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CURRENT BUBBLES

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President's Message

Fellow Dolphin Divers,

Congratulations to all 22 newly certified DAN O2 providers that took the class that our Safety Officer, Karin Brookey set up at Dolphin last month. Expanding your skills is the hallmark of a responsible diver...

February is a great time to dive off the central coast when the conditions are right. Its also the right month to join Fred and Lisa down at Lawson's Landing over Presidents Day weekend for some good old Dolphin Diver Family Fun. The Easter Egg Hunt is right around the corner in March, so get your plans made, because trust me, you don't want to miss Jack's bunny dance at the dinner...

February's a great month to have your gear checked, too. Pretty soon the weather will be

drawing you to that next diving destination. You want your gear ready when you are...

Dive Often, Dive Safely,
Dana Carlson

~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.

This month's board meeting will be held on February 2nd, and is hosted by Sandee Smith. Please call for directions.

February 2nd: Sandee Smith

916-927-0358

March 2nd: Brad Frelove

916-879-3853

April 6th: Carmen Young

530-662-0355

May 4th: Jack Millard

916-987-1303

Dolphin Birthday Club

2/6- Forrest Horner

2/16- Carmen Young

2/17- Ileshia Knigge

2/20 Lynn Takata

Sunshine Committee

If you know of a club member in need of some sunshine, please contact our sunshine committee chair, Meridee Green at (916) 722-7665 or lmgreen@comcast.net

\$plit the Pot

January Split the Pot proceeds went to SCAN, Sonoma County Abalone Network. From their "purpose" page: **SCAN works for the wise management of the abalone resource throughout California, works with law enforcement to curb poaching, and protects divers rights to fish a healthy sustainable resource.**

Think Safety!

Guest columnist—
Brooke Hudson

Using your compass

For beginning divers, it is very important to learn to use your compass on your own. You do not want to just blindly "follow" your buddy or other divers, assuming they know where they are, as they may not. It is best to agree on a direction with your buddy when you do your dive plan. One person may be leading, but the follower should be confident that they are on the agreed course, and both people know, in general, where they are in relationship to the boat or exit point. If changes are necessary, some communication can take place underwater.

The floating arrow on your compass will always point to magnetic north when you hold your compass flat. The "lubber line" is the fixed line on the compass glass that is in line with the direction you are going. When you hold your compass flat in the proper position, the lubber line stays in line with the swimming position of your body.

On the rotating dial of your compass, there are two small index points on one side, and just one index point opposite of them. Above water, face the direction you have decided to go, making sure the fixed lubber line is pointing that way. You may be headed toward a large rock or wall that is nearby, or



toward the shore, or against the current. Then turn the rotating dial until the floating North-pointing arrow is pointing right in between the two small points on the rotating dial. If you swim keeping the floating arrow right in between the two small points on the rotating dial, you will be swimming in the direction you planned. When you are ready to return, simply turn yourself around and make sure the floating arrow now points to the one small point on your rotating dial.. You will NOT be turning your dial underwater. .. You turn your body around so the floating arrow then lines up to the single point, and you should be headed back. There are different styles of compasses, so you need to learn yours.



Underwater it is pretty impossible to tell where you are, so trust your compass after you have properly learned to use it. It is good to know what "degree" you are heading, in case the rotating dial accidentally gets moved. There are 360 degrees in a circle, so your return course is 180 degrees (1/2) opposite from when you started. It is simplest to use an "out and back" course, and don't try to do a square or fancy stuff until you can really master a simple course out in one direction, and then back in the opposite direction.. Any current and avoiding obstacles will move you off course, so be aware of that..

Learn and practice the compass with an instructor or another person who knows how, so you make sure you are doing it properly.. If you don't understand, always ask, as your life may depend on it.. Happy Diving!

