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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Everyone

What a month!! Due to my extremely heavy work schedule, I was unable to make the General Meeting or even the Board Meeting in November, for which I apologize I really appreciate all the back up I received from VP Stacy and the many others who have covered my backside during this time. Thank you all!

The end of each year is always a good time to look back at all the fun DDS events we have had during the year with our club and plan ahead for even more fun next year. If you have never lead an event then please give that idea some thought. Every event takes the cooperation of many members and you will find there will always be helpful hands and minds just waiting for an opportunity to pitch in and help you. You can easily get pointers from those folks who have been event leaders in the past. TRY it – You will find that it is a very rewarding experience.

I hope you are planning to attend the Annual Dolphin Divers of Sacramento

Christmas Party on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge in Rancho Cordova. It looks like Minh and Stacy have everything well under control and this promises to be a Super Fun Time. Kim and I hope to see you all there.

Until then, RELAX it is just a dive club...

dive often, and dive safe!!! ~ **Bob Taylor, President**

## ~ MEETINGS ~

The starting time for General Meetings and Board Meetings is 7:30 pm. Members are welcome to attend all meetings. General Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Round Table Pizza, Greenback & Madison. Ask for Dive Club discount (call 916- 989-1133 to order in advance).

**BOARD MEETINGS** are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month. **ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS!** The next board meeting will be held on **December 3rd** at the World Famous "Casa Volpicelli" Please Call: **(916) 765-5560** for Reservations and Directions

## ~DOLPHIN BIRTHDAY CLUB~

Ronald Burns 12/31

Kristin Green 12/3

Mark Hoigaard 12/18

John Meyer 12/25

Bob Taylor 12/12

Dave Ford 12/24

Ryan Green 12/26

Stephanie Knigge 12/5

Richard Sears 12/6

Richard Viehmann 12/18

**Happy Birthday to you all!!**

[www.dolphindivers.org](http://www.dolphindivers.org)

# ~ CLUB NEWS ~

## NOVEMBER Meeting Guest

There was no Guest Speaker at the November Meeting because during that time there was voting for the Photo Contest and Member of the Year. Thank you to Marlyn Sepulveda who organized the photos and collected all the ballots. Ballots are to be counted and the results to be stored in a tightly sealed Mason jar until the Christmas Party on December 13<sup>th</sup> when it will be opened and we will all find out who the big winners are.

## Split the Pot

The November meeting "Split the Pot" raffle ticket sales brought in \$128 which was split with Dave Phillips who banked \$64 and the other half went to Christmas Promise which is a very worthy cause that has been supported by the Dolphin Divers through their yearly volunteer efforts under the brilliant leadership of Ms Corrine Fuerst.

## 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 Sandi Stemple with information. "Sandi Sunshine" [sandibeatles@yahoo.com](mailto:sandibeatles@yahoo.com) By the way, Sandi is also the one who sends those DDS Birthday Greetings every month. Thank You Sandi, we greatly appreciate all your efforts.

## PAST EVENTS

**Veteran's Day** - The Veteran's Day Trip was canceled.

### **Randy Fry Memorial Tournament**

Well, due to high winds everyone stayed home, except for myself and a past member. Actually the winds died down, broke away a lot of this years "Killer Kelp", and there were some real calm seas and clear water. I took second place in the Abalone Division with a 9.32 inch Abalone. Since there were not 3 members present, this Abalone cannot be used in our Club's Big Ab of the year. Just the experience of associating with divers from CENCAL, SCAN and the RFA was quite a learning experience! The Raffle and Silent Auction were very worthwhile as well. This has become an annual event in memory of Randy Fry who was a member of our Club. I definitely will promote this event again in 2009. ~Richard Sears

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Christmas Promise 2008**

Contact: Corinne & Holger Fuerst (916) 387-9980

We are scheduled to wrap presents on December 10, 2008 between the hours of 6:30 and 9:00 PM Just like last year, the "North Pole Workshop" is located at 9560 Micron Drive - Door #11 (behind 24-Hour Fitness of Bradshaw Road). So far, we have 10 people who are volunteering their time on that evening for this worthy cause. Please join us. You may also contact the Christmas Promise directly at (916) 486-3803. Thank you, ~Corinne & Holger

### **Safety Officer's Message**

As we approach the holidays and another year's end, scuba diving, like life, tends to slow down a bit for most of us. Our focus invariably shifts a bit more towards friends and family as we start to reflect back on the year. But this is also the time to plan ahead! Vacation plans for those dive trips to far away places need to be scheduled way in advance. After a full year's worth of diving, the holidays are also an ideal time to have your dive equipment serviced.

