# **CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS**

## NEXT CLUB MEETING:

JUNE 19, 2024 6:00PM Dinner 6:30PM Meeting Black Bear Diner 2401 E. Harbor Blvd. Ventura, CA 93001

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- Island Packers
- Black Bear Diner



CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS - VENTURA COUNTY'S PREMIER DIVE CLUB



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**TIMES** By Mike Cunningham

Club President Hello Channel Islands Divers.

June finally arrived and like

clockwork, the gloom got a ride with it. And with that, as per required by our by-laws, it's our own election season.

For the next few months this fine Newsletter will be running the muchanticipated election nomination forms. Your wait is over. All that's left is the decision on what position on the Board you believe you could do the most good. I know of 2 or 3 positions that are reported as going to be vacant, and who knows, maybe more.

As a rule, all positions are eligible for you to make a run for. You've all watched us at various events and at our monthly meeting. Somewhere in the back of your mind most of you have to be saying, "I could do that in my sleep". What you see is what you get. There is no major brain drain when we get behind closed doors for the board meeting. No special classes, no PHD stuff to weigh one down. It's easy stuff and if you find yourself stuck, you have a whole lot of help.

#### SPONSOR'S CORNER

FOR MORE GROUP DIVING OPPORTUNITIES WITH YOUR DIVE CLUB FRIENDS AND MORE...

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Club member Ken Kollwitz's company has a full calendar of some great dive adventures scheduled for the rest of the year, from more Spectre group dive bookings, to Oil Rigs, to down South off of San Pedro and Palos Verdes!



#### BOTTOM TIMES continued from Page 1

Somewhere in this fine Newsletter you'll find the entry form, again very easy to fill out. We are at that place where we do need your help. Give it a thought, talk to your loved ones, have that conversation with your priest or rabbi or hit your local pub and knock back a few and talk it over with the bartender.

While you are scouring the back back pages for the election entry forms you might come across the 2024 Photo/Video contest entry forms. Grab it as well, this year you have 2 years, 2023 and 2024 to find that award-winning photo or video. I'm told our webmaster Del is getting the website all prepped for easy entry. Check it out. For those who for whatever reason don't want to do it that way, there is always the old school method, send it to me via email at

president@channelislandsdivers.org or just hand me or any board member a flash drive with your entries and the signed form at any meeting or any time you see one of us.



This month's speaker is going to be a mystery as of this writing. You see, the guy that was going to be speaking won't be speaking so our speaker seeker Bill Weinerth found us a new speaker and did it fast. So fast, the president has now written 2 Bottom Times for the month of June. I had Bottom Times finished and sent it to the Newsletter when I found out. I was told that guy we had speaking in June, will not be speaking in June. Hold the press, back to the drawing board. All I knew was some other "to be named later" guy will. I think I know who it will be, but I'll leave the guessing up to others. Hopefully we'll get the Newsltter before it goes out.

If I'm right, you really want to be here for it, if not, you should still be here for this one. It's more about us divers getting together and not about the guy who does the most speaking, or so I'm told, repeatedly, go figure?

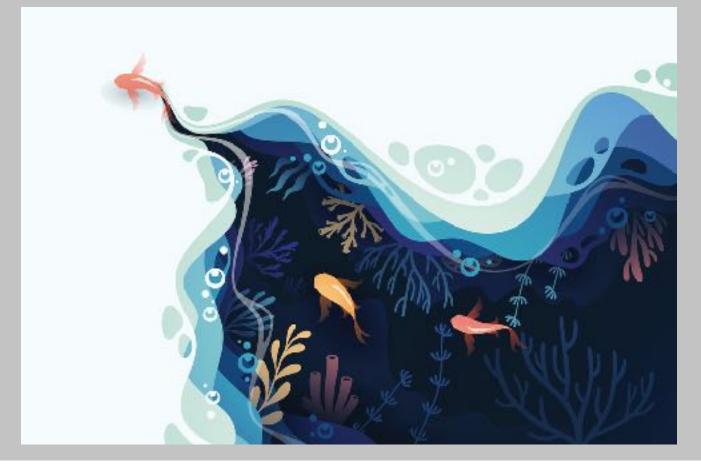
With that said, on June 19th, the third Wednesday of the month, over at Black Bear Diner in Ventura, starting around 6pm with the meeting officially getting underway at 6:30, your calendar should have a big X marked on the 19th. If not, grab a sharpie do it now and make plans to be there for a fun and enjoyable evening.

-Thank you, Mike Cunningham

# Speaker previews!

July Joe Razo on Underwater Photography!