~Brooke Hudson

Past Events

Point Lobos Dive January 8

We had again booked all of the 15 team spaces to dive Point Lobos on Saturday, January 8th but 5 of the team leaders had to back out, so we only had 10 teams diving. I had made a couple of fun dives on Friday but the swells were forecast to pick up by our Saturday dives so I was a little worried about them.. I should have saved my worries. They did pick

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up some, but they also changed direction so the coves were very protected. Ten foot high swells were washing over the top of the rocks separating Whalers and Blue Fish coves but the insides of both coves were sheltered from them. I made two dives on the west side of Bluefish cove tucked behind the shelter of a huge rocky point that protected us from the swells. Both dives had visibility over 30 feet and there was a LOT to see: clouds of krill (*Euphausia pacifica*), big lingcod, nudibranch crawling over all the rocky faces, rock fish, crabs, shrimp, Cabezone, snails, scallops ... too many to list them all.

After we finished diving we met again at El Torito's for dinner where everyone helped me celebrate my birthday! Everyone had a GREAT weekend!

~Jack Millard

Future Events

President's Day, Lawson's Landing Dillon Beach

Feb 19th – Feb 21st 2011

Contact Fred & Lisa Knoles 916-944-7716

Or email: fknoles@sbcglobal.net

President's Day is almost here. We're looking forward to the usual beach walking, dune climbing, kite flying, good food and visiting with good friends.

Lawson's Landing has a good web site if you want information about camping and other services they have available. (www.lawsonslanding.com) Reservations probably aren't necessary but they can be made on line at their web site.

Please let us know if you'll be joining us and when you might arrive. We want to make sure we save enough room. Lisa and I are leaving here first thing Fri morning. If you are going earlier, let me know so we can talk about camp location. We usually set on the left side of the road, a little way short of the dump station. Look for the Dolphin banner on our 5th wheel.

We'll barbecue oysters Sat afternoon and share appetizers for happy hour. The potluck dinner will be Sun.

Contact us if you have questions. Hope to see you there.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 19

Our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey will be on Saturday, March 19th.

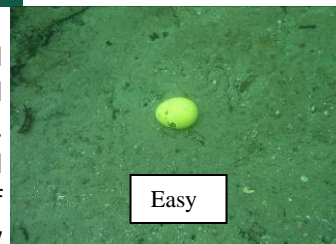
As always we'll have lots of



Waiting to be hidden

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



Easy



Not so easy



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. In order to give everyone a fair chance to find an egg, only 2 (TWO)



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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. 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. Please see the flier,



posted on the web site and available at meetings, for more information and to sign up. I will post a map with directions on our web site and e-mail them to everyone who has signed up for this event. 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! 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
CYPRUS TREE INN MOTEL & RV	831-372-7586
LONE OAK MOTEL	831-372-4924

Abalone Opener

April 1 – 3

Join me and your fellow members for a fun Ab Opener dive weekend at Pomo RV Park in Fort Bragg. I have reserved the spaces at the back of the campground, near the clubhouse. (I'm in space 94) Some of the spaces have hookups for RV's and others are grassy areas for tents. There is a large clubhouse near these sites that we can use for a potluck, or to hang out in if it should rain. There are also many nice motels in Fort Bragg if you prefer not to camp.

Please let me know after you have made a reservation. If you have any questions you can ask me at a meeting, or send them to me at jbmillard@aol.com, **916-955-8017**

To make a reservation you need to call them at **707-964-3373**. Tell them that you want to be near me, **Jack Millard**. If you are a Good Sam RV Club member they also offer a 10% discount. Make your reservation as early as possible and mail them a one night deposit check (NO credit cards) as soon as you have confirmed with them. If they do not receive your deposit they will not hold your space more than a week! Here is a link to Pomo RV park: <http://www.pomorv.com> and their rates:

Full Hookups, include Cable TV.....	\$42
Power/Water, includes Cable TV.....	\$40
Extra Person in RV..16 and over.....	\$5
3 to 15.....	\$3
Tent Sites..2 Persons.....	\$25
Extra Child w/ Parents..16 and over.....	\$5
3 to 15.....	\$3
Non-Family Member.....	\$12.50
Extra Sleeping Unit.. (tent, car, etc.)....	\$25
Pets.....	\$1
50 amp available upon request.....	\$4
Visitor Pass-2 Persons.....	\$5 per car
Booking Fee Cancellation.....	\$10



Squid Dive

May

I've started checking on dive charters to try another squid night dive in Monterey in May. Watch the next Bubbles for more information. It will probably be the first or second weekend in May. Jack



DDS Annual Crab Feed July 16

Back by popular demand, threat and crying, Dolphin Divers will once again host our club crab feed at Rudy's Hideaway. Scheduled for Saturday July 16, 2011 there will be outside dining, drinking, music and dancing. Yes, there will be a raffle! Please put this event on your calendar. More information to follow next month.

