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Official Newsletter of the Dolphin Divers of Sacramento

February 2019

The Love of Diving Edition



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Dear Dolphin Divers,

It is already the second month of 2019 and we are going into February with a busy schedule. By the time you read this letter, those of you who signed up will have completed the Sea Life camera class. This is bound to be a great event and I hope that we can do this again soon. Next up is the President's Day camping and relaxation weekend at Casini Ranch on February 16-18. As the event leader Renee Viehmann announced, a good sized group of Dolphin Divers will be attending this event. As of now, the entire campsite is booked. However, the riverfront sites are currently not being rented out pending weather conditions. Once the 10 day forecast is released and the campground has an idea of weather, they may open those sites. So if you still want to go, you should check in with them around February 5th.

This month we will host the Members Film Festival during our general meeting. Please send me your videos or slide presentations you would like to share with members. Once again, you do not have to be an experienced videographer to show your videos. On the contrary, the purpose of this film festival is to share laughs and have a good time, so all skill levels, however basic, are encouraged to participate. The only requirement currently is that the videos or the slide presentations are kept under 10 minutes. We have already received some very neat videos so this should turn out to be a very fun event.

Finally, a very important announcement. The elections for the next Board of Directors will be held during our April 2019 general meeting. We need you to volunteer to serve on the board for the next term. Especially if you are new to the club, you will find that joining the board is a convenient and quick way to get to know the members and the operation of the club. An election committee will be formed and will start soliciting nominations very soon. Hope to see your name on the ballot!

- 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:

PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND

Dolphin Divers of Sacramento will be braving the elements for to enjoy the long weekend at Casini Ranch. Reservations are required for this trip, and there are a few site available for the group site. Give'em a call and secure your spot. We look forward to gathering around the campfires, and spending some time by the sea.

Keep this event on your radar for next year too!

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



Look, we found
Waldo!

And yes, it's rainy...



SAFETY MESSAGE

BY CRAIG BROOKEY



Do You Know What To Do When an Emergency Happens on a Dive?

Be better prepared to assist in an emergency. First Aid techniques are constantly being improved, making this course valuable to both new and experienced SSI React Right Providers. This course has two parts. In part one, you will independently study the course materials and complete the knowledge review questions at your own pace in whatever learning environment works best for you.

Part two is a skill development session with an SSI React Right Instructor where you will refine and demonstrate your new first aid skills in realistic, scenario-based settings. During this session you will have the opportunity to ask any unanswered questions and will complete a written exam. After completing all course requirements, you will be certified as an SSI React Right Provider –a certification that will be valid for two years.

This course is not intended to replace a full-length Emergency Medical Instruction course (for EMT or higher qualifications).

** Bundle with the SSI Diver Stress & Rescue program, and you will be even better informed about how to address divers and emergencies. This course is a prerequisite for Diver Stress & Rescue.**



LOCAL CLASS INFORMATION

DATE : 3/13/2019 AND 3/14/2019

TIME: 6:30pm

LOCATION: Dolphin Scuba Center

TUITION : \$175.00

MATERIAL COSTS: \$40.00 (includes certificate)

If interested, please contact:

Steve Ramirez

Training Manager, Dolphin Scuba Center

Pro# 83164

1530 El Camino Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95815

916.929.8188

Enhance your skills to help you or a loved one have safe adventures.



“Taking pictures is savoring life intensely,
every hundredth of a second.”

— *Marc Riboud*



A Big Thank You goes out to all who participated with the Photo Contest and Member of the Year for 2018 nominations. The absentee nominations were such a hit that we will do it again next year so even if you can't make the meeting, you will still have an opportunity to participate.

This year's Photo Contest did not disappoint. There were 4 categories and here are your choice for photo of the year:



Renee Viehmann—First Place for Above Water Club Event Photo. Taken at Folsom Lake during the Pumpkin Carving Contest



Mike Johnson—First Place in the Open Category.



Holly Little—First Place for Cell Phone Category. Taken in Florida during a kayak ride.



The big winner for 2018 Member of the Year went to **Ken Takata**!! Ken not only won a beautiful Member of the Year engraved plaque, he will also receive a free membership for 2019. Ken has done a lot this past year to bring in new members and bring new speakers to the monthly meetings. Thanks Ken for always going above and beyond!

