

February 2016 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

February Entertainment

Alan Miller

US Army Diver class 87-25-2C Honor Grad (Panama City, FLA 5/87)

US Army Salvage Diver (Pt. Hueneme, CA 11/88)

President's Message

Ahoy Mattie's!!! Full speed ahead!

I want to thank the outgoing Whaler's Board and Welcome the new. We've had a year of offerings from Diving, Beach Clean Ups, Camping, Hiking and Education among so many other activities including but, not limited to our General Meetings! Please if you have any suggestions contact a Board Member to share your input!

I will remain your President, Greg Arsenault will be also remain our Treasurer, Secretary will be Betty Pringle. Rick Dalven has volunteered to stay on as Web Master, Cat and Michael Prentice will be our Gift Buyers and Opportunity Drawing Coordinators. Norm Deatherage will be in charge of Beach Clean Ups, but would love to have others provide Environmental Projects, so please feel free to share. And we would love to have more people participate in the Deer Creek Clean-Ups! As was last year, Dahlia Luria and Greg will be our Dive Coordinators and also offer Training again!

Shelly Bern and Steve DeVore will be Whaler's "at Large" and will participate during the year as needed and when they can pull away from other "Life" and Work issues. We don't really have a Speaker Person so we're all throwing in ideas and names, so we will use your input anytime you want to offer! I also want to Thank Al Kholas, Ken Kollwitz and Dan Tobias for all their help with 2015!

Thank You, Whaler's and Welcome New Board!! Trish Kolbeck

UP-COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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

Alan Miller will be our guest speaker

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

Dive: Feb 20, 2016 Spectre- Anacapa - \$135.00 Call Spectre to book 866-225-3483.

MARCH

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

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

Dive: March 5 2016 Peace- Anacapa-\$145.00 ... Call CIDA to book 805-469-7288

APRIL

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

TRIVIANITE!!!!!!

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

Dive: April 9, 2016 Peace - Anacapa - \$145.00 ... Call CIDA to book.

More Upcoming dives:

May 7, 2016 Peace - Santa Barbara Island - \$170.00 Call CIDA to book.

Nov 5-12, 2016. Anthony's Key Resort, Roatan, Honduras - Please see Dahlia for more info

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.

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Petra, Jordan



Red Sea



Underwater Park

Hello Whalers,

We are starting a brand new year with more training.

1. Emergency First Response (EFR) class will include Secondary Care which is required for Rescue divers and above.
2. Advanced O2 Provider incorporating the MTV mask (manually triggered ventilator) which does the breathing part of the CPR for you.
3. Rescue Class.

The EFR and O2 classes will be conducted in one day, morning and afternoon sessions.

Rescue class involves 2 full days of knowledge development, 2 full days of pool work and one ocean day.

Rescue class is physically challenging, anyone interested in it should start some kind of work out routine in order to meet and comply with the performance requirements. :) happy

Dates are open, however all work will be done on weekends.

Please e mail me if interested, all classes require self-study and I need to order academic materials.

Cost:

EFR and O2 are 49.00 each. You can register for only one or both.

Rescue is 199.00. This year I am getting materials at lower rate due to last year's increased activity.

Looking forward to another year of training and TWO warm water trips.

Our 3 DM candidates Steven Devore, Mike Hartley and Greg Arsenault are at the end of the DM Program. I will let the Whalers know when they complete it and we can throw a party for them.

Good job Guys, especially during our Open Water class, I couldn't have done it without you.

Come on Whalers, let's do it.

Dahlia

Los Angeles Centre

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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!

Contact the board: info@whalersdiveclub.com

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| Trish Kolbeck | President |
| Greg Arsenault | Treasurer |
| Betty Pringle | Secretary |
| Rick Dalven | Webmaster |
| Kat & Mike Prentice | Prize Coordinators |
| Norman Deatherage | Beach Clean-up |
| Betty Pringle | Newsletter |
| Greg Arsenault & Dahlia Luria | Dive Coordinators |
| Dahlia Luria | Training |
| Shelly Bern & Steve DeVore | Members at Large |