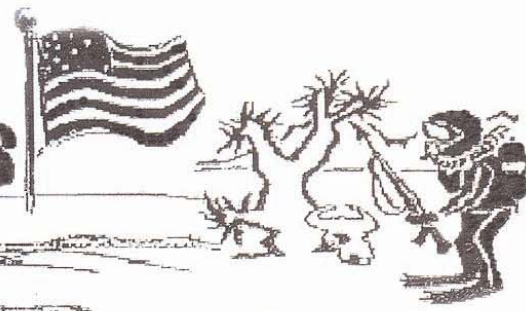


Desert Waves



November 2008

General Meeting - Mon - Nov 10th

Jack Cook will be promoting the Sunfish Dive.

Boat Dive - Sat - Nov 15th

Sunfish day dive to Anacapa

Board Meeting - Tue - Nov 18th

Meeting at the Nipper's house

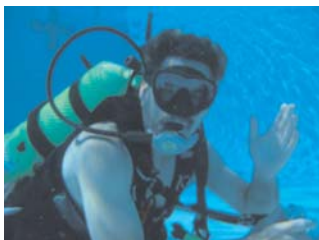
Here are some Scary People & thier Pumpkins!

A.V. Desert Divers

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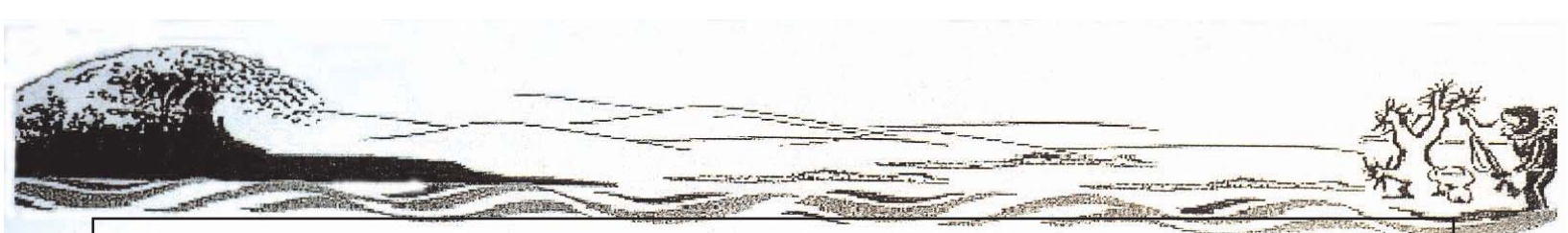
A great turn out & lots of fun for the club



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From the President...

Well fellow AVDD divers. November is the last formal meeting of the year. The December meeting is the Annual Holiday Feast. The Holiday Feast is the time for everyone bringing a scrumptious entre, side dish or dessert to share with the rest of the club and a white elephant gift exchange. For this month's meeting we are planning on an individual from the Sunfish to provide us with some enlightening information on diving off of the Sunfish. The Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest held in collaboration with the Palmdale Department of Parks and Rec was a huge success. As you can see from the pictures everyone had a blast. There was a tremendous presence of AVDD members old timers and much newer members alike joined in the fun. I had to go back up for more weight as I failed to properly calibrate how buoyant the pumpkin that I picked would be. It is pretty surprising that you really have to hang on tight to the pumpkin or it will shoot to the top and disqualify you from the contest.

Don't forget this is the time to step up to the plate and nominate yourself or a fellow member to the various board positions. As is done every year, each position is open. Get involved!!!! Be a part!!!! If you think that you can make a change, have some ideas that you would like to see implemented, step up. We need you.

Have a great week,

And remember, get wet!!!

Your Pres,

Linda



From the Vice-President...

It's that time of year again. Time to renew your membership. Please issue your dues check in the amount of \$25.00 for individual or \$40.00 for a family and mail to:

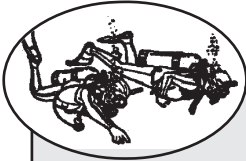
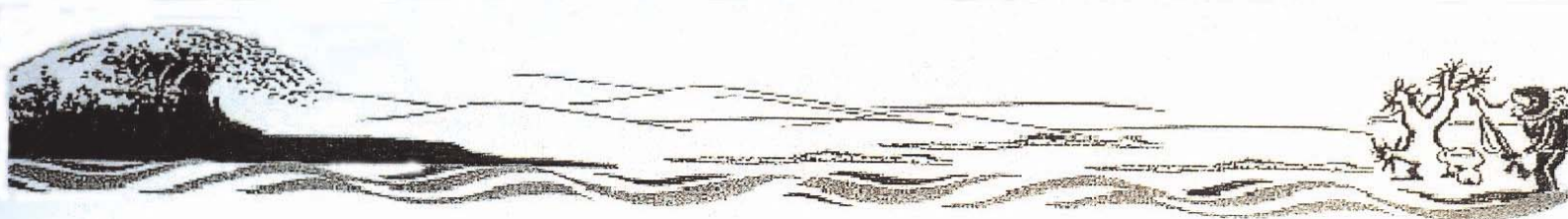
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Mike Orlando

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November Speaker...