August Dr. Milton Love of the Marine Science Institute at the University of California, Santa Barbara on Rigs to Reefs



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JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER



# THIS SATURDAY JOIN US AT OUR MONTHLY BEACH DIVE!

WHEN: Each Saturday after the club's monthly meeting.MEETING TIME: 8:00 AMCOST: Usually free, except for parking in some cases.

LOCATION(s): TBD, depending on ocean and weather conditions LUNCH: Usually following the dive at an agreed-upon restaurant DIVE LEADERS: Del Stewart and Mike Frabasilio

Because this event is free, it is op<mark>en to non-me</mark>mbers! Non-divers also welcome for land support and going out to lunch after our dive!

The schedule for our regular monthly beach dives for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- \* Saturday, June 22 Broad Beach / Malibu
- \* Saturday, July 20
- \* Saturday, August 24
- \* No beach dive in September due to the Annual Refugio BBQ & Beach Dive
- \* Saturday, October 19
- \* No beach dive in November due to the Annual Catalina Trip
- \* Saturday, December 21

If you have any questions or suggestions for beach dive locations, please feel free to email Del at <u>webmaster@channelislandsdivers.org</u> or Mike at <u>library@channelislandsdivers.org</u>

A sign-up sheet will be available at all monthly meetings so we can determine the interest in the club's monthly beach dive.



# PHOTO GALLERY FROM VENTURA BOTANICAL GARDENS OUTING COURTESY OF SANDY BICKFORD, DIVE COORDINATOR

### THANK YOU FROM OUR DIVE COORDINATOR, SANDY BICKFORD! Hi Everyone:

Once again, due to the efforts of our club members, a CID event exceeded my expectations. Wow! Aren't the gardens beautiful? And, having our own expert leading the way just added to the experience. Thank you, Jackie, for donating your time and knowledge to our little hike.

Some of you may have noticed I posted a few photos on the club's Facebook page. If you have a moment, drop a photo or two from your album showing what we saw on the hike. Remember, you get an extra participation drawing entry for posting about club events on our Facebook page.



**Endemic Torrey Pine** 



California Poppy



Eric showing a Praying Mantis Egg!







Team Channel Islands Divers heading into the Mediterranean section.





We made it to 3 of the 5 gardens. Chilean, Mediterranean, and California. This Chilean section includes a palm tree burned by the Thomas Fire. channelislandsdivers.org



Jackie explaining how California bees burrow instead of creating hives.

Sammy Marion, Rob Marion, Lina Marion (Not shown: Sandy Bickford)







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# **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

# Sunday, June 23 - Whale Watching Trip with Island Packers:

- ONLY 2 SPOTS REMAINING!
- Meets at IP's Ventura Harbor office, 9:00 AM; returns at 4:00 PM
- Member's only price: \$75 (regular price is \$79)
- At the end of May, blue whales were spotted during a trip!

# Sunday, July 28 - Dive trip on the Spectre:

- 4 SPOTS REMAINING!
- Boarding is at 6:00 AM, Dock D, Ventura Harbor
- Member's only price: \$165 (regular price is \$195 + taxes/credit fees)

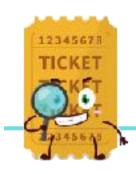
# Saturday, November 9 to Monday, November 11 (Veteran's Day) - Annual Catalina Trip:

- We currently have 24 members going on the Catalina trip, and the club is staying at the Pavilion Hotel, but all rooms at the club's discount rates are SOLD OUT!
- The Pavilion Hotel has a limited number of rooms available at the general public rate, which is approximately \$117 more than the club's rates. Other hotels are available on the island, but they are selling out, too,so don't wait to make reservations at the Pavilion or another hotel.
- Currently,13 club members have expressed an interest in a Sunday, 2-tank boat dive aboard the Scuba Cat. The amount of discount from the \$160.50 general public price is based upon the number of divers we have on the boat, so if you are interested in the boat dive, please let our dive coordinator know at: <u>dive@channelislandsdivers.org</u> (NOTE: Club members do not have to stay at the Pavilion Hotel to take advantage of the club's rate for the Scuba Cat.)
- Here is the general schedule for the Catalina Weekend:
  - Saturday, November 9 Early morning, take Catalina Express from Long Beach to Avalon Harbor. (NOTE: Club members make their own reservation for Catalina Express.)
  - Saturday, November 9 Late morning to early afternoon, explore the island on your own or dive with club members at Casino Point.
  - Saturday, November 9 6:30 PM, Potluck Dinner at the Pavilion Hotel. (Bring a dish to share or buy something on the island.)
  - Sunday, November 10 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, boat dive aboard the Scuba Cat, or take a guided tour, go on a submarine ride, rent kayaks, hike to the botanical gardens, or go Zip Lining.
  - Monday, November 11 10:00 AM, Veteran's Day memorial service, and then enjoy the island on your own.
  - Monday, November 11 Take Catalina Express back to Long Beach at a time of your own choosing.









