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The Doheny UPDATE

MAY 2018

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REDO OF THE BLUE: The blue whale on the Doheny Whale Walk got a new paint job, is looking spiffy and ready for summer. Thanks to DSBJA volunteer Whaling Crew Jim and Noa Serpa, Bill Brooks, Joanne and Keegen Even, their friend Paul and Ed Neely.

Photo by Jess Lopez

DSBJA SPRING MEMBERS BARBECUE, MAY 10:



DSBJA members are invited to our annual **free for members** barbecue in the park, **Thursday evening, May 10 at 5:30 PM in Picnic Area B.** DSBJA Head Chef Mike Ahumada will oversee the preparations of carne asada tacos and other tasty delights. DSBJA members may invite friends who wish to join DSBJA. We'll have application forms and will be happy to accept the sign up fee in cash or check.

RSVP to mike@mikeahumada.com

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM



LOOKING FOR A COOL SUMMER JOB?

Get your application at the Doheny entry kiosk.



Positions available at Doheny, San Clemente and San Onofre state beaches

THANK YOU TO OUR DSBI A VOLUNTEERS!!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the DSBI A members who volunteered at the **Sabroso Music, Tacos and Beer Festival!** Your efforts helped earn DSBI A a generous donation from the event's sponsors. Hey, we had fun too, verdad?



BUTTERFLY GARDEN INFORMATION BOARD MAKEOVER: DSBI A President KC Kinnings, husband Kip and DSBI A Association Coordinator Kathy Ward (behind the camera) have been busy sprucing up the information board in the Butterfly Garden, the first of a few information boards in the park they plan to refurbish. Included in their efforts are sanding, scraping, painting and new information sheets. One of the next info boards on their list will be dedicated to legendary Doheny waterman, **“Pop” Proctor**. This is another example of how DSBI A members and others can volunteer their time and skills to make our Doheny an even better place than it already is.

GRUNION NIGHT AT DOHENY, FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 10 PM:



volunteers Tom and Marilyn Wenzel and Park Interpreter Vicki Wiker present the annual Grunion Night program in Picnic Area A, to be followed by a walk down to the beach to hopefully see the grunion hit the shore after 11:15 PM. Parking will be free. June 1st still falls in the “No Take” grunion season, so we’re going to watch, not capture any of these little critters. The Visitor Center will be open from 9 to 9:45 PM in case you want a visit there before the program. If you’d like information about grunion before the program, or if you’re just really interested in grunion, visit this website for some good videos, including: **Grunion are all about sex on the beach:** <http://www.grunion.org/>

SOUTH DAY USE BRIDGE IS NOW OPEN:



The pedestrian bridge on Pacific Coast Highway that drops into the **Doheny South Day Use Area** is now open. The rehabilitation work consisted of repairing the stairway, the existing electrical, replacing the fence and anchor bolts, patching deteriorated concrete, installing cathodic protection and applying new paint to extend the service life of the bridge until its scheduled replacement in 2021. *Photo from Dana Point Times.*

NO DANA POINT TROLLEYS INSIDE THE PARK THIS SUMMER:



The good news is that the City of Dana Point will run its **free** summer trolley system **starting Friday, June 8th** through Labor Day, Sept. 3rd. The bad news is there won't be any pick up/drop off locations inside the park. The nearest 3 trolley stops are **1)** on the west side of the park at Dana Point Harbor Drive and Puerto Place by the county parking

lot, **2)** on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) by the pedestrian bridge across from Denny's (a pedestrian entrance to the park behind the bridge) and **3)** at the south end of the state park in the county parking lot on PCH. For more information, <http://www.danapointtimes.com/dana-point-trolley-return-june-8-expanded-route/> The trolley also links with the San Juan Capistrano Trolley and the Laguna Beach Trolley systems.

DSBIA APPROVES FUNDING FOR PARK'S INTERPRETER POSITION:

DSBIA Board members voted approval to provide \$15,000 to assist in funding Doheny Nature Interpreter position for this year. The contribution helps California State Parks free up other funding sources for Doheny and other parks. **This contribution meets a DSBIA 2018 goal set at the start of the year.**

STUDY OF MEMBERSHIP DUES COMPLETED, RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

A committee established to study current DSBIA membership dues, comparing them to other similar cooperative and interpretive California State Park organizations, reported to the Board at the March meeting. Using the philosophy that membership dues are not meant to be a money generating source but that increasing membership is much more important, the committee recommended no change to DSBIA membership dues be made. The committee's report was accepted and approved by the DSBIA Board of Directors. **The completion of the study, report and board approval meets one of DSBIA's goals for 2018.**

NEW IN THE VC STORE



Lightweight fleece hoodies
in adult sizes

New kid-sized tee shirts



THE WONDERFUL LIFE OF A DYING TREE: Every tree dies eventually, but its ecological value continues long after the last leaf falls. Discover a tree's secret second life and its habitat value to many species of birds and other animals as it decays. Presented **Thursday, May 17th @ 6:30 PM** by the Dana Point Headlands Conservation Area at the Dana Point Community Center / 34052 / Del Obispo St. / Dana Point.



PROPOSITION 68: DSBIA does not take positions on political issues. We do, however, wish to make you aware of Proposition 68 that will be on this June's State ballot. A portion of the proposition deals with California State Parks. This link will take you to a non-partisan description of the proposition.

[https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_68,_Parks,_Environment,_and_Water_Bond_\(June_2018\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_68,_Parks,_Environment,_and_Water_Bond_(June_2018))

SUNRISE / SUNSET:

May 1: Sunrise @ 6:01 AM / Sunset @ 7:30 PM = 13 hrs. 28 mins. 53 secs. of sun

We gain 1 minute & 42 seconds of sunlight from the previous day.

