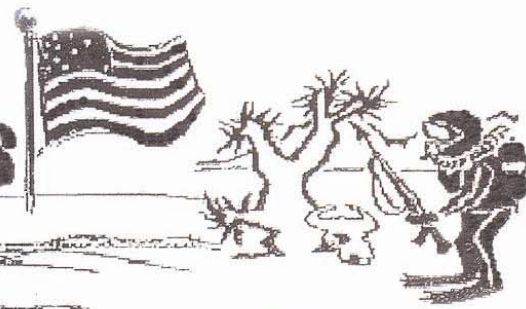


Desert Waves



March 2009

General Meeting - Mon - Mar 16th

Melvin Pasley - Disabled Scuba Diving

Board Meeting - Tue - Mar 24th

Meeting at the Nipper's house

Chamber Day - Wed - May 13th

Clam Chowder Dive - Sat - May 23rd

Melvin Pasley teaches disabled vets to scuba dive

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AVDD 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(These dates are tentative so check the Website)

5/13 Chamber Day (tentative)

6/20 Clam Chowder Dive Local TBD

7/4 July 4th Bar-B-Q

9/4-7 June Lake Clean Up

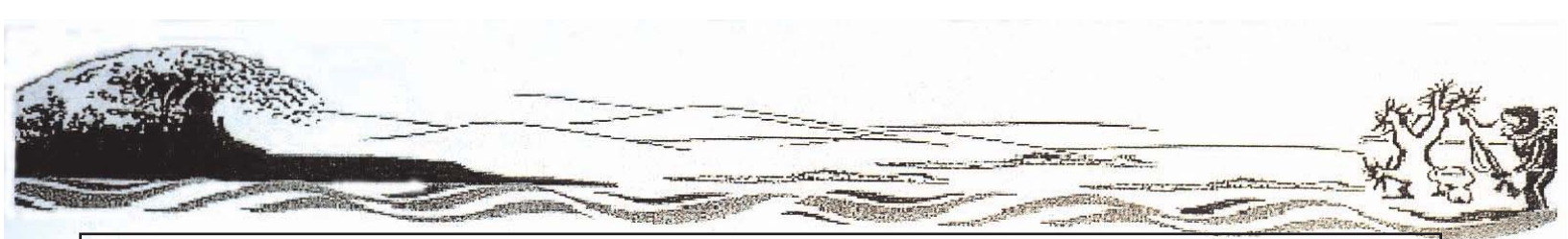
10/ Two Harbors Clean Up

10/24 Pumpkin Dive

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www.avdesertdivers.org



From the President...

Well guys we had another very successful banquet. About 40 people in attendance and some really great prizes. As always the top raffle prize came from Hodgkins Jewelers with a wonderful set of freshwater pearls. There were close to 50 bundles of goods ranging from dinners at some of the local restaurants to some really nice dive gear such as a pull cart gear bag and dive coat. We should all remember our sponsors over this next year and each time you stop by their restaurant or establishment, please make sure and introduce yourself to the manager and thank them for their contribution. All of the sponsors are up on the website, so take a look.

The new board has been installed, and we are still short one position, Event Coordinator. Claudia Richardson has done a great job and many of the next few months have speaking positions filled. However, we need your help to get his position filled. Claudia has done this position for several years and it is time for someone to relieve her. If you need additional information on what is required, please fill free to reach out to Claudia, her contact information is still on the List of Board Members in this newsletter.

Our next big outings coming up are Chamber Day. As mentioned before, the club will have another table at that evening's event. Those individuals that would like to join us for the evening's festivities please contact I or Don Nipper to reserve your seat.

Let's have a great year with some new faces on the board and,

Remember to "get wet".

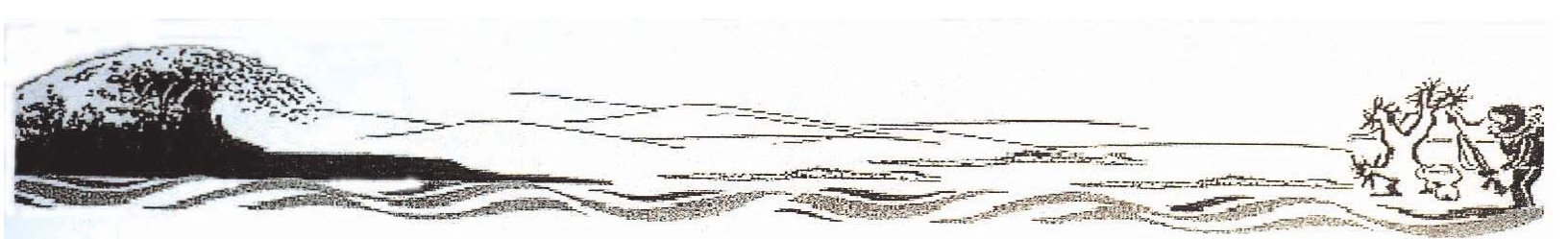
Your Pres, Linda



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Guest Speaker - Melvin Pasley & Disabled SCUBA Diving

Come out and welcome Melvin Pasley who is a Long Beach VA Project Leader dedicated to bringing scuba diving to handicapped veterans. Melvin would like to tell us about Disabled SCUBA Diving in general & the Veterans Project. This should be a real interesting presentation, so come on out.

