

# PARADISE Dive Club

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## President's Log

by Patty Bryant

Boy, do I ever love summer! The weather is hot and sunny and the water is warm and clear. Even *I* have been getting in the water. In the past week, I have been diving, kayaking and snorkeling. What fun it has been.

For those of you (like me) who might not be that keen on night diving in our local waters, this time of year is the perfect time to join in on the Wednesday night dives. The long daylight hours mean that the "night" dives are actually evening dives that finish up before sundown. I joined the regulars this past Wednesday at Hendry's Beach and it was a wonderful way to spend the evening. When we got in the water, the sun was still high in the sky, and when we were swimming back to the beach, the sky was turning pink and the water was like glass. And we saw a lot of cool stuff underwater too.

Today, Mark & Kay Silva hosted a baby shower party for Mark, Julie & Baby Bursek. As is always the case

when Kay is involved, the food was scrumptious and the atmosphere warm and inviting. And as is always the case when Mark is involved, the call of the ocean was not ignored. Cheryl and Jonathan dropped a few of us off at the Biltmore and we made our way down to the "take out" at Miramar Beach, which is just down the street from the Silva's house. Mark, Paul, and I snorkeled while Dan and Dorothy scuba dived. The reef structure that spans that area is very shallow and very beautiful. I had never seen Hammond's Reef before so it was quite a treat for me. We saw lots of leopard sharks, lobsters, crabs, bat rays, and many, many fish. What a great swim. And what a nice baby shower party we had after the swim. Thanks, Kay & Mark, for another great party.

I'm looking forward to more diving, kayaking, and playing in the sun tomorrow at Refugio. Of course by the time you read this, this fun weekend will be over but never fear, we still have a lot more fun events coming up this summer. On August 15th we will be going out on the Conception for a day of diving at Santa Cruz Island. And on September 17-19 we have the underwater cleanup and campout at Refugio. And don't forget about those Wednesday "night" dives. Hope to see you soon.

### Join the club, enjoy the benefits

- ∅ Monthly meetings with entertainment
- ∅ Raffle prizes (who doesn't like prizes?)
- ∅ Great dive buddy pool
- ∅ Beach & boat dives, including weekly night dives
- ∅ Club BBQs & other activities
- ∅ Free airfills & gear discounts at local dive shops
- ∅ Right to proudly wear the official PDC t-shirt (because we do have the coolest logo)

### Mark your calendars...

We meet on the last Tuesday of the month

#### Victoria's Café

2220 Bath Street  
(next to Encina Lodge)

6:30 pm - social hour

7-8:30 pm - feeding frenzy, meeting,  
raffle prizes, entertainment

# PDC Boat Trip on the Conception

## Sunday, August 15

by Patty Bryant

We have reserved 11 spots on the *Conception* for a trip to Santa Cruz Island on Sunday, August 15. This is one of those rare weekend open boat trips, so you don't want to miss it. Departure time is 6 am and the cost is \$81.



*Santa Cruz Island—photo by Stacey Kimsey*

As always, money talks, and the first 11 people to pay up are the lucky 11 that get to go on the trip. We will be collecting for this trip at the next meeting, which is July 27. If you want to go on this trip and can't make it to the meeting, be sure to call Mark Silva at 969-2014 and arrange to get a check to him.

*Aerial view of Santa Cruz Island—photo from Santa Cruz Island Foundation, <http://www.west.net/~scifmail/>*

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### Elections are Coming!

It's getting to be that time of year—time for Paradise Dive Club board elections! Is this the year for you to run?

The positions and their current holders are listed at left, and any of us would be happy to talk with you about what the various jobs entail. The board meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month to discuss club issues and plan future events. Serving as a PDC officer is a great way to have input on activities, and to give something back to the club.

Think about it...

### August boat dives:

- Sunday, 8/1, on the *Spectre*, 7am departure, \$78. Call Aquatics, 967-4456.
- Sunday, 8/1, on the *Peace*, 7am departure, \$95. Call Anacapa Dive Center, 963-8917.
- Saturday, 8/14, on the *Spectre*, 7am departure, \$78. Call Aquatics, 967-4456.
- Monday-Tuesday, 8/23-24, a freediving trip to Cortes Banks on the *Peace*, departs 9pm Sunday, \$250. Call Blue Water Hunter, 564-6677.

### Welcome to our new members!

Danielle DiSimone

Vanessa McCarthy



# PDC Day at Refugio—July 18



*Up close & personal with a California cabezon*



*Carnivorous starfish enjoying a mackerel*



*Mark BBQs while Ralph, Dave, and Conrad offer helpful tips*



*Another beautiful day at the beach*




*Diane & Laurel practice their surf exit*



*Ray & Ovi enjoy Mark's cooking  
Photos by Stacey Kimsey*

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Don't Forget...  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**July 27**  
 at Victoria's Café

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	Boat dive	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**Upcoming Events**

- Boat dive on the Conception— August 15
- Underwater cleanup and group campout at Refugio— Sept. 17-18

Night Dives

### Wednesday night dives

To find out where the group is diving or to be added to the night dive e-mail list, contact Dan Lindsay at edgy01@aol.com/964-5020, Carl Gwinn at carlgwinn@yahoo.com/968-5694, or Mark Silva at 969-2014.



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