Big Fish was taken by a landslide during the Labor Day weekend trip to Ocean Cove. **Kenny Carraher** caught a 21 pound 13 ounce and 40 inch long lingcod. Pretty impressive catch!



2018 Member of the Year

thank you

NICE CATCH™



EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY MARCH 23

Our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey will be on Saturday, March 23. As always we'll have lots of GREAT prizes, one for every egg and some for our raffle too! The hunt area will be 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 5:44 sharp we will blow a whistle to signal the start of the event, at which time you should descend. If you are floating over the hunt area and descend when you hear the whistle you are almost assured of finding an egg. If you have not yet reached the hunt area when the whistle is blown the easy ones will be already found and you will have to work much harder to find them. There are usually egg numbers that are not found so don't give up too early! There will be extra weights and a safety diver in a boat, anchored in the center of the area with a safety diver. We will have children's activities organized on the beach while parents are searching for their eggs underwater. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to help with the children's activities please let us know.

Prizes for the adults and children will be awarded at the evening buffet and awards ceremony at Crazy Horse Restaurant, located above the Bay Park Hotel, near Hwy 101 & Munras Avenue. The menu selections will be the same as last year with tri-tip, halibut, hot vegetables, soft drinks, the Crazy Horse signature salad bar, and even Chocolate mousse for desert. 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! I will post the sign-up form on our web site and send a map and directions in an e-mail to everyone who has signed up for this event. If you do not have access to the internet, or a printer, the forms will also be available at the January, February and March general meetings. Even though our cost has gone up for the meals the club is subsidizing the increase to keep your member cost the same.

There are many motels and campgrounds in the area. Here are a few contact numbers for some places to stay:

BAY PARK HOTEL 800-338-3564

We have a group rate of \$109.00/night at Bay Park Hotel, regularly \$144.00. **Ask for our club rate.**

LAGUNA SECA CAMPGROUND 831-758-3604

CYPRUS TREE INN MOTEL & RV 831-372-7586

LONE OAK MOTEL 831-372-4924

MONTEREY TRAVELODGE 831-373-3381

For more info call the Easter Bunny:

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



SPEARFISHING &

SIGHTSEEING

April 20th 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

bradlinda@frontiernet.net



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.

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





2019 CHANNEL ISLANDS

**Only 9
Spots
Left!**

There are nine spaces left on our 2019 Channel Islands dive trip on the Conception. This trip will again be for 4 days from Saturday, July 20 to Tuesday, July 23. This is our first trip including Saturday and Sunday, so we will see if this timing works better for us.

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 still 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.

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 Millard jbmillard@aol.com, 916-955-8017



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



President	Ilkan Cokgor	Members At Large	
VP	Dana Carlson		Dave Whiteside
Secretary	Brad Freelove		Marianne Larsen
Treasurer	Marlyn Sepulveda		Bob Taylor
Activities Chair	Atakan/Connor		Barry Huff
Safety Officer	Craig Brookey		Andy Dinn
Past President	Marylin Campbell		Ken Takata
Newsletter	Jamie Sepulveda		
Webmaster	Renee Viehmann		
Promotions	Tracy Clarke		
Historian	Jack Millard		

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 it is a celebration or reaching out to support a diver in need, please remember we are here.

Contact a board member for details.



Happy Birthday

Mitch Evensen	Feb. 03
Ed Townley	Feb. 10
Paul Tolle	Feb. 13
Liz Gilmore	Feb. 14
Gordon Huhnle	Feb. 17
Barry Hurff	Feb. 22
Owen Autry	Feb. 24
Alexi Oja	Feb. 26

Welcome To The Club!

Barbara Deer

Carol Herrlie (welcome back)



FEBRUARY

1	SEA LIFE CAMERA CLASS AT DOLPHIN SCUBA	EVENT LED BY KEN TAKATA
6	BOARD MEETING HOSTED BY KEN TAKATA	
16 TO 18	PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND AT CASINI RANCH CAMPGROUND	EVENT LED BY RENEE VIEHMANN
20	GENERAL MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA	MEMBERS FILM FESTIVAL

MARCH

6	BOARD MEETING HOSTED BY TRACY CLARKE	
20	GENERAL MEETING AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA	SHARK ECOLOGY DISCUSSION
23	EASTER EGG DIVE IN MONTEREY	EVENT LEADER IS JACK MILARD

APRIL

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

This is just a short list of events to come. Visit 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.