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President's Message

Hello all;

With the New Year upon us already I look back at 2014 and wonder where it all went. I am sure many of you are doing the same thing. It has all just run into a big blur. There are a few highlights that stand out for me though, one of which is several of the diving trips. Channel Islands was a fun one this year. It has been several years since my last trip and Holly and I got in some excellent diving.

Additionally there were several other trips to the coast, even if the diving was not good or did not happen they were good trips with good friends.

Lastly and most memorable was a bucket list trip to Hawaii with my 91 year old grandmother.

She had never been on a "real" vacation like that, so Holly, myself and a few other family members took her to the big island. It was truly a trip of a lifetime for her, and that made it one for me.

So, out with the old and in with the new! Hello 2015! Sitting here thinking about what 2015 is going to bring us obviously leads to diving. Holly and I are already planning a few dive trips. Planning them out in advance is critical to the success of many of them. Getting the vacation days off of work, planning financially for them, and also just looking forward to the trips is important.

A second less thought of aspect of these trips is your gear and skills. Have you had your annuals on your gear recently? Looking forward to the specifics of your planned trip, is your gear ready for that dive? Do you have the right gear including redundancy? Do you have all the training you need for any more technical components of the dives? Are your skills in shape? Has it been a year plus since you were in the water? Now is the time to review all these critical components. I am sure your local dive shop would rather see your smiling face now rather than a panicked face a week or less before your trip when you realize your issue.

Plan ahead, dive safe, dive often!

Cayle Little

Meetings

Board meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at a Board Members 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:

January 7 Tracy Clark (209) 334-4278
February 4 to be announced

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

Dave Whiteside 12th Jack Millard 15th
Kathy Magnani 18th Nancy Fisher 23rd
Michelle Pluth 23rd Robert Kenner V 25th
Jordan Taylor 31st

Welcome New Members

Rob Kenner IV and Robert Kenner V

Safety by Chris Anthon

Have a happy and safe New Year!!!

2014 Member of the Year

- Ken Takata

Ken received a Member of the Year plaque & Membership Dues paid for 2015.

2014 Photo Contest Winners

- Below Water ~ Maridee Green
- Above Water ~ Holly Little
- General ~ Maridee Green
- Selfie ~ Craig Brookey

Each category winner received a Dolphin Scuba Store \$25.00 gift card.

Thanks to those who participated in the 2014 Member of the Year & Photo Contest.

Hello SCUBA Elves, Christmas Promise?



A huge "Thank You" to all the Scuba Elves who took the time and came out to wrap with me on Monday December 8th. Those in attendance were Jack Millard, Nanhee and friends Bill and Steve, Rachel and KatMo, Barbara Bloom, Steve & Brooke, Meredith, Steve & Marilyn Campbell, Penny Bug, Marianne Melvin, Tracy Clark and friend Denise, and of course the leader of the pack – Margie Tomenko!!

We all wrapped gifts from 6 PM until 9 PM or so. Tracy and Denise even got to help unpack and re-pack a huge load of towels and wash clothes that had just come in. Thankfully we were all saved from having to wrap sleeping bags this year!

Some folks could not be in attendance and as such decided to donate in their own way: Joe & Carol Herrlie donated in the form of wrapping paper and tape; the Carlson family and Mike Cooling each made a monetary donation to the Christmas Promise.

Marilyn Campbell was able to once again convince her employer, AKT Development Corporation, that they should make a corporate donation to this worthy cause... she even got them to double last year's donation so that the Christmas Promise ended up with \$500.00 this year – Thank you AKT Development Corporation for your donation!!

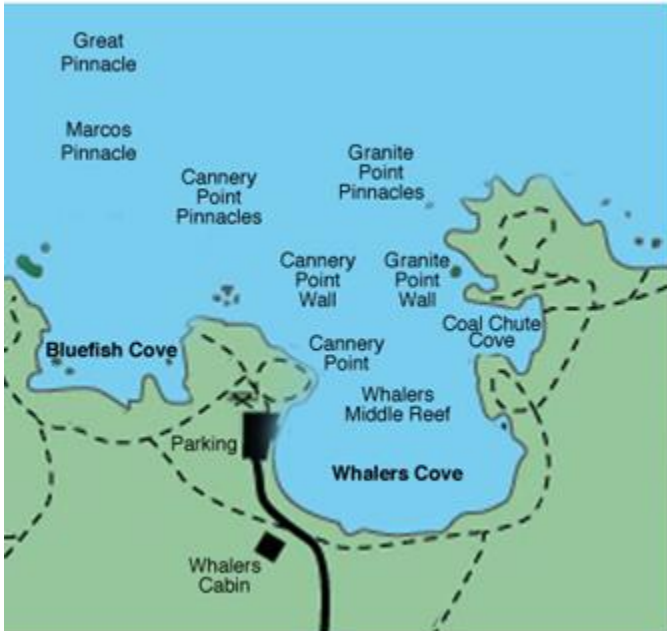
Thanks to all those that brought snacks to share with the others while we were busy wrapping!

