



# CURRENT BUBBLES

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**NEW MEETING TIME!!  
BEGINNING IN JUNE, GEN-  
ERAL MEETINGS WILL  
START AT 7 PM!**

## *~Meetings~*

The July (18th) General meeting will be held at Fair Oaks Park (11549 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA 95628), beginning at 6:30. Bring a side dish to share, and enjoy your board cooking the rest of your dinner!

**General meetings** start at **7:00** 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:

July 11th: Ken Takata  
916-428-8883

## *President's Message*

Hello Dolphin Divers!

July is here, the weather is great and it is full bloom diving and camping season. I wish everyone a safe and exciting 4th of July! Due to the holiday being on a Wednesday the Dolphin Divers board meeting is being moved to Wednesday July 11th at 7 pm. If you interested in attending Ken Takata will be sending out more information as the date gets closer.

This months general meeting on July 18th will be held at Fair Oaks Park. Make sure to bring a side dish to go along with hotdogs and hamburgers. There will also be plenty of drinks available. So come on out to the Picnic in the Park meeting on the third Wednesday with an early start time of 6:30 and make sure to wear your

## *Dolphin Birthday Club*

10-July	Brook Hudson
23-July	Penny Johnson

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favorite and most awesome dive t-shirt for a fun contest.

This month will wrap up with the Channel Islands trip being led by Jack Millard. It's not too late to get on board so if you are interested in a 4 day boat trip, then contact Jack Millard at 916-987-1303 right away.

The summer has been off to a great start!

Continue to Dive Safe and Dive Often!

Marlyn Sepulveda

## *Business cards needed!*

### **NEW DEADLINE!**

For the last several years, we have created a way for DDS members to share their businesses with each other in a non-intrusive way by allowing you to submit your business cards for inclusion into the Current Bubbles Newsletter for a nominal fee of \$5.00 to cover the printing costs. We will be doing this again this year however we will also post your business cards on the DDS website. The goal is to have the business cards printed in the August newsletter so the deadline for submissions is the July general meeting, July 18th. If you are interested in participating in this program, you must be a current 2012-2013 paid DDS member. Please submit your business card and \$5.00 to me at the general meeting, board meeting or you can submit by snail mail. If you would like to submit via email, you can scan your card and email it to me and mail your payment or deliver at a meeting. If you don't have a business card but still would like to participate, you may submit an image that is 2" x 3 1/2" with your information on it (if you need help doing this, let me know). If you have a website for your business, be sure it is included with your submission as your business card will be linked to your website on our website. This type of program is a great way for members to find other members who can provide needed services. After all, wouldn't it be nice to give business to a friend rather than a total stranger? For more information, contact me at [renee@reneerox.com](mailto:renee@reneerox.com)

## *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](mailto:imgreen@comcast.net)

## *June Split The Pot Raffle!!*

The total pot was \$84.00, and the winner is (Drum Roll Please)



Steve Campbell!!! And the Wounded Warrior Project!!! Each gaining a whopping \$42.00 each, thanks to Minh and Santi!!!

## *Think Safety*

Well summer is here now so it's time for some new diving - FRESH WATER! It's diving that's close enough to do in one day or maybe incorporate in some overnight camping for a day or two. Sounds good to me. Things that you might overlook or forget in fresh water diving are that the water temperature surface-to-depth is a big change. Surface water temperature might be at 68 degrees or maybe 72 degrees and at 40 to 50 feet the temperature can become 45 degrees or lower. As the snow melts the cold water goes to the bottom of the lakes and rivers. The rivers are a nice place now that the winter run off has uncovered all kinds of things that you might want to bring home. It's scavenger hunting under water! Remember, hot weather causes the need for more electricity so more water is needed to turn the turbines at the dams to keep up with the demand. The flow rate in the river can go up to three times faster during the day as the need for more electricity is needed. The water moves slower at the bottom and as you start to surface the speed of the water goes up. If you are diving around

rocks in swift water you could get pushed into the rocks at a high rate of speed. If this happens, put your feet down stream and your head up stream so don't get your head damaged by rocks. It will leave a mark! Remember, if it's a lake, a river, or just a pond, the water is much colder the deeper you go. Plan your dive for the depth you want to dive. Remember to check the weather if you will be in the river so you can adjust for the river flow and plan your dive so you don't become the Tidy Bowl man and get flushed. Trust me, you can go from a nice gentle current to a high speed ride and find yourself down river 200 to 400 yards from where you wanted to be. That's a long walk back with all your gear. Have a great dive no matter where you go and remember to keep a eye on your depth, bottom time, and air. See you all in the park in July.

