

Antelope Valley Desert Divers , Inc.



Emergency Services Detail

General Meeting - Mon - September 10th

John Grisbach from L.A. Sherriff ESD talking diving

**Beach Dive - Sat - September 15th**

Corral Beach, Malibu

**Board Meeting - Wed - September 19th**

Lobster Season-Sat-September 29th

Check your gear and get a license

A.V. Desert Divers  
P.O. Box 1178  
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General Meeting will be

September 10th

Ya'll Come Now!



The June Lake Trip was a great success!

See this Newsletter in

**Blazing Color at:**

[www.avdesertdivers.org](http://www.avdesertdivers.org)



## Trio of Instructors join the Club

Jack Cook, Mike Orlando and Tom West are new members and also instructors at the Sport Chalet Palmdale Store. They offer a wide variety of PADI, DAN and Emergency First Response courses, but more importantly have offered to act as liaison with Sport Chalet for the club.

Jack, Mike and Tom are available to answer your questions about available classes, equipment selection, or any other scuba diving related questions you may have. They may not know the answer, but they will find it for you.

If you have non-diving friends who would like to try scuba before committing to a class, they can schedule Discover Scuba experiences on an as-needed basis and not just on Sport Chalet's scheduled Saturdays. If you have been out of the water for a while a feel a need for a Scuba Tune-up, they can set one up for you at your convenience.

They team teach in their regular classes. That means that in their classes there are usually at least two instructors available to handle children or people who have a need for special attention. They offer Open Water Diver, Adventure Diver, Advanced Open Water Diver, and Rescue Diver Classes on a regular basis through Sport Chalet. Additionally, they can offer a number of Specialty Courses and DAN Classes for as few as four students through Sport Chalet, scheduled at your convenience. Of course, private instruction is available, as well.

They will be offering a special Emergency First Response Primary and Secondary Care class to the club in the near future. If your First Aid/CPR certification is expired or nearing expiration, you should take advantage of the class.

Jack, Mike and Tom are planning to offer a Divemaster Course in October. For those of you interested in taking the Master Scuba Diver Challenge, the Master Scuba Diver rating is PADI's highest non-professional rating and requires that you be a Rescue Diver, possess five Specialty Ratings, and complete at least 50 Open Water Dives. The team can set you up to accomplish that goal.

You can contact them by phone or through email.

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## Beach Dive at Corral Beach

(Malibu) Sept. 15

Saturday morning, September 15, we plan on doing a beach dive and beach cleanup at Corral Beach. This Malibu location is our club's adopted beach for our on-going coastal cleanups.

Directions are: 14 Fwy to the I-5 then the 405 to the 101 Ventura Fry (West). Exit the 101 at Malibu Canyon Road, and turn left over freeway. Go on Malibu Canyon Rd., till you reach PCH (approx. 10 miles) Turn right on PCH and go approx 2 miles till you see a Union 76 station. Make a U-turn and park as close as possible to the trail leading to the beach. Any questions please give me a call at 661-944-4473.

On Saturday September 8, there will be another GLACD 3 R's event at White Point. This is a great way to learn safe beach diving skills. Bring full wet suit, mask, fins, snorkel, and weight belt with 1/2 the weights you normally dive with. Registration is at 7-45.

Stay wet and dive safely.



*John B.*



## Lobster Season Opens...

Yes it's that time again when divers will be going out looking for the elusive lobster. Many divers haven't looked at their gear for months. Before you go out and jump in for that big night dive, you might remember that at night you have very limited visibility. Any small incident becomes large at night. Check your gear, lights, back-up light, measuring device, & game bag. Don't forget your fishing license.

So get out there and have some fun!

*Terry Hodgkins*



## Scuba Club Benefits Offered by Sport Chalet

(August 2006)

Sport Chalet supports local Dive Clubs by offering the following benefits. To receive these benefits, the club must be recognized by Sport Chalet Scuba Operations.

### Donations

Clubs are offered, by their host store, a \$50.00 gift card per month to be used as a raffle prize during club meetings. Or, a \$100 gift card for quarterly meetings (January, April, July, and October). The quarterly donation is in lieu of the \$50.00 monthly donation.

Clubs may purchase an additional raffle prize for their monthly or quarterly meeting at a 25% discount. The discount is not available on merchandise ending in \$.96 or \$.97. These purchases must be done at the clubs host store.

### Club Members

Each current club member, presenting a current membership card is entitled to the following benefits:

10% discount on non-sale merchandise in the SCUBA department (does not include merchandise ending in \$.96 or \$.97), including special orders. 10% discount on SCUBA rentals. 10% discount on continuing education SCUBA classes, including tuition, rental and Student Materials. This discount does not apply to the Open Water Diver, Divemaster, Assistant Instructor or Instructor courses. New and renewed members are entitled to one free air fill card per year (10 air fills). 10% discount on air fills cards. 10% discount on SCUBA repairs, including parts and labor. 10% discount on SCUBA charters (Discount does not apply to specially priced promotional trips).

### Proof of Membership

To receive benefits from Sport Chalet Inc, a club member must present a valid club membership card. Clubs are responsible for the printing and distribution of membership cards. The membership card must include a membership expiration date.

To assist clubs with acquisition and retention, new and renewed club members are entitled to receive one free air fill card per year from Sport Chalet. To receive the air card (good for 10 air fills), the club member must present their club membership card at their local Sport Chalet store. The membership card will be hole punched to indicate that the member received the free air fill card.

Enjoy your club....

*Claudia Richardson*





## Guest Speaker - LA County Sheriff Diver, Monday September 10th

AVDD presents Deputy John Grisbach of the Emergency Services Detail (ESD) that does the diving for the LA County Sheriffs department. Deputy Grisbach promises a riveting presentation that will have us glued to our seats. The Emergency Services Detail is responsible for coordinating and participating in mountain search and rescue, underwater search and rescue, and swift water and flood rescue operations for the Sheriff's Department. They also staff the Air Rescue 5 Helicopter crew and accompany the Special Weapons Teams on all operations. As SWT Paramedics, they are able to render aid to deputies, victims and suspects under hostile conditions. In addition to their SWT training, all ESD Deputies are certified paramedics and rescue divers. ESD maintains two Reserve companies assigned to its command: A Medical Company, which consists of doctors and medical specialists available to work with the Air-5 crew on busy weekends and major holidays; And a Marine Dive Company, which consists of boat operators, marine technicians and underwater operations specialists who can assist with marine operations. At any time, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, there are dive team members on duty and capable of responding to any dive emergency.



AVDD would like to thank the following sponsors for raffle prizes generously donated for the August General Club Meeting: California Diving Company, owner Lorenzo Murillo for the generous gift of a \$20 gift card, free air fill cards, and stickers; Our Guest Speaker Paul Dimeo, the Dive Safety Officer for the Aquarium of the Pacific who gave a wonderful presentation on the Aquarium of the Pacific Dive Program and also provided six tickets to the aquarium, and a raffle of a tank dive; and to Sport Chalet of Palmdale for a weight belt."

"The Club did ask where the California Diving Company could be found. Here is the address: 27737 Bouquet Canyon Road, 133, Santa Clarita, California 91350. Their website is [www.CaliforniaDivingCompany.com](http://www.CaliforniaDivingCompany.com)"

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