# Channel Islands Divers MAY MEETING RAFFLE WINNERS

GENERAL PRIZE DRAWING:

- Ross Wiedel XS Scuba Seaside Elite Mesh Bag
- Alex Wied Landing Pad / Wetsuit transport bag
- Diane Stevenson XS Scuba Wetsuit hangers
- + Bill Weinerth Bare hooded vest
- Rob Marion Two 3lb dive weights



- + Mike Doyon Beach blanket
- + Andrea Dransfield \$50 gift certificate from PCH Scuba

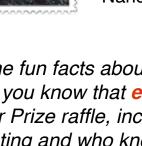
# DOOR PRIZE:

Pattis Thompson - Sheet of Marine Sanctuaries Forever stamps

PARTICIPATION DRAWING:

- Nancy Thomsen Set of packing cubes by Rick Steves Travel
- Some fun facts about our raffle:
- Did you know that everyone who attends the meeting gets entered into the Door Prize raffle, including guests. So feel free to bring a guest to our next meeting and who knows they might leave with a prize.
- Writing an article or contributing photos for the club newsletter earns you an entry into the Participation Drawing. If you have a short write-up or photos for publishing, please send them to: <u>editor@channelislandsdivers.org</u>
- Progressive Drawing Months: When your non-winning tickets are thrown back into the pot! January, April, July, & October
- \* Participation Drawing Months: February, May, August, & November
- \* Membership Appreciation Months: March, June, & September
- \* No club meeting in December, because instead we have our Christmas Party!





# IT IS WRITTEN ... ...

#### ARTICLE VII: ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a) Nominations for officers shall be accepted at the June, July & August meetings. Announce elections, list board member positions and call for nominations in June, July & August Newsletters.
- b) Nominees for BOD positions shall be active members in good standing and 18 years of age or older. Nominees for president shall be members in good standing for a minimum of 1 year. As defined in Article III section d)
- c) The officers shall be elected at the September meeting for a period of one year.
- d) Newly elected officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the October BOD and general meetings.
- e) A majority vote of the members constituting a quorum is required to carry a ballot item.
- f) Officers shall be elected by written ballot.
- g) Ballots shall have a place for write ins.
- h) Ballots will be counted by volunteers appointed at the general meeting.
- i) The election results will be announced at the completion of the counting.
- j) All ballots shall be available for viewing at the BOD meeting following the September general meeting.
- k) If the president does not fulfill her/his term of office, the vice president shall automatically take this office. The new president shall appoint a new vice president and any other vacated positions with the approval of the BOD. All other vacancies shall be filled by presidential appointment.
- I) No board member may hold a specific board position for more than 4 consecutive election years. In the event a term limit is reached and at the time of the election no nominations for that position exist, the existing board member may run for said position for another election year. If no member runs for the position at the September meeting, the BOD may appoint a new member to the position with a majority vote of the BOD.



# (The above is straight out of the Channel Islands Divers bylaws)

Loosely translated.....at this year's September 18th general meeting we'll have an election where you the people, the Channel Islands Divers membership, will decide just who you want running this show.

It's never too late to get involved. Just fill out a nomination form found on the tables at the general meetings or at the end of this digital Newsletter and your name will find its way inked in on the ballet. Or you can wait until the September meeting and announce your intentions to run as a write in. It's all good.

It's a lot more fun than we let on and only as hard as your willing to make it. So instead of waiting around for something to happen, with your help and involvement you can be there making sure everything goes off flawlessly. Be unique, join the crowd and proudly tell others you now serve on the

Board of Directors of Ventura's Premier Dive Club,

# The Channel Islands Divers

It's not as if you'll have to stand up in front of crowded room full of people and speak......

# **BOARD MEMBER POSITION**

**PRESIDENT:** Develops agendas and conducts the general and board meetings. Offers assistance to board members unable to fulfill their positions and acts as liaison between the club and its sponsors. Sets up the audio equipment for the general meeting. Writes the monthly "Bottom Times" column for the newsletter and co-signs checks issued by the treasurer. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 8 - 10 hours per month.

