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Official Newsletter of the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento

April 2019



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*Dear Dolphin Divers,*

We opened this year's diving season on March 23 with our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey. The weather, although rainy at first, turned out to be perfect as the morning progressed. The participating divers experienced some surge during the event, but everyone was able to manage it. We also had many new and first-time attendees participating this year. The evening dinner was great with some awesome prizes. Above water, we had an Easter egg hunt activity for the kids and, judging from the non-stop mischief and laughter, the kids (and those who are still kids at heart) enjoyed the evening event as well.

On March 31 we had a combination CPR/First Aid/Oxygen/AED class. This was a great deal for our members and I would like to thank Dolphin Scuba for arranging it. Once again, we had several first-time attendees for this class as well as many existing members who wanted to refresh their knowledge and renew their certifications. Of course, once you put a few Dolphin Divers together you can always expect fun and laughter, and this class was no exception. A heartfelt thanks to our instructor for his patience while we learned and practiced CPR in a jovial manner.

Our next events are the Spring Motorcycle Ride and Memorial Day camping, diving, fishing, partying weekend. Please check the club calendar on our web site for the latest information. I will be there ready to participate, and I hope to see you there too.

April is the month when we elect the officers for the next term for our Board of Directors. We will vote for the new board at our General Meeting. **If you cannot participate at the meeting, please contact Dana Carlson to register your vote.**

See you all at the upcoming activities!

*- Ilkan Cokgor, President*

Come Play

# GET INVOLVED

## MEET:

**Attend a General Members Meeting:** 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

**Attend a Monthly Board Meeting:** This club runs on enthusiasm, fun and shared love of diving. The board meetings are where the "magic" happens. Come to a monthly board meeting to find out. Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month, with varying locations. Contact a board member for details.

## THE NEXT EVENT ON DECK:

### SPRING MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Spring is coming! Spring is coming!! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4th (*May the forth be with you*) for our next Dolphin Divers motorcycle ride. More details to come as we get closer. But plan for an all day event with lunch and stops to enjoy the views (*wherever we are*).

If you have any questions, contact the event leader, Renee V.







## EASTER EGG HUNT

The weather forecast for Monterey was originally calling for rain, but it changed as the weekend approached to partly cloudy with a light wind. The waves washing toward the beach were light but as they approached the beach they picked up, so timing was important as everyone waded through them before swimming to the event area. Ken Takata and Leilani LeBlanc were in the boat with me waiting to blow a whistle starting the event. The vis was only about 8 feet, and even less after everyone was kicking up the bottom in their search for the hidden eggs.

On Friday the water was flat and vis was about 20 feet. I was hoping it would hold until Saturday, but it was not to be. Dana Carlson, Ken Takata, Leilani and I met Friday morning to set out the underwater course. Dana navigated one half while I worked the other half. Then we swam around the course putting rocks over the rope so it wouldn't float away while Ken drove my boat and kept us supplied with the anchor lines and marker floats.

Early Saturday morning I hid the eggs while Dana gave the pre-dive briefing. Dave Whiteside was on the beach signing everyone in for the dive. Everyone had listened to my instructions and were all over the hunt area when I blew the starter whistle at 10:00 SHARP! With all of the divers blowing bubbles around the boat it looked from above like we were in a giant hot tub. The eggs were hidden throughout an area 150 feet square with some hidden very well, and others left in the open easy to spot. I guess I did a pretty good job of hiding them because only 2 of the 72 eggs that were hidden are still out there.

While the divers were searching the bottom Brooke Hudson and Eileen Gaffney kept the children entertained on the beach with games so their parents could dive.

By about 11:00 it looked like all of our divers had found their eggs and headed back to the beach so, with I put my tank back on to uncover the rope while Ken and Leilani pulled up the course with help from Jordan Oja, who had been snorkeling and climbed in my boat to help.

Everyone met at Crazy Horse Restaurant that evening for dinner and to collect their hard earned prizes. Debby, signed everyone in at the door and handed out door prize tickets. We feasted on a GREAT buffet dinner of salads, tri-tip and salmon finished with Ice cream for desert. We really lucked out when we discovered Crazy Horse Restaurant as a venue for this event!

Right after dinner we started handing out the prizes. As I read off the egg numbers Holly Little was busy giving the prizes to the children who delivered them to the lucky diver holding up the winning egg. Leilani was taking the eggs from the kids as they returned. As soon as the egg prizes were finished I gave out the raffle prizes.

This event took a lot of work and I couldn't have done it without a lot of help. I want to thank Dana, Ken and Leilani for helping me put out the course on Friday. Thank you Dave for signing everyone in and out on the beach BIG THANKS to Brooke and Eileen for watching the children for us! At the restaurant thanks to Debby for signing everyone in. Thanks Dave, and Connor for selling raffle tickets, Holly for helping with the prizes, and to the children who so *energetically* delivered the prizes to everyone. Without the support of Mike Johnson at Dolphin SCUBA we would not be able to all the great prizes. Thank you, Mike, for your support to all of our events!!!

