



Chris Fuller will be the guest speaker for April

April 2010

General Meeting - Mon - April 12th

Chris Fuller speaking on Dive Travel

Board Meeting - Tue - April 20th

Meeting at the Nipper's house

Chamber Day - Wed - May 5th

Scuba Show - Sat, Sun - May 15-16th

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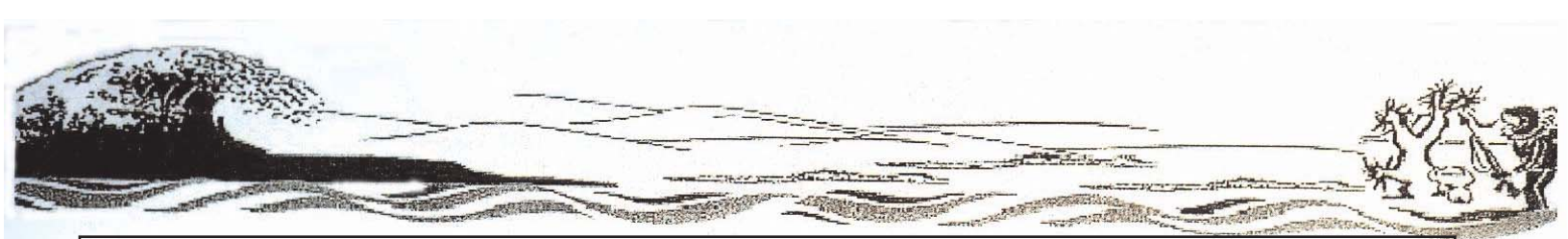
The 40th Annual banquet was a smashing success.



See this Newsletter in

Blazing Color at:

www.avdesertdivers.org



Rising Tides Update

Club members and the founders of Rising Tides, Brian Basura and Claudia Richardson, have departed on their long anticipated voyage. For those of you who don't know, Rising Tides is a non-profit organization comprised of environmentalists dedicated to capturing a "snapshot in time" of selected islands in the Pacific Ocean. Their primary goal is to document current physical and environmental resources for future studies and comparison and, to spark scientific interest in children by providing a connection between classroom studies and real world experiences.

Brian and Claudia departed their dock on February 27th and headed for Catalina Island. On their first day at sea they confronted a tsunami (what are the odds of that!?) which proved to be just one of the MANY obstacles they would face on their journey to La Paz, their goal for the first leg of their multi-year journey. They safely anchored on April 2nd and are currently busy exploring the area above and below the water. They are also having some repairs done on their sailing vessel, "Skylight". If you would like to retrace their journey thus far you can find them at winlink.org registered as KG6CVO.

Because Brian and Claudia have been such an important part of the Desert Divers for so many years, we would like to keep the members apprised of their activities. We will be offering updates in this newsletter.

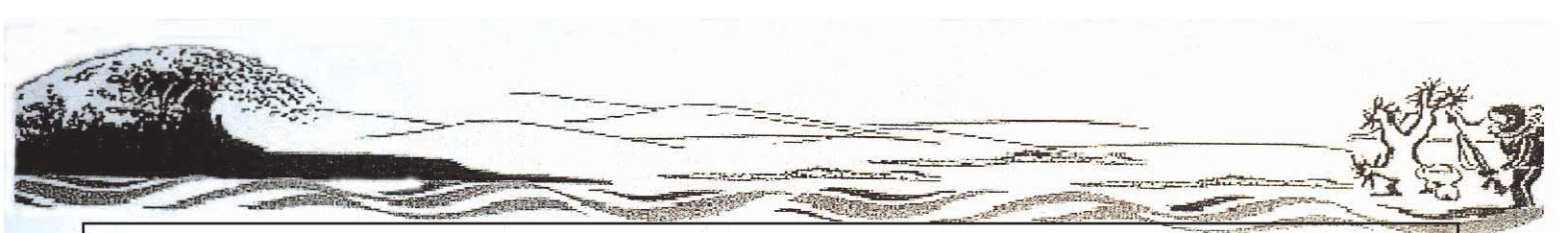


CHAMBER DAY/EVE 2010
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General Meeting: Monday, April 12, 7:00pm



Chris Fuller will be the guest speaker at the AV Desert Divers April 12 dive club meeting.