Bill Holman

## Past Events

### Memorial Day Weekend at Albion River Campground

Hello All,

We had nice weather and improving water conditions over the Memorial Day Weekend at Albion. There was a nice turn out for this event, with about 26 members and guests. The potluck on Sunday night filled the table and was a great feast. Special thanks go to Holger, Jack, and Tim for donating ling cod and abalone for the potluck. Minh's pulled pork dish was the hit of the potluck. We had fun meeting and hanging with our very nice new members. Holger's abalone measured 9.293 inches and his ling cod was 7.15 pounds and these are the club's 2012 records to beat.

Charlie and Amy Rojas

### San Francisco Day Hike

#### June 2nd

There were only 5 members on our annual walk in the Bay Area on Saturday, June 2. After a nice breakfast at Denny's in West Sacramento Holger,



Corinne, Brooke, Debby and I drove to Golden Gate Park. Before parking at Stow Lake, in the park we visited the "16th Avenue Tiled Steps project". We parked right across the street from the steps and



climbed (slowly) up all 163 of them, while taking photos of the tile work and enjoying the views of the city and ocean below. It was a little foggy at the top, but we were able to see all the way to Ocean Beach. A couple of exercise enthusiasts were running up and down the steps over and over while my heart rate went up just walking up them once.



From there we drove the few blocks back to Stow Lake, in Golden Gate Park, and found plenty of parking available. We walked past the Boathouse and on to the Rose Gardens. From there we continued down the north side of the park to Ocean Beach. There were some elaborate remote control boats



floating on Spreckels Lake. We spent a few minutes visiting with one of the boat owners about his replica freighter. Just past Spreckels Lake there are some Bison Paddocks, where a small herd was grazing. They were

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very “ragged” looking because they were shedding their winter coats. Then we continued on to the windmill at Queen Wilhelmina Garden, near the west end of the park. This was our last stop at the West end of the park before Ocean Beach. It



was a very short walk from there to the Beach Chalet Restaurant, where we enjoyed a wonderful lunch. When we asked about available seats in the restaurant we were told they were full, but Holger spotted a couple of small tables along the back wall and we were able to pull them together for all of us to sit together. After lunch we walked back up (and up, and up) to our cars. It was easy to lose track of the distance we covered when we made the first half of our walk, but it seemed twice as far back to our cars when we discovered that a nice walk **do**wn hill meant a long walk back **u**p the same hill. We even had a little excitement on the walk back up: A small dog ran past us with a coyote hot on its tail. When the Coyote spotted us it veered off into the bushes. A biker then ran past us calling for his dog. We turned around to point out where the dog had run when the coyote re-emerged on the trail running after the dog. While we watched, the dog made it safely across the street where the coyote gave up the chase. We saw the same biker ride past us later on, but we didn’t see what happened to his dog. Keep this fun trip in mind for next year. We change our hiking destination often but the date is always the first weekend in June. Jack & Debby

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Family Fun Shoot

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Family Fun Shoot is now officially over, and I think it can safely be said that everyone who participated had a rootin’ tootin’ shootin’ good time! There were a total of 21 members and guests in attendance with 18 people shooting. The event took place on Sunday June 10 at the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center (SVSC) in Sloughhouse, CA (just past Rancho Murieta) off the Jackson Highway. Through his connections in the shooting community, our very own **Chris Anthon**, a member of the SVSC, was able to reserve an entire shooting range for just our Dolphin Diver event. Way to go, **Chris** and THANKS!!! The

weather for the day was perfect for shooting: warm with clear skies and just the lightest of breezes.

After **Chris**, who was our acting Range Master, gave a thorough and detailed safety briefing to all those participating, we started shooting at the 7 ½ yard line for a while. Since we had a wide range of shooters, we also had a veritable smorgasbord of weapons from which to choose... little .22 caliber pistols, 9mms, .44 Magnums (think Dirty Harry meets Baywatch), some beautiful old style lever action rifles, 30.06 deer hunting rifles and even some match-grade, military-style sniper systems... plus everything in between. **Brad Freelove** was on hand and put his extensive shooting experience and marksmanship skills to good use for most of the day by helping coach many of the newer shooters (and making sure they weren’t knocked over by some SERIOUS recoil!!!)

Once everyone was warmed up and felt comfortable shooting, we put some fresh targets up so the competition could begin. Scorekeepers for the day were the ever **Jovial Jamie Sepulveda** and the always **Helpful Holly Little**.

