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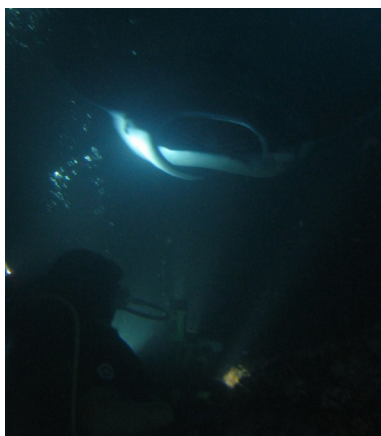
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## *President's Message*

Hello Dolphin Divers and Seasons Greetings!!

It's hard to believe that we are in the midst of the Holiday Season and the Christmas Party is in just a couple of weeks. I personally can't wait to see who will be honored with Member of the Year and who the will prevail as winner of the photo contest. Hopefully you will be able to join us for a lovely evening at our Christmas Party location at the Dante Club.

I know for some, dive season never ends. Please be safe in your travels and in your diving. It appears that this is going to be a wet month. At least the last camping trip of the year had no problems with the rain. A matter of fact the Thanksgiving weekend ended up providing beautiful weather. Although I was not personally on the trip, I was there by

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## *~Meetings~*

**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:  
December 5th: Steve Volpicelli  
(916) 757-2002

## *Dolphin Birthday Club*

6-Dec Richard Sears  
12-Dec Bob Taylor  
20-Dec Ed Ikemoto  
23-Dec David Andres  
23-Dec Shaun O'Keefe  
26-Dec Ryan Green

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video as one of the campers called using their phone and I was able to be by the warm fire in the comfort of my home.

I wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season!  
Safe travels and safe diving,  
Marlyn

## 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 [lmgreen@comcast.net](mailto:lmgreen@comcast.net) and Charlie Rojas took advantage of the great diving and brought home several big ones, all over 9. When the dust settled, there were 10 abs over 9 inches in the boat and headed for shore. What a great way to spend a weekend at coast.

## Past Events

### Thanksgiving at Albion

Where to start?? It was such a fantastic outing that one could probably fill page after page talking about it. Suffice it to say that if you didn't go, you missed out – great camaraderie, sunny daytime weather, blazing evening fires, amazing (and way too much) food, lots of abalone, some crab, and a huge ling (shot by John Wong while freediving) make for a sure-fire recipe for a great Dolphin



Divers outing.

Well, it all started Wednesday afternoon with the first arrivals. More families followed on Thursday and even more on Friday, bringing

the total to 17 adults, 7 children, and 7 dogs. Following a nice evening around the fire with a smaller group of about a third of the Dolphin gang, first thing Thursday morning Jeff Pluth begged me to show him how to



crab for Dungeness Crab using my crab rings off the dock. Oh, since you're likely going to hear about it anyway, I ought to mention that yes, I forgot my wallet incl. fishing license at home. ((-: So a HUGE personal THANK YOU go out to Rachel Moore (A Sacramento Seahorses member) and Jack Millard for their help in getting the forgotten items to me Friday morning! Anyway, though Jeff quickly handled the crab rings like a pro and caught literally dozens of Dungeness crab, I think they were all competing for closest size to the legal minimum without going over, so that Jeff ended up with no



keepers. Thanks to John Wong and his friend's boat, however, we were able to set actual crab pots out in the ocean the next day for close to a couple of limits of keeper crab.

Back to the Thanksgiving event – many, many, many thanks to Corinne for

preparing both the delicious turkey and ham which the club had graciously sponsored. And thanks also to all the other chefs that



contributed in one form or another to see to us all over-eating and falling asleep with full bellies around the camp fire way before our normal bedtime. And somehow, this overabundance of food seemed to continue for the rest of the weekend with another fun and tasty potluck happening on Saturday eve. Closing out the Saturday eve feast, I think that Jeff impressed all the ladies and kids with his smores



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making abilities. With all those calories needing to be burnt, Renee and Steve V. twice set out on their annual



turkey trot/run, whereas Michelle P. and Corinne chose to powerwalk multiple rounds around the campground, incl. climbs up to the top of the hill. Others amongst the group got to abalone dive both Friday and Saturday, with Jack taking Tom O. and Jeff P. out for a "limited

visibility" tank dive on Saturday.

Many thanks to everyone that brought fire wood for the big camp fires we had every night. And a BIG thank you also to Jack and



John's friend for bringing their boats! Diving out of a boat is soooooo much nicer than shore diving. All in all, this wonderful outing continues what's become an annual Dolphin Divers trek to the coast over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend. It's impossible to guarantee that we'll have tons of sunshine the way we did this year, but regardless, everyone is guaranteed to have a memorable time, even when no guard shacks are involved. ((-: Some come out and join us next year! There's even free wifi at the campground so that you can do your Black Friday shopping via the internet.

## Upcoming Events

### Christmas Party 2012

December 15  
6:00pm – 12:00pm

#### Last Chance for Christmas Party Tickets

Hey Everyone,

This is it... the **LAST CHANCE** to buy Christmas Party tickets so do it **NOW!!!!**

The event-to-end-all-events is...

**The 2012 Dolphin Divers  
of Sacramento Christmas Party**

The deadline to buy your tickets is...

**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

The place to party is...

**The Dante Club**

**2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95825**

The date to mark on your calendar is...

**Saturday, December 15, 2012**

**6:00pm – 12:00pm**

The price of a fabulous, fun-filled gala evening is only...

**\$35.00 per Person**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!!!**

**BUT HURRY, THE SALE WILL BE OVER SOON!!!**

Get your tickets **NOW!!!** And don't forget to invite your family and friends, too!!! You can make your checks out to **Dolphin Divers of Sacramento** and mail them to **Marlyn Sepulveda** at 4168 Birdwell Way, North Highlands, CA 95660. But, since time is running out, please contact **Marlyn Sepulveda** (916) 768-0189 or **Steve Volpicelli** at (916) 757-2002 for more information or to purchase tickets!!!

See You at the Party,

**STEVEN J. VOLPICELLI**

## Point Lobos

Do you like the club's regular Point Lobos trips? Have you ever thought about leading one? Well... Jack's annual birthday dive is looking for a leader for this year. Jack will be driving across the country, but that's no reason to break tradition. This is an easy event to lead, someone just needs to pick a date, and let everyone know when to make reservations! **Why don't you do it?!?!**

## End-Of-The-Year-Party..

*according to the Mayans and..The  
Herrlies... FRI 21<sup>st</sup> of DEC (Winter  
Solstice)*

**OPEN HOUSE:** 5253 Bucks Bar Road Placerville CA 95667  
[916-952-9124](tel:916-952-9124)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> DEC 6pm until ??** RVs, Campers welcome to stay-over..

**Bring:** Canned Foods and "in good shape" coats for kids/adults..does not have to be brand new: Help us support Placerville's "Kitchen" and "Clothes Closet". \$\$ Donations collected /with split-the-pot chances also...

**Costumes, Mayan Trivia Game, Food, Fun... Please BYOB if so inclined.**

## *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

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## *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

Aqua Lung octopus that is brand new in the box from Dolphin Scuba and it has never been hooked up to a reg set and used. I'm asking \$120 for it. It's \$160 on dolphin's site. Thanks!  
<http://www.dolphin-scuba.com/essential-equipment-1/octos-spare-air/aqua-lung-calypto-titan-octopus.html>

-Kristina Baker

[916-759-7585](tel:916-759-7585)

## *2012 Trophy Corner*

Big AB: Holger Fuerst 9.293 inches (Memorial Day)

Big Fish: John Wong 14+ lbs (Thanksgiving)