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President's Message

Fellow Dolphin Divers,

When I travel anywhere, I always look for a scuba shop. My allotted T-shirt drawer consistently overflows with the scuba T's I've picked up from all over the world. BC, Indonesia, Roatan, Cozumel, those are nice souvenirs. But the ones I'm most proud of come from the more obscure places where you wouldn't expect to find a dive shop. I love to visit these shops, out on the fringe, surviving on a handful of client's loyalties. I admire these obscure shop owners, truly ambassadors for the sport, acting like a beacon for those wayward divers looking for their fix. It's a certain breed.

While in Yuma, AZ.

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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.

This month's board meeting will be held on February 2nd, and is hosted by Brad Frelove. Please call to RSVP and for directions.

March 2nd: Brad Frelove
916-879-3853

April 6th: Carmen Young
530-662-0355

May 4th: Jack Millard
916-987-1303

Dolphin Birthday Club

3/4 Heather Clements
3/6 Holger Fuerst
3/7 Paul Oulton
3/11 Mark Copple
3/14 Tim Lipscomb
3/15 Nova Harris
3/22 Sandra Smith
3/23 Mathew Knigge
3/27 Carol Herrlie
3/28 Mardee Green
3/31 Alex Knigge

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last month I came across just such a find, the Arizona Scuba Shack. Shawn Foster has run the Scuba Shack for 20+ years and, he runs it out of his garage. It felt weird driving into a residential neighborhood to find the shop, "Is the GPS working right?". But there, nestled between the other houses on the street was indeed the Scuba Shack. Shawn handles training and equipment for local municipalities in addition to civilian divers. He has a full shop, and a small club of faithful divers that meet and regularly "shoot over to San Diego" to dive ("three hours and were wet") among other ventures.

We stood there chatting about scuba diving and the places we have dove, best diving, etc., but the thing that was evident was that we were both buzzed about the sport. That's why this message could go on and on, but the point I'd hope to make is..... If you share your enthusiasm for the sport, then you too consider this YOUR club, and YOUR club needs YOU to run for an office on next year's board.

Be a scuba ambassador, run for office. It'll make you feel good....

Dive Often, Dive Safely,
Dana Carlson

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 imgreen@comcast.net

\$plit the Pot

The February split the pot raffle was won by Dana and Pam Carlson. The other half was donated to the SPCA.

Think Safety!

The PADI Rescue Diver Course

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"Challenging" and "Rewarding" best describe the PADI Rescue Diver course. Building upon what you've already learned, this course expands on what

you already know about how to prevent problems, and how to manage them if they occur.

The Fun Part

The fun part about this course is rising to challenges and mastering them. Most divers find this course both demanding and rewarding, and at the end, say it's the best course they've ever taken.

Get College Credit

You may be able to [earn college credit for the PADI Rescue Diver Course.](#)

What You Learn

- Self-rescue
- Recognizing and managing stress in other divers
- Emergency management and equipment
- Rescuing panicked divers

Rescuing unresponsive divers

The Scuba Gear You Use

You use all your [basic scuba gear](#) including a [dive computer](#) and [accessories](#).

Check with your [local dive shop](#) about the gear you'll use during this course.

You can find most everything at the [scuba diving shop](#) in your area.

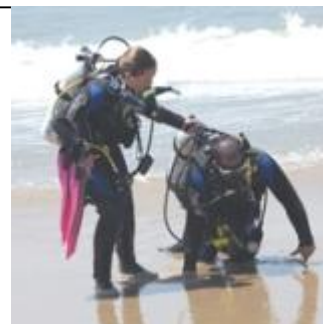
The Learning Materials You Need

The PADI Rescue Diver crewpak includes all materials required to complete the PADI Rescue Diver course – including a pocket mask. You'll learn how to think like a rescue diver and preview skills you'll practice with your PADI Instructor. Once your Rescue Diver course is complete, you can review the DVD to refresh your dive safety skills as needed. This tool box of knowledge and technique will give you the expertise to handle almost any emergency situation.

To purchase this product, contact your local PADI Instructor, [dive shop or resort](#).

Prerequisites

To enroll in the PADI Rescue Diver course, you must



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- Be 12 years or older
- Have a PADI [Adventure Diver](#) certification (or have a qualifying certification from another organization)

Be trained and current for [first aid and CPR](#) within the previous two years (Ask your instructor about [Emergency First Response CPR](#) and first aid courses).



Rescue Diver Online

The PADI Rescue Diver course is the newest addition to the PADI eLearning® family. [Rescue Diver Online](#) gets you started right away and lets you learn at your own pace and in your own time. [Start Now!](#)

Your Next Adventure

After completing [CPR and First Aid](#) and the PADI Rescue Diver course, you should take the PADI [Emergency Oxygen Provider course](#) Together, these three courses round out your ability to handle scuba diver emergencies.

