



Robin & Rosie will be showing slides of their  
Trip to Cozumel

June 2009

General Meeting - Mon -June 15th

Slides from the Caribbean

Board Meeting - Tue -June 30th

Meeting at the Nipper's house

Clam Chowder Dive - Sat - June 20th

Leo Carrillo State Beach

**4th of July Pool Party**

Robin's House (check the web site for directions)

A.V. Desert Divers

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AVDD 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(These dates are tentative so check the Website)

6/20 Clam Chowder Dive Local TBD

7/4 July 4th Bar-B-Q

9/4-7 June Lake Clean Up

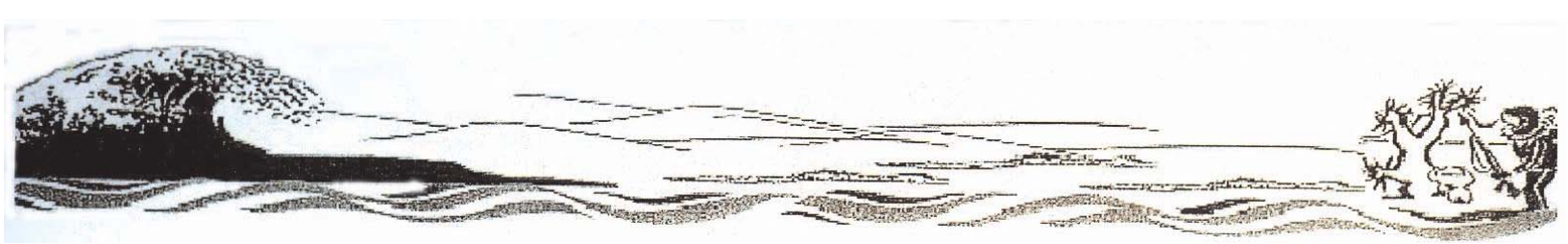
10/ Two Harbors Clean Up

10/24 Pumpkin Dive

See this Newsletter in

Blazing Color at:

[www.avdesertdivers.org](http://www.avdesertdivers.org)



## From the President...



We have much going on over the next few months. This is the season of the Annuals. We have the Annual Clam Chowder Dive at Leo Carrillo which is scheduled for June 20, so reach out to Scuba Jack and let him know if you want to dive that morning. If you plan on diving, you may want to arrive around 8:00 to get suited up and ready to go. Chowder will be served around 11:30. If you don't want to dive, perhaps a nice morning snorkel or just join us for a pot of some of the best clam chowder you have ever tasted and a great day at the beach. Bring family and friends and make a day of it. The recipe is a club secret and has been around as long as the Botkas, Hodgkins, Ladds and Nichols have been members (and that is a really long time).

Come mid summer we have the, July 4th Annual Bar-B-Q at Robin Kestler's who has graciously agreed to allow this wild bunch into her home. Directions are listed on the website.

Then, before you know it summer will be over and we'll be into September with our Annual June Lake Dive and clean up on the 4th-7th. Remember to get registered at [www.ReserveAmerica.Com](http://www.ReserveAmerica.Com). ( Oh Ridge camp ground, Rabbit loop). So for those of you that haven't gotten involved, now is the time. Grab a dive buddy and if you don't have one, don't worry, we'll have people out that would be happy to get wet with you.

If you haven't gotten wet in a while and want a quick refresher, reach out to Mike Orlando, who is one of the dive instructors at the Sport Chalet. They run a "discover scuba" on the third Saturday of the month and he would be happy to hook you up. Additionally, if you are planning on attending the June Lake Event, Scuba Jack is providing a "high altitude" class. Reach out to him and get the info.

Well, there is much going on, so Let's Get Wet.

*Your Pres,*

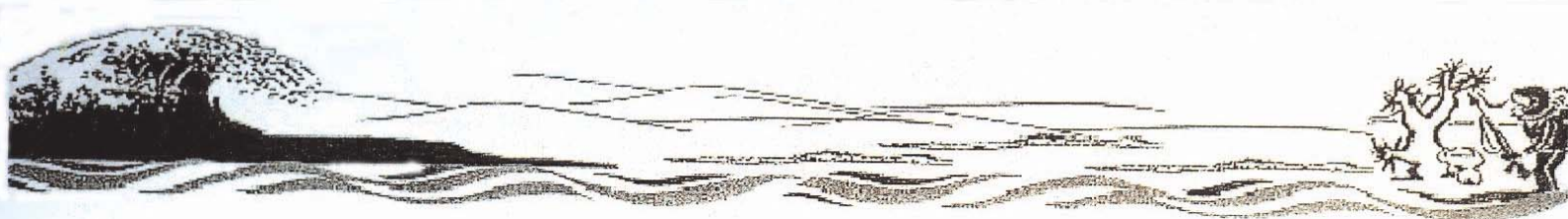
*Linda*



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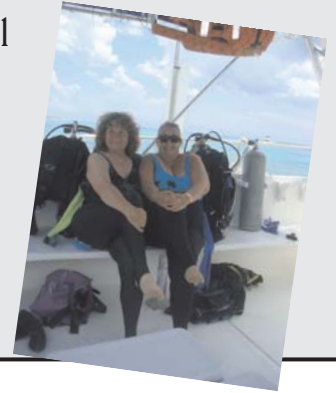
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## June 15<sup>th</sup> Speakers



