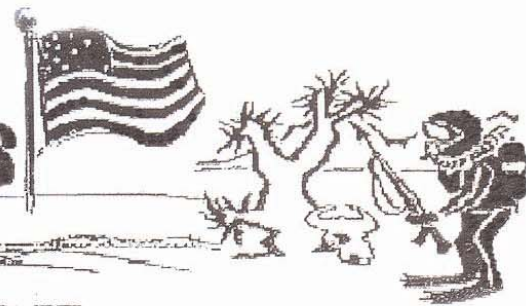


Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.

Desert Waves



The Group leaving on the Sunfish!

December 2008

General Meeting - Mon - Dec 8th

Yanky Swap & pot-luck Dinner

Board Meeting - Tue - Dec 16th

Meeting at the Nipper's house

Happy Holidays

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Happy New Year

AV Desert Divers



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Dear Fellow AVDD Members,



I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Our year is coming to a close with Christmas around the corner. With it comes the Annual Pot Luck and Yankee Swap. So the next meeting make sure and bring a personal favorite dish to share and a present per attendee to swap. For those not familiar with a Yankee Swap, it is a lot of fun. This event is always a bunch of fun and many laughs.

Remember, this is also the meeting for voting on officer positions. So come and be prepared to vote in next year's board. We have a number of positions still available, so think long and hard about how you can make a difference. Don't be nervous, there are many old timers around that are happy to provide input and assistance, but they have all paid their dues and it is time for some of the newer, more energetic members to try their hand.

Well, I look forward to seeing you all there.

Remember, get wet!!!

Your Pres, Linda

From the Vice-President...



If you haven't renewed, this may be your last newsletter. Time to renew your membership. Please issue your dues check in the amount of \$25.00 for individual or \$40.00 for a family and mail to:

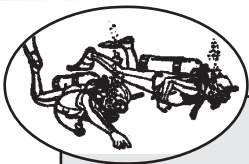
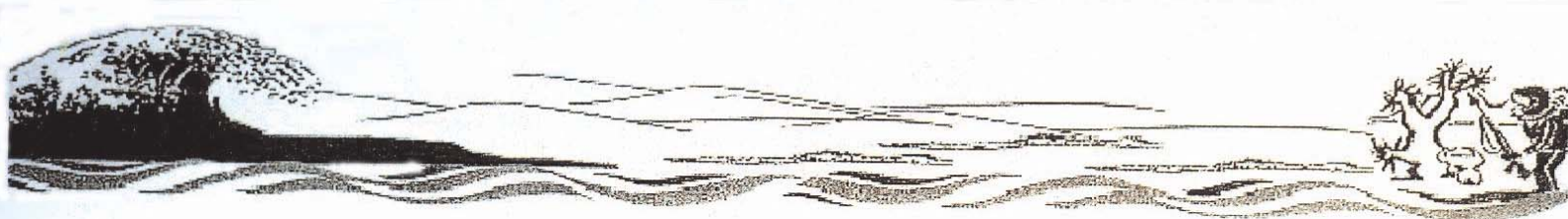
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Sushi Awareness

Well guys and gals, I have noticed a number of new Sushi restaurants in town. Now I have haven't had a chance to try them all out yet, but Linda and I will definitely be making our rounds. In this endeavor we will be thinking about an article that I recently read and thought that I would share with you.

Tuna are the Olympians of the sea-fast, efficient swimmers able to reach speeds of 50 miles an hour and cross ocean basins. These magnificent animals are also tasty and bluefin tuna belly is prized by sushi eaters around the world for its rich flavor and texture. Sadly, our appetite for this delicacy has led to high prices, overfishing and the near collapse of bluefin populations worldwide.

What You Can Do:

- * Avoid ordering bluefin tuna.
- * Try albacore tuna (shiro maguro) instead; it tastes similar and is a best choice when troll caught in the US or Canada.
- * Let your chef know that you prefer sustainable seafood.
- * Help protect bluefin tuna breeding grounds.
- * Learn more about what's troubling our oceans.

To learn more about what is sustainable seafood, take a quick look at the Monterey Bay Aquarium's website at www.mbayaq.org.



*Happy diving,
Your Conservation Officer, Don*

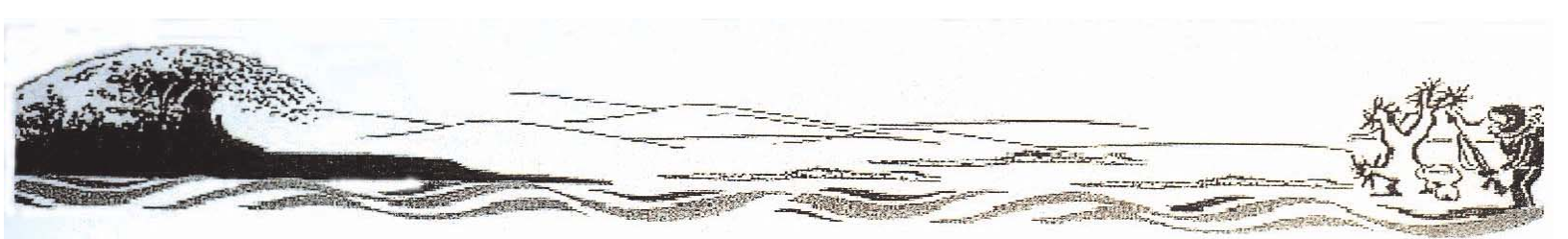
Dec 8th AVDD Holiday Potluck and Yankee Swap Gift Exchange

It's that time again! The AVDD are having the annual Holiday Party with a great potluck and Yankee Swap gift exchange. If you want to bring a gift under \$20.00, you can play.

The Club is providing a Turkey and drinks, the rest of you know what to bring.



*So come out and join the fun.
Claudia*



Sunfish Dive

The morning was brown with smoke from the wild fires. The sun rose into a brown, windy day. The crews of the Sunfish were friendly and well trained. As we left the harbor the Captain said we were going to try and "out run the wind".

One thing for sure, there was a lot of wind, blowing offshore. The boat was cruising in trailing seas and breakfast went well. There was a south swell running in the back of the island (Santa Cruz). So down the front we went. Past Scorpion Rock, Past Potato Rock, Past Prisoners Harbor, Past Pelican Anchorage, finally finding some calm waters down around Diablo Point.

The first dive was in 25ft vis & 56 degree water. The kelp was long and beautiful. The harbor seals teased us as we tried to get pictures of their ghostly bodies. Large sheep head swam in groups waiting for your fin to stir up something new. Kelp bass darted about with the flash of the camera.

The second dive was glorious combinations of schools of blue perch being chased by harbor seals feeding, darting about causing the school to flash to and fro. Lunch was a great combo of sandwiches and homemade soup.

The last dive was only made by a few hardy divers (Larry Ladd). The water was a bit clearer and some bugs were spotted, but none taken. A few scallops came on board and a lesson in cleaning them was provided by Terry Hodgkins.

The afternoon brought the Santa Ana winds to a halt & the sea laid down for a pleasant trip home in the afternoon sun. Some slept and some ate, but all had a great time.

Terry Hodgkins

