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## November's Club Meeting

- Date:** Tuesday, November 9th
- Time:** 7:30-PM Dinner and Business, Social at 7
- Location:** The Racquet Club  
3900 Crosby Rd.
- Program:** Memories of Al Kaeder, Elections and Dinner Meeting

## President's Message



By now you have received an email regarding the Galapagos trip in 2006!

This trip is certainly one of the most exciting and advanced trips the club has undertaken.

We will have more info about the trip in the months to come, rest assured it will be a once in a lifetime event.

BGDC elections and dinner meeting will take place Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Racquet Club. After discussion at the EC meeting the current officers including myself agreed to run for another turn.

There will be nominations from the floor and if you would like to spend some quality time with others interested in promoting the BGDC I encourage you to throw your name in the hat and run for the office of your choice.

I am not sure but I believe this year was my 4<sup>th</sup> as president. The time has flown by, as it always

seems to do when you are having fun in the company of friends.

As a special celebration of his many years of diving we will honor the memory of Al Kaeder a long time club member who passed away about a year ago. An AV presentation and a few remembrances from anyone who wishes to share an experience will take place. Rose his wife, and constant dive trip companion will be in attendance.

The last event will be a drawing for those seeking spots on the Galapagos adventure.

Let Kit our treasurer know if you are coming so we may plan accordingly, and please plan to attend.□

*Mark*

## Divemaster's Report

*By Doug Geddes*



### CHUUK & YAP 2005

This trip is so close I can taste it. Thanks to John's CD and pictures from his past trip a few weeks ago, this trip is finally to begin to feel real. When you book a trip almost 2 years in advance, it seems like it will never get here. Well, guess what, it is not that far away. Final invoices have been sent to each of the travelers. Please make sure and send your payment in by the due date. We have to send in our payment very shortly after that and our funds are getting short, due to all the trips we have planned. We will have a group meeting sometime before we leave and let John go over the details of the trip and give us some hints on what we need or do not need to take with us.

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## Divemaster's Report Cont.

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### COZUMEL 2005

Just when you think this trip has finally settled down it takes off again. We now have 40 persons with paid deposits on this trip. It is still not too late to sign up if you want to go. We have a few spots left of the air and plenty of room space at the resort. After talking with the personal from the resort at DEMA this is going to be a great trip. The dive sites are just minutes away and the resort seems to be a fantastic place. Check out our website for more information. If you are interested just fill out a reservation form and submit it. Remember this is Fayette Counties spring break, so don't wait till it's too late.

### GALAPAGOS 2006

Yes, you read this right. Already a trip planned for 2006. With the Aggressor offering a 4th person free on their 20-year anniversary, we couldn't pass this one up. Even though this is a dive for more experienced divers, we figured we could sell this one out. By now you should have gotten an e-mail about this trip and how we will be handling the reservations for this trip. This trip is planned for July 27 - August 3, 2006, and is going to run around \$4600.00 less discounts. It is the height of the Whale shark season in the Galapagos. The biggest problem is, it is also can be the worst time of the year to dive in this area. The surface conditions are generally rougher and the currents are stronger. The water temperature is in the 70's in the northern part and low 60's in the southern islands. Most persons dive this with full wetsuits. The marine life you will see will make this trip worth the few difficulties, but if you are a new diver or less experienced one, this trip is not for you. Please check out the website and see if this is for you. As you have been told, if we have too many persons signing up by the Nov. 9th meeting, we will have a lottery to decide the order of persons being able to go, with a waiting list in the order drawn. Please do not sign up for this trip unless you are very serious about going. We will be having a spring trip to a nice place in 2006, so this isn't the only one we will have. □

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## The Editor's Notes

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By John Geddes



A few more pics from Chuuk. □

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## Co-Vice President's Report

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By Dan Miller and Carol Call



Our club continues our phenomenal growth as new members James Miller from Brodhead and Sonja Zaumeyer from Lexington joined since the October club meeting. Sonja will be going with the club to Cozumel.

We've had several inquiries about where to attain the snazzy BGDC logo. It may be found at *American Apparel Embroidery & Screen Printing* at 204 Industry Parkway in Nicholasville (drag strip). It costs \$8.50 to apply the standard rectangular logo to any apparel item and \$10.00 if you want the logo + writing below the logo. They're open 8 am to 5 pm, M-F. It's cheaper to buy your own garment and have them apply the logo but they also sell clothing if you prefer. Call the owner, Gwen, at 887-1209 for details. □

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## From the Treasurer

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By Kit Hudson



Truk Trip: Final/balance payment letter mailed. Payment deadline is Nov. 15th. Cozumel Trip: Final/balance payment to be mailed early December. Payment deadline is Jan. 1st.