**VICE PRESIDENT/SPEAKER SEEKER:** Finds speakers for the general meetings. Sets up the video/computer connections as necessary. Introduces the speaker at the meetings and helps the speaker with any set-up. Provides the newsletter editor and web master a bio or other material about the speaker to be put into the newsletter and posted to the website. Conducts general and board meetings when the president is unable to. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 1 - 3 hours of creative thinking and networking per month.

**SECRETARY:** Takes minutes of board meetings including any motions passed or proposed. Records the names of guest speakers and any other details of significance at the general meetings and distributes minutes at or before the monthly board meeting. Provides the newsletter editor any major developments from the minutes for the newsletter. Prepares any other club correspondence as necessary. Also, responsible for the storing, inventory, and selling of club tee shirts. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 3 - 4 hours per month.

**TREASURER:** Records and tracks all incoming and outgoing monies. Issues checks, after verification of valid receipts, for co-signature by president. Makes bank deposits of all incoming monies, reconciles bank statements, and prepares monthly and year-end financial statements for the board of directors. Sells raffle tickets at monthly general meetings. Provides data for annual tax preparation and filing of tax-exemption paperwork. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 3 - 4 hours per month.

**RAFFLE COORDINATOR:** Purchases raffle prizes. Describes raffle prizes, assists treasurer with selling raffle tickets, records prize winners and provides list to newsletter editor for publication. Takes newsletter copies to dive shop sponsors when purchasing prizes. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 7 - 8 hours per month.

**WEB MASTER:** Responsible for maintaining the CID website. Provides help and instruction in navigation and use of the website to board and general members. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 3 - 4 hours per month.

**MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR:** Greets and introduces guests, informing them of membership benefits and announces new and renewing members at club general meetings. Maintains current membership list, sends monthly updates to president and web master for email contact lists and club Facebook friends. Sends list of expiring memberships to newsletter editor for publication. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 8 hours per month.

**<u>DIVE COORDINATOR</u>**: Plans, with board and general member input, dive charters, trips, and other activities. Makes reservations for and publicizes all activities. Collects fees and liability waivers from participants. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 4 - 6 hours per month not including organizing a warm water trip or using a dive travel company.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Collect, layout, and edits articles from board, general membership, and other sources. At completion, sends newsletter to president for email blast to members, to web master for posting to website, and to raffle coordinator to print and distribute to sponsors when making monthly purchases. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 10 - 15 hours per month.

**<u>CLUB LIBRARIAN</u>**: Responsible for maintaining the collection and the organization of library materials so they are available for members use. Handle the checking in and out to the membership. When possible bring collection to meetings. Approximate time it takes to complete duties: 1 - 3 hours per month.

# CHANNEL ISLANDS DIVERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

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c. The officers shall be elected at the September meeting for a period of one year.

Ballots shall have a place for write ins for those deciding in the last month before the election.

Print Nominee Name Here

request my name be placed on

the ballot for the position of

Print Board Position Here

To validate the nominee's interest in having his/her name placed on the ballot, their signature is requested.

Nominee Signs Here

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VICE PRESIDENT/SPEAKER SEEKER: Finds speakers for the general meetings. Sets up the video/computer connections as necessary.

DIVE COORDINATOR: Plans with board and general member input, dive charters, trips, and other activities.

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RAFFLE COORDINATOR: Purchase raffle prizes. Describe raffle prizes, assists with the selling raffle tickets, records prize winners.

TREASURER: Records and tracks all incoming and outgoing monies.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR: Maintains current membership list, sends monthly updates to president and the board for email contact lists.

WEB MASTER: Responsible for maintaining the CID website.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Collect, layout, and edits articles from board, general membership, and other sources.

CLUB LIBRARIAN: Responsible for maintaining the collection and the organization of library materials

A complete list of all Board positions with their job descriptions is available in this or previous editions of the Channel Islands Divers Newsletter. Previous editions can be found on the Channel Islands Divers Facebook page under the files tab or at our website, www.channelislandsdivers.org.

Fill out this form and return it to any board member by hand or email before the September meeting.

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# Channel Islands Dive Club Annual Photo Contest 2024 Rules for Entry

#### For 2024 ONLY. You may submit photos from ALL of 2023 AND 2024 for this year ONLY.

The 2024 Photo and Video Contest is open to all <u>current</u> CID members. Membership must be in good standing at the time you submit your entries and receive a reward. Entries will be evaluated by an independent, non-club member judge appointed by the CID Board. The entries will be anonymous to the judge.