Hopefully I will see some old and new faces at 2015's wrapping party! Until then, be happy, be safe, and stay healthy!

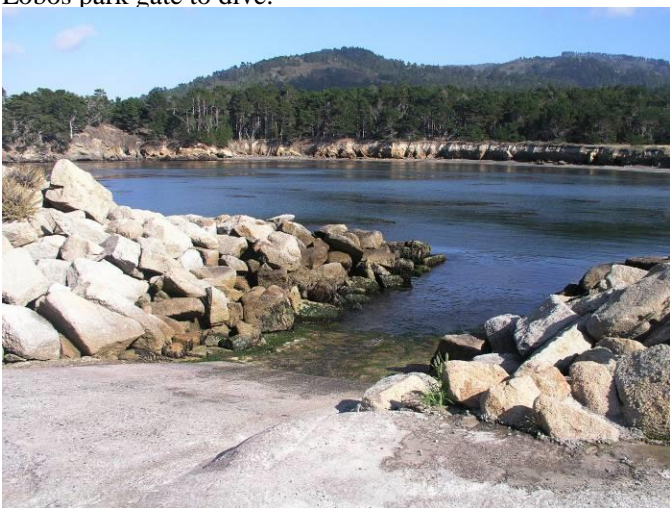
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Point Lobos dive, January 17

<http://pointlobos.org/point-lobos-experience/fantastic-diving/dive-regulations>



We managed to snag 14 of the 15 dive team spaces for Point Lobos on Saturday, January 17. I will also be diving Point Lobos on Friday, January 16, but no reservations should be necessary. If you want to join me on Friday just show up at the park entrance at 8:00. If you wanted to dive on the 17th but were unable to make your own reservations there are a few spots open so send me an e-mail: jbmillard@aol.com or call me at 916-987-1303. If you have a reservation for Saturday it is IMPORTANT that you are there because if the team leader is not there the buddy cannot dive, either. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR "C" CARD! You have to show it at the Point Lobos park gate to dive.



Point Lobos gates open at 8:00 AM and close 1/2 hour after sunset. You should bring something for lunch and all of your tanks for the day – the nearest dive shop for fills is in Monterey and there won't be time to fill tanks between dives. I plan on making 2 dives.

After we finish diving Saturday, and get cleaned up in our rooms, we'll meet at El Torito's Restaurant, on Cannery Row, for dinner and to celebrate my birthday. Jack

Channel Islands 2015

There are ~~45~~ 12 spaces left on our 2015 Channel Islands dive trip on the Conception. This trip will again be for 4 days from Sunday, July 26 to Wednesday, July 29. We will be diving Catalina Island for the first 3 days then one



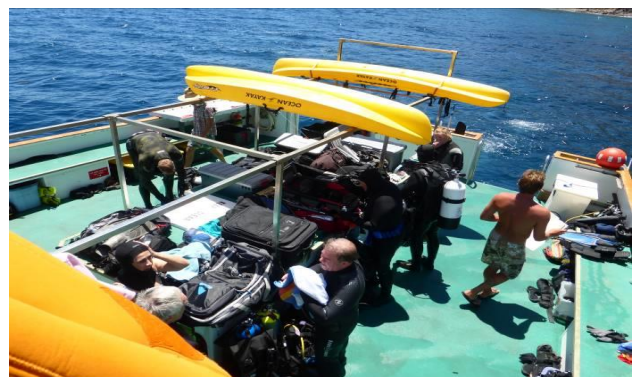
of the northern islands on the last day. We offer this trip at a substantial discount to the list prices, with a member cost of only \$625.00. This annual trip is our biggest fun(d) raiser for the year and an excellent time for

great diving and to get to know all your Dolphin buddies a little better. The diving is limited only by your dive tables and how much 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 often are 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, 916-987-1303



EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday March 21



annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey will be on Saturday, March 21. 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

Our

may be moored outside of the hunt area BUT ALL contestants must remain ON THE SURFACE until the whistle is blown. At 10:00 sharp I'll 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 I blow 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 will be extra weights and a safety diver in my boat, anchored in the center of the area. We will have children's activities organized on the beach while parents are



searching for their eggs underwater. If you, or someone that you know, would be willing to help with the children's activities please let me 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! Please see the flier for more information and to sign up. 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.

