

Antelope Valley Desert Divers, Inc.



October 2009

General Meeting - Mon -Oct 12th

Oldies Night & Ice Cream Social

Board Meeting - Tue -Oct 20th

Meeting at the Nipper's house

Pumpkin Carving Dive - Sat - Oct 24th

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June Lake Cleanup was great fun!

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**AVDD 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(These dates are tentative so check the Website)

9/4-7 June Lake Clean Up

10/ Two Harbors Clean Up

10/24 Pumpkin Dive

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**Blazing Color** at:

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



### Hey fellow divers,

The year is winding down, but it's not too late to put on that dive attire before the frost is on the pumpkin. Speaking of pumpkins, make sure and come and join us for the Palmdale Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest. It is held every year at Marie Kerr Park. It is just around the corner. It is truly a fun event, bring the kids and grandkids and they can carve pumpkins on the deck while we all jump in and try to hold onto our pumpkins while we are (trying to) carving them.

The Annual Pot Luck Christmas event isn't too far off, so pull out those old recipes and plan on joining us in December for a great feast. Then right behind that we have the Annual Banquet. We are starting to look for donations for the raffle prizes, so while you are out and about, whether it is your favorite restaurant or golf course, ask them about sponsoring the Annual Banquet. The more prizes the better.

It has been a great year. Scuba Jack is working a great event that we should be hearing about shortly to wrap up our year.



Remember, get wet

*Your Pres, Linda*

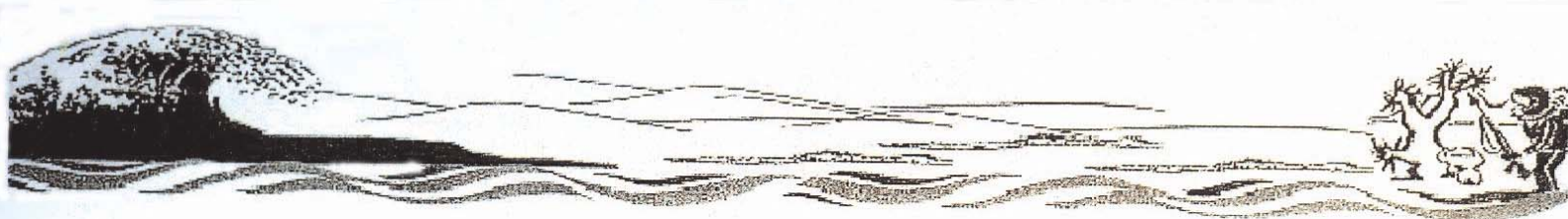
### Here Lobster, Lobster, Lobster, Lobster!!!!

Lobster season 2009 opened October 3rd at 12am, and runs through March 17, 2010. Remember, the rules changed last season. In addition to your California fishing license with saltwater endorsement, and a measuring device, you also have to use a lobster report card to record where you collected from. The report card should be available from the same location you bought your fishing license. Please adhere to legal size and bag limits. If you do come across that big "Bull" out there, take your picture with him and release him. His survival could make the difference in a healthy lobster population for future generations of divers. Have fun, dive safe!

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## OCTOBER CLUB MEETING

The October 12th Club Meeting will be real SHOW AND TELL. We are asking Club Members to bring the most fun, fabulous, extraordinary or unusual item that they have ever found while diving. If you don't have the item in your possession, please bring something (a picture, or drawing even) to represent your memorable experience. We are going to have two categories; #1 will be things that belong in the water and #2 things that are unusual to find in the water. Bring in a picture of that unusual fish or bring in the item. We will have prizes for both categories of "stuff" to be voted on by those present. Oh, we are also going to be serving ICE CREAM with all the TOPPINGS. It is sure to be a fun evening with some memorable stories.



*Colleen Hodgkins*

## Dive Report - June Lake Cleanup

Bear in Oh! Ridge Campground was the buzz of the day on Friday of Labor Day Weekend 2009. All we needed was a Lion and Tiger to have our own wonderment like that of the Wizard of Oz. The annual trip, the 22nd as reported by Debbie Nichols, is now history like those 21 before this one. This was a unique trip as there was a first time ever high altitude class being taught for our dive club.

