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President's Message

Greetings,

Just back from Monterey and our Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt. I must say that the weather and ocean conditions were very favorable for the entire weekend. Participants seemed to have a good time hunting and then later eating and visiting. Jack sure does a great job of organizing this event year after year. This event has always been one of my favorites. Just seeing the delight on the faces of the little people who are excited to help out delivering the raffle prizes tickles me as well as the new game we played at the dinner called "Pass the Baby". – "He's cute, wanna hold him??" By the way, over the years, I have watched some of those babies grow up in this club to become wonderful adults and model citizens.

Finally!! I mean, regrettably, this will be the last Newsletter message to you as your 2015-16 club President. After April this seat will be filled by the winner of the upcoming elections to be held at the next DDS General Meeting. I encourage you all to be just as supportive of your new leader as you have been for

me. The President's job has its challenges but also has many rewards. EVERYONE'S participation and help throughout the year has made my term a real pleasure. I especially want to thank my fellow board members for all their help throughout the year. I sincerely hope you all enjoyed the voyage while I was at the helm. I have tried to make it fun. I will look forward to seeing you all soon. ~CB

Meetings

Board meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at a Board Member's home. All members are welcome to attend all meetings; however we ask that you call the host to RSVP. Board meetings start at 7:00pm Upcoming Board Meetings:

April 6th – Tracy Clarke 209-334-4278

General Meetings General Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Lane (at Madison). Call 916-989-1133 to order in advance, be sure to ask for the Dolphin Dive Club Discount.

DOLPHIN BIRTHDAY CLUB

Chris Blanchfield	04/02
David Ford	04/07
Brad Frelove	04/07
Fred Knoles	04/17
Gail Liu	04/19
Debby Millard	04/23
Eric Salter	04/28

Welcome New Member - Jose Guerrero



Wear Your Colors Proudly!!

If you would like to have the Dolphin Divers logo printed on a garment that you have purchased, all you need to do is bring it to a DDS General Meeting and give it to Tracy Clarke – for additional information call 209-334-4278 or e mail: tracycdiver77@yahoo.com

New Membership Year Starts April 1st!

The Dolphin Divers of Sacramento membership year ends on March 31. You can get a new application from me at the General meetings or head on over to the club website and print one out. Fill the application out, attach your payment, and get it to me. If you want to mail the application and payment in, send it to the club P.O. Box. Family memberships are \$45 and a single membership is \$35. Please fill out the application completely.

When I get your application, I will update our database with your current information that you have provided. If you do not want your birthdates mentioned in the newsletter, leave the info off the application. Good handwriting skills are appreciated. If I cannot read it, you will get an email from me asking for clarification.

If you have any questions, let me know.

~ Brad Freelove, Secretary DDS

ABALONE OPENER

Mark your calendars for Abalone Opener Event. The event will be held at Ocean Cove on Saturday, April 2 this year.

Pencil in the date and plan for a fun get together with your fellow divers. Although the official club event is for one day only, several members are already planning their stay for the weekend. Please e-mail me at icokgor@yahoo.com and let me know if you will be attending so that I can have a tally of members to arrange for the boats. More details about the event will follow as we determine the logistics.

~Ilkan Cokgor

Memorial Weekend at Albion Campground

May 27, 28, 29 and 30 will be the days for the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento to visit Albion River Campground for 4 days of camping, diving, great food, and even better friends. Charlie Rojas will be the event leader again. Charlie has reserved 14 sites for the dive club. [We have reserved back to back sites C11 thru C17 and C34 thru C28.](#) Contact Albion directly to make your reservations. 707.937.0606 will get you to the campground. Charlie will not make your reservation for you! Sometimes, you may need to leave a message at the campground as they are out of the office. Just let them know you are with the Dolphin group. They will get back to you when they can. Water and electricity are at all sites [and the nightly fee is \\$38.00.](#) Ab diving will be part of the program as will a social hour and potluck. Albion River is about 30 minutes south of Ft. Bragg. Hiking trails are all over the place and some great dining locations are located in town. Tons of stuff to do for the non-divers in your group. In past years, Jack Millard has taken a group of us north of the campground to a spectacular cove that was loaded with abs. Flat calm water and awesome scenery made it one of my most memorial dives in quite a while. If you have not been to Albion River before, get hold of Charlie and he will answer any questions that you have. Charlie can be reached c22rojas@yahoo.com or at 707.483.9816. **~Brad Freelove**

Channel Islands 2016

There are a few spaces left on our 2016 Channel Islands



dive trip on the Conception. This trip will again be for 4 days from Sunday, July 24 to Wednesday, July 27. IF the warm El Nino waters are still around we will go

north to San Miguel Island, then work our way south along Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands. This will be in areas we have not dove for a long time because the water is usually cold. Our 2015 trip to Catalina found little kelp because the water was too warm (not Hawaii warm, but close). If the El Nino breaks down and the water cools we will head back to Catalina for the warmer water. Hunters should be happier in the northern islands, but this is a trip for everyone so we will go

where the conditions are best for general diving.

Member cost is still only \$625.00. This annual trip is our biggest fun(d) raiser for the year and an excellent time for great diving and to get to know all your Dolphin buddies a little better. Bottom time is limited only by your nitrogen loading and how many times you want to dive. If you are a new diver this is probably the best way for you to hone your skills while diving with your more experienced club buddies. The scenery along the islands is so beautiful we are often joined by non-diving family members. The crew takes excellent care of us and it is unbelievable how good the food is coming from the tiny galley.

You can make deposits, payments or payoffs any time, but hurry because space is limited. I'll tell you more at the meetings and in the "Bubbles". When you sign up I'll also send you information about the specifics of the trip and what you can expect. You can check the club website for previous trip reports in our archived Bubbles. ~Jack jbmillard@aol.com, 916-987-1303



Fish of the Month

By Pam Wade

WOLF-EEL inhabits dens in crevices, caves and other recesses in rocky, boulder-strewn areas from the Aleutian Islands to southern California. You could spot one from 2 ½ -5 ft. long, max.8 ft. You can find them at 0 to 700 ft. deep. Maggie Kunkel, one of the Dolphin Easter Egg Hunters said she noticed a greyish white boxy looking head on a fish in a pipe. This is the only thing I could think of. I noticed a bluish tail in a pipe that I didn't recognize. When I touched it, it disappeared (not kelp). My brother, Dennis, said he saw a wolf eel in a pipe one year at the Underwater Easter Egg event. The Coastal Fish Identification California to Alaska book says they are common. I've only seen four. One at Lovers Cove, one in Gerystle Cove and a pair, in separate dens a day's boat ride from Port Hardy, Vancouver Island? I'd love to know where you've seen a wolf eel. Let me know abalonepam@att.net Thanks ~Pam

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 Maridee Green at: 916-206-0863, or email her at: maridee@homebuying101.com

Garage Sale

FOR SALE - SCUBA PRO Classic BCD XXL

less than 50 dives – Price New \$700.00 Will sell \$350.00
OBO

Dave Whiteside (916) 730-8282

FREE to good home" 1 brand new "Storm" long-fin bag,

36 inch long. Brooke (916) 421-5060 Please leave message

DONATE BLOOD & SAVE LIVES

When you donate blood tell them that you are a member of Dolphin Dive Club and ask that your donation be credited to our account (#3412) and benefit other club members if they need a blood donation.

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.

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

www.dolphinscuba.com

* **Fish Eye Scuba** (916) 850-1145

www.fisheyescuba.com

* **Scuba World** (916) 332-8294

www.scubaworld.com