Jack (Rabbit) Millard







## SPEARFISHING &

## SIGHTSEEING

April 20<sup>th</sup> will find a group of Dolphin Divers heading to the north coast for a weekend of spearfishing and sightseeing. We will be diving out of Ocean Cove and Stillwater Cove. You can come up just for a day or the weekend. As abalone season is still closed, this event will give you a chance to get in the water and get some fish or scallops. We plan on making two dives on Saturday and perhaps a quick dive on Sunday. Of course, the weather will determine how things go.

So, let me know if you are interested in attending and hope to see you there.

Brad Freelove

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## Memorial Day

THIS ANNUAL DIVE TRIP BEGINS FRIDAY, MAY 24, 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 CAPITALIZES 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](http://WWW.ALBIONRIVERCAMPGROUND.COM).

AFTER YOU SUBMIT THE RESERVATION, THE CAMPGROUND WILL EMAIL YOU AN INVOICE.







# 2019 CHANNEL ISLANDS

July 20 – 23

There are only 5 spots still open for our four day trip on the live-aboard dive boat “Conception” to dive the Channel Islands of California. If you want to join your dive club buddies for this fun trip, but have not yet signed up, you should do it soon. The trip cost is only \$650 for all of the diving, food, beverages, and camaraderie of your fellow members. You can get unlimited air fills based only on your nitrogen loading and how often you want to dive. Sound interesting? This is the trip for YOU! If you are a new diver there are lots of dive buddies to help you, if you are an experienced diver your dives and profiles are totally up to you (no deco diving please).

32% Nitrox is available for an addition cost, payable to Truth Aquatics on the boat. Or you can purchase a Nitrox fill card before boarding.

The Channel Islands are beautiful so even if you only want to make a few dives, or none at all, there is still plenty for you to see and do. We will spend the first 3 days diving around Catalina Island, then travel north toward Santa Barbara on the 3<sup>rd</sup> night to spend our last day diving closer to port. Expect water temperatures in the upper 60's around Catalina and in the mid to lower 60's north near Santa Barbara.

For more information check out previous issues of the Bubbles or come to a meeting when we will talk about the trip. I can put you on the roster for only a \$100 deposit, but you need to payoff to select a berth. All payments are cancelable until June 1<sup>st</sup>, after which we can only give you a refund if we fill your space.

Send me an e-mail and I will send you more information, or you can make a deposit or payoff at a meeting or by mail to our club P.O. Box. Make your checks payable to Dolphin Dive Club.

Jack Millard, 916-955-8017, [jbmillard@aol.com](mailto:jbmillard@aol.com)

**Only 9  
Spots  
Left!**



WHEN YOU HAVE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH COME FIND US.

# MEET THE DOLPHIN DIVERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELPING THIS CLUB GET IT DONE

# It's time to VOTE!



**President** Ilkan Cokgor

**VP** Dana Carlson

**Secretary** Brad Freelove

**Treasurer** Marlyn Sepulveda

**Activities Chair** Atakan/Connor

**Safety Officer** Craig Brookey

**Past President** Marilyn Campbell

**Newsletter** Jamie Sepulveda

**Webmaster** Renee Viehmann

**Promotions** Tracy Clarke

**Historian** Jack Millard

## Members At Large

Dave Whiteside

Marianne Larsen

Bob Taylor

Barry Huff

Andy Dinn

Ken Takata

**See next  
month's  
Bubbles for  
your new  
board!**

## All the Feels...

### 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.*

be  
someone's  
**sunshine**  
when their  
skies are  
grey.

### Happy Birthday

Chris Blanchfield April 2

Blake Ballestrazze April 7

Dave Ford April 7

Brad Freelove April 7

Fred Knoles April 17

Gail Liu April 19

Debbie Millard April 23

Danielle Quinton April 23

### Welcome To The Club!

Jay Hurley

Jeffery Ford

Michael Walker

Tracy Gensch

Darin Hunter

Christy Wehril

Lisa Marie

Minh Nguyen

Rick Swan



## APRIL

3	BOARD MEETING AT SEPULVEDAS	
17	GENERAL MEETING WITH FREE PIZZA	VOTING FOR NEW BOARD
20	SPEARFISHING AND SIGHT SEEING DIVE AT OCEAN COVE	EVENT LED BY BRAD FREELOVE

## MAY

1	BOARD TRANSITION MEETING	
4	SPRING MOTORCYCLE RIDE	EVENT LED BY RENEE V
15	GENERAL MEETING	OCEAN DEEP BLUE DISCUSSION
24 27	MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	EVENT LED BY KEN T.

## JUNE

5	BOARD MEETING	
TBD	SCUBA CHALLENGE AT FOLSOM LAKE	EVENT LED BY ILKAN C.
19	GENERAL MEETING	
TBD	AMERICAN RIVER DIVE	

This is just a short list of events to come. Visit [www.dolphindivers.org](http://www.dolphindivers.org) for a full list of 2019 events. This list is ever-changing, so check the website or The Bubbles to be sure you are up to date on events.

**Shop**

*Garage Sale Items*

*If you need to sell or want to buy - check out what is listed here*

Aqua Lung 3MM wet suit, Size XLS \$95.00

Contact David Whiteside at 916-730-8282