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President's Message

Greetings

It's that time again. This month I will try to be more careful when proofing this edition. The last one cost me \$25 but I think it was well worth it since I got a lot of you to actually read the issue. I don't know about you but January was a busy month for me, moving my business just next door, but it's just about finished thanks to the assistance of my good buddy Brad. Next is a trip to Cozumel for Carnival and Diving with some of my other good buddies. February is 2016 Membership Drive Month so be sure to mail those applications in and also consider to be a part of the planning crew (Board of Directors). It is a great way to support your club and get to know the members better. Nominations and Voting is coming right up. If you are a relatively new member the best way to get acquainted and find some dive buddies is to attend the Monthly General Meetings. Don't be shy we don't bite. Work the room and talk to folks and before you know it you'll have lots of friends. In closing I invite you to contact myself or any other board member if you have any suggestions or ideas to make our club even more fun.
~CB

Meetings

Board meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at a Board Member's 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:

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING CANCELLED

Next Board Meeting will be March 2nd
Location will be announced at the February General Meeting, in the March issue of Current Bubbles and the Yahoo Group E Mail.

General Meetings 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 916-989-1133 to order in advance, be sure to ask for the Dolphin Dive Club Discount.

DOLPHIN BIRTHDAY CLUB

Mitch Evensen	3rd
Maggie Kunkel	16th
Carmen Young	16th
Ileshia Knigge	17 th

Happy Belated Birthday to Tom Hammett

PAST EVENT

Thanksgiving 2015 – Small group, BIG fun!

By the time Holger and I arrived at Casini Ranch on Wednesday afternoon, Renee Viehmann and the Campbells were already fully set up and ready to enjoy the evening. A camp fire was soon lit to warm up the evening.

Thursday AM, we all woke up to a very cold morning! The grass as well as the picnic tables, benches, etc. were covered with a light layer of frost. Thankfully, things warmed up nicely once the sun showed up.

Renee, Marylin, and I decided that we should have our annual DDS Turkey Day Trot before starting the day's activities. We ran 4 miles with dogs Roxy and Biju in tow while Steve and Marylin rode their bicycles. Around 1 PM, we all enjoyed some hors d'oeuvres and were joined by Mitch & his wife Marie. They drove up from Napa for the day. The campground started filling with smells of Turkey, ham, pies, side dishes, etc. Everywhere in the campground people were either eating or cooking and having a jovial time! As is tradition at Casini, those who wanted to join in and jump on could be taken on a hay-ride through the campground – one of these days I am going to make it a point to join in!! At about 4 PM Meredith Meschini and Tom Mischley joined us as well. They drove up from Sacramento and were staying at a hotel in Bodega Bay. We all enjoyed the homemade butternut squash soup that Meredith made as a prelude to the turkey dinner.

Finally the moment was here... at about 6 PM we had the turkey, ham, salads, and side dishes for a table of 9. Dinner was enjoyed by all of us and there was lots of laughter and chatter at the dinner table. After dinner Mitch and his wife went back home while Tom & Meredith packed up to check into their hotel for the night. I understand that Meredith earned her "Coastal Badge" on the way to the hotel. With her car, she hit a deer – or was it the deer that hit her car? Thankfully neither deer, nor car passengers were hurt. All that was visible was a minor dent with some deer hair stuck in it.

More hors d'oeuvres were to be had throughout the week-end. Friday night was soup night... we made split pea soup and turkey noodle soup from scratch, and still had some leftover butternut squash soup - It was a very yummy soup dinner. Saturday night was potluck leftover night... needless to say, nobody went home hungry and we managed to eat most everything that we brought. We also kept up our walking, running, and bicycling workouts so as not to gain too many pounds from the week-end.

On Sunday AM, the coldest morning yet, we woke up to frozen pipes and some cool "ice art". And alas, it was time to pack and head back home. A good time was had by all and who knows; maybe we will end up at Casini Ranch for Thanksgiving again next year. Thanks for the memories, ~ *Corinne & Holger, Steve & Marylin*

FUTURE EVENTS

President's Day 2016

February 12th thru February 15th at Casini Ranch

President's Day Weekend (Friday the 12th to Monday the 15th) will be at Casini Ranch located on the beautiful Russian River.