May 31: Sunrise @ 5:41 AM / Sunset @ 7:51 PM = 14 hrs. 09 mins. 10 secs. of sun

We gain 0 minutes & 53 seconds of sun from the previous day.

Gained minutes of sun in May: 0 hrs. 40 mins. 17 secs.

May Moon Phase Dates:

Last Quarter: 7th / New (No) Moon: 15th / First Quarter 21st / Full Moon: 29th

BE A VOLUNTEER IN THE VISITOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER! The visitors to our



aquariums and displays in the Visitor Interpretive Center love it, but we need more volunteers to help keep the doors open for more days. Interpreter Vicki Wiker provides initial training, and fellow docents provide on-the-job mentoring during shifts.

HOW ABOUT YOU?!? You don't need to be an expert on the critters, just willing to learn. We ask that you commit to one, six-hour shift per month (but you're always welcome to do more). **Come on, it's fun!** Send contact information to Doheny Park Interpreter Vicki Wiker at vwiker@parks.ca.gov.



YOU CAN TEXT A DONATION TO DSBIA: We greatly appreciate the support of our members and friends. If you'd like to make a donation to DSBIA, you can now do it by using the texting format on your cell phone. Send a text message to **707070** with the word "Doheny" in the message box. You will receive a message back with a link to our donation acceptance center. It's fast, easy, and we **GREATLY** appreciate it.

DONATE VIA AMAZON: Do you shop on Amazon? Their Amazon Smile program will make a donation to DSBIA with each purchase you make, **and it costs you nothing, zero, zip, nada.** Here's how:



Go to www.smile.amazon.com
Select "Accounts and List" (Upper right on your screen)
Select "Your Account" (Top of the List)
Select "Shopping Programs and Rentals" (Box. Lower Right)
Select "Choose / Change Your Charity"
Type in "Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association"
Be sure to add **Amazon Smile** as one of your bookmarks

20% PARK STORE DISCOUNT: Don't forget that DSBIA members get a 20% discount on items purchased in the Park Store located in the Visitor Center.

WHALE WATCHING CRUISE DISCOUNTS: Our friends at **Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching** in Dana Point Harbor offer a **50% discount** to DSBIA members on whale watching excursions. When registering for a trip, just mention you are a DSBIA member. The Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching dock is at 34675 Golden Lantern, Dana Point (949) 496-5794.

DOHENY SURF AND ART FESTIVAL **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd & 24th**

Get this on your calendar!

A celebration of the Southern California Surfing Lifestyle

<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/doheny-surf-festival/>

CALENDAR:

Not all events are DSBIA sponsored.

<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/events/>

MAY 5, SATURDAY, 9 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION MEETING: In front of the Boneyard Café at Doho.

MAY 10, THURSDAY, 5:30 PM, DSBIA MEMBERS BARBECUE: Free event for DSBIA members. Held in Picnic Area B. See information above on page 1.

MAY 17, THURSDAY, 7:00 PM, DSBIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: At the DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny State Beach.

MAY 17, THURSDAY, 6:30 PM, THE WONDERFUL LIFE OF A DYING TREE: See information above on top of page 4.

JUNE 1, FRIDAY, 10 PM, GRUNION NIGHT AT DOHO: Doheny volunteers Tom and Marilyn Wenzel and Park Interpreter Vicki Wiker present our annual Grunion Night program in Picnic Area A, to be followed by a walk down to the beach to hopefully see the grunion hit the beach after 11:15. June 1st still falls in the No Take grunion season, so we're going to watch, not capture any of these little critters. See information above on page 2.

JUNE 2, SATURDAY, 9 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION MEETING: In front of the Boneyard Café at Doho.

JUNE 11 - AUGUST 16, 10 - 11 AM, JUNIOR RANGERS: Junior Rangers is an interpretive activity that is designed for children, 7 to 12, to actively learn about some of the natural wonders that can be found throughout the California State Parks. Contact Park Interpreter. vwiker@parks.ca.gov
<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/event-items/doheny-junior-rangers/>

JUNE 21, THURSDAY, 7:00 PM, DSBIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: At the DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny State Beach.

JUNE 23 - 24, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 9AM TO 6 PM, DOHENY SURF & ART FESTIVAL: Celebration of the Southern California surfing lifestyle at our Doheny Surf Festival. <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/doheny-surf-festival/>

HAY MAE, NOT A DSBIA MEMBER YET? Join us in supporting the mission of Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association to provide activities, materials and financial support for the purpose of educating the public about the natural and cultural importance of Doheny State

Beach. Here's a printable membership form: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2015-Membership-Form.pdf>

EMAIL ADDRESS: info@dohenystatebeach.org

VISIT OUR WEB SITE: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org>

DOHENY, A CALIFORNIA GOLDEN STATE PARK: <https://blogs.chapman.edu/huell-howser-archives/2007/05/10/doheny-state-beach-californias-golden-parks-152/>

DSBIA FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/dohenystatebeach>

DSBIA SUPPORTERS: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/shortcodes/>

DOHENY SURF CAMERA: http://www.surflife.com/surf-report/doheny-southern-california_4848/

DOHENY SURF FORECAST: <http://magicseaweed.com/Doheny-State-Beach-Surf-Report/2588/>

GOOGLE'S STREET VIEW STATE PARK TREKS: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/whatsnew>

VOLUNTEER AT DOHENY: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/volunteer-at-doheny/>

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