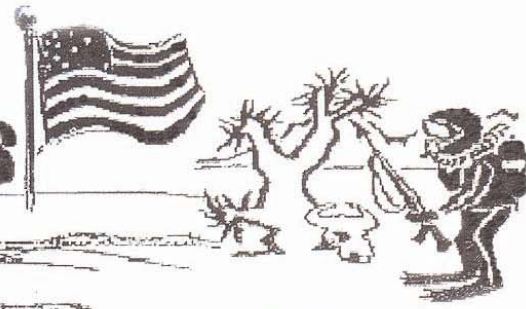


Desert Waves



Terry Hodgkins on Saturday morning
Sept 27th 2008

October 2008

General Meeting - Mon - Oct 13th

Terry Hodgkins Talking on "Lobster Catching"

Two Harbors Clean-up - Sat - Oct 18th

Underwater Pumpkin Carving - Sat - Oct 18th

Board Meeting - Tue - Oct 21st

Meeting at the Nipper's house

Boat Dive - Sat - Nov 15th

Sunfish day dive to Anacapa

A.V. Desert Divers

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Lot's of trash from June Lake.



Another great year.



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Fall is Around the Corner

This year is really flying by, kids are back in school, and the nights are getting a bit longer. According to the Farmer's Almanac, this is going to be a chilly winter. We started feeling the crisp cool evenings during our June Lake Clean Up and Camp out. With over 50 in attendance, June Lake was another very successful year. I can't say enough how much I appreciate everyone that came out to lend a hand in the dive - trash clean up. From divers to boats and kayakers providing support to those that helped flip a burgers and dogs. Everyone got involved. There are a few t-shirts left for those that didn't get theirs at June Lake. If you haven't seen the new hats for the high altitude dive and would like to purchase one, we will have them available at the next meeting. Please check with Larry Ladd and he will be happy to sell you one or two or three.

Well guys, this year isn't over yet. We still have events coming up. There is the Two Harbors Underwater Cleanup, the Pumpkin Carving contest, a boat dive on the Sunfish in November and whatever other events our Dive Coordinator can dream up between now and the end of the year to get us all in the water.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the upcoming meetings and events.

Remember get wet!!!

Linda Sharp



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:

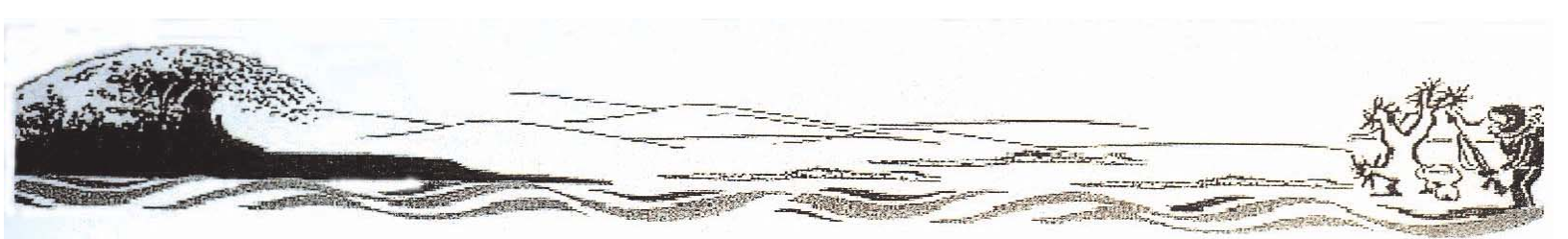
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Guest Speaker for October...

AVDD Presents Captain Terry's lobster show!

Terry Hodgkins will be giving a talk on Lobster catching. He has been certified since 1964 and has many "Tall Tales" to tell. So come on out and find out how some

"Old Timers" get their limit every year.

Claudia Richardson

Boat Dive - Sunfish

The Sunfish is available on 15 Nov 08 for a three dive trip to Anacapa and South Santa Cruz with no fuel surcharge. There is space on the boat for 16 divers. That works out to be \$81.25 a person. The trip includes food, air and Divemaster. The menu is, in the Morning, Continental breakfast with a fresh fruit platter, oatmeal and pastries; After 1st Dive; Soup, chili or chowder and a vegetable platter; After 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, Cookies, snacks and popcorn. 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. If the Captain cancels a trip, then refunds will be given. The divers bring their own gear and tanks.

Boat Dive Coordinator

Jack Cook



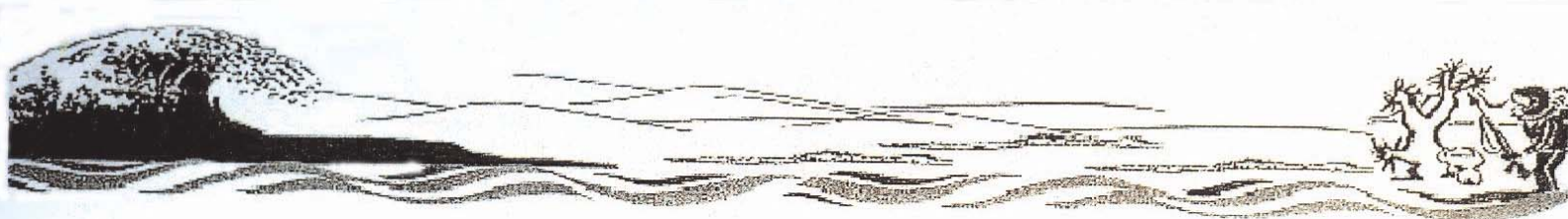
Board Elections are Approaching for 2009

Well 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.

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.

And Let's Get Wet!!!





June Lake 2008

A gorgeous crisp day of diving in August rendered removal of literally hundreds of pounds of trash from June Lake.

The AVDD 13th Annual Labor Day, June Lake Clean Up, in spite of the economy and high gas prices, came with a force of over 50 people ranging in ages from 3 months to 65+ years old. There were approximately 10 scuba divers that took on the winds and chilly weather. The remainder supported by jumping into kayaks and boats and assisted the divers in their efforts at trash retrieval and removal.

There were 4 anchors (that were returned to the marinas), countless beer and soda cans, bait jars, but the big items of the day were a large marine battery and a large canister measuring approximately 5 ft long by 12 inches around. The canister required large lift bags to bring it to the surface and 7 men on a tow rope to remove it from the lake. One of the items that was sought after on behalf of June Lake Marina was a motor that had apparently fallen off of a rental boat. Unfortunately, we were not able to recover this treasure.

The local radio station and newspapers arrived on Saturday and took pictures, as well as broadcast our presence over the radio all day on Friday and Saturday. June Lake and Big Rock Marinas were a huge assistance in providing boats to assist in supporting the divers as they surfaced with trash. A number of local businesses as well as the Palmdale Sport Chalet aided in the successes of the event by providing amazing prizes for the evenings pot luck and raffle.

Much appreciation goes out to everyone that made this a huge success.

*Your Conservation Officer,
Don Nipper*