Robin & Rosie will be reliving their trip to Cozumel. The slide show will be of the underwater delights of warm water diving. The evening will have raffle prizes, refreshments & maps to Robin's house for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pool party.



**Be there or be square!**

## Greetings Divers,

With our warmer weather now upon us, you might be looking for some cooler indoor activities to entertain your family. Sometimes we look for alternative means of keeping cool without having to bear the high cost of running our home air conditioning. An outing to the local pool is good, if you don't happen to be lucky enough to have one in your own backyard. Another is going out to catch a movie. By the way, the matinee is cheaper. One activity that I enjoy with my family is a trip to the aquarium.

California is blessed with some very nice examples. Golden Gate Park in San Francisco has a good one, Scripps Institute in La Jolla is another. Another very good aquarium is in Monterey, the Monterey Bay Aquarium. One of the nicest I have attended is right here in our own backyard (sort of), the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.

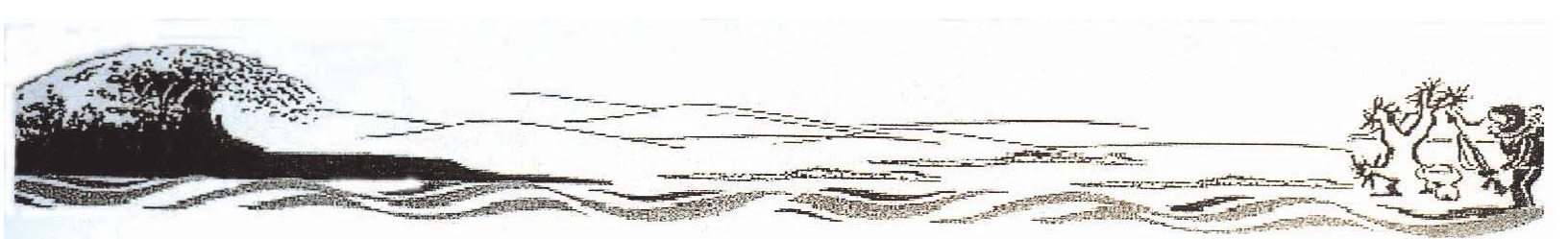
The Aquarium of the Pacific has exhibits from around the world, and lots of hands-on experiences. In addition to the exhibits (both indoor and outdoor), the aquarium hosts an array of educational programs for kids and adults. This month, the aquarium will host

Pacific Islander Festival on June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, Ocean Day event on June 8<sup>th</sup>, Fathers Day picnic on June 21<sup>st</sup>, Ross Parsons will lecture "Bringing Sustainability Home" on June 24<sup>th</sup>, and Shark Kid's Activity Morning on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Some of these activities are free for aquarium members or have a small fee. If you enjoy the aquarium, you might consider joining. Membership does get you invited to activities that are not open to the general public.

If you want more information go to: [www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org)

*Don Nipper*  
*Conservation Officer*





## The Standard for Fish Identification on the West Coast



You all know that your intrepid Dive Coordinator is a fish nut. You have seen my photos and seen that I usually include the identification data and the scientific name of the fish I photograph. Paul Humann and Ned DeLoach have always been considered the Gold Standard for fish identification and all of you California divers have long referred to their "Coastal Fish Identification: California to Alaska" for those mystery fish you have discovered on your dives. There is good news for all of my fellow fish nuts. New World Publications has introduced an updated 2nd Edition of the book with 30 new species and 70 new photographs bringing the total in the new edition to 258 fish species and 320 color photographs. It is available now and would be a valuable addition to your library of scuba publications. Check it out. You might be able to use it for an Underwater Naturalist Specialty course in your future. It lists for \$37.95 on New World Publications website,

[http://www.fishid.com/nwp/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=1&products\\_id=8](http://www.fishid.com/nwp/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=1&products_id=8)



*Scuba Jack*

## It's that time again...

June is the time to renew your membership. Please fill out the enclosed application and issue your dues in the amount of \$25.00 for an individual and \$40.00 for a family and mail to:

**Mike Orlando, 2130 Sweetbrier, Palmdale, CA 93550**

*Thanks,  
Mike Orlando*



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