After finishing up at the close distance, we moved back to the 50 yard line for a little more challenging pistol and rifle shooting. While the shot groups weren’t “quite as tight,” everyone seemed to be able to put holes in their targets (and some people were even so kind as to put holes in OTHER people’s targets, too). Once again we put up some new targets and everyone shot their favorite rifle of choice in the STANDING position. This REALLY tests a shooter’s ability since every little movement can cause the bullet to fly WAY OFF TARGET!

We finally moved back to the 100 meter line for some precision bench rest shooting. While we were shooting, **Cayle Little** started the charcoal barbeque (sans lighter fluid... thank goodness for his pyrotechnic proclivities) and got the hamburgers and hot dogs cooking. Thanks also to **Penny Johnson** for supplying us with her much needed BBQ!!!

After our potluck lunch, we finished with the 100 metre competition and scored everyone’s shooting for the day. Shooters classified themselves into three categories: Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced. Prizes for each category included a \$25 gift card to Cabelas for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, a \$15 gift card to Dolphin

Scuba for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and a \$5 gift card to Starbucks for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Here are the results for the day:

**Novice**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Dave Ford
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Renee Viehmann
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Larry Ford

**Intermediate**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Marlyn Sepulveda
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Larry Walther
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cayle Little

**Advanced**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Steve Volpicelli
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place David Andres
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Chris Anthon

**Overall Champion**

Marlyn "Dead Eye" Sepulveda

Congratulations to all the winners and once again, THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this first annual event such a huge success. I look forward to leading this event next year!!!

**STEVE VOLPICELLI**

## Father's Day Weekend at Ocean Cove

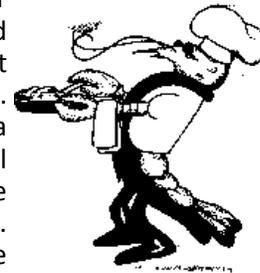
Hello Again,  
We enjoyed a very nice, warm and sunny event over the Father's Day Weekend. 15 members and guest were in attendance. A few divers went out on Saturday and had outstanding visibility (30 ft) and calm water. Unfortunately, only undersize abs or no abs were seen in "The Cauldron" and Ocean Cove dive spots and no abs were taken. This seems to be due to the abalone die off that occurred last September. We had our usual great potluck on Saturday evening.

Charlie and Amy Rojas

## Upcoming Events

### Inland Lobster Feed & Potluck

Join us at Lake Natoma for our "Inland Lobster Feed" dive and potluck on **Saturday July 28** at the Negro Bar picnic area. Holger has offered to loan us a few crawdad traps that we will use when we to make a dive late Friday to set them out. Saturday morning all of the divers will meet at the Negro Bar State Park by 9:00 to boat up past the Rainbow Bridge for a fun drift dive. You should plan on arriving at the Negro Bar picnic area early because we want to be in our boats and ready to dive by 9:00! There are a lot of big crayfish hiding under the rocks so bring a "Goody Bag" to grab the biggest and fastest ones you see. There are also a lot of lost "treasures" that fishermen and swimmers have dropped in the lake so we can also do a lake cleanup and scavenger hunt while we dive. I have found several working watches and a gold ring on previous dives so be sure to keep your eyes open. The deepest you can get is only about 40 feet, and there will be a current sweeping us along so you will have to hug the bottom to keep from drifting too fast. Visibility is typically about 6 to 10 feet and the water temperature has been in the low sixties on previous dives.



After we have made our dives we'll gather in the picnic area for the rest of the fun. We will have prizes for a BIG crawdad contest and a crawdad race for the adults and the kids, so be sure to save your biggest and your fastest crawdad. We will also have a "Liars Contest" where we will spin yarns about the "treasures" that we find. After all the fun we will fire up the barbeque and cook up the crawdads, hamburgers, corn-on-the-cob and whatever other delectable that are contributed to the potluck. Please bring \$3.00 per adult to contribute toward the soft drinks, hamburgers and corn on the cob. Please also bring a potluck dish, and don't forget your dive gear, hats, beach chairs and sunscreen.

**Directions:** The entrance to Negro Bar is on Greenback Lane about ½ mile east of the Round Table Pizza at Madison and Greenback. After you pass the ranger station, where you need to pay for your day use, turn right and follow the road all the way to the parking area. We will be waiting for you by the lake. There is a boat launch area immediately below the ranger station if you are bringing your kayak or boat. All of Lake Natoma is a no wake zone with a 5 MPH speed limit.