#### Photos and videos will be evaluated on the following criteria:

THEME - How well the photo/video relates to scuba diving TECHNICAL MERIT - Quality of composition, lighting, contrast, focus, etc. ARTISTIC MERIT - Visual interest, emotional connection, etc.

Prizes for First and Second place will be awarded for each category. Each member may submit only TWO entries per category. However, each member will be limited to one prize per category. In the event the judge selects <u>TWO</u> entries by the same person as the winner for a category, a runner-up will be chosen by the judge for the second place prize.

#### Contest Categories:

By definition, a CLOSE UP is NOT the same as a MACRO.

Underwater Macro Photo: A true macro shot depends on the level of magnification., essentially it means that you must take pictures where your subject is the same size as your camera sensor or smaller, and it fills the frame. If your camera sensor is one inch wide, you would be photographing something 1 inch or smaller. For this category the macro shot must underwater.

A macro picture not taken underwater can be entered into the topside photo category if it is diving related NOT just beach related.

**Topside Photo** – can be a wide angle or a MACRO but taken above the water. The subject of the photo must be diving related NOT just beach related.

Underwater Wide Angel Photo: Is anything below the surface but not a MACRO.

**Novice:** For all non-winners in the past. A NOVICE can submit any, MACRO, WIDE ANGLE or TOPSIDE into the NOVICE category.

**Underwater Video:** The total length of each submission must not exceed 60 seconds and must be a single, unedited clip. No special effects or titles may be added.

#### ENTRY FORMAT: Photos in a JPEG Format and Videos in MP4 Format.

**DEADLINE:** All photo and video entries along with an entry form and release must be submitted to CID's President, Mike Cunningham, by the club's **General Meeting on October 23, 2024**.

You may email to president@channelislandsdivers.org or give to Mike Cunningham on a DVD-Rom or USB Flashdrive. Please make sure your name is clearly printed on the media. Media will be returned to you if you wish at a future club meeting. However, the CID Club cannot be responsible for lost items, so please keep a copy for yourself!

# Channel Islands Dive Club

#### Annual Photo Contest

#### 2024 Entry Form and Consent

<u>Copyright:</u> You hereby acknowledge and agree that you are the creator/author of the submitted materials and that your submission does not in any way infringe the rights of any other party. You hereby grant the Channel Tslands Dive Club a royalty-free, perpetual copyright license to reproduce the submitted work on the CLD website, in the CLD newsletters and in other materials promoting the CLD Club, and acknowledge receipt of consideration therefore. You hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Channel Islands Dive Club, its officers, board, employees, independent contractors, agents, etc., from and all liability relating to your submission of any entry connection herewith.

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# CALENDAR

## **JUNE 2024**

19 General Meeting T.O. DIVERS on disabled diving 22 Club Beach Dive 23 Whale Watching with Island Packers 24 Board Meeting

# JULY 2024

17 General Meeting Joe Rasso Underwater Photography 20 Club Beach Dive 22 Board Meeting 28 Spectre Boat Trip

# **OCTOBER 2024**

SEPTEMBER 2024 7 Refugio BBQ & Beach Dive 18 General Meeting Speaker Steven Peterson Baja Diving 21 Club Beach Dive 23 Board Meeting

# 16 General MeetingSpeaker TBD19 Club Beach Dive21 Board Meeting

# **AUGUST 2024**

10 Beach Cleanup @ Hueneme Beach!
21 General Meeting
Milton Love - Rigs to Reefs
24 Club Beach Dive
26 Board Meeting

# **NOVEMBER 2024**

9-11 Catalina Trip!

20 General Meeting Speaker TBD 23 Club Beach Dive 25 Board Meeting

# **Board of Directors**

Mike Cunningham, President president@channelislandsdivers.org

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Rob Marion , Secretary secretary@channelislandsdivers.org

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Laura Forsyth, Membership Coordinator membership@channelislandsdivers.org

Mike Frabasilio, Club Librarian library@channelislandsdivers.org

# Current Membership: 108

Membership Policy: Club policy is to drop members from the roster THREE MONTHS AFTER MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION.

> Renewing Members: Single - \$30 Family - \$45

> New Membership: Single - \$40 Family - \$55

Welcome new member! Chris O'Neill

#### membership@channelislandsdivers.org

Please mail renewals to: CID Membership P.O. Box 5801 Ventura, CA 93005



Or renew via Zelle from your app/website. Send payment to: <u>cidtreasurer92@gmail.com</u> Add message with description, e.g., "shirt", "trip deposit", "membership renewal", etc. *Thanks*!