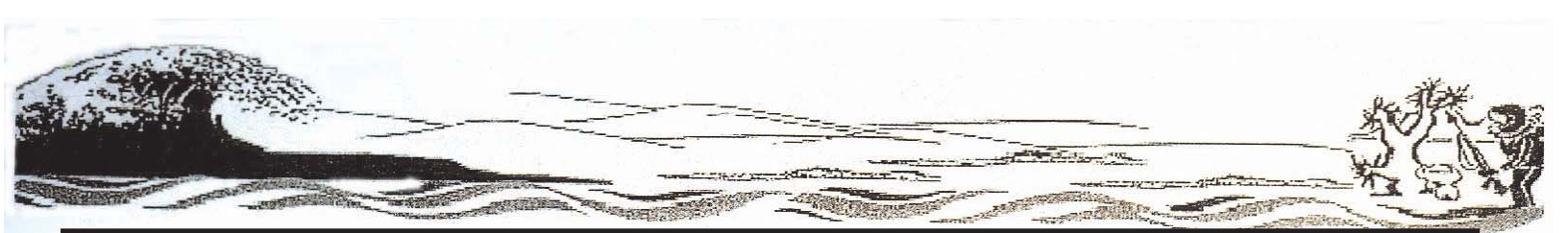
Divers arrived at the beach area for the dive briefing and dive. There were a handful of divers and support kayakers that brought back trash and debris before the Bar-B-Q lunch of Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Chips, Cookies, and Drinks. Also there was a raffle item that was won by Walt Schob. After the day's activities at the beach the weekend event moved up to Rabbit Loop for the evening Pot Luck.

The Potluck was underway at 5:30 and the crowd lined both sides of the two tables lined with good grub. I must say I liked the Sweet Beef Rib meat. But there were many main dishes, salads, & deserts to be had and all were very good. As always the post Pot Luck Raffle was a big hit. Walt Schob was the big winner of the evening winning the Scuba Tank, but was he the real winner as I heard he dug deep into his pockets and treated all takers at the Pine Ridge Camp Ice Cream Social, fifty cents a scoop.

Once again a big thank you goes out to the Dive Club Board and all the volunteers that put this event together.

*Bob Laven*





## Pumpkin Carving Underwater

The Antelope Valley Desert Divers have supported the City of Palmdale's Annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest for the past two years. This year it is again at the Palmdale Oasis Park next to Dry Town at 3850 East Avenue S on October 24 from 9 AM to 12 noon. Come out and join us for this unique event! Pumpkins and carving tools will be provided. Participants with a valid C-card will be permitted to carve underwater. Kids and participants without a valid C-card will carve on deck. All ages from 8 and up may participate. Awards will be given for best deck and best underwater carving. The cost is \$6.00 for Palmdale Residents and \$8.00 for non-residents.



*Jack*

## Greetings Divers!

I am really excited to announce to you the Monterey Bay Aquarium has another Great White shark on exhibit in the million gallon Outer Bay tank. This magnificent animal is a 5ft 3in long female that was collected from the waters near Malibu. Monterey is currently the only aquarium to have a Great White on exhibit. Like the four Great Whites before her, she will be on exhibit until she becomes too large to keep for her safety and that of the divers who feed her. You should stop in and check her out. For most this is, thankfully, the only chance we will get to observe a Great White swimming freely. You might be able to catch a glimpse of her on the Outer Bay webcam at:

[http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/efc/efc\\_outerbay/outerbay\\_cam.aspx](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/efc/efc_outerbay/outerbay_cam.aspx)

June Lake clean up went off well. We had a smaller turn out of divers than in past years, but trash was collected and every one had a good time. The amount of trash was also less, probably indicating that our efforts are making a difference. We received "thank you" from the locals who appreciated our concern and stewardship of the area. Thank you from AVDD to all who were able to attend. And thank you to the local merchants, club members, and Sport Chalet, who so generously contributed prizes for the raffle. We look forward to next year, and hope to see you then.

To all who missed the September meeting, I regret to inform you that you missed a good and informative presentation from Brian Meux of Santa Monica Bay Keepers. Brian spoke to us about the progress that has been made with the Bay Keepers kelp restoration project, the Marine Life Protection Act (MPLA), and development of Marine Protected Areas (MPA's). Brian informed us that the final proposal from the stake holders (commercial fisherman, recreational fisherman, preservationists) has been submitted and decisions will be made as to the extent and location of the MPA's. Any that have dove in, or fished this area can not deny the decline in abundance of numbers of larger fishes of all game species. The studies of existing MPA's indicate that populations of game fish benefit from protected areas, and that increased population "spill over" into areas outside the MPA and benefit commercial and recreational fishermen.

Calling all Rescue Divers! Santa Monica Bay Keepers needs volunteer divers! The Bay Keepers operate a research vessel three or four days a week and need the help of divers certified as Rescue Diver, with or without research experience. The benefits are free boat dives and satisfaction of restoring kelp forests we all love to dive in. I would like to contact Brian and offer the support of AVDD. Bay Keepers runs their boat on both weekdays and weekends (Saturday). If you are a Rescue Diver, and are interested in joining in on this, please contact me at: [dnipper@water.ca.gov](mailto:dnipper@water.ca.gov)

If you are not yet certified as Rescue Diver, I can recommend it highly. The Rescue Diver course is challenging but rewarding. Let's get wet together!



*Don Nipper*