If you are interested in taking a Rescue Diver/CPR and First Aid class as a Dolphin Divers group, feel free to contact myself or any Dolphin Divers Board of Directors for more information. Safe Diving,

Karin Brookey, Safety Officer

Future Events

EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday March 19

You need to contact me and send in your sign-up form **NOW** to join us for our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey on Saturday, March

19th. The **ABSOLUTE DEADLINE** to sign up is at the March general meeting!!! We have lots of GREAT prizes, one for every egg and some for our raffle too! We'll set up the course 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. 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. (We need a volunteer to lead the children's activities. If you can help please let me know ASAP!!) Prizes for the adults and children will be awarded at the evening buffet and awards ceremony.

We are holding our buffet and awards ceremony at Crazy Horse Restaurant, located above the Bay Park Hotel, near Hwy 101 & Munras Avenue. I will post a map and 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:

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| LAGUNA SECA CAMPGROUND | 831-758-3604 |
| CYPRUS TREE INN MOTEL & RV | 831-372-7586 |
| LONE OAK MOTEL | 831-372-4924 |
| TRAVELODGE | 831-373-3381 |
| BAY PARK HOTEL | 1-800-338-3564 |

please get your sign-up forms to me soon, before the March 16 deadline!

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

AB Opener

Thursday, March 31 – Sunday, April 3

Join your club buddies for a fun weekend at Pomo Campground in Fort Bragg. The first of April is opening day for Abalone season so we plan on plucking a few of the tasty mollusks off the bottom and adding them to a Saturday night pot luck (so bring some goodies to share). We'll also be burning a few tanks of air so don't forget your scuba equipment. If you will be in Fort Bragg that weekend please let me know that you are joining us. There are many nice motels and other campgrounds where you can stay if you don't want to stay with us in Pomo. For more information check out the last month's Bubbles.

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

Memorial Weekend 2011

This year, DDS will hold its' annual Memorial Weekend event at Albion Campground. Event leader is Charlie Rojas. Charlie has reserved 12 spots but can get more with some advanced notice. May 28, 29 and 30 are the dates. Charlie has planned a social hour for Saturday night and a potluck for Sunday evening. Sometime during the weekend, we will have the kids ice cream event. We may have the event at Albion instead of driving up to Ft. Bragg. Camping fees are \$30 per night. To hold one of the reserved spots, please contact Charlie @ 22rojasc@sbcglobal.net.

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.

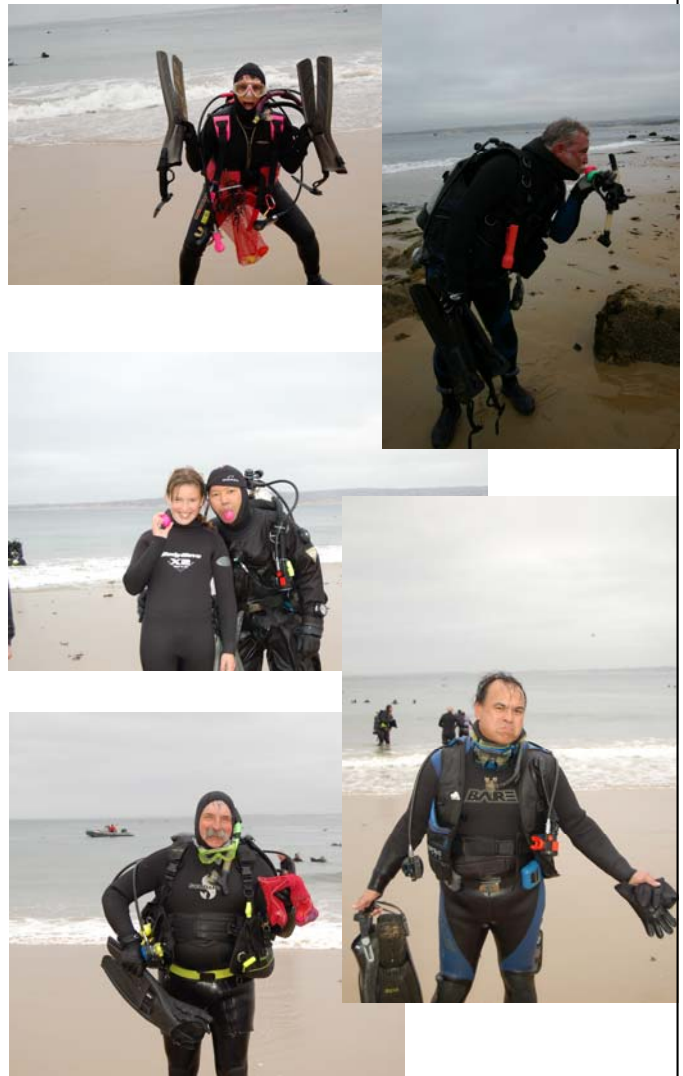
Thanks all!
The Crab Feed Committee

! Trivia?

Question: Who was Christian Lambertson?

Answer: Christian Lambertson was an American environmental & diving medicine specialist who was responsible for developing the US Navy frogmen's rebreathers in the early 1940's. These were developed for underwater warfare, and was the first device to be called SCUBA. He passed away on February 11, 2011.

Easter Egg Hunt Fun From Years Past...



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.dolphin-scuba.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.scubaworldsacto.com

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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!!](#)