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April.

let's make this month count

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Greetings and salutations everyone!

April is the annual Dolphin Divers of Sacramento Board election month. Each year our club nominates and elects members for our board of directors. Each board position is volunteer, and lasts for one year; which begins in May.

As I am certain you have all heard at one point, being on the board is a great way to get involved with the club. But did you know that being on the board is also an outlet to effect change within the dive club—this newsletter format is a perfect example of what one board member can do. Admittedly, this is no New York Times, but it does help organize and alert members to all of the wonderful things this club has to offer.

Imagine what your good ideas can bring to fruition! Anecdotally speaking, many of you have wonderful ideas that can improve how the club functions, as well as add more exciting opportunities for our members. Take Ilkan for example... this guy joined our board *and* designed a new, wildly popular event; which I believe will become a tradition for our club.

The bottom line is that this club is a direct product of it's members, and we need you to help us keep this fundamental belief going. So, get involved! Join the board, run an event or come join us for our yearly shenanigans.

In this edition, you will find more information on elections, events and learn how to run an event. So happy reading!

- Jamie Sepulveda, Editor



Need a Bit of Sunshine?

One of the happy accidents of being in such a tight-knit club is developing a support network of people who care. This is especially important when things in life get difficult. As a club, we are here to support each other during the peaks and valleys of living in this unpredictable world.

DDS has the Sunshine Committee for these times. Whether is it a celebration or reaching out to support a diver in need, please remember we are here.

Contact a board member for details.

Lucky you! Lucky all of us that come to the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento April General meeting. Why? Is it because this is FREE PIZZA month? No. But there IS FREE PIZZA, and it is offered up as a reward for your HARD WORK.

First, this is NEW or RENEW membership time. If you haven't done so already, please come and pay your (cough, cough), annual membership dues. In exchange, you will receive three INSTANT benefits.

- 1) Our fancy membership CARD, that entitles the holder to FREE AIR FILLS and 10% off purchases at ALL the local dive shops.
- 2) A BALLOT, to elect the tireless volunteers that work hard to plan and execute the AWESOME events that we sponsor throughout the year, so your butt can get wet, and last and least,
- 3). The aforementioned FREE PIZZA and drink that your board has deemed to reward you with for being a DOLPHIN DIVER of SACRAMENTO.

Please come and be with YOUR club on Wednesday, April 18th. Meeting starts at 7pm, social hour preceding, the fun starts when you get there...

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**I BELIEVE IN
TWO THINGS:
ELECTION
NIGHT
& PIZZA**

BUNNY BY THE OCEAN

DDS Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey

By Brad Freelove

The Dolphin Divers annual Easter Egg dive was held on March 24th. That Saturday, 28 members braved the waters of Monterey Bay to look for the rare and elusive “Millard Easter Egg.” 16 divers entered the waters to look for our eggs. At 10 am exactly, the divers headed for the bottom. They were greeted by 8 to 10 ft. visibility, a gentle surge, and 58-degree water.

After 30 minutes of searching, all eggs had been found and divers were heading back to the shore.



Then, the skies turned dark and the rain came down in buckets!

The rain that weather guru Brooke Hudson predicted finally showed up. At least the rain held off until the dive was over. For the rest of the day, members had time for lunch, cleaning gear, or a nap.

At 5 pm, the doors to the Crazy Horse banquet room opened and the night's festivities started. Dinner started a few minutes after 6 and by 7 pm, all were stuffed with tri tip and salmon and all the trimmings.

After dinner, Atakan and Ilkan gave out prizes to the lucky divers that found eggs. 48 eggs were brought up from the bottom and turned in for the reward. After that, the raffle was held. Brooke and Steve along with Steve and Marylin took care of selling tickets and getting the stubs into the tumbler. Steve Gibson got sore fingers from tearing off the tickets. Once all settled down, winning tickets were drawn by Marylin Campbell. Tom Hammett danced away with several nice prizes! He was so happy that he got up on his chair and gave us all a “happy dance!” Several kids' eyes had to be covered for that part of the evening.

Congratulations TOM!



Half a league, half a league,

Half a league onward,

All in the Monterey Bay

Dove the 16,

“Forward, the Dive Brigade!

Charge for the eggs!” He said.

Into the Monterey Bay

Dove the 16

“Forward the Dive Brigade!”

Was there a bunny dismayed?

Not though the diver knew

Someone had hidden (eggs)

Theirs was not to make reply

Theirs was not to reason why

Theirs was but to find and dive.

Into the Monterey Bay

Dove the 16...

** Original poetry written by Alfred Lord Tennyson “Charge of the Light Brigade”*



BUNNY BY THE OCEAN

(Continued)

As with all events, many club members volunteered to help with all that goes into holding the event. Special thanks Barry Hurff for helping set up the course. Barry got to Monterey early on Friday and assisted in running lines, hooking up cement weights to the lines, and attaching the floats to the weights.