Thanks all!
The Crab Feed Committee

Channel Islands July 24-27

Our annual dive charter on the dive boat "Conception" for the end of July is full and there is a short waiting list. If you want to be added to this list please contact Brad Frelove at (916) 682-1695, brad-linda@frontiernet.net. Debby and I will be traveling to Alaska in our motorhome this summer so Brad has offered to take this event over from me. If you are already booked on this trip please change your contact information to him from me. This will be our 22nd consecutive trip with them and I have led every one until now. I LOVE this trip so I'll miss going, but Alaska beckons and it isn't a short drive(-: I expect to drive over 10,000 miles before we return home. Jack

ABC'S OF LEADING AN EVENT

You probably joined Dolphin Dive Club because you wanted to hang out with other divers and benefit from their experiences and friendship. It is very easy to get even more involved and lead an activity yourself, it doesn't even have to be diving. Here are a few simple, EASY, steps:

Decide where you want to go and what you want to do. We are a very active and diverse group and it's usually easy to find other members interested in joining you, whatever you want to do. In the past, in addition to diving, we have gone to shows, skiing, snow shoeing, biking, hiking, dancing, whale watching, wandered through various museums and we've met for dinner at nice restaurants. We're always looking for more fun things to do.

Announce your plans to the other members. You can speak up at a meeting (don't be shy, we're all interested in what you have to say) and either write a short article for the Bubbles or send a message using the Yahoo Newsgroup to tell us what you want to do, where and when to meet you and what you want us to do.

If your activity needs some funding bring it up before the Board of Directors before making extensive plans. The Board is responsible for controlling our costs and balancing our resources with our goal of providing fun activities for everyone.

Organize the activity. Campgrounds, motels, dive reservations, transportation, extra group activities; all of these things can be easily planned by the event leader. After all, you have to do these for yourself if you are going alone so why not ask us to join you? If there will be a potluck or there are extra costs involved for tickets, admissions or (?) just let us know.

There are only a few things an event leader is responsible for at an activity. If there will be any hunting call the Activity Chairperson for the club scales and Abalone gauge, and verify any game that members take. Keep track of game caught by participants for possible entry in our Big Fish and Big Abalone annual contests. HAVE FUN YOURSELF!

After the event PLEASE write an article about what everyone did and submit it to the editors. You will also be asked to present a short talk at the next meeting about the activities.

Still unsure what to do? Just ask any Board member or other Dolphin diver, we want to help!

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.dolphinscuba.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.scubawroldsacto.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.

Just the editor Holly at: holjohnson@gmail.com,

and your ad will appear in the very next issue!!

2011 Trophy Corner

[Big AB: Could be you!](#)

[Big Fish: Could be you!!](#)



DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February

- 2nd: Board meeting Sandee Smith (916) 927-0358
- 16th: General Meeting, Round Table Pizza–
Nominations for board of directors
- 19-21: President's Day– Lawsons Landing.
Fred and Lisa (916) 944-7716

March

- 2nd: Board meeting, Brad Freelove (916) 879-3853
- 16th: General Meeting, Round Table Pizza
- 19th: Underwater Easter Egg Hunt- Monterey,
Jack Millard (916) 987-1303

April

- 1-3: Abalone Opener, Pomo Campground,
Jack Millard (916) 987-1303
- 6th: Board meeting: Carmen Young (530) 662-0355
- 20th: General Meeting, Round Table Pizza-
Elections, FREE PIZZA!!

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