

Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.



December - 2022

General Meeting - Mon - Dec 12th

Christmas Potluck & Yankee Swap

Board Meeting - Wed - Dec 21st

Lancaster Location

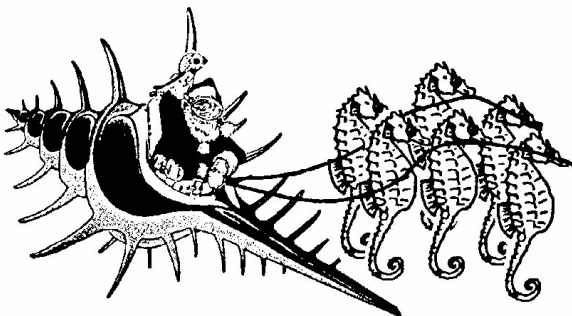
Beach Dive - Sat - Dec 3rd

Point Dume in Malibu

A.V. Desert Divers

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President's Message for December

I cannot believe it! It is the holiday season already and our Christmas party is just around the corner. Do you already have a gift for the white elephant nautical gift exchange? (\$25 dollar limit so don't go too crazy.)

As the cold weather sets in, I want to let you know that now is a great time to get your gear in for service. No matter how good you care for your equipment, it is never a bad idea to let a qualified service person give it a good going over. I would call whoever you are thinking of going to, just to make sure they are certified for working on your brand of equipment. That way you know your gear is ready for Cozumel.

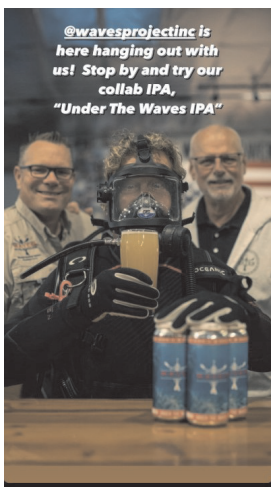
For the WAVES update, our 2nd annual golf tournament in Temecula had a good turnout on Veteran's Day, I have not heard how much they raised. As for locally, the month is almost over and soon we will find out how much was raised at Bravery Brewing for this month's "Pizza with Purpose" this is a good spot to Thank all of you who have been buying pizza this month, and those who showed up to support the program last weekend. The AVDD came out in full force, it was an awesome feeling to see you all there.

I want the Board to know how thankful we are as a club to have you, the amount of work you have put in over the last year has been impressive. The hours put in on all the events over the last year showed your dedication to our club, most of it is done out of sight and gets overlooked at how much time and effort goes into each event. This also applies to all of you club members who showed up, because without you, just having a solid plan won't work.

We as a club should be proud looking back at some of our accomplishments this last year. Our conservation efforts both above and below the water. Collaborations with other organizations like Project Aware, Heal the Bay, clean up the Lake, Sierra Trash Eliminators, and locally in Lancaster with our new adopted road for "Tidy up a Mile", But let's not forget the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber. We raised the most money ever in our Fireworks booth that allowed us to donate \$10,000 to the Chamber. We continue our support of local training for WAVES Project Palmdale, we were able to conduct 3 classes this year.

Thank you all again for making our club as special as it is, without each one of you, we could not continually live up to our core values of Support, Educate and Conserve. I am honored to be a part of this great club.

Jeff Carlon



AVDD Board of Directors 2022-2023

President	Jeff Carlon
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To contact any of the board members E-mail
(avdesertdive@gmail.com)

Beach Dive for December

The beach dive for December will be at Point Dume in Malibu on December 3. Meet me at 0830, dive at 0900. Thanks!



White Elephant

December will be our annual potluck and White Elephant party! We will kick things off early at 6pm so we have plenty of time to hang out. The event will be on December 12, 2022 at the Larry Chimbole Cultural Center. We have the larger room upstairs reserved. (Go through the double doors next door to our regular room, head up the stairs that are slightly to the left when you enter.)

Please bring a dish to share. The Club will provide a turkey. If you bring something that requires serving utensils, make sure you bring those as well. Please sign up for the potluck item by emailing avdesertdive@gmail.com or using the Google Drive link that was sent to your email last week.

Lastly, our potluck will also feature a White Elephant gift exchange. If you've never participated before, it can get pretty competitive so bring your A Game. Make sure that you bring a gift for each family member who wants to participate.

We are looking forward to celebrating with you!



Board Elections

If you want to get more involved in the Club this year, now is your chance! We are looking for members who are interested in joining the Board for the coming year. ALL positions are open for nominations:

- * President - The President presides at club meetings, board meetings, and special events. The President is also the corporate representative at all functions.
- * Vice President - The Vice President is in charge of organizing our yearly membership dive, accurately tracking memberships, and providing membership updates (number of members, new members, etc.) at each monthly club or board meeting. The Vice President also prepares and ensures delivery of membership packages to new members.
- * Treasurer - The Treasurer collects dues and all other club monies, maintains the clubs savings and checking accounts, and makes facility reservations for special events. The Treasurer also presents a brief financial report at each club and board meeting and prepares a yearly written financial report for the annual corporate meeting.
- * Secretary - The Secretary takes minutes at both the club and board meetings and maintains those minutes so they are readily accessible during the meetings. The Secretary also maintains an inventory and location of club property.
- * Programs Coordinator - The Program Coordinator schedules speakers and/or entertainment for monthly club meetings, special activities, and our annual banquet. They also coordinate facility needs for guest speakers and introduces them at the event. The Program Coordinator also obtains raffle prizes for the monthly meeting and ensures that refreshments are available.
- * Newsletter Editor - The Newsletter Editor compiles articles for the newsletter, prepares the newsletter for reproduction, reproduces the newsletter, and mails them before a scheduled club meeting. The Newsletter Editor also prepares and produces materials needed for the annual banquet and other events.

Elections will be held in December at the potluck. Positions run from March to the following March, beginning at our annual Banquet.



Come Join AVDD at the Cozumel Hotel & Resort May 13th ~ 20th , 2023



7 nights standard pool view room with 3 meals a day, snacks and domestic drinks (Includes hotel staff gratuities.)

5 days of 2 tank morning standard boat trips at 8:30AM - (Group min for dedicated group boat is 12 divers) (Dive staff gratuities not included)

Welcome tank for buoyancy/equipment check shore dive on arrival date

This trip is currently open to members only.

DBL Pool Room	\$ 1050.00 pp
Triple Pool Room	\$ 1000.00 pp
Single Pool Room	\$ 1330.00 pp
Non-Diver DBL / TPL	\$ 580.00 / 530.00 pp

CUSTOM ADDITIONS, based on availability:

1-tank Afternoon boat dive \$52

PM Express \$98

AM Express upgrade from Standard trip \$5

Twilight Trip \$112

Night Dive \$64

Nitrox Tanks 80 cf \$10 (non-commissionable)

Nitrox Tanks 100 cf \$14 (non-commissionable)

Unlimited Shore Diving upgrade, \$15 per day (non-commissionable)

ADDITIONAL FEES:

- Marine Park Fee (per person per diving day): Added to final invoice at \$5 USD, OR, paid on island at \$97 MXN Pesos (on island, cash in MXN Pesos recommended, as USD amount varies by exchange rate).
- Payable to hotel: ECO tax (\$2/room/night), phone calls, laundry, room service.

Airfare not included

To sign up for this trip, contact Robert Wisdom @ treasurer@avdesertdivers.org to get your names(s) on the list and if you want to pay in full or set up a payment plan.

\$100 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot.

Final payment will be due by March 1st, 2023

Must be a current member in good standing in order to sign up for this trip.

