



STEVE RUBIN - FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

March - 2021

Virtual Meeting - Mon - Mar 8th

Guest Speaker - Waves Founder - Steve Rubin

Board Meeting - Thur - Mar 18th

Virtual Meeting?

Boat Dive - Sat - Mar 13th

The Spectre

A.V. Desert Divers

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Diving Catalina Again



50th year T-shirts are here!!

Presidents March Report

You may have read already that we now have three words that describe our “Core Values”.

They are Support, Educate, and Conserve.



I witnessed something this weekend at Catalina that makes me so proud to be a part of the AVDD and further emphasizes why “Support” is one of our values. Our group stayed at Seaport and as always they took very good care of us. There was also another club there and I’m sure they received the same treatment we did.

Early Saturday morning we were waiting for a truck to take our gear out to the point for a great day of diving. The other club had the same idea. The attitude and arrogance this group showed to us others waiting for our turn to load gear was just plain rude and unacceptable.

This behavior I am happy to report was not giving in return from our AVDD members. In fact we happily engaged with others from that club and soon found them wanting more information about us so they could come check us out. Thank you again for being such amazing people that make up our amazing club.

There is a reason we are 50 years old and it’s not because we are rude and arrogant.

Jeff

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

Donations Request

WAVES Project is going to Roatan at the end of March to do some warm water training with their Veterans. The place they are staying at has an elementary school nearby. The school relies on donations to help provide the kids with basic school supplies.

This is a perfect opportunity to show why one of our core values is support. We are not asking for a lot. They request basic school supply needs. Notebook’s, Pencils’ and Backpacks.

Our goal is to receive enough supplies to fill one suitcase. If you can help out please email me at scubamoose37@gmail.com and we can arrange getting it picked up.

Thank you in advanced and showing another way the AVDD lives by our core values.

Jeff Carlon

(818)970-1059





Guest Speaker - Steve Rubin

The WAVES Organization presenting opportunities in the Scuba Diving community to fulfill the mission on Rebuilding Families & Relationships especially through these rough times. The WAVES organization is outreaching to AVDD looking for donations. The items needed are school supplies such as notebooks, rule line paper & pencils.

WAVES MISSION:

To offer the unique opportunity of experiencing SCUBA Diving to our wounded American veterans.

RECOVER - Through Adventure

DISCOVER - Our Underwater World

REBUILD - Families & Relationships

The WAVES Project is a 501c (3) Non-Profit and has been established to provide an opportunity for American Veterans with service-connected disabilities and their families to experience scuba diving. Each veteran and a dive companion of their choice can experience the freedom of scuba diving for free.

We take each candidate and their dive buddy through open water certification. From classroom to open water dives, you will experience the many benefits to scuba...regardless of your injury. We work with all levels of the military from brain trauma, double and triple amputees to PTSD.



STEVE RUBIN - FOUNDER
AND PRESIDENT

WAVES will change you. Change the way you see scuba.

Maybe even change how you live your life.



Support

Educate

Conserve

Hello AVDD, what three words would you use to describe our club to someone? This was the question I posed to your Board last month. We had a few that we could choose from and I am pleased to announce that our club now has an official set of core values. I don't believe you will be surprised at what they are. We have been practicing them for the last 50 years.

Support- We always support each other and the dive community. This is accomplished by doing a buddy check, helping someone with their gear, supporting our affiliate WAVES Project, helping out in time of need, and making someone feel welcomed the first time they come to a meeting or event.

Educate- we accomplish this in so many ways. First we are always finding ways to educate the public during any event. We support educational opportunities and offer training like our high altitude class at June Lake, on-line training like Science of Diving offered last year, and our annual scholarships.

Conserve- WE hold annual clean ups at June Lake, support Catalina cleanups, and when possible support other conservation programs as well like Heal the Bay.

We can list many more examples of how the AVDD lives up to each of our Core Values. This is why I hope you agree with me when I say, I couldn't think of a better three word that pinpoint who we are and why we exists.

Jeff Carlon





June Lake



June Lake is just around the corner. AVDD will once again be going up to June Lake to clean up the lake.

September 4th will be the Clean up dive with a Potluck that evening. If you want to get a jump on the campsites, reservations are available 180 days in advance.

