



Nancy L. Caruso will be our
Guest speaker for April

April - 2023

General Meeting - Mon - April 10th

Nancy Caruso - Conservation of the Sea

Board Meeting - Wed - April 19th

Lancaster Location

Beach Dive - Sat - April 1st

Catalina Island Cleanup

Pool Day - Sat - April 22nd

Courson Park Pool

A.V. Desert Divers

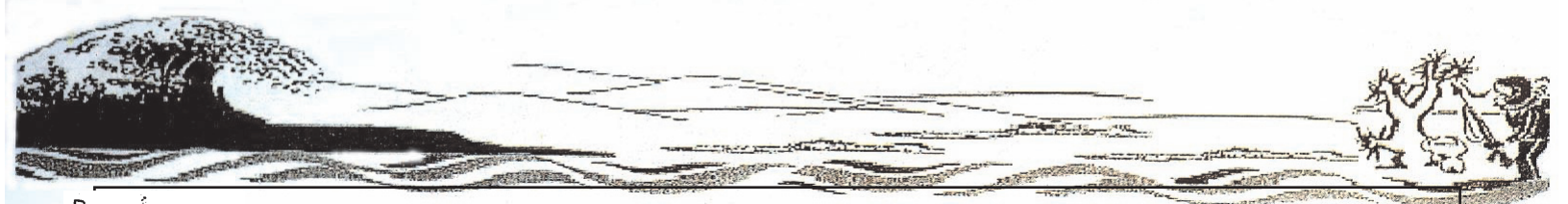
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Palmdale Ca 93551



A large check for the Chamber: \$10,000.00





April's Presidents Report

I am getting excited with everything we have going on with AVDD right now!

- * I'll start with our winning design for this year's t-shirt. Barbara and her team did a great design, so see the flyer and order yours today.
- * Our FIRST annual AVUHS District \$2,500 scholarship application is now live and being promoted to high school students by their teachers and counsellors. AVUHS students who are interested in pursuing a degree or trade in the water are now able to apply for our scholarship!
- * The lucky person who won our Mike Orlando scuba scholarship will be getting certified through Scuba Steve's Dive Adventures in Palmdale. Holly is very excited to start her adventure and we can't wait to make her a part of our dive family.
- * We have our Cozumel Dive trip coming up soon, and maybe some of us have not used our gear in a while. Well for this reason, and to help kick off this year's dive season, our club has scheduled a fun refresher pool day on April 22! Come on out and have a good morning hanging out with some fun people. Check out the flyer for details.
- * WAVES Project Palmdale will be doing their first class of the year this month. So, if you want to come by to say hi and meet some of our local veterans, we will be at Courson Pool on April 15 and 16.
- * It is also my pleasure to welcome Scott Gerstl as our new Sergeant at Arms. Having Scott join the team will be a welcomed addition and I look forward to what he can bring.

With that, I hope you all are finding time to get in the water and blow bubbles.

Jeff



Beach Dive for April

The beach dive for April will be the Catalina Island Cleanup

April 1st

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Conservation Officers Report

Hi everyone! I hope you all had a successful lobster hunting season. The season ended this year on March 22nd, that means your lobster report cards must be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife by April 30th to avoid any penalty fees! If you have any pictures of yourself and your catches, please be sure to send it to the club!

If you have not made reservations for our annual Labor Day weekend June Lake cleanup, do so ASAP, as spots are very limited! The majority of people will be staying at the “Oh Ridge Campground.”

Did you know that our state marine fish is the Garibaldi? The Garibaldi, which is the largest of the damselfish family was named after a 19th Century Italian General named Giuseppe Garibaldi who was known partly for wearing bright red colored shirts!

Adam Parra





April Guest Speaker

Nancy L. Caruso

Nancy is a Virginia native with a B.S. in Marine Biology with an emphasis in aquaculture and chemistry. Early in her career, Nancy worked in the aquaculture industry and for a local public aquarium.

Wanting to do more conservation work within her community,

Nancy left the aquarium to build a program to restore Orange

County, California's decimated kelp forests using aquaculture and community involvement. With help from magazine and newspaper articles, as well a television and radio, Nancy has helped to bring the message of the importance of healthy kelp forests along our coast to millions and recently spearheaded kelp restoration on the Northern California coast.

In 2009, Nancy founded Get Inspired to continue to conserve and restore the Orange County coast. Get Inspired is dedicated to Inspiring stewardship and curiosity for the natural world through the exploration of science. The Orange County Ocean Restoration Project has taught 5000 students how to grow giant kelp in their classrooms that was planted in the ocean by 250 trained volunteers and now there are giant kelp forests in areas that had been barren for more than 25 years.

Nancy continues to restore the kelp forest ecosystem and has taught 5000 more kids to grow white seabass in their classrooms which are released annually to their ocean habitats in the restored kelp forests. The Green Abalone Restoration Project was started by Nancy in 2009 to restore green abalone with the help of public aquaria, museums, and 36,000 southern California students in their classrooms. This project will educate millions of people about how, in one human lifetime, we nearly ate the abalone to extinction and how we can all work together to bring them back. Pismo clams are on the list for the next restoration species!





Chamber Eve 2023

Chamber Evening will be Wednesday May 3, 2023 at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Antelope Valley Desert Divers is once again sponsoring a table for Chamber Evening this year. We did such a good job that our table is already sold out this year!!

We are trying to get a second table but we won't know till probably April. If you are interested in going to Chamber Evening this year and want to be on our waiting list, please contact me directly @ treasurer@avdesertdivers.org.

I will put your names on my waiting list. If we do get a second table, then I will send you a request for Payment. Cost is \$150 and If you want the VGD experience, that is \$75 extra for a total of \$225.