Chris was certified back in 1979 in Key Largo Florida . He became a Padi Divemaster in 1984, and a Dive Instructor in 1988. He has been working in the Dive Industry since 1984, teaching his way through college to pay the tuition.

He has traveled extensively throughout the world, leading group dive trips 41 times to 31 different destinations, most recently to Papua New Guinea .

He has been with Aqualung since 2008, and prior to that was working for the dive industry trade association(DEMA) for 5 years.

At Last a Guide to Nudibranchs You Can Hold in Your Hand and Pack in Your Bag!

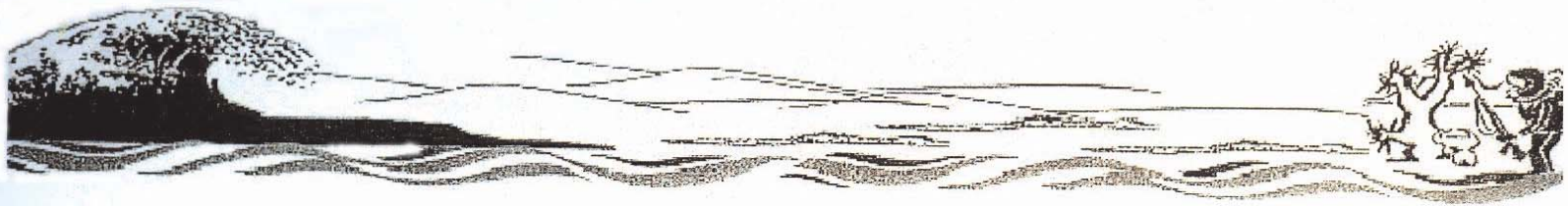
Up until the publication of this book from Sea Challengers Publishing, you either had to look to on line sources for information for nudibranch identification, or you had to pay a lot of bucks for huge scientific journals that leave most of us scratching our heads and wondering what the hell “ophistobranchs” means. Most of us avid divers in the Southern California waters have seen our share of nudibranchs, sometimes popularly referred to as “sea slugs.” The Spanish Shawl is easy and you may have known what a Lemon Dorid looks like. Most of them, however, don't have readily recognizable common names and the Cerberilla pungoarena and other Cerberilla species found quite frequently around Anacapa Island don't even have common names. With the release of the new edition of David W. Behrens and Alicia Hermosilla's book,

“Eastern Pacific Nudibranchs: A Guide to the Ophistobranchs from Alaska to Central America,”

the term “what-ya-may-call-it” is a thing of the past. From the tiny California Diaphana (5mm) to the gigantic Black Seahare that is the largest gastropod in the world (99cm and up to 14 Kilograms), this book has them all. This is a completely revised edition of David Behren's first edition, expanding geographic coverage to include Baja California, the Pacific Coast of Mexico and Central America. This edition includes an additional 107 species, and updates the reader with newly named species and name changes. Natural history information is included for each species. It is 7" x 9", 137 pages, 324 color plates. It is available from Amazon.com for \$35.00 with free Super Saver shipping.

Scuba Jack





Conservation Officer Report

For all of us old enough to remember the taste of fresh Abalone, if you don't have the stamina to drive all the way up the coast and "Free dive" for the tasty morsels, there's a company of "Aquaculturists" up in Monterey Calif. that is not only farm raising abalone but also farm raising Red Kelp to feed them. Which they do 24/7. and the young abalone grow to harvest size in about half the time as they would in the open ocean, Because of their constant diet of red kelp, the abalone take on a pinkish color to their meat but otherwise taste the same as wild abalone, these farm raised abalone's cost about \$24 a pound so they really aren't too much more expensive that suiting up and paying for a trip up the coast where you may or may not actually bag a legal Ab.

On the technical front, there is a new toy that some of you boat owners may find useful, A company has come up with a 12 volt electric "Hookah" rig, The set up comes with 60 feet of hose, regulator, even a weight belt. The rig will run on a single 12 volt battery for about 2 hours and supply air down to 50 feet. This would be a great thing for boaters who need to jump in to un-stick a fouled anchor or fouled prop. Or for just playing around in shallow water looking for "treasures" The whole thing costs about \$1100.00 so it's not really that cost prohibitive? You can check them out at www.airlinebyjsink.com. (Note, our club is not indorsing this product, just passing on the information to you.)

You're Conservation Officer

Larry Ladd

