



# Desert Waves

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# Message from the **PRESIDENT...**



## Hello AVDD Members!

What an incredibly successful cleanup event we had in Catalina this past weekend! It was truly impressive to witness the amount of trash we were able to remove from the depths, ranging from chairs to bottles, and someone even dredged up a sewing machine from yesteryears. Personally, my son and I were thrilled to uncover a Coca-Cola bottle from the 1950s, which I couldn't resist keeping as a memento. However, perhaps the most fascinating find was a glass Adam discovered from the historic Tuna Club, be sure to stick that pinky out if you use it.

I want to extend an enormous THANK YOU to Ken White for his invaluable networking efforts, which secured our club with a fantastic new place to stay. Ken's instrumental role in fostering a relationship with Hotel Catalina proved to be pivotal, and the owner, Charlie, was not only impressed with our club's dedication but also treated us to a delightful lunch following the cleanup. Moreover, he generously offered us access to the courtyard and BBQ facilities for our upcoming trip in November.

As we gear up for our March banquet, anticipation is running high with a raffle boasting prizes worth over \$8000, a fully stocked bar, and tuxedos eagerly rented. I eagerly wait to raise a glass with all of you at the banquet, toasting to yet another fantastic year of the AVDD! Cheers!

Sincerely,

**Jeff Carlon**

*President, AVDD*





# Conservation Report



Hello divers,

I hope everyone has been able to get back into the water between our Social storms. On Saturday, February 24th the AVDD participated in the 42nd annual Avalon Harbor Cleanup at Catalina Island. We had 10 divers in the water and found all kinds of debris. Dan McCutcheon found a wallet with more than \$300 dollars in it! We were able to contact the owner and mailed it back to him with all of his money. Once the final cleanup statistics are posted I'll share that with everyone.

In the world of fishing, April 1st rockfish season opens back up. Also, the end of lobster season is approaching fast! The season ends officially on Wednesday, March 20th at 11:59pm. **You must submit your spiny lobster report card no later than April 15th to avoid any penalty - regardless if you captured or utilized your license.** If you need any assistance with this please feel free to reach out! Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Adam Parra  
Conservation Officer  
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# AVDD Gear Pre Order

We have new AVDD gear available!

Pre orders are available on the club website store until April 30th.  
Shipping is available.



*T Shirts*  
*(Men's and Women's)*

\$20.50



*Long Sleeve*

\$24.50



*Hats*  
*(Men's and Women's)*

\$28.50-\$40.50

**Purchase yours at**  
**[www.AVDesertDivers.org/store](http://www.AVDesertDivers.org/store)**





# 2024 ANNUAL BANQUET

BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 9TH AVDD IS ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET FOR THE OSCAR-THEMED 2024 ANNUAL BANQUET.

THE BANQUET WILL BE HELD AT THE NEWLY RENOVATED DOUBLETREE HOTEL IN PALMDALE, CA.

TICKETS ARE \$40 PER ATTENDEE WHICH INCLUDES ADMISSION, DINNER, AND DESSERT. A CASH BAR IS AVAILABLE. OSCAR OR COCKTAIL ATTIRE IS REQUESTED.

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE CLUB WEBSITE STORE.



[WWW.AVDESERTDIVERS.ORG](http://WWW.AVDESERTDIVERS.ORG)

# HELP US HELP OTHERS!



**Bring your loose change and help us help others at the March 9th AVDD Banquet.**

This year AVDD will be supporting Coffee4Vets. Tables will be dismissed to select a delicious dessert based on the amount collected in their table donation jar. All donations will be going to Coffee4Vets. Help us help this wonderful organization!





**JOIN US FOR THE**

# **APRIL DIVE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH  
8AM TO 1PM**

ARE YOU READY FOR FIJI, OR ARE YOU SEEKING TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS? JOIN US IN THE POOL. DON'T FORGET TO BRING ALL YOUR GEAR AND DIVE INTO THE 80-DEGREE POOL WITH US.

**COURSON PARK POOL**

38226 10th Street East, Palmdale, CA

# 2024 AVDD ANNUAL CLAM CHOWDER DIVE

Bring your hot sauce and enjoy the  
AVDD clam chowder - a recipe  
passed down for several years!



**June 8th, 2024**

Meet at 9:00AM for the dive briefing.  
Clam Chowder will be served @ 11:30AM.  
Come join us for this lifelong tradition.  
Fun for the whole family. See you there!

Leo Carrillo State  
Park & Beach

35000 Pacific Coast Highway  
Malibu, CA

**Parking is \$12.00**





An underwater photograph showing a vibrant coral reef with many colorful fish swimming around it. The scene is set in clear blue water.

# Important Dates

**March 9th** - @5pm Annual Banquet (no monthly meeting will be held for March)

**March 20th** - @11:59pm Lobster Season Ends

**April 13th** - @8am to 1pm Courson Park Pool

**June 8th** - @9am Annual Clam Chowder Dive