



November 2009

General Meeting - Mon -Nov 9th

Slide show of Catalina Adv. Diver Class

Board Meeting - Tue - Nov 17th

Meeting at the Nipper's house

Dive Trip to Catalina - Nov 13th -15th

Story inside



John & Debbie Nichols at Catalina.

A program on training OLD DOGS new tricks.

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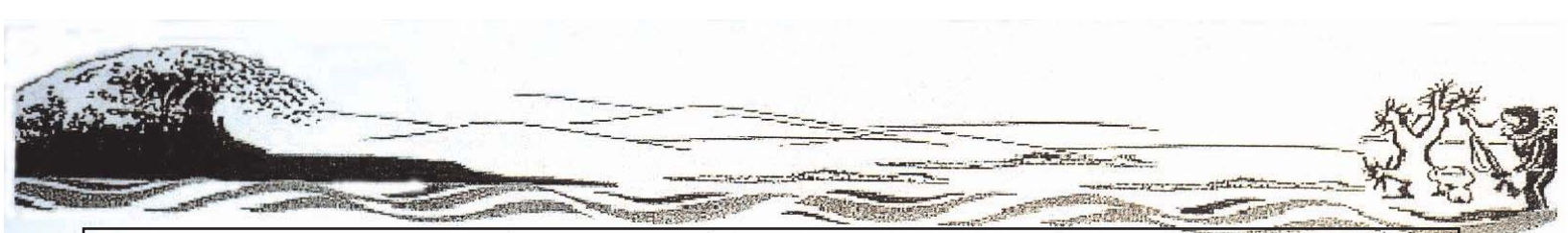
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(Also an air card worth \$45)

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From the President...



Attention! AVDD is going to Catalina! We have secured a special deal with Seaport Village for the weekend of November 14th / 15th. Come on out, have a great time with us.

I would like to put out an early reminder that the December meeting is a potluck dinner and “Yankee Swap” gift exchange. We always have a good dinner and lots of fun with the gift exchange. There will be more information in next month’s newsletter.

As you know 2009 is coming to a close. And so is my term as President of AVDD. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing board members, and the club, for your support in 2009. In November we nominate new board members. I urge all members to attend this month’s meeting to take part in the election of the AVDD governing body for 2010. This is also your opportunity to get involved, to guide this club in the direction you believe it should be headed. Now is the time to get off the sidelines and get in the game.



As always, if you have any suggestions for an event you would like to have AVDD get involved in, or a speaker that you think would be of interest to our club, feel free to contact a board member. If you have ideas, we’d like to hear them. All board members have contact information listed on the website or in the newsletter.

*Your President
Linda Sharp-Nipper*

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November Meeting...

Slide Show - Advanced Open Water Diver Certification Class at Catalina Island- July 2009

We will be showing above water & below water pictures. This is a combination of pictures taken by Terry & Colleen Hodgkins, Jack Cook, and me. Who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks. I hope you will all come and see all the fun we had.

John Nichols



From the Conservation Officer...

Hello Desert Divers, As you know lobster season is in full swing. I have heard stories of some good size bugs being taken in shallow water. I remind you all to dive safe as the bugs move into deeper water. Lobster fever can get the best of us all; stay on your repetitive dive plan.

As I was out and about recently, I was noticing quite a bit of trash about. I was reminded of some simple steps that each of can take to help reduce this problem, besides just don't litter. Look these over; maybe you can adopt one or two. Together we can make a difference.

How You can Help:

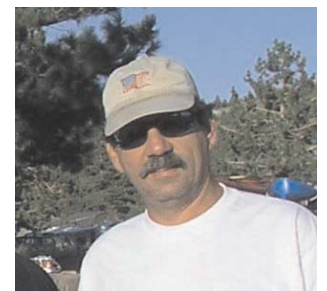
1. Limit your use of disposable plastics, like plastic bags and water bottles.
2. Carry your own reusable shopping bag and/or water bottle.
3. Look for products made from recycled materials that have little or no packaging, or packaging that is recyclable.
4. Try to avoid Styrofoam products, bring your own mug to the coffee shop and a container for leftovers when you eat out.
5. Know which plastics can be recycled in your city and recycle!
6. Make sure all non-recyclable plastics are securely disposed of.
7. Pick up trash on the street and put it in a trash can.

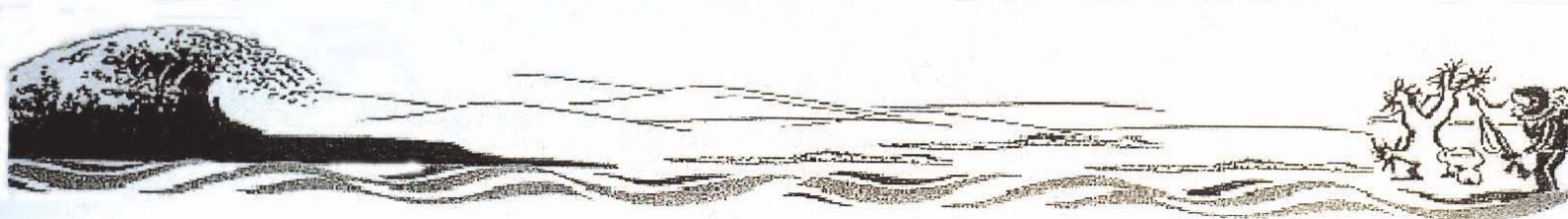
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Thanks & Dive Safe

Don Nipper





AV Desert Divers weekend special at Catalina 13-15 Nov 2009

The Seaport Village Inn is Catalina Islands' only purpose built, Ocean View Meeting Venue. For members of AV Desert Divers, Raul, the owner, is offering a special price for a double room weekend dive package for the weekend of Nov 13-15, 2009. The package includes transportation over and back on the Catalina Express, transportation from and to the landing, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings, a room for two with a single bed, and transportation for your gear to and from your dive location and baggage storage after checkout. The price is so low that I can't really publish it in the newsletter. The rooms are first come first served. If he runs out of the specially priced rooms as provided above, he will make you a special deal on an upgraded room, as well. It is located at 119 Maiden Lane, Avalon, CA 90704 just 300 steps from beach, restaurants, shopping & Avalon city center. You can reach them at 800 2 CATALINA (800 222 8254) local phone 310 510 0344 Fax 310 510 1156 Website www.catalinacatalina.com. Just call and ask for Raul. Identify yourself as an AV Desert Divers club member and ask for his special rate. If this works to club members satisfaction, we will do another dive weekend with the Seaport Village Inn in late winter. If you have questions, give me a call.

Scuba Jack



Pumpkin Carving...

The Desert Divers were recently featured in the Antelope Valley Press. The news article highlighted the Underwater Pumpkin Carving event that took place at the Palmdale Oasis Park and Recreation Center on Saturday October 24th. Debbie Nichols and her grandson Dylan Adams took center page, along with Debbie's 1st Place Pumpkin. Debbie was able to carve her jack-o'-lantern underwater in less than 30 minutes. Her "first place pumpkin" featured a festive autumn tree, bats, a cat and a crescent moon. Great job, Debbie!

This was the 3rd underwater carving contest that the Desert Divers have participated in. The club has been working closely with Palmdale Aquatic Supervisor Joe Goss and have more exciting events planned for the coming year.

Stay tuned!

