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President's Message

Happy New Year,

Ho Ho Ho and away we go!!! Thanks to Renee and her Band of Elves and all the Board Members we had a great party and now another year has come and gone and I am looking forward to see what the New Year brings. We survived the Holidays and made our resolutions. Lose some weight that we acquired during that festive season, kick some of those bad habits, be more tolerant and do more for those who need us, are just a few I have heard. My personal resolution is to attempt to be healthier and happier in 2016 and beyond. Whatever you decide is your resolution, I wish you all the success in keeping it. Every New Year brings to us new adventures and new challenges. I hope you are ready to have some fun with your friends in our club. I know I am. That said, I challenge you to be a "Doer" in the coming year. A mover and a Shaker!! Volunteer your help to make Dolphin Divers of Sacramento the best. You can make a difference. I know you have some ideas of how you would like the club run, so consider being a board member and let your ideas be known. Volunteering to lead an event

can be a very rewarding experience. The club always needs leaders and helpers too. It's not hard if everyone pitches in. Who knows, you could be honored with the next Member of the Year title and enjoy bragging rights and FREE dues for a year.

~CB

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 6 – Lalaynia Little 530-520-7817
or Lalaynia10@gmail.com**

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

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| 1-9 Gil Manganaan | 1-11 Ed Duncan |
| 1-12 Noelani Reinker | 1-12 David Whiteside |
| 1-15 Jack Millard | 1-18 Kathy Magnani |
| 1-23 Michelle Pluth | 1-25 Rob Kenner IV |
| 1-31 Jordan Taylor | |

Happy Birthday to you all!!!

Christmas Promise 2015

– *It's a wrap...*



A BIG “Thank You” goes out to the following SCUBA Elves who joined me on the very last Christmas Promise Wrapping Party: Craig Brookey, Steve and Marilyn Campbell, Ken Takata, Brad Freelove, Chuck & Lou Schumaker, Penny Johnson, Mike Cooling and Nanhee Kim, Kevin and Maggie Kunkel, and of course Margie Tomenko. Others RSVP’d however they were not able to make it due to last minute injuries, illness, or colds – you were missed!

Together we wrapped 10 big boxes filled with toys, school supplies, stuffed animals, balls of all kinds of shapes and sizes, clothing, etc. – all for a very good cause!

While we were busy wrapping Margie Tomenko who has been doing this 20+ years gave us a brief description of how she got involved with the Christmas Promise (a friend invited her to help wrap some presents....) and shared a few of the more touching letters that the organization has received over the years ~ a request for reading glasses for a grandma so she could read bedtime stories again; and a request for a bed for a sister so that she no longer had to sleep on a cockroach infested floor and would no longer wake up screaming in the middle of the night – the little boy requesting this did not ask for anything for himself although he was in the same predicament as his sister.

The Christmas Promise is staffed by non-paid volunteers and the North Pole locations have been donated over the years. Some of the volunteers shop all year long to find the best prices on sleeping bags, bicycles, basic necessities such as toiletries, towels, socks, etc.

What I did not know until last night, is that none of the recipients know that Santa is scheduled to show up at their doorstep on Christmas Eve – Imagine the look of surprise on the families’ faces when Santa shows up all dressed up and with his helpers in tow with a big bag full of goods to hand out AND he knows everybody’s names!!

As said before, this is the last year for the Christmas Promise. “Leftover” clothing items will be donated to the San Juan Clothes Closet, books will be donated to a library, and other items will be donated to a local charity that deals with underprivileged children... might be a good “wrapping” candidate for next year.. Who knows..?

Anyhow, I would like to thank each and every one of you that has come to the wrapping parties over the past 15 years or so. It has been fun and very “rewarding”.

~ Corinne

DDS Christmas Party 2015

If you weren’t there, you missed a great party and we missed you!! The Dante Club provided an excellent location and food. We had a total of 49 people in attendance and it was great to see some members that we hadn’t seen in a while. The raffle had some amazing prizes and we sold over \$1,000 in raffle tickets! Not bad for 49 people! The grand prizes included a dive computer and dry suit. Thanks to Mike Johnson of Dolphin Scuba Center for the great deal on all these great prizes! Also, thanks to those who donated cash and gifts to the raffle as well.

PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

- Britannia Junes – At an Event / General
- Karen Reale – General Category
- Dana Carlson – Best Video



This year’s Member of the Year winner was Marilyn Campbell. We thank her for all the hard work this year with the recognition of the club, a plaque and a free membership in 2016.

