

Guest Speaker - Mark Strickland

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Swimming with BIG Animals

August 2019

General Meeting - Mon - Aug 12th

Mark Strickland - Swimming with "Big Animals"

Board Meeting - Thu - Aug 22nd

10th st West meeting room

Boat Dive - AUGUST

Santa Cruz Island on the Raptor.

June Lake Cleanup - Sat - Aug 31st

AVDD Pot Luck Dinner and Raffle

Beach Cleanup - Sat - Sept 21st

Coastal Clean up Day - Corral Beach



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President's August Newsletter

Greetings fellow divers and friends, I will start this letter off with big THANK YOU'S!!!! Everyone's hard work this year at the Fireworks Booth was just outstanding. Many of you stepped up and worked extra shifts, helped with the BBQ, or made sure we had homemade goodies to enjoy. I want to also acknowledge someone special for her thinking of others. Janice Stephens donated water and ice for our customers to enjoy while they perused the fireworks. It is this kind of devotion you all bring to every event that makes me proud to be part of our great club. I do not have exact numbers yet, but this is shaping up to be our biggest year ever.



Next, if you are planning on going to June Lake this year and want to participate in getting your PADI High-Altitude certification please send me an email so I can get a good count on the number of people interested. The cost for this event will only be the cost of the cert. The class is a benefit of membership.

Speaking of membership, it is renewal time again and this year it is VERY important to make sure you do it and not let it lapse. We have a few new perks for members this year including free air fills with the club compressor. (donations for the maintenance of the compressor will be accepted) The club is also offering Visual Inspections of your tank for \$20. The importance of renewing your membership is because we have a new liability waiver that must be signed and on file prior to benefiting from the new perks.

I hope you are all well and diving. I had some good conversations at the fireworks booth on ideas for the club and always look forward to hearing what you guys think. Please continue the great work we all bring and we are still

"Diving fine at 49"

Jeff Carlon

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August Guest Speaker

SWIMMING WITH BIG ANIMALS



I plan to present photos and commentary relating to SWIMMING WITH BIG ANIMALS. I'll be covering this topic from several perspectives, including where to find big animals, tips for getting close, photographic strategies and conservation concerns.

Of course I'll also be available for questions, not only about big animals, but also underwater photography and dive travel in general.

Mark Strickland's life-long interest in the sea has included over 10,000 dives and careers as lifeguard, boat captain and scuba instructor.

His passion for underwater photography has led him to many top dive locales including Thailand, where he spent 17 years as Cruise Director on a series of live-aboards.



An avid marine naturalist, Mark has discovered several nudibranch species. He is co-author and principle photographer for Lonely Planet's award-winning book, "Diving and Snorkeling Thailand", and his work appears in many publications around the world; editorial credits include BBC Wildlife, Conde Nast Traveler, Geo, National Geographic World, Nature's Best, Natural History, Outside and most major dive magazines.



His images have also been displayed at the Smithsonian Institution, United Nations Visitor Center, and galleries including the G2 in Venice, CA.

Mark leads several dive trips each year to his favorite destinations as part of his job as DSLR and Travel Specialist at Bluewater Photo in Culver City.

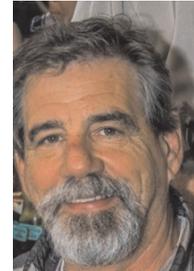
For a sampling of Mark's work, visit www.markstrickland.com





Coastal Clean Up Day 9/21/2109

Please put Coastal Clean Up Day 9/21/2109, on your calendars. Coastal Cleanup Day is an international day of action to protect our oceans, watersheds, and wildlife from trash and debris. AVDD has joined the team with Heal the Bay that coordinates LA County cleanup locations in association with Ocean Conservancy and California Coastal Commission.



September 21st marks the 30th Anniversary of Coastal Cleanup Day. Did you know that 80% of marine environment pollution come from the land? The run-off from LA counties nearly 200,00 storm drains flows directly to the ocean causing the majority of local ocean pollution. Are you interested in being part of the celebration?

This will be AVDD's 6th year participating in this worldwide event and our third year hosting a cleanup site. Last year Dan Blocker/Corral Beaches had 120+ volunteers come out along with another 13,344+ volunteers across LA County at 77 other sites to pick up nearly 30 tons of trash that was bound for our oceans in just three hours. If you would like to help with site setup and operation, please give me a call or send me a message. There is a lot to do and all help is appreciated.

If you want to learn more about Coastal Cleanup Day visit Heal the Bay website. <https://healthebay.org/event/coastal-cleanup-day-2019/>

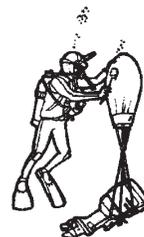
Don Nipper AVDD Conservation Officer





Club Membership- Friendly Reminder

Ok everybody, this is just a friendly reminder that club memberships expired July 31, 2019. We have changed things a little this year, renewing members only have to fill out the new AVDD liability form (front and back).