June Lake and the Altitude Diver Specialty

Many of our members have been traveling yearly to make the dives at June Lake. June Lake is at an altitude of 7612 feet above sea level. This past year, we had one case of decompression illness reported for the dive. There may have been others in the past, but I am not aware of them. If you have been making this dive for many years and have had no decompression problems, that is great. You are, however, living on borrowed time, if you haven't made the effort to understand all of the implications of diving at altitude.

The PADI Altitude Diver Specialty Class is a good way to quickly gain the knowledge you need to dive safely at altitude. Every dive that takes place at an altitude higher than 999 feet, is technically an altitude dive and requires special considerations for dive planning and execution to prevent decompression problems. I will be offering this class at a reduced rate to club members. See me for scheduling and prices. There is one classroom session, one knowledge review, and two open water dives at altitude. Arm yourself with the knowledge you need to dive safely when you participate in this annual AV Desert Divers pilgrimage.



Jack Cook

21st Annual CHAMBER DAY

Well, it really is that time of the year... Chamber Day will be on us before you know it. Mark your calendar for the first week in May. The exact day has not been selected but we should be hearing soon. Remember, it is always a Wednesday of diving and fun in the sun and then the dinner at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. Grab your dive buddy and get signed up. Come for a dive on one of the many boats that contribute their proceeds from that day to the Chamber or join other AVDD members and I at the dinner that evening. As in years past, AVDD has filled a table and we hope to have the same great response from the members. This is a worthwhile event and although we hope none of us ever needs to experience the skills of those volunteers working at the chamber, it is a relief to know that they are there. Remember, they can't exist unless we as divers provide our time, talent and treasures....

For more information, <http://wrigley.usc.edu/hyperbaric/TOP.HTM>

Your Dive Coordinator/Conservation Officer,

Don





Top Quality DVDs Sought for Underwater Film Festival


Assemble now your best underwater video film footage for the SCUBA Show 2009 underwater film festival. The 22nd annual SCUBA Show is the largest dive expo of its type in the U.S. and this year takes place May 30-31 (the weekend AFTER Labor Day) at the Long Beach Convention Center.

One of the most popular portions of the annual Southern California SCUBA Show has been the unique continuous underwater film festival. Films will be displayed digitally on a massive screen and viewed by thousands of attendees. Featured at past film festivals have been footage, videos and films from some of the world's greatest underwater cinematographers. Even so, some of the most well received films have been from non-professional and semi-professional underwater camera operators.

For this year's show, the film festival will be wide open to this talented group. The management of the popular annual dive convention is conducting an aggressive all-out search for the best in underwater video films. They are also opening up the category to include digital still presentations set to music or narration. Films and digital slide shows of 3 to 30 minutes in length are preferred, but shorter is usually better. Footage can be from anywhere in the world, but the video should contain at least 50 percent underwater footage. Those films accepted for screening will be paid an honorarium.

Deadline for DVD submission is March 17, 2009. For a complete guideline sheet on submissions, call (310) 792-2333, e-mail mail@scubashow.com

AFRICA PARTY



jambo

You are invited to **Palmdale** to see the pictures John and Debbie took while on safari in Africa.

Date: April 18 time: 12 noon till 11pm
 The pictures will be shown nonstop, so you can stay as long or as short as you wish. There will be food and drinks.

Rsvp: 661-947-0863 1122 dianron rd.

Come celebrate EARTH DAY at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium



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<p>Beach Clean-up • 8 - 10am Start early with our coastal cleanup! Clean the litter from Point Fermin State Marine Park and Cabrillo harbor and outer beach.</p> <p>Bring your tennis shoes to recycle!</p> <p>COMPOSTING DEMONSTRATION</p>	<p>Earth Day Fair • 10am - 3pm Games and interactive activities • LEARN ABOUT MPA'S • Salinas de San Pedro Saltmarsh Open House • Learn how to make your home ECO FRIENDLY • Organizations and agencies will display, demonstrate, and distribute information and materials • FOOD AND DRINK • a variety of environmental items and books available in our giftshop.</p> <p>LIVE Music</p>
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Beach parking is \$1/hr • Share a ride • Catch the trolley
 For further information contact Esther Nah or Alfonso Montiel 310-548-7562
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