

# November 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](http://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

# November Entertainment



## DANIELLE MAGEE & MIKE PRICE

Community Relations Manager & Assistant Curator Zoological Operations

SeaWorld San Diego

### Danielle Magee:

As a manager of community relations at SeaWorld® San Diego since 2010, Danielle Magee is responsible for finding opportunities to expand SeaWorld's community outreach by providing donations and sponsorships for non-profit organizations and by participating in community events. Other duties include overseeing all internal communications.

Previously, Magee was a manager in the education and conservation department, where she coordinated the training and development in accordance with the education department camp business plan. She was also associate producer for SeaWorld and Busch Garden's® Emmy Award-winning children's television program, "Shamu TV."

Magee started her SeaWorld career in 1984 as a narrator and tour guide. She worked her way up the ranks over the years, as an education specialist, educational field trip supervisor, public relations representative, educational science writer, and camp supervisor and education special projects manager.

Magee is very active in Toastmasters public speaking organization and has received three Emmy Awards for "Shamu TV."

She holds a bachelor's degree in zoology from San Diego State University and graduated from Reedley High School in Reedley, Calif.

Magee lives with her husband in Tierrasanta. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, seeing movies and going on Vespa excursions.

### Mike Price:

As assistant curator of zoological operations at SeaWorld San Diego, Mike Price is responsible for the care and husbandry of the entire fish, invertebrate, shark and sea turtle collections. He oversees a staff of 36 team members and eight different exhibits and feeder booths in the park, including Explorer's Reef, Turtle Reef, Manta and the Shark Encounter.

Price began his SeaWorld career in 1994, as an aquarist. From 1998 to 2010 he worked with polar bears, beluga whales, walrus and seals at the park's Wild Arctic attraction. There, he assisted with the rehabilitation of orphaned walrus calves from the North Slope of Alaska and helped launch the Beluga Interaction Program, where guests are afforded the opportunity to get in the water and interact with beluga whales. In 2010, he was promoted to supervisor in zoological operations, and in 2012 he assumed his current role as assistant curator of fishes. As part of the fish department's leadership team, Price has been instrumental in the opening of many new and exciting exhibits, including Turtle Reef, Manta and Explorer's Reef. He's thrilled to be back in the fish department, however,

where he gets to work with his favorite animal in the park: the giant Pacific octopus. Prior to working at SeaWorld, Price worked at the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, California where he was part of the marine mammal rehabilitation team.

In addition to working with hundreds of different species in SeaWorld's collection, over the years Price has assisted with the rehabilitation of many rescued marine animals, including sea turtles, sharks, sea lions, seals and dolphins. Recently, he assisted with the rescue of marine mammals affected by the Refugio Beach oil spill, which occurred off the coast of Santa Barbara in May 2015. He has also been involved in several research projects, including the tracking of great white sharks and a study on polar bear hearing. He is a primary responder for the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, has done field work with Polar Bears International and is a member of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums.

Price was born in Pittsburgh, Penn. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Stockton, California in 1988. He earned bachelor's degrees in marine biology and psychology from California State University, Long Beach in 1994. Price currently lives in the Crown Point area of San Diego. In his spare time, he enjoys beach volleyball, wilderness hiking and mountain biking.

## President's Message

Well the November 4th, 2015 Election for the Whaler's Board is right around the corner; please come out to BJ's, VOTE and show you care! Social hour is at 6pm with Entertainment to follow.

We'll also have sign-up sheets for whatever Pot Luck Dish you decide to bring our Whaler Tropical Banquet;

December 5th, 2015 at 6PM at the Rock Pointe Clubhouse 22350 Devonshire Chatsworth! You can participate by selecting your Favorite Dish, Salad, Side Dish, Appetizer, Desert, Etc. \*\*\* We'd like you to let us know in advance so we don't have too much meat and not enough potatoes! Also 10 bucks to cover incidentals. Don't forget we've got Kat and Mike Prentise as our Prizes Shopper's with a list full of gifts to satisfy all!!

Unfortunately I will not be attending the meeting and wish you all a great time! Trish

### Nominations for 2016 Board

Greg Arsenault

Mike Prentice

Betty Pringle

Kathy Prentice

Shelly Bern

Steven De Vore

Rick Dalven

Norm Deatherage

Trish Kolbeck

Dahlia Luria

All questions should be sent to: [nominate@whalersdiveclub.com](mailto:nominate@whalersdiveclub.com)

# UP-COMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

General Meeting: 11/4/15 - Wednesday - 6:00 pm Bj's Brewhouse

Rep from Sea World

Elections

Board: 11/19/15 - Thursday 6:00 pm - Lamplighter

Dive: 11/29/2015 - Sunday 7:00 - PEACE to Anacapa

## DECEMBER

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

Register on the Whaler's website or at the next general meeting

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

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

# You're Invited

to a party

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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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## Other Tidbits of News

### Special October Raffle

Mike Prentice won the Xtreme EGO Sport Cam



## 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

# 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



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!

Contact the board: [info@whalersdiveclub.com](mailto:info@whalersdiveclub.com)

Trish Kolbeck	President
Greg Arsenault	Treasurer
Dan Tobias	Secretary
Rick Dalven	Webmaster
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Norman Deatherage	Environment
Betty Pringle	Newsletter
Greg Arsenault & Dahlia Luria	Dive Coordinators
Dahlia Luria	Training
Al Kholos & Steve DeVore	Members at Large