Fred and I will be making our reservations shortly and will post on the dolphin divers digest what site we have so you can call and make your reservations for the sites around us. If you want to email me at lisaknoles@sbcglobal.net that you are interested in attending. I will send you a direct email as soon as we have our reservations so you can make yours.

We will plan on the usual for the weekend. Please plan on sharing hors d'oeuvres both Saturday and Sunday in the early afternoon. Currently, the plan is to head into Bodega Bay (the Tides) Saturday morning to purchase oysters - so bring those dollar bills (last year they were about \$1.25/oyster) as well as a variety of yummy dipping sauces for the raw and BBQ'd oysters.

We will have our potluck dinner either Saturday or Sunday night. (Since Sunday is Valentine's Day I wasn't sure if some would like to do something with their spouse/significant other and have the potluck on Saturday...we can go with the consensus of the group). I will be making the traditional clam chowder to contribute to that night's potluck dinner; please plan on bringing your own favorite dish for that night's potluck. It is always a fun and relaxing weekend and we look forward to spending time with those of you who can join us. If you need any additional information, please visit Casini's website at: <http://www.casiniranch.com/index.php>

~ Lisa Knoles

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 19



Our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey will be on Saturday, March 19. 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! 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 800-338-3564

LAGUNA SECA CAMPGROUND 831-758-3604

CYPRESS 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 2016

There are a few spaces left on our 2016 Channel Islands



dive trip on the Conception. This trip will again be for 4 days from Sunday, July 24 to Wednesday, July 27. IF the warm El Nino waters are still around we will

go north to San Miguel Island, then work our way south along Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands. This will be in areas we have not dove for a long time because the water is usually cold.

Our 2015 trip to Catalina found little kelp because the water was too warm (not Hawaii warm, but close). If the El Nino breaks down and the water cools we will



head back to Catalina for the warmer water. Hunters should be happier in the northern islands, but this is a trip for everyone so we will go where the conditions are best for general diving.

Member cost is still 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. Bottom time is limited only by your nitrogen loading and how many times 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 are often 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 jbmillard@aol.com, 916-987-1303 Event

Leaders Needed-----

Hello all Dolphin Divers members. A new year has just arrived. Time to plan ahead for some diving. Dolphin Divers has several events that may not take place unless we get someone to lead them. Currently, we are looking for event leaders for the Abalone Reopener, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. If we do not get someone to step up and take an event for the year, the event may be canceled. If you have never lead an event and would like to give it a try, let me know and I will get you started and answer any questions that you might have.

Want to be on the DDS Board?

Want to see how your dive club is managed? Curious about how events are scheduled. Want to meet and get to know members real fast? GET ON THE BOARD! If you are new to the club or feel like you are not getting the most out of your club, get on the Board. The DDS Board is always looking for new faces to help out. Many positions require you do nothing but voice your opinion. Other positions ask that you become more involved. The choice is yours. Run for a Board position. During our February General meeting, there will be a short talk about how the Board works and what you can do to help out. Board elections will be held soon so give it some thought. ~Brad Frelove, Secretary DDS

KNOW YOUR FISH

How well do you know your rock fish? The distinctive feature on this common to occasional rock fish is the dark blotch on the rear gill cover. This Brown Rockfish inhabits hard bottoms and sandy areas, where it lies quietly near rocks, dock pilings, debris and low profile reefs. It is distinguished from the similar Grass Rockfish by its shades of brown and pale coral to tan pectoral and foredorsal fins. This picture was taken at Five Stone Grotto on the north side of Santa Cruz Island on the Dolphin Dive Club 2015 Channel Island trip.

Pam Wade – REEF Fish Counter



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

Garage Sale

FREE TO A GOOD HOME - TWO One piece wet suits 3 ml 1 Size Medium and 1 size Large – Both like new!!
Craig Brookey 952-0322 or CBrookey@sbcglobal.net

WANTED Looking for extra small or child's B/C and possibly regulator for my 11 year old son. Tom Oja 916-797-0880

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.

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

www.dolphinclub.com

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

www.fisheyescuba.com

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

www.scubaworld.com

