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Club Participation: Dive in... or Dive Out?

I first must again give thanks and recognize the few club members who unwaveringly support the club meetings and events. From Keith and Melisa's hauling in the presentation equipment and scheduling rafting trips and dive boats, to Tom Walsh's website efforts and John Y's creative and successful efforts to provide interesting presentations. From Cuba to the sardine run off of Africa, the presentations were worth the effort to attend club meetings and events. While the Club has been kept meaningful and viable through these efforts, we still see flagging attendance.

We must really ask our Club members if they want to Dive in or Dive Out – to be in the club leadership and join our events, or to let the Club atrophy. “To be or not to be, that is the question” that might well be asked of our Explorers Dive Club. With shrinking attendance and membership, it is a question many dive clubs have faced. While we still have anywhere from 8 to 20 attendees at meetings, the norm is almost always on the lower end. While those that attend still enjoy the Spain Inn, a quality presentation and good company, there just aren't many folks consistently attending the meetings. Of further concern is that there isn't anyone stepping forward to take turns in club positions. Is it fair or warranted for the club to be sustained by the same folks?

In the coming month, we'll look at options which may include merging with another dive club, alternatives to grow membership, getting volunteers for additions to our club leadership *or* remaining with the status quo. Any suggestions, recommendations or volunteers should contact me directly at 1969.diver@gmail.com or (908) 514-6058.

Thanks again to John Yavorsky for his awesome presentation and continued efforts to provide quality shows.