There are many motels and campgrounds in the area.

Here are a few contact numbers for some places to stay:

BAY PARK HOTEL (ask for our club discount) 800-338-3564

LAGUNA SECA
CAMPGROUND

831-758-3604

CYPRUS TREE INN MOTEL &
RV 831-372-7586

LONE OAK MOTEL
831-372-4924

TRAVELODGE
831-373-3381

For more info call Easter Bunny Jack Millard at (916) 987-1303, or by e-mail at jbmillard@aol.com



President's Day

February 13th thru February 16th at Casini Ranch

Here is an update in regards to President's Day Weekend (Friday the 13th to Monday the 16th) at Casini Ranch located on the beautiful Russian River. Fred and I have reservations and will be in site C8 this year. I checked with the reservation desk and there are other sites around us that are currently open. Some members have already made reservations so call soon to get your spot. If you plan on going and want to be part of the Dolphin Group, we suggest you make your *own* reservations soon. You can make your reservations via phone at 1 (800) 451-8400 daily between 8 and 4 PM. Or you can make your reservations on line at <https://v3.bookyoursite.com/casini/reservation>. Please plan on sharing hors d'oeuvres both Saturday and Sunday in the early afternoon. Currently, the plan is to head into Bodega Bay (the Tides) Saturday morning to purchase oysters - so bring those dollar bills as well as a variety of yummy dipping sauces for the raw and BBQ'd oysters. The potluck dinner will be on Sunday night. I will be making the traditional clam chowder to contribute to that night's potluck dinner; please plan on bringing your own favorite dish for that night's potluck. It would also be great if you have any firewood to contribute as we keep a fire going most of the weekend. It is always a fun and relaxing weekend and we look forward to spending time with those of you who can join us. If you have any questions, please email me at lisaknoles@sbcglobal.net. If you need any additional information go to Casini's website at: <http://www.casiniranch.com/index.php>
~ Lisa Knoles

Garage Sale

FOR SALE Dacor U/W scooter with BC for scooter. Asking \$200 707-554-6438 **Larry Permann**

Free to a good home, Two Altec Lansing Speakers, beautiful wood finish, Model # 890C Bolero. Call David Whiteside at 916_730-8282

For Sale Women's Wet suit size 14, booties size 7, BC size large, Fins Etc., I also have various men's items. I will take any reasonable offer. Don Hanson 916-293-6660

2015 TROPHY CORNER

BIG FISH:

BIG AB:

Small Ab:

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.dolphinsscuba.com

* **Fish Eye Scuba** (916) 850-1145
www.fisheyescuba.com

* **Scuba World** (916) 332-8294
www.scubaworldsacto.com

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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.

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



DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

January

- **Board Meeting 1/7/15** beginning at 7:00PM. Host: Tracy Clarke,
tracydiver@yahoo.com, (209) 747-0089
- **Point Lobos Dive 1/17/15**, Contact: Jack Millard, jbmillard@aol.com
(916) 955-8017
- **General Meeting 1/21/15** at 7:00PM. Meeting location is Roundtable Pizza
in Folsom: 9500 Greenback Lane, Folsom, CA. Open to the public.
Please meet your fellow divers.

February

- **Board Meeting 2/4/15** beginning at 7:00PM. Host: Fred & Lisa Knoles
fknoles@sbcglobal.net (916) 944-7716
- **Casini Ranch, 2/14-2/16/15**, Contact: Fred & Lisa Knoles
fknoles@sbcglobal.net (916) 944-7716
- **General Meeting 1/18/15** at 7:00PM. Meeting location is Roundtable Pizza
in Folsom: 9500 Greenback Lane, Folsom, CA. Open to the public.
Please meet your fellow divers.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!