

Sharkys LaVerne Dive Club

President: Mike Carter;
Treasurer Henri Mascorro;

Vice President- Christ Barton;
Log Keeper- Dan Elliott

October 2007
Meeting

Dive Log

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2007
Site: Round Table Pizza in LaVerne
Time In : 6:30 for pizza, 7:10 for meeting
Time Out: 8:15 pm

Conditions: Room was noisy and it was hard for everyone to hear. Consensus was to find a better place to meet for November.

Chris Barton welcomed us and reviewed the minutes of last meeting. the November meeting was announced for Mi Ranchita in LaVerne, [Note: has been subsequently learned that this restaurant has no meeting space either. The meeting has been moved by president Mike and Catalina to a temporary location in San Dimas

Catalina announced that the Sharkys website is up and posting information at

<http://www.sharkysecdiving.com/>

A feature under 'Resources' is going to be the Buddy Board. It is to be a place where we can log in and comment about our diving, seek buddies to dive with, and promote activities. As of this writing, however, the Buddy Board is not yet functioning. Watch for news of it.

Our new Dive Club will have a link off this website as well.

Dive Instructor, Chip announced about the upcoming specialty courses.

Advance course next weekend and extra divers are invited on the dives. Contact the shop if interested.

- Oct 19 Night dive, Corona Del Mar: reef, lots of fish, max 30 feet
- Oct21st deep dive, search and recovery,

Sharky (Tony Wilcox) introduced our newest certified diver, Diane Garcia as she came in to the meeting. Congrats to Dianne for completing certification last week.

Tony next shared more information and progress about the Iemanya Oceanica Adopt-a-Shark program. Funds and donations have come in to cover much of the commitment to adopting Sharkys' Shark. Next month we can discuss what we want to name our Dive Shop Shark.

Sharky describe the role of sharks to the Marine Eco System.

The November 4 Dive boat trip to Channel Islands is booked but there is a waiting list. Call the shop for information.

We are looking for ideas to plan some distance dive trips such as Roatan, BonAire, etc for spring . If you have ideas, post them to the Dive Buddy board on the Sharkys' Website

The idea of having special speakers came up. So far the only request for speaker was for someone to talk about under water photography. Mike Carter volunteered to arrange speakers. Chip reminded us that because we are mostly all members of D.A.N. that organization will provide speakers for us too, especially on dive safety and ocean conservation.

Every member who is not a D.A.N. member was strongly encouraged to join. The website where you can join is <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/>

We discussed the club's need to establish dues. A motion was made, seconded and carried (unanimous) that our dues will be \$50 per year per member on a rotating basis (meaning your year starts when dues are paid and ends 12 months later. As soon as President Mike gets the information we will create ourselves as a 501C3 charitable organization and your dues will be deductible. But you can go ahead and pay dues at the November meeting. Make checks

payable to Sharky's LaVerne Dive Club (or Sharkys Dive for short).

Next we reviewed proposals for club names. Nine names were mentioned. We voted and narrowed to three names. The final vote was for Sharkys Lavern Dive Club

Nominees were made for club officers. One person was identified as willing to be nominated for each of the following offices.

- President- Mike Carter
- VP-Chris Barton
- Treasurer Henri Mascorro
- Log Keeper-Dan Elliott

It was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous acclaim that these all be elected in the stated offices for the next year until we hold new nominations.

Questions were raised about how we will organize and operate. President Mike reminded us that the officers can now meet and draft a set of bylaws for the club. Mark Arlotti volunteered to write the bylaw draft document. Then the officers can share it and discuss it on the buddy board at Sharkys website, and/or by email

The Sharkys sponsored raffle was held and the following lucky divers received these prizes.

- Monica Canzano- \$25 gift certificate
- Henri Mascorro- Mesh Dive Bag
- Coleen O'Keefe- Sharkys dive sticker

Our next meeting will be November 8, 2007 starting with dinner at 6:30 pm. We will meet at Michael Angelo's Pizza Place in San Dimas. this is on Arrow Hwy and Bonita, behind Applebee's and Denny's. Watch for an announcement about our special speaker and event, also the drawing to be held that night. If you have thoughts or ideas about the club's activities please email President Mike Carter at mcarter@acm.org or Chris Barton at <mailto:time2dive04@yahoo.com>.

Dive safely, dive happy, dive often
Respectfully submitted
Dan Elliott, Log Keeper