



SUB-AQUAWEER

CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE !

It's that time of year again. Your club membership is due. It's your club, run by members for the members. Your suggestions for dives, trips and social events help keep things rolling.

*If you pay by MG Fair Day then you get the discounted price...
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MARDI GRAS FAIR DAY Sunday 17th Feb.

Don't forget to register for Mardi Gras Welcome Drinks with the group from Undersea Explorers. Send an email with numbers to newsletter@gaydive.org.au

This year the club will again have a stall at Fair Day. We are there to tell the community about our diving activities and let people know how they can get into the underwater world.

We need club members to staff the stall throughout the day. It's a fun time chatting to people as they come up and want to know about diving. The only qualification required is a smile and some stories about diving.

We will be located in Sports Alley with all the other gay & lesbian sporting clubs.

Those interested—contact Matt via the newsletter email—



Subs members at Fair Day07

newsletter@gaydive.org.au.

Shark attack at Bondi—

In December you may have read that there was a shark attack at Bondi, the first since 1929. Don't fear, it turns out it was a hoax. The guy who claimed to have been attacked, had been living in a cave at the south end of the beach. He raised the alarm with local lifesavers allegedly the 'morning after' the attack. It now turns out he sustained the injuries when he put his arm through plate glass.....in HOBART !!
Go figure.

Registration for Diving For Life is now open at www.divingforlife.org. Download the registration form, fill in, email in & send in your deposit—USD Bank Draft or Money Order from the Post Office

So far 10 SUBS members have registered for DFL08

Coming UP

- ◆ Jan 20 Boat Dive
 - ◆ Fair Day Feb 17
 - ◆ Welcome Drinks at the Aquarium Feb 29
 - ◆ New Members BBQ
 - ◆ Weekend Away April
- See calendar for details

Trip information

DFL 08 is running from 18th—25th
October at
Phi Phi Cabana Resort Thailand.

The price of the trip includes Room,
meals, transfers from Phuket, tips and 6
days of double diving. Prices start from
\$USD921 (non diver) to \$USD1,632.

Remember to register as part of the SUB
contingent!

Mardi Gras Drinks at the Aquarium—

Aqua Bar 5.30

Friday 29th February

Access to the Aquarium is also
included in RSVP.

We're getting together with Aquatic
Explorers for pre-MG drinks.

Please confirm by emailing
newsletter@gaydive.org.au. We need to
confirm the numbers for catering
purposes.

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men and lesbians and their
friends in Sydney and
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Diving For Life 2007 raises record amount

December 28, 2007

Dear SUBS Members,

On behalf of the participants of Diving for Life (DFL) 2007, I am thrilled to announce that we will distribute \$80,000 to charities in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia. We obtained this money from travel agent commissions and a raffle / auction program at our Gay and Lesbian Scuba Jamboree in Belize September 30 to October 6, 2007. This figure is astounding, considering we had 145 participants. (Resort size and dive-safety limit our participant numbers.)

Because of your contribution of a package of Australian items, our raffle and auction program was a huge success and raised over \$28,000. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Recipient health-service organizations will be selected by local scuba clubs in the next months. Our recent recipient organizations have included: AIDS Resource Center, Dallas; Bronx Lesbian & Gay Health Resource Consortium; Buddies of New Jersey; Chase-Brexton Health Services, Baltimore; Fife House, Toronto; Food Chain, London, UK; God's Love We Deliver, New York City; Healing Waters, San Francisco; Hyacinth AIDS Foundation, New Jersey; LGBT Community Center, New York City; Lyon-Martin Clinic, San Francisco; The Mautner Project, Washington, DC; New Orleans AIDS Task Force; Project Quest, Portland, OR; Triad Health Project, Raleigh, NC; and Whitman-Walker Clinic, Washington, DC.

The Seventeenth Annual DFL will be held on Phi Phi Island, Thailand October 18-25, 2008. More information about next year's trip will be on our website soon. I hope you continue in the family of our contributors. My role is shifting in 2008. I will be a trip organizer, and Rob Birnbaum will be in charge of donations. I trust you will be as responsive to Rob as you have been to me.

Your kindness will make the coming seasons better for many who are in need of health care and assistance. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

John R. McCall
Donations Director, Diving for Life

The club has also been informed that of the money raised, we will be getting USD\$1,176 to distribute to local health charities from our participation in DFL07.

If you know of any company who would be willing to donate items for the charity auction, or you yourself have something that could be auctioned to raise money, please let SUBS know.