

May 2011

## President's Log

I remember back a few years, when I just got certified, I was lucky to find an experienced dive buddy who also happened to have a twelve year old son, also a diver. Did I ever have it made? This guy had almost four hundred dives in, had completed his DM certification, and knew all the great spots like the back of his hand. I could always sit back and let him take care of everything. He would pick the day, time, and location, give the dive briefing, lead the group, and do the navigating. You name it, he did it. You talk about easy diving. Then, one day, he did it. We're all geared up and ready to hit the water and he says: "Why don't you lead this one?" You can imagine how taken aback I was. After months of diving together, this guy hasn't figured out his niche? Well, we survived the dive, I learned that I use the compass thing that they mentioned during certification class, and we even enjoyed ourselves. After doing this I even found out that Erwan and I could actually enjoy diving relying on each other, not needing someone else to do everything for us. Doing this actually ended up being fun and rewarding. Once Valerie became certified, and comfortable, we started taking turns filling different roles, and we all love it.

You may wonder where I am navigating with this, but I am getting there. I see this as possibly being an analogy for our dive club. Now that I have been president for a while, I see that I (and the club) tend to rely on a few people to lead us. I know that I am truly appreciative of what these leaders do for us, but I also wonder if there may be a time or two that we can take a bit of the load from them?

As my tenure as president is two thirds complete, I look forward to the opportunity for someone with a different outlook to have a chance to move the club forward. A nice feature of our club is that officers can be changed after only one year, so we can remain dynamic if we so choose. We are a club of equals and we would like everyone to have the chance to use their compass. Please don't be afraid to let it be known if you would consider being a board member next year. It is easy to sit back and enjoy, but it is also not that hard to contribute toward the leadership of our group. I can't speak for others, but I see serving a group such as ours as rewarding. I understand that you are busy, but so is everyone. If we spread out the responsibilities, they can all be handled efficiently, diversely, and creatively.

Brad

## Erwan's What's it?



**Answer to April Erwan's What's it:  
Atlantis Submarine. Tourist sub for the  
Cruise Ship Crowd. The dive site was  
Los Bolones de Palancar in Cozumel.**

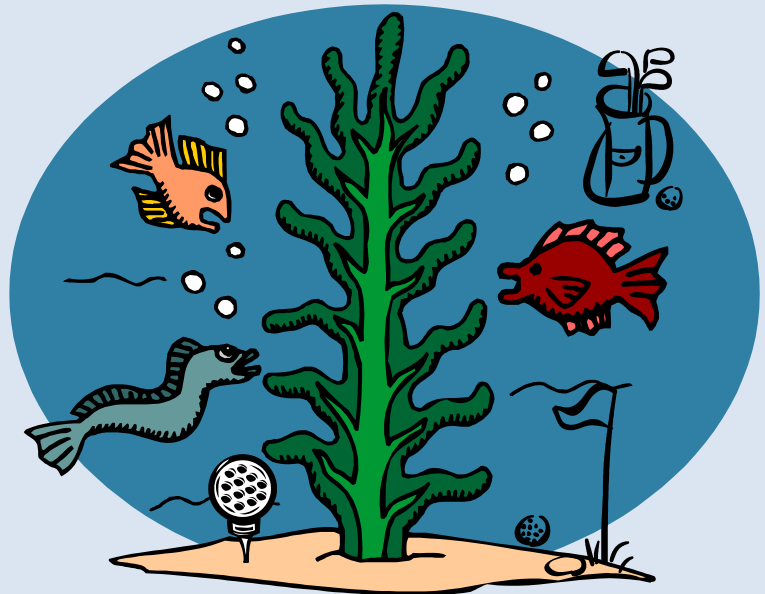
*Valérie Lent*

## CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

MAY 14<sup>th</sup> is our golf ball tournament dive! Last year's champion, Steven Trainoff, is not going to be able to participate, so we all have a better chance to win the wonderful trophy! We will meet at 10:00 A.M at Goleta Beach for a morning dive. Don't forget your collection bag! After the dive and counting the golf balls, we will have a barbecue at our usual spot, one of the tables by the bathrooms and shower. Meat and soft drinks will be provided by the club. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.



Valérie Lent



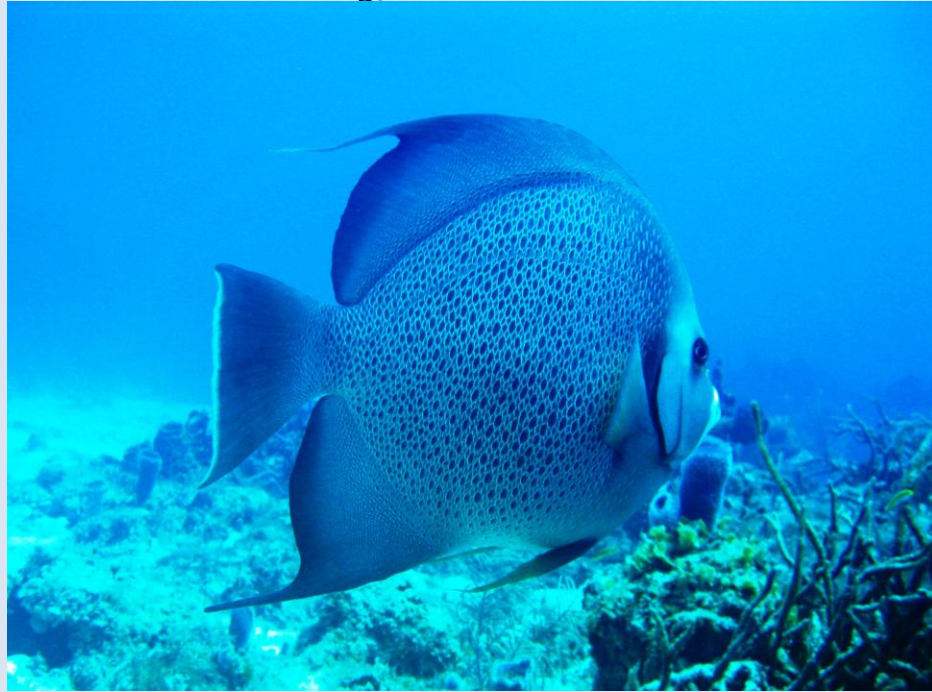
## PDC THURSDAY NIGHT DIVES!

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

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*Photos by Erwan Lent*



## Deco Stop

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



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# Earth Day Beach Clean Up

Six dive club members enjoyed a hearty breakfast at Refugio State Beach, and then headed to Tijeguas. Everyone took off an average of 31 pounds in about two hours---not bad after all these donuts! ;-)



Photo courtesy of Steven Trainoff---but if you don't recognize Steven's professional photographer quality, notice that he is IN the picture.

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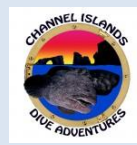
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