



Belly Dancing will be the entertainment at the 40th Annual Banquet

March 2010

40th Annual Instalation Banquet

March 6th

A Persian Night including Belly Dancer,

Live Dinner Music, Magician,

4 Course Fine persian food,

& some really great Raffel Prizes

Board Meeting - Tue - Mar 16th

Meeting at the Nipper's house

A.V. Desert Divers

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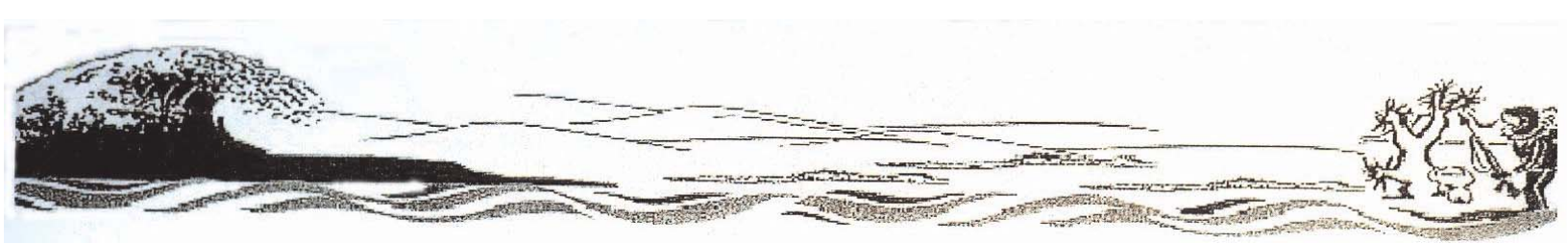
AVDD 2010 Calendar

- 4/12 General Meeting
- 5/5 Chamber Day (estimated date)
- 5/10 General Meeting
- 5/15 Scuba Show
- 6/14 General Meeting
- 6/19 Clam Chowder Dive (Leo Carrillo)
- 7/4 4th of July BBQ
- 8/9 General Meeting
- 8/ Little Rock Dam Cleanup and BBQ TBD
- 9/3,4,5 June Lake Clean Up
- 9/13 General Meeting
- 10/11 General Meeting
- 10/23 Pumpkin Dive
- 11/8 General Meeting
- 11/ Mexico Dive Trip TBD
- 12/13 Christmas Pot Luck

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Fellow Divers,

The Annual Banquet is around the corner. We need you to contact your favorite Board Member or myself at 661-333-8165 to let us know if: you are attending, or if you have a prize or two that you have gathered as you were out and about that needs to be added to the list of Sponsors. We are really excited about this year's event. It will be at Pars here in Palmdale (near Walmart on 10th Street West). Pars was one of the many restaurants that supported us last year and we decided to show our appreciation. We are planning for a great evening of belly-dancing, magic and some really great raffle prizes. We have a number of dive trips, a free weekend for two to Catalina and much more. So make sure and get on the list as soon as possible so that we have a valid head count.

Don't forget that Chamber Day is just around the corner so make plans to dive that day on one of the many operations that are supporting our chamber.

We have already starting lining up some really great speakers for the year so come on out and join in.

**Stay Wet!!!
Your Pres, Linda**



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40th Annual Banquet and Magical Persian Evening

Fine Persian Cuisine - Live Music

Belly Dancing - Magic of Chris Cory,

Here are just some of the raffle prize Donors :

Hodgkins Jewelers, A.V. Florist, A.V. Sports and Graphics, A.V. Desert Divers,
Antelope Valley Winery, Mike Orlando, Nicos Restaurant, Rancho Riverie,
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Ikelite ,Sport Chalet, Lancaster Performing Arts Center ,Truth Aquatics,
Seaport Village Inn, Dewey Pest Control

Antelope Valley Desert Divers 40th Annual Banquet.

this years Banquet will be held at

Pars Restaurant 40008 10th Street West Palmdale

Contact any Board member for tickets.

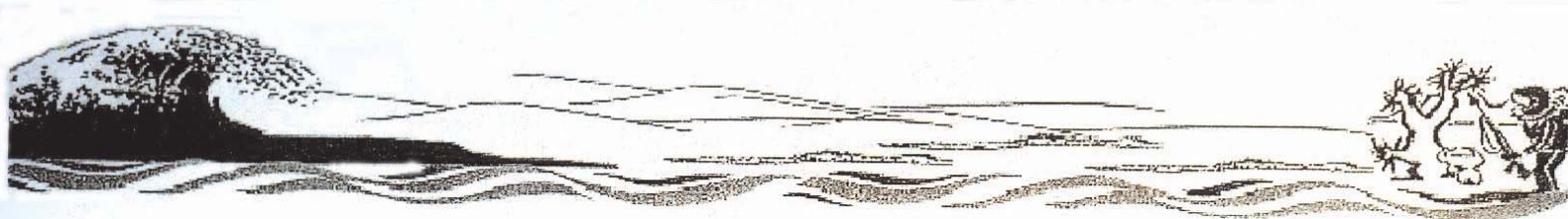
Origins of Belly Dance



As with any dance of folkloric origin, the roots of belly dance are uncertain. The authenticity of even “traditional” or “classical” forms of belly dance is open to question and often hotly disputed.

One theory is that belly dance was originally danced by women for women, to demonstrate or ease childbirth in Iran, India, and North Africa. This is the most popular and realistic theory. This theory is very popular in Western dance schools because it helps counteract negative sexual stereotyping, but there is no written evidence to support it. The book “Dancer of Shamahka” is widely cited, but it is in fact, a romanticized memoir written by a modern author, Armen Ohanian, published in 1918. In Middle Eastern society two specific belly dance movements have been used in childbirth for generations, but this fact is insufficient to account for the history of a complex dance used primarily for public performance.

While these theories may have some foundation, none of them can be proved to be the origin of belly dance. It is more likely that all these factors contributed to the development of belly dance as we know it today.



Conservation Officer Report March 2010

Hi Desert Divers, I'm Larry Ladd, Your new Conservation Officer for the 2010-2011 time frame.

As Conservation Officer I will try to keep you abreast of all the things Glen Beck, Sean Hannity, and Bill O'Rieley have to offer on the never ending Conservation front,,,, Wait, Vicki just informed me that I'm the new Conservation Officer, NOT the Conservative Officer, Dang! and here I thought I had all these great ideas to share with you all, But now I have to talk about boring old stuff like fishing licenses, Fish stories, Beach clean-ups, and all kinds of other mundane things like that.

But now that I know what I'm really doing, How about talking about fishing licenses?

If you haven't already laid out the bucks for a 2010 license, Be advised that like all things in California, the price has gone up! It's \$41.20 for the basic resident sport fishing license, and another \$4.75 for the Ocean enhancement sticker, The lobster tag and log are another \$8.40. So if your planning on catching anything in both salt and fresh water along with "trying" to catch lobster, It's going to cost you a grand total of \$53.65 !!!!

And if you want to fish the Colorado river you can tag on another 3 bucks and snag a Steelhead, that's another \$6.30. So fishing this year isn't as cheep as it was when you were a kid.

I look forward to serving as this years Conservation Officer and seeing all of you at our various outings.



You're Conservation Officer
Larry Ladd



Whale vomit will cost ya!

Sydney - A family on the south Australian coast found a piece of whale vomit on the beach that is tipped to be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, national radio reported on Tuesday.

The chunk of ambergris, which is sought after by perfume manufacturers, weighed 14.75kg and is worth about \$20 per gram, ABC radio said - making a total of \$295 000.

Now that's Beach Combin' at it's BEST!