PARADISE Dive Club

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President's Log by Dan Lindsay

My New Year's resolution is to dive more! Welcome to 2006, and I hope you all have an enjoyable new year.

First things first—many thanks to Kay Silva and to Steve Trainoff & Gretchen Beckert for managing and hosting the holiday party in December. I believe the food was the best so far. I appreciate everyone preparing their specialties and sharing them with the club. Thanks, too, to Scuba Santa who swam out of his busy schedule to cover our party exclusively.

We failed to have the invitational golf ball cleanup in December because of high surf and rain. We will try this again in February.

During the winter months we try a variety of other activities to keep us in the scuba mood and shape—hikes in the foothills, and dive-related movie nights at UCSB. Take a moment to check the schedule for these upcoming activities.

Here's to better dive conditions soon!





Happy New Year from the Paradise Dive Club!

Join the club, get cool stuff

- **d** Monthly meetings with entertainment
- **d** Raffle prizes (who doesn't like prizes?)
- **d** Great dive buddy pool
- **d** Beach & boat dives, including weekly night dives
- **d** Club BBQs & other activities
- **d** Free airfills & gear discounts at local dive shops
- **a** 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

Rusty's Pizza, Goleta

in the Kmart Center, 270 Storke Road

6:30 pm - social hour 7-8:30 pm - feeding frenzy, meeting, raffle prizes, entertainment

New Year's Day dive

Start the year off right with a PDC tradition, a New Year's Day dive at Refugio!

We'll meet at 11:30 a.m.; bring a picnic lunch if you'd like to hang out afterward (no club BBQ for this event). If it's raining, go back to sleep and consider the dive canceled.

January 14 movie night

Since most of us are logging a little less bottom time during these winter months, we figure it's a good time to immerse ourselves in a good oceanthemed flick.

We'll meet on Saturday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the screening room on the first floor of the Marine Science Research Building at UCSB. Watch your inbox for an Evite with more details and an opportunity to vote on your favorite film.



Bulletin Board

• Don't forget, **no general meeting in December!** Our next meeting will be on the last Tuesday of January (1/31). Join us for a special presentation by Marco Farrell of Critter Gitters.

• Reminder to **abalone divers**, your cards are due! Send to the Department of Fish & Game, 19160 South Aruba Drive, Fort Bragg, CA 95437-5798. (Thanks for the reminder, Bruce.)

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Membership: \$30/year (May-April); \$25/year for renewing members. Includes monthly newsletter. For details or to join, contact the membership coordinator, Rob Budny, at rob.budny@gmail.com.

Newsletter Notes — by Stacey Janik

Congratulations to Rob Budny, winner of our end-of-year raffle for newsletter contributors! Rob gets a dive trip for two on *Truth*—many thanks to our generous sponsors at Truth Aquatics.

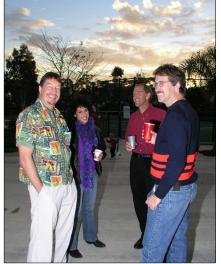
A new year has begun, and that means you can start earning entries for our 2006 raffle. I am always interested in publishing your dive stories, trip reports, and photos; if you have something you'd like to see in print, please e-mail me at sjanik@gmail.com. Board members are not eligible for the contest. (Note: Rob won based on an entry he made before he was elected to the board.)

And while we're talking about the newsletter... although elections are a few months away, I'd like to start soliciting interest in the newsletter editor post. I have been on the board for nearly four years now, doing the newsletter for three. It's been a lot of fun, and I appreciate the nice feedback I've heard about the newsletter. It's also a significant time commitment, and I'm ready to take a break for awhile. So if there are any club members out there with desktop publishing skills (or desire to learn—it's not that hard to pick up for anyone who's generally adept with computers), please come talk to me at one of our meetings or events, or drop me an e-mail. Thanks!

Welcome to our new members!

Richard and Classen Wycoff

2005 Paradise Dive Club Holiday Party



A beautiful afternoon for a party. Photo by Steve Trainoff.



Photo by Laurel Mehler.





Scuba Claus in action. Photo above by Laurel Mehler, photo below by Ray Janik.



Fun for all ages. Photo by Steve Trainoff.



Let's eat! A terrific spread of everyone's holiday favorites. Photo by Steve Trainoff.



If this picture makes you say "huh?", ask Carl to relay his killer octopus tale for you. Photo by Ray Janik.

Are you sure you don't want to steal the scuba frog? The ever-popular Dirty Santa gift exchange. Photo by Laurel Mehler.



This present's a perfect fit for Zach Bursek Photo by Laurel Mehler

MONTHLY MEETING January 31

Rusty's Pizza in Goleta

NO DECEMBER MEETING!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Frí	Sat
1 Refugio dive	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	1 1	12	13	14 Movie night at UCSB
15	16	17	18	Night Dives	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Thursday night dives: To find out where the group is diving or to be added to the night dive e-mail list, sign up at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PDC_midweek_dive or send e-mail to PDC_midweek_dive-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Upcoming Events

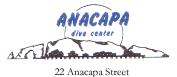
- New Year's Day dive, Refugio, 11:30 a.m.
- Movie night at UCSB's Marine Science Research Building, 1/14, 6:30 p.m.
- Golf ball dive—rained out in December! To be rescheduled.

January Boat Trips

- 1/15 on *Spectre*, 7am depart. to Anacapa & Santa Cruz, \$85. Call Aquatics, 967-4456.
- 1/29 on *Peace*, 7am depart. to inner islands, \$110. Call Anacapa, 963-8917.



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