

Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.



July - 2022

General Meeting - Sat - July 9th

Pool Party - Hodgkins House

Board Meeting - Wed - July 20th

Lancaster Location

Fireworks Booth- June 28th - July 4th

Some shifts still available

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Pool Party at the Hodgkins House

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The club Fireworks Booth will be open from June 28th thru July 4th



• From the President...

Hello fellow bubble blowers. What an exciting month we had and is going to get even better. I'll start off by saying I am very sad I had to miss the famous Clam Chowder Dive this year. It is one of my favorites, but a BIG thank you to all of you that did show up and to all those who helped make it a success as usual, especially Robert Wisdom for making our top-secret Clam Chowder recipe.

I am very sorry I missed the clam chowder, but I can report I was part of a very special time with WAVES Project. I was lucky enough to be asked to go to Florida with the WAVES Project founder Steve Rubin and help train two groups of Florida Veterans and their buddy's. The reason it was special is because that weekend the WAVES Project certified veterans in California, Texas, and Florida all at the same time! A very cool accomplishment.

In Florida, we did 32 certifications in Open Water, Perfect Buoyancy, and Try Scuba. Again, our contribution to the WAVES Project would not be possible without the support of you, our awesome AVDD club members.



Be sure to also see the article about how the WAVES Project got to participate with the National Parks in an "All Women's Project" in Florida, and our very own Pat Turbide got to be a part of it!



Get ready for the biggest week of the year for our club. That's right, its fireworks season. Can we break our record from last year? We roughly raised \$38,000 for the club last year, can we beat it? I hope so.

Once we finish with that, then it will be a good time to chill-out and spend some quality time with each other at our annual pool party hosted by the Hodgkins, Thank you Terry and Colleen for hosting once again.

With that, I can't wait to see you all next week at the booth and spend some good times with good friends.

Jeff Carlon

• Cedar Plank Salmon

(it being almost Summer and grilling season after all!)

Ingredients:

* 2 tablespoons grainy mustard * 2 tablespoons mild honey or pure maple syrup * 1 teaspoon minced rosemary * 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest * 1 (2-pounds) salmon fillet with skin (1 1/2 inches thick) * Cedar grilling plank (about 15 by 6 inches)

Directions:

* Soak cedar grilling plank in water to cover 2 hours, keeping it immersed.

* Light the BBQ * Mix the mustard, honey, rosemary, zest, and 1/2 teaspoon each of salt and pepper. Spread mixture on flesh side of salmon and let stand at room temperature 15 minutes.

* Put salmon on plank, skin side down (if salmon is too wide for plank, fold in thinner side to fit). Grill, covered with lid, until salmon is just cooked through and edges are browned, 13 to 15 minutes.

Let salmon stand on plank 5 minutes before serving. Thanks!

Lauren Bociaga

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• **Waves Project Report**



This past week, WAVES Project veterans from across the country joined Biscayne National Park, National Park Service Submerged Resources Center, and National Park Foundation, along with Women Divers Hall of Fame and University of Miami onboard Horizon Divers: Scuba diving Key Largo Fl for an all-female marine debris cleanup project. In 5 days, we were able to remove over 3700 lbs. of trash from Biscayne National Park!

Over the course of the week we collected broken lobster traps, along with a trap line of 6 traps, fishing line, hooks, other fishing gear and trash. This area is an endangered coral protected area within the park. We used various methods of getting debris onboard the National Park Service boat, using lift bags to carry the heavy loads up to the surface. It is important to remove these as the lobster ballasts can become projectiles in heavy storms causing more damage to the reefs.

And the work goes on.... More missions to complete. This is an important opportunity with the WAVES Project for the female veterans, it gives us a chance to reconnect with fellow veterans with a purpose in mind and a mission to complete. While we didn't get all the debris, we saw that we did our part for this project.

Every little bit helps and to quote the National Park Service coordinator, "we should do a cleanup wherever we live, be it Florida, California or even our own High Desert."



Pat Turbide



• **Pool Party & BBQ - July 9th**



The fireworks booth sales are off to a great start and we're crossing our fingers for another record-breaking year. Once all that hard work is done, we hope you'll join us for a potluck and pool party on July 9 at the Hodgkins' house.

Keep an eye out on your email this week as Lauren will be sending out a sign-up sheet for the potluck. Fill in whatever you want to bring. The Club will be providing hotdogs and hamburgers, but we need club members to volunteer to bring sides, cokes, utensils, and desserts.

This is always a fun event with delicious BBQ and fun in the pool. Don't forget to bring your water guns because you're going to need them! The BBQ also takes the place of our July General Meeting, so be prepared for a brief bit of business in the midst of our fun.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Lauren Bociaga





Our AVDD Challenge coin

The front: is our beginning, we were established in 1970 with the values we still hold true 50 years later.

The Back: The rope signifies our strength. As the rope grows stronger with every fiber added, so does our club with each of you, our members, and supporters.

In the outer ring shows our “**Core Values**”:

Support- is at the top. It represents our commitment to support each other, our local and dive community, and our affiliates.

Educate- we have always strived to educate people about the wonderful world underwater. We do this by annual scholarships, online certifications, in person training, and sometimes just when standing in line at the store when someone sees our dive shirt and starts to ask us about scuba diving!

Conserve- we have a proud and long-standing commitment to conserve our underwater world. We support underwater clean ups, Heal the Bay, and beach clean ups.

On either side of Support, you will find a Star. The one on the left is solid. This reminds us that we are a Buddy Sport, and it is important to look out for each other. We always make sure to do our buddy check before jumping into the deep blue and helping when we see a need.

The empty Star **on the right** symbolizes the loss we have suffered in the sport. A tragic dive accident or the loss of a member of the club.

The AVDD shark is our newest logo and shows that as we move forward, we still stand on a solid base (our Core Values) that has kept our club going strong for over 50 years.

Behind the shark is a wave. This represents our affiliation with the WAVES Project through our Core Values to Support and Educate our community, in this case it is our Veterans.

At the bottom we have a banner with the Latin phrase “Cura Personalis” that simply reads Care of People. This is the heart of our club, to always look out for each other and make everyone who visits us feels welcome and part of our family.



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