*"Special thanks Barry Hurff
for helping set up the
course."*



On Saturday morning, Barry was again helping launch the boat, hide the eggs, and take the course apart. Tom and Jordan Oja helped pull up lines. Ilkan and Atakan also assisted in pulling up the course. They also helped with getting the prizes to the banquet room and getting all the stuff organized. Fred Knoles volunteered to help in any way that was needed. We had more help than we had work. Thanks to all that helped or offered to help. What a great group of divers!



If you missed out on this year's event, don't worry. We will do it again next year. Hope to see you all then.



Thank you to all of our Dolphin Diver Bunnies over the years!

WANT A PHOTO OF YOU UNDERWATER?

If you want a photo of you and your dive buddy taken underwater, come join us on April 28th. This will be a one-day event that will allow you to get your photo taken underwater. Depending upon the weather conditions, we may go to Monterey or Ocean Cove. If you have your own camera, bring it. If you do not have a camera, no worries! We will have a camera available to take your photo. We will take as many photos as we can, then email them back to you.

Once the dive is over, sandwiches and sodas on the beach followed by another dive if you want. As this is a one-day event, no need to spend hours getting your tents and trailers ready. Just hop in your car, make a dive or two, and head back home.

So, if you are interested in this photo opportunity, let me know and I will put you on the list. With enough interest, we may be able to make this a boat dive.

Thanks and happy diving.

Brad Freelove

**BUT
FIRST,
LET ME
TAKE A
selfie**



Snowshoe Outing :

Postcards from the Edge

This winter activity offers both social and physical benefits. We invite both seasoned and newcomers. "Simply give it a try."

Check out snowshoe rentals in your area. I've provided a few rental places below.

1. Land Park Ski & Sports <http://www.landparkski.com/>
2. Peak Adventures <http://www.peakadventures.org/>

For additional information check out: REI Snowshoeing Articles <https://www.rei.com/learn/c/snowshoeing>

When the snow angels bless with a sunny day, everyone who is interested would meet at Starbucks off of highway 50 at East Bidwell at a designated date & time.

All you need to bring is snowshoes, trekking poles, lunch, water, and warm clothing.

If you enjoy the beauty and serenity of the outdoors, you will truly enjoy snowshoeing.

Watch your email for dates! Happy Snow Trails!



ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CAMPING TRIP AT ALBION

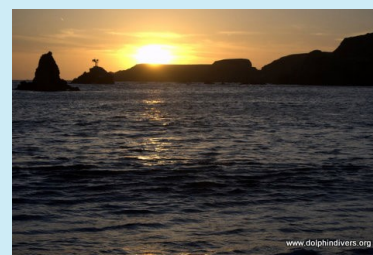


THIS ANNUAL DIVE TRIP BEGINS FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018. HOWEVER, SOME FOLKS ARRIVE EARLIER THAN THAT.

ALBION CAMP GROUND IS NEAR FORT BRAGG, CA. THOUGH THE DRIVE MAY BE LONG, THE WEEKEND MAKES UP FOR IT.

THIS WEEKEND IS QUIETER COMPARED TO THE LABOR DAY CAMPING EVENT. THERE IS NO RIGID ITINERARY, AND DDS CAPITALIZE ON THIS LEISURELY WEEKEND.

LIKE MOST SPRING TO SUMMER EVENTS, THE WEATHER FORECASTING CAN BE ILLUSIVE, BUT IT DOESN'T IMPACT THE TONE OF THIS TRIP. FOR NEW MEMBERS, THIS IS A GREAT TRIP TO START WITH.



REGISTRATIONS MAY BE MADE ON-LINE AT: WWW.ALBIONRIVERCAMPGROUND.COM. AFTER YOU SUBMIT THE RESERVATION, THE CAMPGROUND WILL EMAIL YOU AN INVOICE.

WE PLAN TO HAVE A APPETIZER/COCKTAIL HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND A POT LUCK DINNER ON SUNDAY. JOIN US FOR A FUN HOLIDAY FULL OF DIVING, EATING, MERRIMENT, AND SOCIALIZING.

BRAD FREELOVE AND I ARE LEADING THE EVENT. YOU CAN REACH US AT:

BRAD FREELOVE BRADLINDA@FRONTIERNET.NET OR KEN TAKATA KENNETHKTAKATA@GMAIL.COM

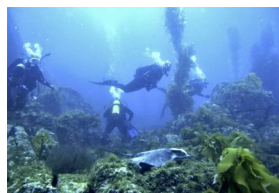
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CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVE TRIP

There are 13 -14 spaces left on our 2018 Channel Islands dive trip on the Conception. This trip will again be for 4 days from Sunday, July 22 to Wednesday, July 25. This year we will head back to Catalina for the warmer water and (hopefully) the Giant Black Seabass and dive sites at **Ship Rock and Farnsworth Banks**. **There are always a few hunters and photographers/videographers on our trips, but this is a trip for everyone so we will go where the conditions are best for general diving.**



Member cost is only \$650.00. 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.



SAY HELLO TO *Summer*

HELLO
AUGUST

INLAND LOBSTER FEED ON THE AMERICAN RIVER— AUGUST FOURTH



A LOCAL EVENT HELD IN
SACRAMENTO AT NEGRO
BAR RIVER ACCESS.