What about your personal diving skills? Did they serve you well this past year? If you haven't been diving very much or for any length of time, consider additional diving lessons and higher certification levels to improve your own skill set. Not only will you be able to start off next year with improved dive skills, but there actually very good diving to be had in the winter months! And you don't need to travel to tropical locals to enjoy good under water visibility, incredible fish and coral life, as well as generally good weather. In California, it is not uncommon to experience downright balmy coastal weather and beautiful ocean conditions between the occasional storms. Could you imagine having almost 80 degrees in Monterey in the middle of November? Well, we did. I also fondly remember dives in Monterey or at the North Coast in December and January when the under water visibility exceeded 40, 50, or more feet! With a little bit of internet research it's not that difficult to watch the weather and marine conditions forecasts for just the perfect conditions. If you are prepared to consider diving this winter, chances are that it will actually happen! Need a dive buddy? To post your intent, try using our Yahoo! groups bulletin board at [dolphindivers\\_sac@yahoogroups.com](mailto:dolphindivers_sac@yahoogroups.com) Other club members may have similar desires to go diving and would love to jump at the opportunity. Last, but not least, I hope that the holiday season finds you well no matter what your plans. Be safe! ~Holger

### **DDS Annual Christmas Party 2008**

Contact: Stacy & Minh Nguyen 530-757-7411

OK All you "Party Animals" It's time for our 2008 Dolphin Divers Christmas Party. Please join us on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge in Rancho Cordova. We will have a "No Host Social Hour" starting at 6, to be followed by a Delicious Buffet Dinner, Awards Presentations including, Best Photos, Big Abalone and Fish of the year, Raffle Prizes and Dancing to DJ Music till 12. DDS Member of the Year will also be announced during the evening's events. The cost this year will be \$30 per person. Deadline for signups is December 1<sup>st</sup>. There is Flyer and more information on the website at [www.dolphindivers.org](http://www.dolphindivers.org) Be there! You don't want to miss out on all the fun.

~Stacy & Minh

## ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S DAY - LAWSON'S LANDING

February 14-16 2009

Contact: Fred & Lisa Knoles (916) 944-7716

Even though President's Day seems like a long way off, Lisa and I are starting to make plans for our yearly trip to Lawson's Landing at Dillon Beach. There will be beach combing, dune climbing, kite flying and oyster barbecuing. Unfortunately, Seal Island won't show itself while we're there so we won't be able to go in search of the illusive gaper clams. We will still have a pot of clam chowder to go along with all of the other great potluck faire that Dolphin Divers are famous for. If you want information about Lawson's Landing there's lots to be found at: [www.lawsonslanding.com](http://www.lawsonslanding.com) More specifics will be in the January Bubbles. If you have questions before then, give us a call or email me at [fknoles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fknoles@sbcglobal.net). ~ Fred and Lisa

## Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

Event location: Monterey Breakwater

Awards Ceremony: Bay Park Hotel

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2009

Contact: Jack (Rabbit) Millard 916-987-1303



We have scheduled our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey for Saturday, March 14th at the west end of San Carlos Beach, opposite the breakwater. We will all meet on the beach between 9:00 and 9:45 a.m. for everyone to sign in and receive a dive orientation. The area of the hunt will be cordoned off underwater, in depths between 8 and 20 feet, with yellow rope and there will be

floats on the surface marking the area from above. While you are gearing up on the beach some Dolphin Easter Bunnies will be busy hiding eggs under rocks and in the kelp. 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 we will blow a whistle to signal the start of the event at which time you may descend. In order to give everyone a fair chance to find an egg, only 2 (TWO) eggs may be found during the first 5 minutes after which the whistle will be blown again and you may collect as many as you can find. 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. Prizes for the adults and children will be awarded at the evening buffet and awards ceremony. Our dinner and awards ceremony will be held again at Crazy Horse Restaurant, by the Bay Park Hotel. Social hour will start at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Prizes will be issued after dinner. Be sure to bring money for some GREAT raffle prizes! There are many motels and campgrounds in the area. Stacy Nguyen negotiated some great room rates with the Bay Park Hotel so call them and ask for the "Dolphin Group Rate".

1425 Munras Ave., Monterey, CA 93940

Phone number is: 831-649-1020

Reservations : 800-338-3564 or [www.bayparkhotel.com](http://www.bayparkhotel.com)

Here are a few contact numbers for some other places to stay in Monterey:

LAGUNA SECA CAMPGROUND 831-758-3604

CYPRUS TREE INN MOTEL & RV

831-372-7586 [www.cypressreinn.com](http://www.cypressreinn.com)

LONE OAK MOTEL 831-372-4924

TRAVELODGE 831-373-3381

Look for the signup forms in the January Bubbles.