Channel Islands 2015

There are 10 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

Special thank you to those who helped make this event a success. I could not have done it without my Santa's Helpers:

- DJ Steve "LittleFox" Volpicelli
- Brad Freelove & Ken Takata – Raffle Elves
- Karen Reale – Table Décor Elf
- Amy Cokgor – Guest Checkin Elf
- Craig Brookey – Awards & Photo Contest Elf
- Brad Freelove, Jack Millard & Marylin Campbell – Photography Elves

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will see you on January 20th for the next General Meeting ~*Renee*

President's Day 2016

February 12th thru February 15th at Casini Ranch

President's Day Weekend (Friday the 12th to Monday the 15th) will be at Casini Ranch located on the beautiful Russian River.

Fred and I will be making our reservations shortly and will post on the dolphin divers digest what site we have so you can call and make your reservations for the sites around us. If you want to email me at lisaknoles@sbcglobal.net that you are interested in attending, I will send you a direct email as soon as we have our reservations so you can make yours.

We will plan on the usual for the weekend. 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 (last year they were about \$1.25/oyster) as well as a variety of yummy dipping sauces for the raw and BBQ'd oysters.

We will have our potluck dinner either Saturday or Sunday night. (Since Sunday is Valentine's Day I wasn't sure if some would like to do something with their spouse/significant other and have the potluck on Saturday...we can go with the consensus of the group). 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 is always a fun and relaxing weekend and we look forward to spending time with those of you who can join us. If you need any additional information, please visit Casini's website at: <http://www.casiniranch.com/index.php>

~ Lisa Knoles

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 19



Our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey will be on Saturday, March 19. 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 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! 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 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



Friendly Reminder!!!

If you purchased Abalone Tags with your 2015 California Fishing License, you are required to report your catch to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (whether or not you took any or not) by December 31, 2015. You can either mail it in to the address on the tags or report it on line through the DFW website. Failure to report could result in not being able to get tags next year



OCEAN SAFETY

Be swept away by the Beauty- not the waves!!

Hazardous Surf Conditions Right In Front of You

Surprisingly large “rogue” waves occur daily at any time of year. They can knock you down and sweep you off beaches and rocks into cold, deep water. These waves can be deadly for the unwary and account for many preventable drownings.

If You Do Get Swept In

Stay Calm. Call for help. Expect more large waves. Take a moment to get your bearings. Look for a place where the waves may be smaller, preferably a low, sandy area where you can exit without being battered against the rocks. If you see someone swept into the ocean, DO NOT go in yourself. Throw a floatable object if it is close by. **Go for help. Call 911.**

Rip Currents Rip currents are strong, swift-moving channels of water moving from shore to sea. Don't swim against the current. Swim gradually out of the current by swimming across it.

Surf-related Accidents are Preventable

To save your life:

- Expect the next wave to be two or three times larger than the one before it. Keep dry land between you and wet sand or rocks. Avoid exposed rocks, jetties, and headlands during and after storms.
 - If you are near the water, face the ocean at all times to reduce the chance that a large wave will surprise you.
 - Keep children close to you and small children within easy grasp.
- Non-swimmers should wear life jackets.
- Share these safety tips with children.
 - Tide pools are in low-lying areas where waves can easily reach you. Rocks are slippery. Be especially cautious.

OTHER HAZARDS

Know the Tides

Incoming tides isolate rocks from headlands and the shore. If you're not sure about the tide, avoid these rocks. Use a tide book. Stay off rocks and small enclosed beaches on an incoming tide.

Frigid Water

Average ocean temperature is 52 degrees F (11 degrees C). Anyone in the ocean without a wetsuit will become hypo-thermic quickly.

Survival time may be as short as 15 minutes.

Beachcombing

Beware of crumbling bluffs overhead, the unexpected rogue wave, and surf-tossed logs.

Stay Safe on the Bluffs

All cliffs and bluffs are unstable and may crumble. Stay away from the edge.

Fishing

When fishing from rocks or shore take extreme care. Do not go into the surf to free a snagged line.

Diving, Kayaking, and Surfing

If the ocean looks rough, it is rough. Know your limits and wait for calmer seas.

SAFETY RULES

- *Never turn your back on the ocean*
- *Keep children within easy grasp*
- *Know when tides change*
- *Expect rapidly changing conditions*
- *Stay back on cliffs and bluffs*
- *Avoid slippery rocks*

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 1998 Coleman Fleetwood Tent Trailer, Good Condition. \$2000 obo Penny Johnson 916-205-5619

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.dolphinclub.com

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

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