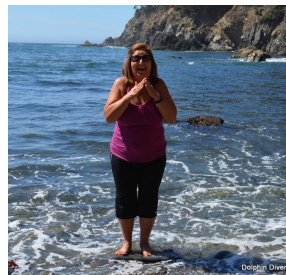
THE DAY INCLUDES DIVING IN
THE AMERICAN RIVER,
BARBEQUE AND FUN!

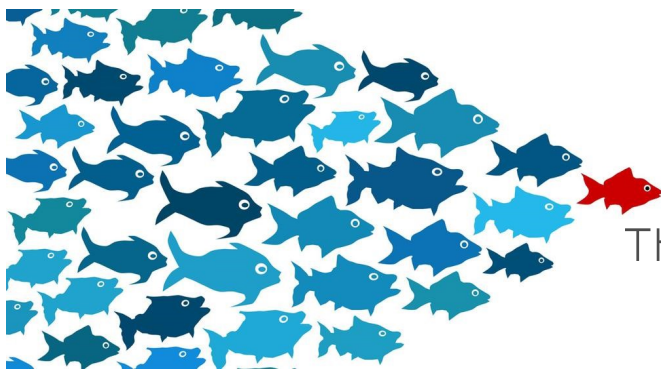


September

ARGUABLY THE MOST POPULAR OF THE CAMPING TRIPS, THE LABOR DAY CAMPING TRIP AT OCEAN COVE CAMPGROUND IS AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT ALWAYS HAS SURPRISES IN STORE.

THIS CAMPING TRIP HAS HISTORICALLY INCLUDED A THEME FOR CAMPSITE DECORATION, COOKING AND BAKING CONTESTS, RAFFLES AND THE BEST PART—ABALONE!

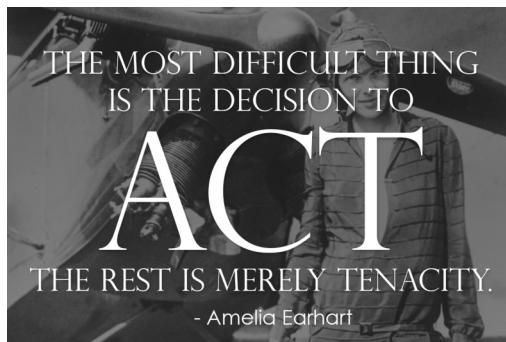




THE ABC'S OF LEADING AN EVENT

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.



- Um, hey....

I'm doing this thing, wanna join?

- 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!



A.K.A "Event Leader"

- 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.

- 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!



A NOTE FROM YOUR SAFETY OFFICER:

Getting to Know DAN

By Dana Carlson

Recently I was asked by a non-diving friend, what is "DAN"?

Well, the short answer is its a non-profit group devoted to assisting divers in need, it is an evacuation and medical emergency resource.

It was founded in 1980 at Duke University with a hotline for diving accidents, and has expanded all over the world as a diver resource.

DAN is a wealth of information on all kinds of medical topics related to diving. Through collaborative research, DAN brings pertinent information to the concerned diver regarding all kinds of situations.

They provide a 24/7 hotline for calls regarding emergencies, and can act as a coordinator for medi-vac situations, even and ESPECIALLY in remote places.

This article cannot do justice to all the services DAN provides. Services to the general public include diving medical advise and training in first aid for dive-related accidents.

DAN offers travel and equipment insurance services as well.

Check em out! You don't even have to be a diver to have DAN coverage! It is really nice to have medical resources, especially when you're away from home.

I wouldn't dive without DAN in my set of resources. This would be echoed among the dive community if you asked.

Most divers have DAN. Do you and yours?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL BABIES!



Chris Blanchfield—April 2

Dave Ford—April 7

Brad Freelove—April 7

Fred Knoles—April 17

Gail Liu—April 19

Debby Millard—April 23

Stephanie Green—April 24

Kerry Atkinson—April 25

Brandon Francheschi—April 29

Welcome New Members: Paul Tolle and Sonya Watts!!



APRIL

- 4 Board Meeting - Sepulveda's
18 General Meeting- Round Table
Pizza
Free Pizza and Voting for
2018-2019 Board Members

MAY

- 2 Board Meeting—Chris Anthon's
16 General Meeting- Round Table
Pizza
26-28 Memorial Day Camping—Albion

2018

APRIL

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STANDING CLUB MEETINGS:

Board Meetings: Held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at a Board Member's home. Each month the location rotates to a different Board Member. All members are welcome to attend these meetings; however, we ask that you contact the host to RSVP. Each meeting starts at 7:00pm

The next meeting is at the home of Chris Anthon. Please keep an eye out for communication about how to RSVP, if you wish to attend.

General Meetings: Held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Lane (at Madison Avenue). Call (916) 989-1133 to order in advance, and be sure to ask for the Dolphin Divers Discount! Each meeting starts at 7:00pm.

- Ilkan Cokgor, Activities Chair