

June 2011

President's Log

May 14 found around a dozen of us at Goleta beach for our, rescheduled, Golf Ball Dive. You could feel the excitement in the air, as all knew that the current trophy holder (and record holder) Steven Trainoff was out of this competition and that the coveted trophy would defiantly change hands. (All someone would have to do would be to find at least one ball.)

Steven waited patiently on the beach as diver after diver emerged for the count. For some reason, Steven's face grew longer and longer, as each diver came up empty. Could the visibility be to blame? All divers were reporting a good four to six vis. (Inches that is.)

With a sigh of relief, Steven viewed a diver emerge with a bag that was NOT empty. Would Steven be able to free the space taken in his home by the trophy? With a heavy heart, Steven sees but a found dive mask appear from the collection bag. But wait! There IS something white in the bag too. Erwan Lent, says "I found some."

Somehow, in that visibility Erwan managed to come up with nine balls and a dive mask. He even managed to spot an octopus in that soup (that he did NOT bring back).

With the recent winners being the photographer types, I am wondering if they have an unfair visual perception advantage?

I believe all still ended up having a good time with a couple people kayaking, the divers experiencing "interesting" conditions, a great social BBQ, and a couple members enjoying one of the club activities for the first time.

All in all this was a fun way to spend a Saturday morning. As a club, we have been trying to get an activity per month in this year and all who have been attending say they are having a good time. Remember, this club is for all of us, so feel free to join us, and don't forget that your non-diving family members are always welcome too. Only about half of the people in attendance for this activity dove, but all had a great time.

Please, keep an eye open for our upcoming events and join in with us. After all, it is YOUR club.

Brad

P.S. See event pictures in this issue.

Erwan's What's it?



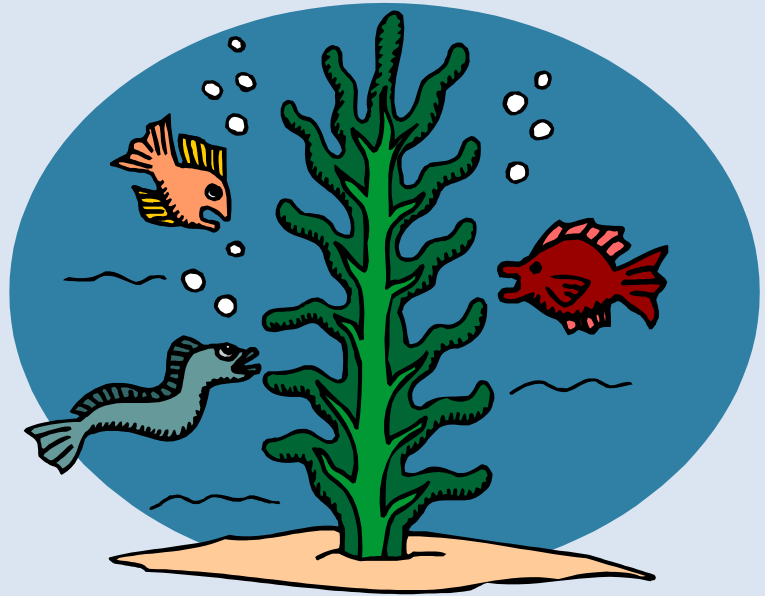
**Answer to May Erwan's What's it:
Nurse Shark**

Valérie Lent

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday, June 4th, we will meet at Zaka Lake for a fresh water, clean up dive. If you did not RSVP, you can still come but you will have to pay the \$20 fee at the gate.

Valérie Lent



Label your Dive Gear

If you tend to worry about leaving your gear overnight on board, for dive operators to clean it for you, and if you do not like the fading look of that permanent marker on your gear, there is a more stylish, safer solution. Jake ID contacted us recently to offer our club members a discount on their personalized name tags. You can get your name (or whatever you choose) woven into a tag. It will never come off. Go to their website

www.JakeID.com to get an idea. As Paradise Dive Club members, you can get a 20% discount. Order your items, then put in the coupon code **PDC**, then click on “recalculate”, then check out. It will also be free shipping to PDC members.

Submitted by Valérie Lent

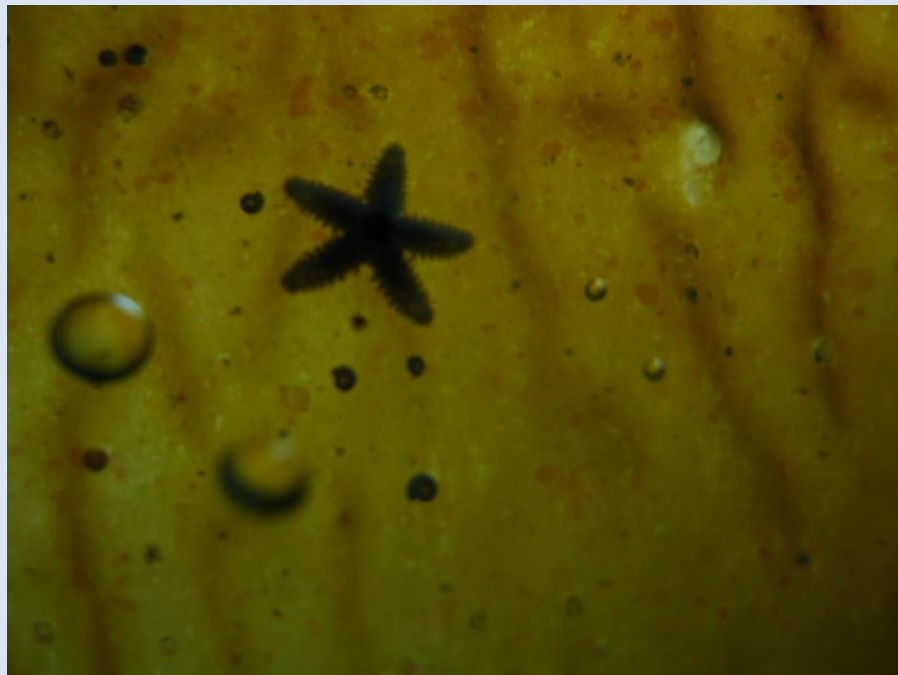
Photos by Erwan Lent

PDC THURSDAY NIGHT DIVES!

TO FIND OUT WHERE THE GROUP WILL BE DIVING, OR TO BE ADDED TO THE NIGHT DIVE E-MAIL LIST, SIGN UP AT

[HTTP://GROUPS.YAHOO.COM/GROUP/PDC_MIDWEEK_DIVE](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PDC_midweek_dive), OR SEND E-MAIL TO

PDC_midweek_dive_subscribe@yahoo.com



Deco Stop

**The Friday the week after the monthly club meeting at 5:30 PM
Endless Summer Bar and Grill on the Waterfront**



Annual Golf Ball Tournament Results

The six contestants pleaded zero inch visibility as an explanation for their low number of collected golf balls, compared to last year's Steven Trainoff of nearly 200.



Visibility: terrible/ water temperature: terrible/ Golf ball score: terrible/ BBQ: wonderful/ Camaraderie: wonderful





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