve and Jamie presenting some great music and dancing created a lot of super fun for all attending. Your Board of Directors is already planning next year's event. Yes, we need to start now to have that holiday party. A few days after the party, about a dozen of us showed up at the Christmas Promise event that Corinne Fuerst and Margie Tomenko put together. For 3 hours we wrapped presents for many needy families. Lots of bad jokes, poorly wrapped presents, and a ton of laughter made the time fly by.

As 2011 takes its last breath, the entire Board of Directors wishes you a great new year. One that is filled with fun and excitement and many great dives. See you at the next club meeting and have a fantastic 2012!

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

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@reneerox.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!

Abalone Punch Card Alert!

If you have not yet done so, please send in your abalone punch card to the California Dept. of Fish and Game. You were supposed to have mailed in the card by now but a little late probably won't get you into too much trouble. J Yes, I know that it is a pain in the rear.....but do it anyway.

Brad

Think Safety!

First Aid, CPR, AED, Oxygen Course

Keeping current with dive skills training, is essential to safe diving. Equally as important is the need to keep current with First Aid, CPR, AED usage and Oxygen administration. If it has been longer than two years since your last certification, you need to be recertified for these vital rescue skills. Toward this end, the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento has set up training on February 25th and 26th (Sat. and Sun.)

If 20 + persons sign up, the cost is \$80 for all four modules. If only 10 persons sign up, the cost increases to \$100 per person. There are additional costs of \$20 per person for the First Aid, CPR, and AED books and certification card, and \$20 for the Oxygen book and card. A \$20 video for the First Aid / CPR portions of the class must be purchased, but can be shared among class members. The classes will be held at the Dolphin SCUBA Center on El Camino Ave. So, if we get 20+ students the cost is \$120 per student plus the shared cost of the \$20 First Aid/CPR video.

Please consider taking this training. If you use these skills only once in your lifetime, the classes will be well worth it. The life you save may be that of a close friend or loved one. Please let me know ASAP if you will be signing up.

Safety Officer
Ken Takata

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Past Events

Christmas Promise

Hello Scuba Elves,

The Christmas Promise is an organization that sends "Santa Claus" to approximately 250 families. Each year teachers, church organizations, and social workers forward "letters to Santa" from disadvantaged children. Christmas Promise fulfills the wishes of these children by sending Santa to the home of the children on Christmas Eve. How can you help the Christmas Promise reach their goal? Donate money or volunteer to be a Santa or an Elf on Christmas Eve. They are also constantly looking for donations of new clothing articles, blankets, sleeping bags, wrapping paper, tape, toys, etc., and of course for Elves willing to give up a few hours of their time each Christmas Season to wrap all those gifts.

With that said, a special "Thank You" goes out to the following individuals who descended onto Santa's Workshop just off Hwy 50 on December 21st, 2011 from 6 until 9 PM to help wrap presents for the Christmas Promise: Brooke Hudson, Pam & Conner Carlson, Ken Takata, Brad Frelove, Margie Tomenko, Joe & Carol Herrlie, Tom Mischley, and Tracy Clark and her friend Denise.

Hope to see you all again next year.

~ Corinne

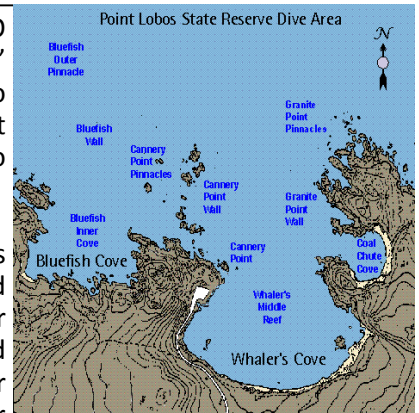
Upcoming Events

Point Lobos dive, January 14

We managed to snag 13 of the 15 dive team spaces for Point Lobos on Saturday, January 8. As I write this all of the spaces are filled, but there is only one member on a stand-by list. I will also be diving Point Lobos on Friday, January 13, but no reservations should be necessary. If you want to join me on Friday just show up at the park entrance at 8:00. If you wanted to go but were unable to make your own reservations Send me an e-mail at: jbmillard@aol.com or call me at 916-987-1303. If you have a reservation for Saturday it is IMPORTANT that you are there because if the team leader is not there the buddy cannot dive, either.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR "C" CARD! You have to show it at the Point Lobos park gate to dive.

Point Lobos gates open at 8:00 AM and close 1/2 hour after sunset. You should bring something for lunch and all of your tanks for the day – the nearest dive shop for fills is in Monterey and there won't be time to fill tanks between dives. I plan on making 2 dives.



