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DOHENY UPDATE for **FEBRUARY** 2013

DSBIA JOINS IN THE CELEBRATION OF A LIFE WELL

LIVED: Huell Howser was an extraordinary Californian, bringing the wonders of our state onto our television screens and into our homes. We will miss the visits with Huell that will now go undone, but relish the California Gold he shared with us.

Godspeed, good friend. "May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand."

YOUR 2013 DSBIA OFFICERS AND BOARD OF

DIRECTORS: President Bill Brooks, Vice President Steve Stirrett, Treasurer Rodger More, Secretary Ed Neely; Board Members Margie Black, Mario Cuevas, Bill Grey, Thomas Haight, Mary Hartmann, Donna Kalez, Bobby Knox, Ken Neilson, and Mike Peck.



THE DOHENY WHALES ARE COMING BACK: DLSA

members Bill Brooks, Bill Gray, Kathy Oshima, Mike Ahumada, Ed Neely and Park Staff Jim Serpa, Denise Estrada and Brian Staudenbaur painted the first of potentially



8 life-sized whales on the beach promenade at Doheny. The 47½-foot California Gray Whale is on the east side of the snack stand at main beach. More whales are planned over the coming

year. There will be calls for volunteers to join in the fun on the next ones. <http://www.ocregister.com/news/whale-383081-walk-state.html>



Kathy Oshima paints Gracie's eye

TWO MORE WHALES ON THE WALK:



K.C. puts finishing touches on the Orca as Bill Grey looks on approvingly.

On Monday, January 21, two more whales were added to the Whale Walk by many of the same volunteers as well as new DSBIA volunteers Margie Black, Jess Lopez, Kip and K.C, Kinnings, Dan Farrell and more. This time, we painted a humpback and an orca. More whales to come, but we're taking a six-week break, as heavy equipment will be in the park rolling over the location where the future whales will go. As we close in on time for the next additions to the Whale Walk, we'll send out a call for volunteers. <http://www.ocregister.com/news/whale-408804-whales-walk.html>



AND SPEAKING OF WHALES: Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching sends us the link to a video of Finnegan the fin whale that's been hanging out off of Doheny and photos of the first grays they've spotted this year, a mom and new baby. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7R7NVJjKSY&feature=endscreen&NR=1>



Momma Gray and her calf



Baby Gray heading South

RUN WITH THE DOLPHINS! Recently, one of the whale watching boats out of Dana Harbor was surrounded by a large pod of Common Dolphins as they raced by just off Doheny State Beach. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlmDVuxerQ0&feature=player_embedded

SUNRISE / SUNSET: On February 1st, we gain 1-minute, 42 seconds of sunlight from the day before. Feb. 28, we gain 2 minute and 04 seconds from the previous day.

Feb. 1: Sunrise @ 6:50 AM / Sunset @ 5:24 PM = **10 hrs. 33 mins. 59 secs. of sun.**

Feb. 28: Sunrise @ 6:23 AM / Sunset @ 5:49 PM = **11 hrs. 26 mins. 16 secs. of sun.**

GAINED MINUTES OF DAYLIGHT: +27 AM minutes / +25 PM minutes **Total: +52 minutes**

DREAM'N OF SUMMER SUNSETS: OK, February has its good points, but some of us are longing for those long, warm days of summer. Photos from DLSA Facebook page.



< OUCH! Maybe “KEEP AWAY” would be a better warning. 2012 Doheny Longboard Surfing Association’s 60’s Surf’n Classic.



“LOVE YOUR BEACH” CLEAN UP: Join us on **Saturday, Feb. 16th** for our first **Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup** of the year, as we “love” Doheny back to good health after the runoff from winter rains. The cleanup is from 9:00 am – Noon. All beach cleanups meet at the lifeguard headquarters (adjacent to the mouth of San Juan Creek). Thank you for bringing along working gloves.

GRUNION RUN 10K, 5K AND KIDS’ 1K will take place in Doheny State Beach on **Saturday, March 9, 2013 starting at 7:45am**. This is a fast, flat scenic run / walk along the coast and through Doheny State Beach; great for runners, walkers and watchers. The event is part of the two-week Dana Point Festival of Whales. The Doheny Longboard Surfing Association will serve breakfast for runners after the race. For information and/or registration, visit <http://www.festivalofwhalesgrunionrun.com/>

DSBIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE GRUNION RUN: DSBIA members are needed to help monitor and direct runners along the Grunion Run course. If you wish to jump in, contact Grunion Run Coordinator Larua Ouimet at goldenlegsracingca@gmail.com



SARCASTIC FRINGEHEAD: Meet the new resident in our aquarium tank, located in the DSBIA Gift Shop at the Life Guard building by San Juan Creek. Kinda cute with his mouth closed, but check out this website and its videos. Photo by Jim Serpa. <http://io9.com/5911216/meet-the-sarcastic-fringehead-an-oddly-named-fish-who-looks-like-the-predator>

SAN JUAN BY THE SEA: Before it was part of Dana Point, it was Capistrano Beach. Before that, it was San Juan by the Sea, a railroad boomtown created in **1887**. It was subdivided and marketed, but never really took off. This photo shows a gathering at the Seaside Pavilion, **located where Doheny State Beach is now**. Local historian Doris Walker writes that the railroad station at San Juan by the Sea "was completed in 1887 when the tracks from Los



Angeles ended there. Santa Fe's subsidiary, Pacific Land Improvement Company, added a spur track to the beach, then laid out the town.” In addition to the train station and the pavilion, the town also featured the Pioneer Hotel (which famous Shakespearean actress, Helena Modjeska and her entourage once used as a summer retreat,) and a smattering of homes.

MARCH DOHENY UPDATE WILL BE LATE: The next issue of Doheny UPDATE will not appear in your mailbox until the second week of March. I know, it's hard... but you can deal with it.

CALENDAR: Not all events are DSBIA sponsored, but all will be fun.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3, Noon: SAN JUAN HILLS TRAIL RUN.
http://orangemantriathlon.com/?page_id=859



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SATURDAY, MARCH 9: DOHENY MOBILE MARINE MAMMAL MUSEUM Our Marine Mammal exhibits will be on display from 11 AM to 3 PM along the Doheny State Beach esplanade between the snack stand and the west jetty. A chance to see and feel authentic marine mammal artifacts (and some cool replicas, too).

SUNDAY, MARCH 10: WHALE OF A BEACH CLEAN UP, 9AM - NOON Celebrate the return of the majestic Gray Whales by cleaning up the beach before the debris washes off into the their ocean. We meet at lifeguard headquarters.

HAIL, GAYLE!!! NOT A DSBIA MEMBER YET? Join us in supporting the mission of DSBIA to provide activities and materials to educate the public about the natural and cultural importance of Doheny State Beach. **Here's a printable membership form.**
http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/pdf/DSBIA_Membership_App_Rev-2010.pdf

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS: With the exception of December, DSBIA Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, 7 PM at the Double Tree Hotel on Pacific Coast Highway across from Doheny State Beach in Dana Point. Meetings are open to all DSBIA members.

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

DSBIA ON FACEBOOK at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Doheny-State-Beach-Interpretive-Association/255397901205401>

DOHENY GIFT STORE ON FACEBOOK:
<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100003539533566>

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