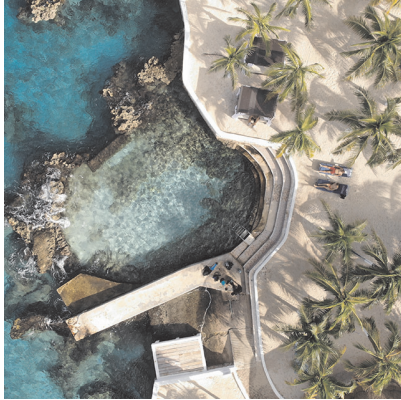


*Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.*



**Cozumel Club Dive**

**May 13th - 20th**

May - 2023

**General Meeting - Mon - May 8th**

Marie Curr Park - How not to run out of air

**Board Meeting - Wed - May 24th**

Lancaster Location

**Cozumel Dive - Sat - May 13th - 20th**

Cozumel Hotel & Resort

**A.V. Desert Divers**

38713 Tierra Subida #200-227

Palmdale Ca 93551

*Happy Mother's Day*





## Presidents message for May

I want to say thank you to all of you who came out for our pool day. We had to scramble last minute to find a place to host our event and Crystalaire Country Club saved our bacon. Why you ask? Well to quote Elon Musk: we had an 'unplanned rapid disassembly' of our pool day.

With all the new requirements the City of Palmdale has for the use of their facilities, for over a month we had tried to work with them up until the day before our event. The reasons are not important, what is important is that despite the very last-minute change the AVDD stepped up and had a great day hanging out and making sure their gear is ready for the season.

I want to give a huge Thank you to John Blalock and his family staff at Crystalaire Country Club for accommodating us last-minute while hosting a charity golf tournament at the same time. Robert Wisdom worked many hours on this trying to meet the requirements Palmdale asked of us. He even did this while hosting a convention for his work. Thank you, Brother, you are awesome.

The update for our college scholarship is that we have elected as a Board to postpone awarding our scholarship till next year, due to there being no applicants meeting our requirements this year.

Let's hear some good news! On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome Vicki Hanifan to her new position as our Social Media Coordinator. She has a lot of good ideas on what our social media should be doing, and I look forward to the positive direction she will take it.

As the fireworks booth draws near, we have updated what you can earn as you work your shifts. Our VP Lauren Bociaga will be sending out the information and will also be handling the signup sheet. I'll let Lauren talk more about it all, but basically the more you work, the more you'll earn.

In closing, I cannot tell you the number of hours and hard work your AVDD Board puts in every month to make our club as awesome as it is, but it is not always easy. The Board wouldn't be able to do the things we do without the members, and we as a board thank you for supporting the things we do. That is what makes it worth it.

*Jeff*

## Dive for May

The trip to Cozemel will be our  
May dive.

May 13th - 20th



## AVDD Board of Directors 2023-2024

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To contact any of the board members E-mail  
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## Conservation Officer Report

The 2023 Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup was a success! We had several members there participating. In total there were nearly 500 divers in the water who were able to remove nearly 2,000 pounds of trash! Catalina Diver's Supply has already begun planning for next year's cleanup, which will take place on February 24th, 2024!

In fishing news, I hope you were all able to submit your spiny lobster report card, they were due April 30th. For you SCUBA spear fishermen out there, Halibut fishing season opens May 1st and runs until November 15th.

If you are interested in a diving volunteer opportunity, The California science center is currently seeking volunteers for their volunteer diving program! If you're interested, apply at <https://californiasciencecenter.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities>

Fun fact: Did you know that Horn Sharks we have in California are Oviparous? This means they lay eggs. Their eggs are very uniquely shaped and look like an auger! The female will then place the egg into rocks or crevices to protect them from predators.

*Adam Parra*



## Social Media Coordinator

As the new Social Media Coordinator I am looking forward to helping our club grow our social media presence.

My goal is to help our club be more active on social media while also staying true to our core values: conserve, educate, and support.

Our goal is to educate our members and potential members as well as share and invite them to our club gatherings and events.

If you have a topic/post that you think would be fun, interesting, helpful or that our members would enjoy, please reach out to me. Feel free to email the club or directly to me at [vahanifan@yahoo.com](mailto:vahanifan@yahoo.com).

*Thank you, Vicki Hanifan*





## May Guest Speakers

### DAN- Thirteen Ways To Run Out of Air & How Not To

Host: Steve Jamroz, MA Director of MARKeting and Greg Moore, Program Manager

DAN has been helping divers manage emergencies for more than 40 years.

In that time, incident reports have shown that running out of breathing gas is consistently among the most common incidents and is the Number 1 cause of dive fatalities. Unfortunately, even the most skilled divers have made mistakes and run out of gas.

In this presentation, we'll present the 13 most common factors that contribute to out-of-air emergencies and discuss how to mitigate them.

We'll cover problems related to situational awareness, procedural problems such as starting with a less-than-full tank and omitting pre-dive checks, and common equipment issues.

This is the perfect webinar for divers who have been out of the water for a while and want to refresh their knowledge. We hope you'll join us!



**New meeting location for May 8th and June 12th**

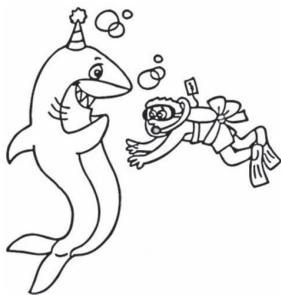
**Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center. Activity Room #3.**

**This is inside the building next to the pool at Marie Kerr Park.**

**Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center**

**2723-A W Rancho Vista Blvd**

**Palmdale, Ca 93551**



# Fireworks Booth Sign-Ups Incoming!

Come to the next General Meeting on May 8 for first dibs on your fireworks booth shifts!

The fireworks booth runs from June 29 to July 4.

Here is the prize schedule in case you all forgot:

2 shifts gets you a free individual membership

3 shifts gets you a free family membership

5 shifts gets you a free roundtrip ticket on the Catalina Express AND a free family membership

Shifts are in four-hour time blocks. Working on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July counts as 2 shifts!

