

December 2015 Newsletter



Whalers Dive Club

BJ's Restaurant & Brewery

6424 Canoga Ave

Woodland Hills, CA 91367

(818) 340-1748

The Whalers Dive Club, Inc., a California non-profit

When: 1st Wednesday of the Month 6:00-7:00 Food & Fellowship

7:00-9:00 Meeting

Website: www.whalersdiveclub.com

Address: P.O. Box: 4283, West Hills, CA 91308-4283

East side of Canoga, just south of Victory You can only enter the parking lot from Canoga northbound. Both self-parking and valet available.

Private Room, Extensive Menu, and Full Bar

December Entertainment

You're Invited to a party

Whaler's Dive Club
Pot Luck and Luau Party
December 5th, 2015 Saturday
6PM
Rock Pointe Clubhouse
22350 Devonshire St.
Chatsworth, CA 91311
Bring your Favorite Dish & 10 Bucks
-List of Choices at the October 7th
General Meeting-
RSVP: Trish 818 219-0756

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Please register on the Whaler's Website

www.whalersdiveclub.com

President's Message

Dear Divers,

It is the time of year where we have our Thanksgiving to be Thankful for what we have: Family, Friends, and a roof over our heads, food on the table and so many other things we take for granted. Some are not so fortunate.

It also is the time of year for our annual Banquet, bringing with it the new Whaler's Board! As you are aware it is scheduled for December 5th, 2015, at 6PM. It's a Potluck, Tropical Affair at Rock Pointe Clubhouse! And only costs \$10! BYOB...

We probably want to think about the future: January is right around the corner with wonderful diving. Then there's always gear checkups for safety and maintenance and then the next BIG dive! This year Dahlia and Greg have planned the Four Star Trip to Fiji and talk of a very exotic locale after that. Not to mention the rest of the years diving, waiting to be announced with the New Year! Get your dive insurance in order and let's go diving!! Thank you Divers! Hope to see you soon! Trish

UP-COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

General Meeting: **Dec 5, 2015- Saturday: Holiday Party at Rocke Point -**

Register on the Whaler's website: www.whalersdiveclub.com

Board Meeting: Dec 17, 2015 - Thursday 6:00 pm - Lamplighter

Dive: 12/19/2015 Saturday - PEACE to Anacapa

JANUARY

General Meeting: Jan 6, 2016 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm

Board Meeting: Jan 21, 2016 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00 pm

Dive: TBD

FEBRUARY

General Meeting: Feb 3, 2016 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm

Board Meeting: Feb 18, 2016 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00 pm

Dive: TBD

MARCH

General Meeting: March 2, 2016 Wednesday @ Bj's 6:00 pm

Board Meeting: March 17, 2016 Thursday @ Lamplighter 6:00 pm

Dive: TBD

Whalers Dive Club is going to Fiji: Jun25 - July 2, 2016.

We are staying at the Wananavu Beach Resort, on the north side of the Main Island. It's a Four Star resort. The rate below is based on 7 nights' accommodations in an ocean view room, 6 days of 2 tank dives, true unlimited beach diving, all meals and round trip airport transfers. The rate is for double occupancy. Ocean front rooms and single occupancy are slightly higher. Non diver rates upon request.

After applying discount for Agency commission and dividing 2 complimentary land packages for 10 paid, rate comes to approx. 1490.00 based on 16 divers. If we get 20 paid, will get additional 2 comps and dividing those among everyone, rate will go down further. Air fare is not included and is approx. 1000.00 - 1200.00 plus, taxes included. I encourage everyone to book flights early. Air Pacific has a daily nonstop to Nadi and return.

Departure will be on the 24th at night from LAX.

You can check out resort here: <http://www.wananavu.com/>

We already have a few rooms committed and I requested a few more today.

Non-refundable deposit of 250.00 per person will guarantee your room.

Please call or e mail Greg or me with any questions and to reserve your space.

Come on Whalers, let do it. 😊 Diving gets no better than this

Dahlia Los Angeles Centre 818-224-7249

EXTRA EXTRA

Hi Whalers,

First call: Red Sea and Israel tour, October 2017.

Highlights: Diving the Red Sea, a visit to Petra in Jordan which is one the Seven World Wonders and a Heritage Site.

Diving the only underwater archaeological park in the World, in Caesarea on the Mediterranean Sea.

Touring ancient and modern sites in Israel with a private car and tour guide.

Translation services 24/7.....*:.) happy*:.) happy*:.) happy Trip length projected to be 16 days.

I know many Whalers expressed interest in this trip. There will be a diving option only which will be 9 days. Relative price will be no more expensive than our average warm water trips.

This will be a trip of a lifetime, something to look forward to.

Dahlia

Los Angeles Centre

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Petra, Jordan



Red Sea



Underwater Park

DEER CREEK BEACH CLEAN-UP



The club adopted this beach on September 23, 1989. Our goal has been to clean up the beach 3 times a year. The Board has selected dates for **2016; May 21, June 19, and Sept 17**. Come one & all; bring family, friends, and potential club members. Trash pick-up and dive start at 9:00AM.

We have official Adoption Papers for this beach to Preserve, Protect, & Enhance the coast.

There are no facilities, but bags and a Porta-Potty will be provided. Bring food, drink, gloves, sturdy shoes, and your beach dive gear. Any questions? Call Norm at 818-348-6444.

Directions: Deer Creek Beach is approximately 2 miles north of the LA/Ventura County line on Pacific Coast Highway (HWY1). From the Ventura Freeway north, take Kanan Road west (left) to PCH, turn right. Deer Creek is signed (where the highway is only two lanes).



We will be setting up at or around the stairs

Supporting Members of the Dive Community



- receive a card for 10 air fills (a \$45 value alone)
- receive 10% off Sport Chalet chartered boats and classes
- receive 10% off scuba equipment
 - o non-sale merchandise only
 - o excludes merchandise ending in \$.96 and \$.97 non-sale merchandise only



- o receive 5% off scheduled local boat charters
- o if active or retired military, make that 10%



- receive 10% off scuba equipment

GLYNN PALMER: Scuba Repair

For more information please contact Glynn @ 310-266-2955



Check with the Shop for:

Schedule of classes

Dive equipment

Dive trips

Repairs



Peace Dive Boat



Divers Alert Network



Disabled Veterans Scuba Project

Photo Gallery

Photos by David Guth



A Monkey Faced Prickle



Spanish Shawl Nudibranch



Hilton's Aeolid Nudibranch



Kelp fish in front of the anchor chain of the Gosford



Infant Sheep head



Photos by Dan Tobias TURKS & CAICOS VACATION



Photos by Dave Guth @ San Nicholas Island and Begg Rock





LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

2015 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

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