After we finish diving Saturday, and get cleaned up in our rooms, we'll meet at El Torito's Restaurant, on Cannery Row, for dinner and to celebrate my birthday. Jack

President's Day, Lawson's Landing

Feb 18th – Feb 20th 2012

Contact Fred & Lisa Knoles 916-944-7716

Or email: fknoles@sbcglobal.net

Lisa and I want to remind you to put the President's Day weekend on your calendar. It's coming up in less than two months. We're looking forward to the usual beach walking, dune climbing, kite flying, good food and visiting with good friends. There's also a good clam tide in the afternoon on Sat.

Big Camping Changes:

Lawson's is in the process of laying out the main camping area. It sounds like sites are going to be more defined in the future. For now, it looks like camping is confined to the area near the sea wall. I was told there would be more information available on Jan 13. I'll post an update on our group message board. I was also told we should **MAKE RESERVATIONS STARTING JAN 1!!!** Go to their web site at lawsonslanding.com and follow the prompts. I'm not sure what difference it makes, but they said to let them know you were with the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento. Contact me if you have questions.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 24



Our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey will be on Saturday, March 24th. As always we'll have lots of GREAT prizes, one for every egg and some for our raffle too! The hunt area will be at the west end of San Carlos Beach, opposite the breakwater and down the stairs from the restrooms. Everyone will need to be on the beach between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. to sign in and receive a dive orientation. The area of the hunt will be cordoned off underwater with yellow rope and there will be floats on the surface marking the area from above. Boats may be moored outside of the hunt area BUT ALL contestants must remain ON THE SURFACE until the whistle is blown. At 10:00 sharp I'll blow a whistle to signal the start of the event, at which time you should descend. If you are floating over the hunt area and descend when I blow the whistle you are almost assured of finding an egg. If you have not yet reached the hunt area when the whistle is blown the easy ones will be already found and you will have to work much harder to find them. There will be extra weights and a safety diver in my boat, anchored in the center of the area. We will have children's activities organized on the beach while parents are searching for their eggs underwater. If you, or someone that you know, would be willing to help with the children's activities please let me know.



Prizes for the adults and children will be awarded at the evening buffet and awards ceremony at Crazy Horse Restaurant, located above the Bay Park Hotel, near Hwy 101 & Munras Avenue. The menu selections will be the same as

last year with tri-tip, halibut, hot vegetables, soft drinks, the Crazy Horse signature salad bar, and even Chocolate mousse for desert. Social hour will start at 5:00 followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the prize presentations immediately after dinner. Be sure to bring money for some **GREAT** raffle prizes! Please see the flier for more information and to sign up. I will post the sign-up form on our web site and send a map and directions in an e-mail to everyone who has signed up for this event. If you do not have access to the internet, or a printer, the forms will also be available at the January, February and March general

meetings.

There are many motels and campgrounds in the area. Here are a few contact numbers for some places to stay:

BAY PARK HOTEL (ask for our discount) 800-338-3564

LAGUNA SECA CAMPGROUND 831-758-3604

CYPRUS TREE INN MOTEL & RV 831-372-7586

LONE OAK MOTEL 831-372-4924

TRAVELODGE 831-373-3381

For more info call Easter Bunny Jack Millard at (916) 987-1303, or by e-mail at jbmillard@aol.com

Channel Islands 2012



There are still 8 spaces left on our 2012 Channel Islands dive trip on the Conception. This trip 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. We offer this trip at a substantial discount to the list prices, with a member cost of only \$625.00. This annual trip is our biggest fun(d) raiser for the year and an excellent time for great diving and to get to know all your Dolphin buddies a little better. The diving is limited only by your dive tables and how much you want to dive. If you are a new diver this is probably the best way for you to hone your skills while diving with your more experienced club buddies. The scenery along the islands is so beautiful we often are joined by non-diving family members. The crew takes excellent care of us and it is unbelievable how good the food is coming from the tiny galley.

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". When you sign up I'll also send you information about the specifics of the trip and what you can expect. You can check the club website for previous trip reports in our archived Bubbles.

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

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.dolphinclub.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

- Maui time share, Paki Maui(look up at PakiMaui.com) is Available April 16 to the 23rd for my yearly dues of \$600.00. Fifty feet from the Ocean. 3 miles from Lahina. One bedroom sleeps a max of 3. Call Dave W. for more details at 916-730.8282.

2012 Trophy Corner

New year, new chance to win!!

[Big AB:](#)

[Big Fish:](#)



DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

2012

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—contact Fred Knoles

March

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

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