On the club website, under membership you will have 2 options (New or Renew). So, print out which every is applicable to you, fill it out, sign and bring it with you to the August meeting or you can mail it. Paying for your membership may also be done on line or in person, single memberships are \$25 and family memberships are \$40.

If you worked the correct number of shifts at the fireworks booth for free membership, I will be notifying you by email that your membership is free for the 19-20 membership year. All memberships must be renewed/current by September 30, 2019.

Remember your membership must be in good standing in order to participate in any club activities and/or receive club discounts and/ or benefits.

You must have a new AVDD liability form signed and on file in order to get your free air fills (scuba tanks must have current viz. and hydro's) If you have any questions, feel free to email me.



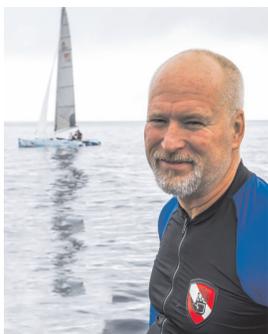
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Annette Childree AVDD VP, 'lil gnome'

Dive Coordinator



Please sign up for the August trip to Santa Cruz Island on the Raptor. Cost will be \$105 per member and \$115 for non-members. This includes tanks and food. We need 20 divers so all are welcome.

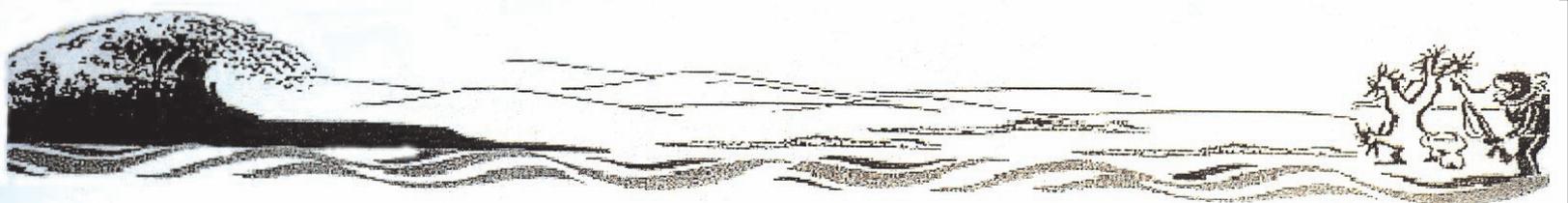
Ken White AVDD Dive Coordinator

2019 June Lake Clean-up Schedule of Events



Saturday August 31st , 2019

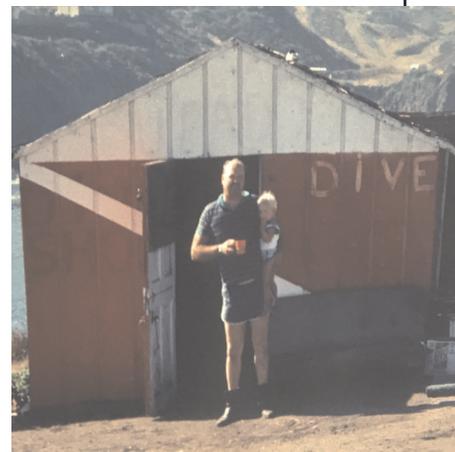
- 8:30 Arrive and Set up at June Lake Beach
- 9:00 Dive Briefing (All divers required to attend.)
- 9:15 ~ 11:15 Dive & Beach clean-up activities
- 11:30 ~ 12:30 Lunch
 - Note: Tickets will be given out to all Clean-up Participants. Includes Divers performing clean-up activities, Support Personnel, and participants performing beach clean up activities. Non-Participants can purchase meal tickets for \$2.00 Each.
- 5:00~7:00pm AVDD Pot Luck Dinner and Raffle In Duck Loop
Contact Robert Wisdom Site# 61 with any questions.



IN MEMORY OF RON BARTON
9/27/38-6/2/19



Ron was one of the founding members of the Antelope Valley Desert Divers in 1970. We met him 8 years later, when we joined the club in 1978, after getting certified. We became friends instantly while diving the SeaBee and attending club events.



The next year Ron married Lynda and started a family just like us. We both had girls first, a month apart, and two years later we had boys, three months apart. Our families became inseparable, diving, camping, traveling, and partying together.

Ron was always a hoot to dive with. He could sleep anywhere between dives (above-left), and was nicknamed "Bubbles Barton." You knew which bunk Ron was sleeping in by all the shoes on the ground, thrown by other divers trying to get him to stop snoring.

He loved to go abalone hunting. It was his favorite seafood. During our camping/diving trip to LaBufadora, Baja, Mexico (above-right), Ron got his share of scallops.



We took a trip to Hawaii together (below), and enjoyed having our boys dive with us. Ron loved checking out the turtles up close!

He loved diving, but even when Ron stopped diving, he continued to be a member of the club and participate in club events. He loved coming to the