NOVA and Geddes on the Odyssey



Photo of Rex Covington

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## Safety Corner

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By Rick Stephan



**Note:** Part of the reason that we dive is to enjoy the bounty of nature we see underwater. While most of us recognize certain types of critter – (“That there is a turtle. Over there is a fish.”) – as experienced divers we pride ourselves on knowing the difference between a scrawled filefish and a queen triggerfish. This month’s article is from Rodale’s and shows ways we can notice more fish life and find out there names. This article is not really focused on “safety” per se, but it is an example of how to prepare yourself for diving season. Most of us are in the phase of polishing up our gear now, thinking about upcoming winter trips to the sun, and possibly already putting that wish list together for Santa. This article will help you find the fish, figure out what they are, and assist you later in tracking down their identification if you can’t figure them out underwater. And a fish identification chart or book for that diver on his way to Truk or Cozumel might just be the thing to put on the Christmas list.



Remember, safe diving is fun!

### Find More Fish: Eight Divemaster Secrets By John Francis

Hey, did you see all those flashlight fish?"

"Cool! And that cloud of yellowhead wrasse?  
Great dive!"

Don't you just hate that? You saw nothing but the usual background reef, but it seems like everybody else saw all kinds of exotic creatures you've never heard of? And let's not even mention the divemaster who conjures an underwater rabbit out of a coral hat whenever he wants to. How do they do that?

#### SECRET TRICK #1 - Go Slow

"Too many people rush around as if they were driven to see everything on the reef at once," says

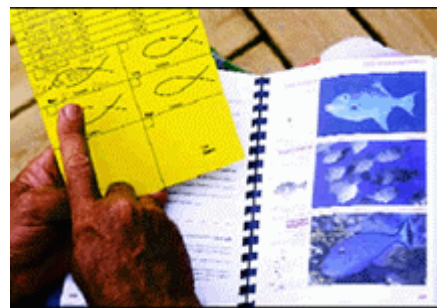
Paul Humann, photographer and editor of the Reef Fish Identification books. "As a result, they don't see anything." Many of the life forms are pretty well camouflaged so their predators won't see them. Not surprisingly, you don't see them either. But their movement will attract your eye and give them away. If you go slow, and even stop from time to time, you can watch one area of reef long enough to pick up the movements of life. "Whoa! Where did he come from?" He was there all the time.

#### SECRET TRICK #2 - Look in the Right Place

Remember the joke about the drunk who looks for his wallet under the lamppost because the light is better there? Many divers do the same thing, following the attractive coral formations and only looking there for fish. But you're not going to find a yellowhead jawfish, for example, on top of the coral. It will be in an otherwise uninteresting sandy area, its head sticking out of its hole. Learn not only the fish but its specific habitat, so you know where to look.

#### SECRET TRICK #3 - Take a Slate

Have you ever seen an unusual fish and promised yourself you'd look it up in the book after the dive, but by that time you couldn't quite remember what it looked like? Carry a slate. Sketch the fish or critter and indicate unusual shapes, markings and colors. You will probably find that the act of making the sketch will itself improve your memory because it forces you to select and describe what's distinctive.



#### SECRET TRICK #4 - Learn Families

A fundamental step in understanding anything is to impose order on the chaos. Learn to recognize the large families and types of fish, for example, and you've both narrowed down your search in the identification book and nailed down some of its characteristics in your mind. "I know it's a butterfly fish, but what kind? What's unusual about this one?"

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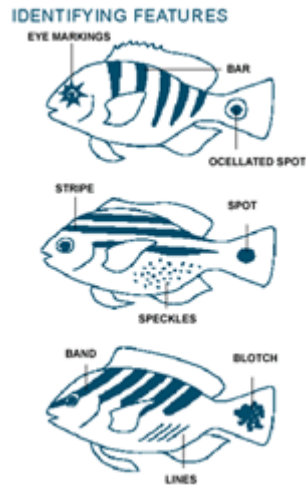
## Safety Corner Cont.

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### SECRET TRICK #5 Connect Names and Faces

A name is a memory hook. When you know the names of some fish and other creatures, you can mentally put them aside and better notice the strangers.

We are verbal animals, and naming things is a way of imposing order on the world. You keep seeing the same fish with a yellow tail? Learn that it's called a yellowtail snapper and your eye, and mind, can Move on to something else.



Think of a computer analogy: Giving a document a name allows you to file it, get it off your desktop and deal with something else.

### SECRET TRICK #6 - Learn the Terms

There is a terminology of fish markings that makes descriptions more precise. For example, a thick vertical line is called a bar, a thick horizontal line is stripe, a thick diagonal line is a band, and a thin line is a line. Which one is it? To decide, you have to notice the line's orientation--a detail you might otherwise have missed. Once you've named it, you're more likely to remember it.

### SECRET TRICK #7 - Focus on a Few

Don't expect to identify 20 new fish on one dive. If you try to look for 20, you'll probably confuse them and not see any. Instead, focus your search on two or three new creatures until you've learned to spot them and name them. Then, you can add two or three more to your repertoire.

