



# Laguna Sea Dwellers

The Orange County Dive Club

November 2008

## November Photo Winner



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## Upcoming Events

### November 7th

Club Mixer—Bowling at Irvine Lanes. Sushi afterwards at Mitsui Sushi Bar and Grill. 6:00pm.

### November 8th

Club Beach Dive and Picnic. Heisler Park—North End. 7:45am.

### November 19th

Club Meeting at Newport Beach Tennis Club. 7:00pm.

### November 22nd

Club Beach Dive and Picnic. Heisler Park—North End. 9:00am.

### December 6th

Holiday Party at Newport Beach Tennis Club. 6:00pm.

### December 20th

Club Beach Dive and Picnic. Heisler Park—North End. 7:45am.

*See calendar on page 4 for more events!*

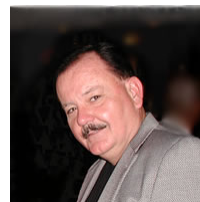
## Galapagos, Hawaii, Indonesia Club Member Presentations November 19, 2008

## President's Message

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and as you are making your plans, please remember the Club's Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 6th. We will be partying at the Newport Beach Tennis Club and the place will be decorated in a festive Holiday mood. We will have music by a local DJ and many raffle prizes including a trip to Cozumel of 4 nights and 2 days of diving valued at \$599! There will be great food and libations to be enjoyed by all. The cost per person is \$35 and there are a limited number of tickets, so get yours early.

The elections will be over on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, so I hope you all have been able to vote. We will be looking at new ways to hold the elections since some Members did not receive their ballots. If you have any suggestions, bring this to the attention of the new Board and maybe volunteer to help out with the process.

We have a group of Members going to Catalina this weekend and are looking to have a great time and do a little diving. On a serious note, we came up short on our number going and the Club will have to come up with a balance for those who decided not to



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## November 2008 Photo Contest—Nudibranchs

And the winner is ... *Tim Williams*

Fifteen pictures were submitted for November's contest. Thirteen of fifteen eligible board members cast votes by assigning a numerical score of 3 to their first choice, a 2 to their second choice and an 1 to their third choice.

Tim's photo garnered six first place votes, two second place votes and two third place votes for a total of 24 points. Julianne took second place with 18 points and Tom captured third with 11 points. Tim is now the recipient of \$25 and a chance at winning a special grand prize at year-end. Congratulations!

Now is the time to submit entries for December.

### About the Photo

<b>What:</b>	<b>Nudibranch</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Maui</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>August 2008</b>
<b>Who:</b>	<b>Tim Williams</b>
<b>Depth:</b>	<b>12ft</b>
<b>Camera:</b>	<b>Canon Rebel XT 18 - 55 mm</b>

*Remember, you can't win if you don't enter!*

**Julianne Steers**



**Tom Gorman**



## Looking Forward to December...

Diving is nothing else than seeing and breathing underwater. It's the fulfillment of a dream. The weightless floating: the discovery of a world we only heard of from movies or books before we took that first giant stride. When you live the diving lifestyle, one strives to experience, explore and discover as much as possible in the underwater realm.

This month, we express through photography all that we enjoy through our diving activity. Both below the surface and above are valid entries. Diving is much more than just what happens under the waves. Divers are unique individuals with incredible experiences that can be captured as images that reflect a day in their life. Photo can depict any aspect of the lifestyle of a scuba diver. Remember the times and visions you've had between dives, during dives, and afterwards. Sunsets. Sunrises. Divers. Island views of your favorite dive site...in either cold or warm water destinations.

For those of you who have been hesitating about entering, now's your chance. The **Marine Environment / Diving Lifestyle** theme provides plenty of options to share your memories with the club and perhaps win \$25.

*Julianne Steers*



## President's Message (Cont'd from pg. 1)

go at the last minute. If you sign up for a Club event, be it a boat trip, Holiday Party, or other function that the Club has planned, please be responsible and give sufficient notice to the Board if you are not going. By waiting until the minute, the club is left holding the bag. Also, if you raise your hand for a function and even put your name down on a sign up sheet, get your deposit in as soon as possible. We have had several instances where Members have raised their hands for an event, then bailed at the last minute. The Club can't afford such actions and it is not fair to your fellow Club Members. The Board tries to put together as many functions as possible to make being a Member fun, so support the Club by fulfilling your commitment when you have signed up for an event.