Now if you can't get in on chamber evening, there are other options. There will be a Virtual table available for \$95, along with The Flying Dutchman (Fake Dive & fake boat) also \$95.

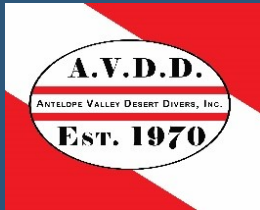
For more information follow the link [Home Chamber Day USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences](#)

Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD.



The Banquet was a great success.

Raffle, Photo Contest, & a BIG check for the Chamber



Order your AVDD T-Shirt Today!



We are taking orders for this year's T-shirt.

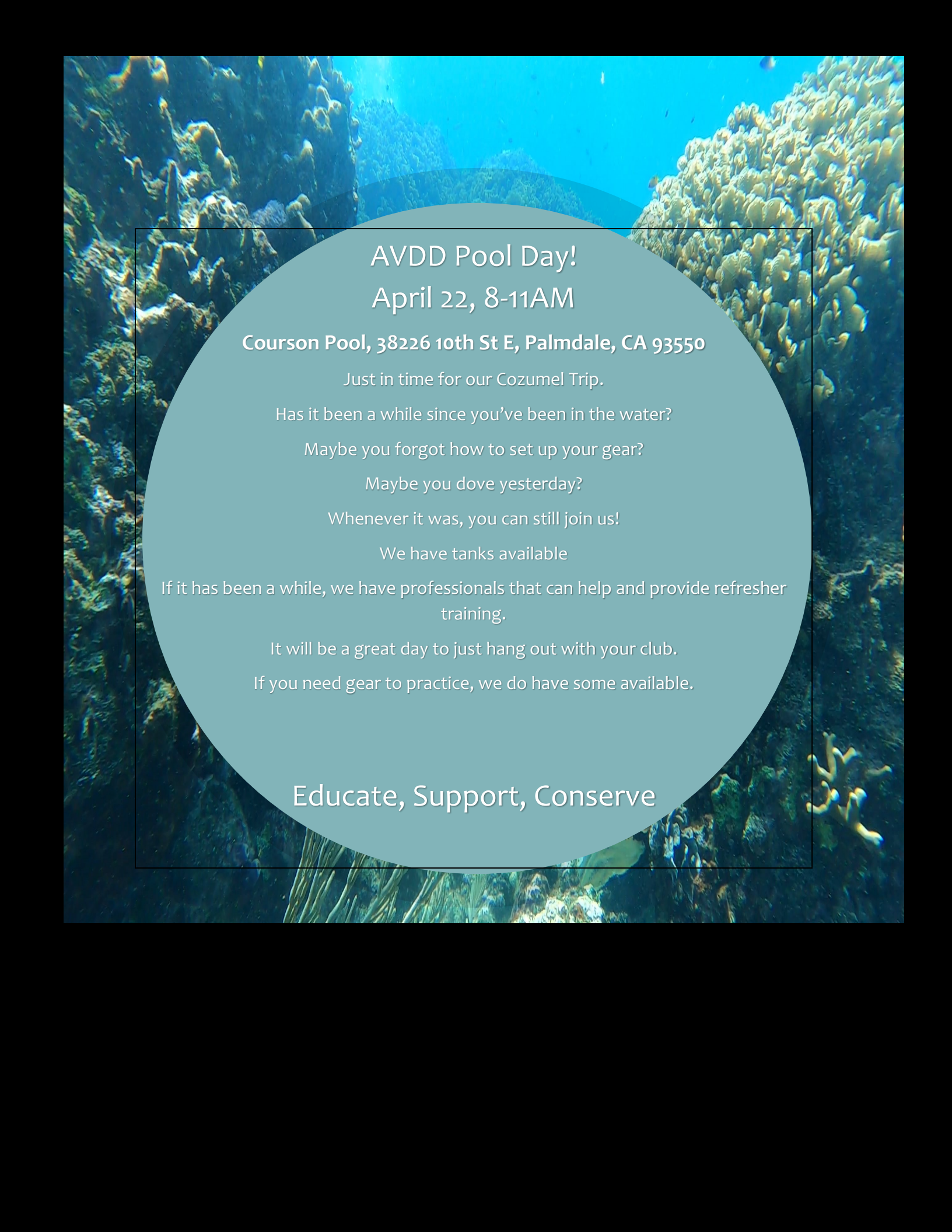
Order yours today at avdesertdive@gmail.com

The shirt is a Blue, Next Level 3600 in both men and woman cuts. The size chart below is for the woman sizes.

<https://www.ssactivewear.com/ShopNow/ItemSpecSheet.aspx?ID=3218&ColorID=41042&LanguageCode=en>

Blue is the only choice in color to help keep printing cost down and the more we order the cheaper the cost. Right now, they will be about \$27.

Orders are due by April 30th.

An underwater photograph of a vibrant coral reef. The scene is filled with various types of coral, including branching and table corals, in shades of yellow, orange, and green. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through from above, creating a bright and lively atmosphere. The coral structures are dense and layered, creating a complex and textured environment.

AVDD Pool Day! April 22, 8-11AM

Courson Pool, 38226 10th St E, Palmdale, CA 93550

Just in time for our Cozumel Trip.

Has it been a while since you've been in the water?

Maybe you forgot how to set up your gear?

Maybe you dove yesterday?

Whenever it was, you can still join us!

We have tanks available

If it has been a while, we have professionals that can help and provide refresher training.

It will be a great day to just hang out with your club.

If you need gear to practice, we do have some available.

Educate, Support, Conserve

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