Meaning, if you're planning on arriving Friday September 3rd you can make your reservations on Sunday March 7th, 2021.

If you're arriving earlier, like myself and a few others, subtract your days accordingly. Reservations can be made at <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232269>

Don't miss this long-time tradition! Cannot wait to see you all there!!

Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD



Congratulations to Lee Siffleet on becoming an advanced diver.

Also both he and Kim Hill on becoming Nitrox certified?



Little Cayman 2022!!

OK Fellow Divers, We are going to try this again!

We have the chance to do some pristine diving in one of the best dive spots in the world! Save the dates!

April 9th ~ 16th 2022.

See the flyer for the price details. Low deposits will hold your spot and we can set up monthly payments. All money must be paid by Jan-1st 2022. If you're interested, send me an email at treasurer@avdesertdivers.org to set up a deposit and payment program.

Space is limited. Let's go diving!

Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD



March Boat Dive / Sold Out

The Spectre, Saturday 3/13/21 @ 7am Deli style lunch, drinks, and snacks supplied, bring your tanks, weights, fishing license and Lobster card if needed. No bunks available. Bring your face mask.

Ken



Come Join AVDD at the Little Cayman Beach Resort April 9-16, 2022



7 nights accommodation, 3 meals daily, 6 x 2 tank am dives (12 total) (Nitrox add \$96), resort fees, taxes and gratuities included (**dive staff gratuities not included**), + \$100 resort credit. **NO SHORE DIVING AT THIS RESORT**

Guests can add on: 5 afternoon tank dives for \$200 & Nitrox (17 dives) for \$150

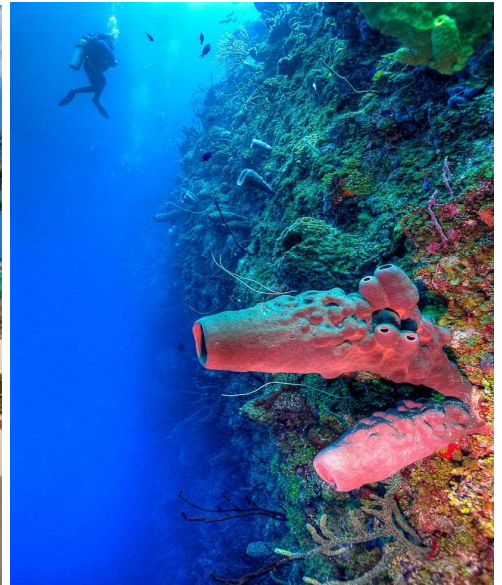
Each room is air conditioned, has ceiling fans, mini-frig, private bathrooms with hair dryers, soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, small drip coffee makers, and TV (limited satellite). Free Wi-Fi **each room has either one king or two double beds.** (MAX. 4 guests per room)

	Member	Non-Member
DBL Pool Room	\$ 1600.00 pp	\$ 1800.00pp
Triple Pool Room	\$ 1500.00 pp	\$ 1700.00pp
Quad Pool Room	\$ 1455.00 pp	\$ 1655.00pp
Single Pool Room	\$ 2115.00 pp	\$ 2315.00pp
Non-Diver	\$ (250.00) pp	\$ (250.00)pp

A Deposit and low monthly payments are available, **this is a non-refundable trip.**

Little Cayman is pristine wall & reef diving at its best!

www.clearlycayman.com



Getting to Little Cayman. The best way is to fly from the U.S. mainland to Grand Cayman (GCM). Then take the puddle jumper from Grand Cayman over to Little Cayman.

Travelers will need a current passport with a minimum of 6 months remaining on their passport.

Please be advised this is a very small island (10 Sq. Mi.) so there are **very** limited top side activities.



50th Year Anniversary T-shirts



Greetings AVDD's, Exciting news the '50th year anniversary'

of our club T-shirts are finally in.

Start putting your request in for colour and size



I can ship from my work (s&h cost to be determined) or

you can come by my work, CED 42032 6th st W, 93534 off of Ave M,

. Available sizes; XXXL-4, XXL- 4, XXL - 4, XL-16, L-12, M-10 & S.-4

I'm there from 0630-1530 M-F but do need a days notice, text or call (661) 510-0095.

From the desert to as far as the ocean seen, lets dive somewhere in between,

stay safe y'all.

The Merman. AKA Lee.