This month we have Club Members giving presentations for the meeting. They will be talking about several dives that they have been on and exotic trips that they have taken. Hopefully we will have Eric Eckes showing some of his fabulous pictures that he took in Indonesia.

We are looking for more speakers for next year, so contact Cathy if you know someone who would be a great speaker for the meetings. If you have suggestions for subjects or know of someone who would be a great speaker, contact Cathy before the end of the year.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday Season. Remember to drive and dive sober! And don't forget to dive safe out there...

*Tom Gorman*

### New Member Drive

Changes in training at the shop have reduced our available pool of new members from dive classes. We need our members' help in growing our membership. The following incentives are available to our membership:

**When: June 1, 2008 thru November 30, 2008**

**Refer 1 new member: 5 free raffle tickets**

**Refer 2 new members: \$25 and 10 raffle tickets**

**Refer 3 new members: \$50 and 15 raffle tickets**

**Raffle tickets provided at a club meeting.**

### LSD Dives San Clemente Island

Another boatload of us made the crossing to San Clemente Island on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. For some reason, this trip was a challenge to fill...or maybe for several reasons: the economy, DEMA, torn meniscus, back surgery, other conflicts, etc. Whatever it was, the last spot was finally filled on Friday...then that person changed their mind. So, we were ultimately one diver short.

Overall, the club broke even on the boat trips in general this year. On some of our trips, we charter the

whole boat (so that we are in control of the location and the number of divers), and we offer the trips at cost (or slightly more) per spot. We are a non-profit organization, therefore, we do not mark the trips up, so to speak.

For future trips, the board will consider ways to price the trips so that the club is not "on the hook" for any spots that go unfilled. Ideas include: pricing to include a slight buffer for unfilled spots; first to pay, first to pick a bunk; deposits; boat trip punch card for a chance at a paid spot on a future trip (cost covered by excess from all the trips). At the end of the day, our trips are so much fun, and we want to keep offering them. Know that club participation is key to making them a success! Please continue to share your ideas! Back to the trip...we departed very early in the morning (midnight, actually), and it seemed like we never left the harbor...the ocean was as flat as an ice rink! We arrived at 5:30am. It was very dark (darkest before the dawn), and Captain Greg really earned his pay as he safely found a spot to rest the anchor at the east end of the island. Almost half the divers were up and in their gear to get the first night dive in of the day. The rest of us leisurely got out of our bunks and had breakfast before jumping in. Remember how we learned last year that SCI is the island of the shorts? Well, several of the "experienced" lobster divers proved that theory wrong! There were a bunch of legal bugs scurrying around the boat deck before the end of the day! We had 3 beautiful dives (4 for those that did the night dive) – the conditions were fantastic! Water temp at 63, visibility at 50-60 feet, no incidents (though a little bit of current), and lots of fish!

Here's what some of those on board had to say:

*"The surge was useful allowing the kelp to sway as beautifully as it does...but at times a pain in the ---!"*

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**November Birthdays**

- Barbara Anderson 1
- Terese Caraccio 2
- Phil Mangiaracina 2
- Terry Adams 4
- Laura Bazerman 7
- Chuck Katz 9
- Grady Scallon 10
- David Jochim 11
- Richard Wackerbarth 11
- William Power 13
- Robyn Williams 13
- Gretchen Lindelof 14
- Arica Ogren 17
- Shawney Little 18
- Philip Lohman 19
- Frank Murgolo 20
- Debbie Kaimoto 22
- Steven Kinney 23
- Robert Riley 23
- Cedric Volk 25
- Robert Kemer 29



**Calendar of Events**

November 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30						1 Catalina Weekend
2 Catalina Weekend	3	4	5	6	7 Bowling	8 Club Dive Heisler Park
9	10	11	19 Dive Club Meeting NB Tennis Club 7:00pm Club Member Presentations		14	15
16	17	18			21	22 Club Dive and BBQ
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

December 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	6 Holiday Party Newport Beach Tennis Club 6:00pm	
7	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Club Dive Heisler Park
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**Diving Milestones**

**150**

**Laura Bazerman**

Laguna Sea Dwellers was formed to promote the sport of diving in our community. Congratulations to those reaching these important milestones! Have you reached an important milestone? If so, let us know @ lsd-news@cox.net.