For more info call Easter bunny Jack Millard at (916) 987-1303, or by e-mail at [jbmillard@aol.com](mailto:jbmillard@aol.com). ~Jack

## CHANNEL ISLANDS July 2009

### ~ Conception ~

Our club 4 day dive charter on the **Conception** is full and I have started a waiting list. If you have not signed up for the **Conception**, but want to join us, please let me know so that I can add you to the waiting list. Every year there have been late cancellations and most of the divers on the waiting list have been able to go. The **Conception** will be departing Sea Landing, in Santa Barbara, late Saturday night, July 25, and we board that evening at about 8:00. We will be heading south to dive Catalina Island. On previous trips we have enjoyed water temperatures close to 70 degrees and visibility approaching 80 feet!

### ~ Truth ~

Because of the popularity of this trip I have also booked a charter on the **Conception's** sister boat, the **Truth**, to run immediately before our **Conception** trip. I am inviting all interested divers to join us, regardless of club affiliation. This is a 3 day charter departing Sea Landing Harbor, in Santa Barbara, early Thursday morning, July 23, and returning on Saturday, July 25 (the same day we board the **Conception**). Several members have signed up for both trips for 7 days of diving! Our goal on the **Truth** is to dive on San Miguel Island on Thursday and Friday. We will also dive at least one of the other islands closer to Santa Barbara harbor on Saturday. San Miguel is the furthest north of all the islands and we are likely to find the most pristine conditions there. Because it is so far north the water is similar in temperature to Monterey. It is also the island most subject to ocean swells and wind so diving here will be conditions based. When we are not diving San Miguel we will be on either Santa Cruz or Santa Rosa islands. If you are a hunter of fish or scallops this is the trip for you (sorry, this will not be lobster season)! If you are not a hunter you will still enjoy the diving and the comradery of all your diving friends. The cost for the **Truth** is \$425.00 per diver and I need either a deposit of \$200.00, or a full payoff to select a berth (berth assignments on either boat will only be made when your space is paid off). Full payment must be made for this trip by June 1 and full payment for the **Conception** is due by July 1. Refunds for cancellations on the **Truth** will only be made if someone else takes your spot. Refunds for cancellations on the **Conception** will be made until July 1. After July 1 **Conception** refunds will only be made if the berth is filled with another diver. The "Truth" is not a dive club charter so please make your checks out to me and mail them to my home. There are already 19 divers signed up for the **Truth**. The goal is to depart with 26 divers (The **Truth** can accommodate 30 but I want to have extra room for everyone so I am not trying to fill the boat). For more information please check the Truth Aquatics website and/or contact me.

<http://www.truthaquatics.com/truth.htm>

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## ~ GARAGE SALE ~

### FOR SALE

**Pony Bottle** with regulator Aqualung Titan LX with pressure gauge. Set up with sling and/or X bracket all inclusive. Last service 5-08. Cost combined over \$500.00 - Like new - Sell \$275.00 Call **Steve Anderson** - M-(916) 798-6693 or Work (916) 483-7321

### Have anything to **SELL – TRADE – GIVE AWAY?**

You can advertise **FREE** in the Bubbles. Just e mail the editor [cbrooke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbrooke@sbcglobal.net) 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 Gear, Camera Equipment, Boats, Motors, Camping Gear, Etc.

## DONATE BLOOD & SAVE LIVES

WHEN YOU DONATE BLOOD TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF DOLPHIN DIVE CLUB. THEY WILL CREDIT YOUR DONATION TO OUR ACCOUNT (#3412) AND BENEFIT OTHER MEMBERS WHEN THEY NEED BLOOD.

–CALL **1- 866-822-5663**

## -2008 TROPHY CORNER-

**BIG FISH:** Steve" Captain Ahab" Volpicelli 1.48 lbs

**BIG AB:** Tim "The Terminator" Berger 9.294"

**Small Ab:** Bob "Big Boy" Taylor 7.217" Woo Woo!!

## **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.

\* **Diver's Cove** (916) 984-6185 [www.diverscove.net](http://www.diverscove.net)

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

\* **Dolphin Scuba Center of Stockton** (209) 476-8188

[www.dolphinsscuba.com](http://www.dolphinsscuba.com)

\* **Elk Grove Dive Shop** (916) 686-1122

[www.elkgrovedive.com](http://www.elkgrovedive.com)

\* **Fish Eye Scuba** (916) 850-1145 [www.fisheyescluba.com](http://www.fisheyescluba.com)

**Sport Chalet** [www.sportchalet.com](http://www.sportchalet.com)

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