Jack (916) 987-1303

## Channel Islands Dive Trip Sunday, July 22 – Wednesday, July 25



Our annual live aboard dive trip will be here soon! If you are planning on joining us you should get your reservation in while there is space still available. We have opened the trip to non-members so feel free to invite anyone who you think might be interested. We'll be carpooling from Sacramento on Saturday, July 21, at about 9:00 a.m., and then we'll regroup in Santa Barbara, before boarding. The boat leaves the dock at 11:00 Saturday night and we will (try to) sleep on the way to Catalina, our first dive location. We should make our first dive at about 9:00 Sunday morning. Four action packed days later we will return to Santa



Barbara for the ride home. To avoid the killer drive home late that night, many of us will drive part way home and stay at the Buellton Motel 6. If you want to car pool and are looking for a ride, or a rider, I'll try to match you up. The cost is \$625.00. Make checks out to "Dolphin Dive Club" and either give them to me at a meeting or mail them to me at: Jack Millard, 6920 Eastside Court, Orangevale, CA 95662.

For more information you can contact me at 916-987-1303 or [jbmillard@aol.com](mailto:jbmillard@aol.com).

## 3D Seminar with Mark Blum

July 14th

**Location:** Rancho Cordova Lutheran Church

**Description:** SATURDAY JULY 14, 2012 4:30 -7:00 PM

**Location:** Rancho Cordova Lutheran Church

10400 Coloma Road

Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

(cross street: Chase Drive) <http://www.corluth.org>

**Time:** 4:30 – 7:00

**LIMITED TO 50: IT'S FREE & YOU MUST SIGN UP!**

Contact: Dave Roper [ropediver@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ropediver@sbcglobal.net) 916-638-7061 *Participants are invited to join everyone for dinner at the Outback Steakhouse afterwards.*

MARK BLUM's unique presentations of underwater 3-D imagery from dive locations around the world have been described as "Hi-fi for your eyes!" Mark employs the magic of stereo photography to reveal the Earth's largest and most mysterious environment in depth and detail far beyond the limits of normal human vision. True stereoscopic images will be projected onto a special screen for 3-D viewing with polarized glasses.

## AIM Film Festival

August 11th

10th Annual AIM film festival at Perry Creek Winery Festival begins at 4:30, come see underwater images and vote of calendar entries.

Festival cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 after July 31st (if there is room!) and includes food, two wine tickets, non-alcoholic beverages, and wonderful photography!

To sign up: <http://www.sacaim.org/2012-aim-film-festival/>

## *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  
www.dolphin-scuba.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](mailto:holjohnson@gmail.com) or call: (530)219-5415

Renee Viehmann @ 837-4973 for the following: West Marine **Portable Cabin Heater** \$251 small **boat anchor** \$10

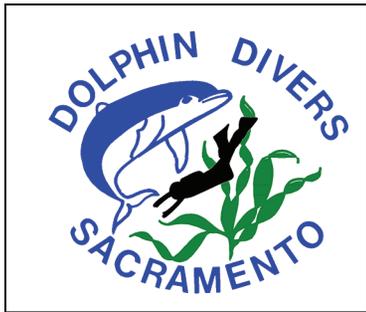
Chris Anthon @ 799-9468 for the following: Mostly new **Oceanic OC1** (computer new, wrist band <10 dives) Retail \$1,749.95

Craig Brookey: TANK **Aluminum 80** Dark Blue Fresh Hydro & Vis (November 2011) \$150 916-952-0322 or [CBrookey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:CBrookey@sbcglobal.net)

## *2012 Trophy Corner*

**Big AB:** Holger Fuerst 9.293 Inches (Memorial Day)

**Big Fish:** Holger Fuerst 7.15 1b (Memorial Day)



# DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

## 2012

### July

- July 11: Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ken Takata 916-428-8883
- 3-D underwater seminar, [www.sacaim.org](http://www.sacaim.org)
- 18th: Picnic in the Park, 6:30 Fair Oaks Park 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA 95628
- 28th: Inland Lobster feed: Jack Millard 916-987-1303
- 21st—25th: Channel Islands—contact Jack Millard 916-987-1303

### August

- 1st: Board meeting 7:00 p.m. TBA
- 11th: AIM Film Festival, [www.sacaim.org](http://www.sacaim.org)
- 15th: General meeting 7:00 p.m. Round Table Pizza
- 18th SCAN/Norcal Underwater Hunters big ab/cookoff, Ocean Cove

### September

- 1st: Board meeting 7:00 p.m. TBA
- 12th: General Meeting, 7:00 Round Table Pizza
- 15th: Great American River Clean up, Jack Millard 916-987-

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