### SECRET TRICK #8 - Have a Search Image

Study the ID book before you dive, not just after. Know which fish you might find in the area and develop what Laddie Akins, director of the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF), calls a "search image" before you get wet. Commit to memory, or even write on a slate, the size, shape, color and markings of your target and, just as important, its behavior and habitat. Does it hide in the kelp or swim outside it? Is it likely to be deep or shallow?

### Bonus Trick of the Divemaster's: Home Field Advantage

One of the biggest reasons the dive guide can find that unusual creature is that he's been to the same site a thousand times. Many fish are territorial, and when you've found them once, you'll find them again in the same place. (So that's how they do it!)

### Fish-Finder Resources

Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) promotes field surveys by sport divers. The REEF web site lists common fish for various areas, with pictures, identifying marks and behaviors. Check out the ID quiz for common fish and test your knowledge. Web: [www.reef.org](http://www.reef.org).

Reef Fish Identification by Paul Humann. The leading series of guidebooks to reef fish around the world. Also available are guides to corals and invertebrates, a CD-ROM and a lot of information on the web site: [www.fishid.com](http://www.fishid.com). □

*My Little Buddy from 100' to 15'*



*This guy stayed with me for more than half my dive*

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## 2004 BGDC Officer's & Staff

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Mark Kidd, President	266-2276
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Bob Shepard, Secretary	263-0165
Kit Hudson, Treasurer	873-4974
Doug Geddes, Divemaster	224-3197
Rick Stephan, Safety Office	223-3719
Mike McCann, Webmaster	255-3937
John Geddes, Undercurrents Editor	223-7926

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## From The Secretary

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By Robert Shepard



EC Meeting Minutes

10/26/04

Mark, Mike, Dan, Kit, Carol, Rick, Doug, John and I met at Doug's shop.

The 2005 Truk/Yap trip is filled.  
11/15 is the due date for the final Truk trip payment.

40 people have signed up for the 2005 Cozumel trip.

Voting will be held during the Nov. general meeting.

The Nov. dinner meeting will be held at the Racquet Club. The cost will be \$16, with the club picking up \$6. Al Kaeder will be honored.

The Christmas Party will be held at Mark and Stella's house on 12/11.

There will be a pre-Truk planning trip in Dec. We'll also try to get a trip scheduled to go to Diver's Den in Somerset to check out the equipment.

There is a planned dive trip to Galapagos from July 25 to Aug. 3, 2006. It will be aboard the Aggressor and cost approx. \$4,600. A \$200 deposit will be required by the next general meeting. An optional \$800 side trip will be available. □

## *Bluegrass Dive Club 2004 Calendar*

### November

- 9, Tuesday Club Meeting/Dinner/Elections
- 30, Tuesday E.C. Meeting

### December

- 11, Saturday Club Christmas Party

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## From the Dive Committee

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By Lynn Walters

The January 20-24, 2005 FL dive/snorkel trip to Ginnie Springs and Crystal River deposit deadline is Nov. 15, 2004. Please go to the website and send in your reservation and send your \$75 per person deposit in to BGDC to Kit Hudson. Final per person cost will be calculated based upon your choices and you will be notified. The final payment to BGDC for the dive/snorkel packages and accommodations reservations deadline is Dec. 15, 2004.

Thursday (1/20/05) driving, food, and 1 night hotel expenses, as well as Friday (1/21) and Mon. (1/24) driving and food expenses will be handled by the individuals traveling together.

Friday's dive/snorkel at Ginnie Springs cost per person is \$27 and will be handled by each individual as well as any individual rental equipment. No reservations are needed and diving/snorkeling is unguided and not timed.

### DIVE/SNORKEL PACKAGE AND ACCOMMODATIONS THROUGH BGDC:

American Dive Pro Dive Center:

- 2-Day Dive Pkg: \$127.50
- Sat am: Crystal River Manatee tour & dive/snorkel King's Cavern
- Sat pm: drift dive/snorkel Rainbow River
- Sun am: Homosassa River Manatee tour with breakfast
- Sun pm: dive Devil's Den
- Add-on optional dive at Blue Grotto (close to Devil's Den) \$39.50 (4 divers)

Snorkelers Pkg: \$88

Sat am & pm and Sun am same as divers, just no pm diving

Rentals avail: tank \$5, air fills \$4, wt \$4, suits \$10, reg \$14, BCD \$13, m/s/f \$7

Accommodations: American River Rendezvous Villas, Homosassas, FL Waterfront

3 night total per person in shared bedroom: \$89.91 based on villa prices that include living room, dining, fully equipped kitchen and bedrooms that accommodate 2 people

3 night total per person if choosing private bedroom ranges from \$179.82-\$222.39.

Costs for food and beverage handled by individual's in-group. Dining is also available on site and in surrounding small towns.

Call Lynn Walters for any questions. 859-624-9906 in evening. □