**Laguna Sea Dwellers 8th Annual Holiday Party**

**Saturday, December 6th, 6:00p-11:00p**

**Newport Beach Tennis Club**



- ⇒ Dressy Attire Please. Leave your Jeans and Wetsuits at home.
- ⇒ Cost: \$35 per person
- ⇒ Tickets are limited! Get them at the November club meeting or send payment to the club P.O. Box (see page 8).

**DJ Dancing**

**\$15-\$25 Gift Exchange**

**\$100 of Dollars Worth of Prizes!**



## LSD Dives, Eats, Drinks and Sleeps Catalina Island

How did you spend your Halloween? Well, for ten of your fellow club members, the Halloween weekend was spent on Catalina Island. The Club coordinated a weekend package of diving, eating, drinking, and sleeping through Cinde MacGugan of Catalina Divers Supply (CDS).

Our weekend began with a trip on board the Catalina Express. Club members went over at various times on Halloween with the last group arriving in Avalon at 8pm. We were greeted by Cinde at the dock and taken with our luggage to the Catalina Island Inn. After checking in, everyone met at the Lobster Trap for dinner and Halloween celebration. The Lobster Trap had a live band with the key word being "live", or did we mean LOUD!

Saturday morning we checked in. CDS was recently purchased by Roger Urbach and we were for the Scuba Cat for two boat contrary, the Scuba Cat made "Rock Quarry". The Rock fact that it was the source of the breakwaters for mainland enjoyed the dive and I was nudibranch.



Club members Rick Alpert, Jean Yves Couleaud, Cherri Cubillos, Bill Manrow, Eric Eckes, Margi Friedman, Tom Gorman, Debbie Basura, John Staats and Paul Stephens.

Our second dive was diving Hen Rock, we encountered a pod of dolphins and the second dive was as enjoyable with them for some time. The water was as the first. We encountered flat water, had great visibility and stayed warm in 64 degree water. The Scuba Cat returned to the dock at 2pm and we had the afternoon to ourselves.

Saturday night dinner was included in our package and once again we found ourselves at the Lobster Trap joined by Eric Mahan, CDS manager. The day before, a giant swordfish had been caught in the waters off Avalon and the Lobster Trap purchased the entire fish. Everyone ordered the swordfish which was cooked to order. I must say it was the best swordfish I have ever eaten! I highly recommend this new restaurant when staying in Avalon!

met on the dock at CDS and purchased by Roger Urbach and tunate to have Roger onboard dives. Despite my plea to the way to our first dive site, the Quarry gets it's name from the most of the rock used to build Southern California. Everyone fortunate to see a new yellow

scheduled for Hen Rock. Prior to a pod of dolphins and the with them for some time. The as the first. We encountered flat water, had great visibility and stayed warm in 64 degree water. The Scuba Cat returned to the dock at 2pm and we had the afternoon to ourselves.



Sunday morning found us at the Casino Dive Park where our weekend package included unlimited diving. Five of the original ten opted to dive the Dive Park and again we encountered good visibility. As the waters had cooled from summertime, the Black Sea Bass had moved south. However, there were massive bait balls in the Park as well as some very large Sheephead. Three of us hearty divers completed two dives in the Park before it was time to head back to the Catalina Express for the trip home. The sentiment from everyone was the same: Catalina Divers Supply, the Catalina Inn, and The Lobster Trap treated us like royalty. We highly recommend any and all of these companies to those club members looking to visit Avalon.

*Eric Eckes*



Catalina Photos courtesy of Cherri Cubillos



## Dive Travel w/ Gorman Dive Adventures

### Raja Ampat, Indonesia

- **January 2nd—17th, 2009.**
- 7 nights aboard the Adventure II Live Aboard
- 5 nights at the Kasawari Lembah Resort
- \$5,424pp dbl occupancy.

*Only 4 spots available!*

### Dominica

- **June 18th—27, 2009.**
- 8 days / 7 nights hotel w/breakfast.
- 5 days/2 tank boat dives.
- 1 night stay in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- \$2,399pp dbl occupancy. *10 booked, 8 spots available!*



Dive with sperm whales!