Jack Cook, AVDD's own Dive Coordinator will be giving a presentation on Boat Dive Diving. This month on November 15th, AVDD is diving on Sunfish out of Ventura and Jack will be highlighting the upcoming trip and talking about diving off of boats in general. Please come out and show your support.

There will also be a sign-up for December's pot luck general meeting. And for those of who you remember last year's success, the food was delicious!!

Thank you,

Claudia Richardson

AVDD Program Coordinator

The trip includes food, air and Divemaster. The gratuity is up to each diver. Remember. "The waves afloat may tip the boat, but only you can tip the crew!" The menu is, in the Morning, Continental breakfast with a fresh fruit platter, oatmeal and pastries; After the 1st Dive, Soup, chili or chowder and a vegetable platter; After the 2nd Dive, Lunch of Meatball sandwiches, BBQ beef sandwiches, hot chicken sandwiches or a deli meat and cheese platter. All lunches are served with pasta, potato or macaroni salad and chips. After the 3rd Dive, there will be Cookies, snacks and popcorn. I was disappointed that there were no S'mores, but we all have to make little sacrifices. Drinks are always available-soda (regular and diet), juice, hot chocolate, coffee and water. Cup of noodles and burritos are always available.

All destinations are subject to change depending on the weather and sea conditions. The Sunfish can make the trip in any kind of weather, rain or shine. Sometimes the weather may not look so good, but most times there are still places to dive at the islands. The Captain has the final decision, with concern in providing for the safety and well being of the passengers and crew aboard. If the Captain cancels a trip, then refunds will be given.

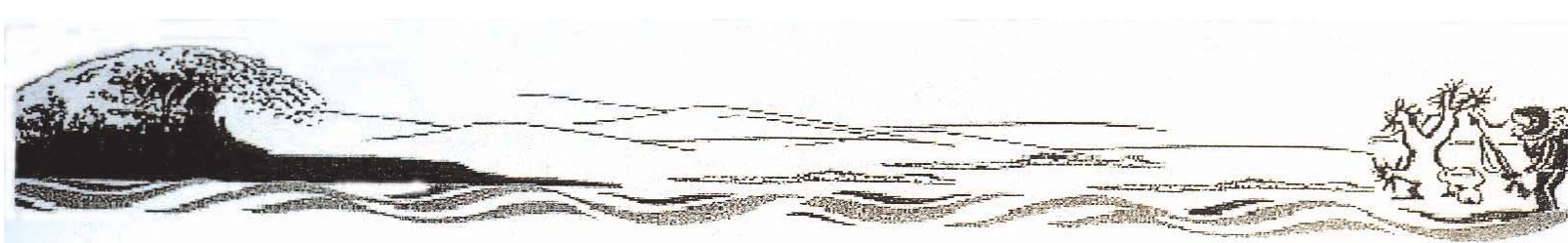
You may not wake up with a horse head in your bed, but you will be drinking your beverages alone on shore on the 15th of November. The rest of us will be telling lies to each other about what a great trip it was. "Did you see that Great White Shark!!!!? Was that a Giant Sea Bass? I swear it was twelve feet long! I spent two hours and forty-five minutes on the bottom and still surfaced with 1700 psi. You should have seen her face when....." You know the drill.

So come on! Let's go dive! The only place worth being is above ground and below sea level!

Dive Well! Jack Cook



**AVDD ELECTIONS ARE AROUND THE CORNER
COME ONE, COME ALL,
BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



Hodgkins Takes his own advice...

At last months meeting Terry Hodgkins told us all how he gets his bugs. A week later, Terry was out on a routine lobster dive on his boat. He has been diving for over 40 years and has many lobster stories from the thousands of dives he's made.

On this day, however, he found the largest lobster he's ever taken, on a ledge at the back of anacapa, in a place called "bug city". The 7.2 lbs of lobster was an easy catch, but the fight that ensued to get it back to the boat is one Terry will never forget.

First the lobster was so big, he thought it would not fit into his game bag. But after a few heart pounding moves, he was able to get it partially into the bag. With lobster in tow he started back to the boat. Upon arriving at the boat he realized that there was no one on board to take the bug from him. His thoughts were that after all this he was going to loose it here on the swim step to the boat. After managing to get his tank off with one hand, while wrestling a 7 lb. lobster in the other, his efforts were rewarded with the

"Catch of a Lifetime"

So don't give up, Your bug is out there!



Board Elections are Approaching for 2009

AVDD has been in existence for over 30 years and some of the members of the board have worked in pretty much every position time and again. They deserve a break. This is your club, get involved. Let's see some new ideas and a fresh look. If you think that you can make a difference, don't be shy, put your name out there.

Election time is rapidly approaching. My mother once told me, if you think you can do something better, then get involved and do something about it. As in years past, all of the positions are available this year. If you like to coordinate meetings, write newsletters, or think that you have some great ideas that you would like to see implemented in 2009, then put your name out there for consideration. If you know someone in the club that attends the meetings and events, and you think would be a great addition to the Board, nominate them. We are looking for new and energetic bodies to lead.



And Let's Get Wet!!!

Your Pres, Linda