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### Laguna Sea Dwellers

Welcomes our newest member...

Patrick Ochoa



Earn \$\$\$

See membership contest on page 3.

## In case you missed it...

### Highlights from the October 2008 Meeting

With about about 45 people attending the monthly meeting, it was almost a full house for our guest speaker: John Hott, training director from Ocean Technology Systems in Santa Ana. OTS specializes in underwater communication systems for divers. As expected, most applications are based on full face masks. Of interest to sport divers are diver to diver communication systems which use ultrasound (25 to 33 kHz) to carry information underwater. These systems basically work like a land based walkie-talkie. Typical underwater systems have ranges of about 0.5 miles with powers below 1 Watt. However, the sport diving market is a bit of a secondary business to OTS: the bulk of their business comes from military and commercial applications for diver to surface communication and public safety customers. Most of those customers use hardwired systems rather than ultrasound based ones. John showed us a video which demonstrated the clarity of the diver to diver communication device. I would say it would have been useful in a few instances where I could not find my buddy or was unable to express what I wanted to say with hand gestures... The only drawback to the system is that you have to get a full face mask and the associated training.

#### October Raffle Winners

Dive light	Terese Caraccio	Dive light	Cathy Kligman
Dive light	Howie Gordon	PC Dive light	John Payne
Hat	John Payne	Travel BC hanger	Cathy Solomon
Safety Sausage	Steve Craig		
Movie tickets	Cathy Kligman		
Bottle of Cabernet	Cindy Wager		
Bottle of Cachaca	Grady Scallon		
Bottle of Merlot	Sandra Laskowski		
Reg Maint Certificate	Bruce McKeon		
Regulator bag	Michel Loignon		



*Michel Loignon*

### LSD Dives San Clemente Island (cont'd from page 3)

*"The moonlight through the underwater forest and the sunrise seen from underwater were spectacular!"*

*"The purple gorgonians on the arch and in the Grand Canyon channel were abundant and lush!"*

*"The sunlight through the kelp canopy was as stunning as a stained glass window."*

*"There was a lobster hanging in the kelp canopy...obviously marching to a different drummer."*

*"This was an amazing place for a first boat dive. There was so much to enjoy while diving here!"*

*"Thanks to DM, Bill Manrow, and Assistant DM, Grady Scallon, for making the trip safe!"*

*"Thanks to Fletcher McNair who saved the day for Captain Greg and 'Bubba!' What's a dive trip without a talented, mechanically inclined diver on board to fix a broken engine!"*

*"No one hurled – until the sea changed 3/4s of the way back (not sure who that was)."*

*"It was amazing to see a blue whale and a fin whale on the way back to port!"*

*"Ms. Laura Bazerman dived her 150<sup>th</sup> dive!"*

The trip back began at 12:30pm. We were making very good time until we hit the fog bank. That is when the sea began to change and we started rocking and rolling. Debbie the cook missed the 7-mile marker for our spaghetti! Shortly after that, however, the fog cleared and we were in the harbor....back at the dock just before 7. Great day (long ride back)!

Stay tuned for the 2009 list of boat trips as well as maybe another added trip before the end of 2008! Happy diving!



*Cathy Solomon*

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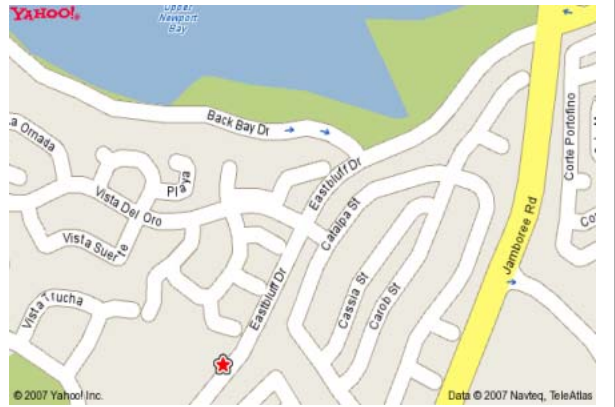
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**Next Club Meeting: November 19, 2008**

