



March 2019

General Meeting - Mon - Mar 9th

L.A. County Lifeguards

Board Meeting - Wed - Mar 20th

Boat Dive - Sat - March 9th

Spectre to Northern Islands

49th Banquet - Sat - Mar 16th

Get your tickets!!



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March dive is the Spectre

See this Newsletter at:

www.avdesertdivers.org



President's Message MARCH 2019 – Keep moving forward!



This is the last President's Message I will be writing, at least for the short term. I plan to stay involved with the club and do what I can to provide support to club activities and participate in as many events and fund raisers as I can. It has been an honor to serve you as your President. I look back on the things we have done as a club over the past five years and I am proud of what you, the board members and the members themselves, have done to make this one of, if not the premier dive club in Southern California. As I interact with members of the Southern California dive community on our dives, in our promotional and charitable activities, and as an instructor, I am gratified that we receive compliments from others outside our Antelope Valley community about what a great club we have. They say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and I have had a number of other members of other clubs and dive professionals who manage other clubs express their desire to do some of things we do that make us such a good dive club.

This is a good dive club because you have made it so. I thank you for your support, help, and kindness you have shown me during my term. Now it is time for your new President and board members to continue on with the same enthusiasm and spirit of commitment to dive safety, continuing education, and just plain fun they have always shown throughout the history of the AVDD. You will see that they are the same familiar faces who got us here. I encourage you to give them the same level of support, or better, then you have provided me in my enjoyable time as your President. I am sure they will do their level best to provide you with the best dive club in Southern California.

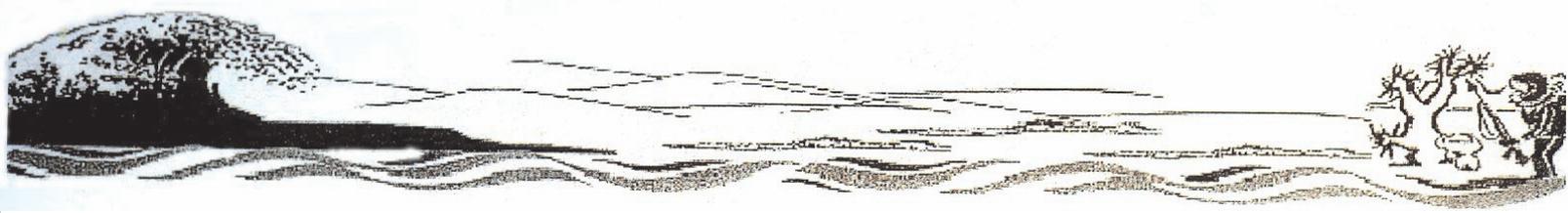
Once again, thank you for all you have done and don't forget to

"Stay wet, be safe, and dive well!" Mike

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Conservation Officer report

Man, was this a wet February or what? There were times I thought I might get to Scuba in my front yard. With all this rain came a bunch of snow too.

Record snow fall has me waffling between snow skiing and scuba diving.

Scuba diving was the order of the day for the 38th annual Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup. AVDD was out there pitching in, though no results have been posted yet for the event. This event is always well attended and is a major source of funding for the USC - Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber. Thanks to all of you that were able to attend and support this worthy cause.

Hey all, California Spiny Lobster season is closing March 20, 2019. So get out there and get you bugs for the season. Remember, your lobster report cards are due on or before April 30, 2019 or you'll get hit with a \$20 fee when you go to get your 2019-2020 report cards. Looking forward, the 2019-2020 Lobster season will run from September 28, 2019 through March 18, 2020. Of course you'll need a new lobster report card in September and a new fishing license starting January 1st, 2020.

I'm looking forward to the annual banquet. I hope you've all got your tickets, I've got mine. I'm hearing good things about all the goodies that will be up for raffle and I'm going to get some. The board has been working really hard to find and collect these donations. Come out and install your new board and get in on some of these goodies. Ya know you want to! See you there.



Don Nipper

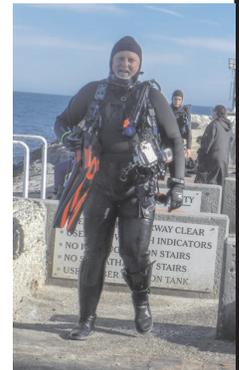
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Mark your Calendars! June 13th - 20th 2020!

Come Join Antelope Valley Desert Divers for their 1st ever International dive trip. Only 5 rooms left!! See the enclosed flyer for all the details. \$100.00 Deposit per person secures your spot(s) on this great trip to Little Cayman. There are flexible payment plans to fit any budget. Don't miss your chance to join the club on this exciting dive trip!

Robert Wisdom Treasurer AVDD.





April 6th AV Desert Divers will be Visiting Pete Knight Veterans Home

How would you like to give back to some of our veterans in the Antelope Valley? The AV Desert Divers will be going to cook hamburgers and visit with the veterans.

Chris Corry will be doing magic and Dan Parra will be playing his guitar and singing.

Come on out and have lunch while you visit with the veterans. Lunch is from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The club will start cooking burgers around 10:00 am if you want to help.



We will need a head count so we will have enough hamburgers.

Call John Nichols at 661-947-0863 and leave a message with your name and how many people.

March Dive

Just a reminder we have 5 spots left for the Spectre on 3/9, cost is \$100. for members and \$110. for non-members. This is a 3 tank dive includes the BBQ Tri-Tip lunch, YUM, or other choices. You must supply your own tank for this event. You can sleep overnight after 8pm on Friday. the boat leaves port promptly at 7am. please respond to this email if you have any questions or want to sign up.



Ken White AVDD Dive Coordinator





Come Join AVDD at the Little Cayman Beach Resort June 6-13, 2020



7 nights accommodation, 3 meals daily, 6 x 2 tank am dives (12 total) (Nitrox add \$96), resort fees, taxes and gratuities included (**dive staff gratuities not included**), + \$100 resort credit. **NO SHORE DIVING AT THIS RESORT**

Guests can add on: 5 afternoon tank dives for \$180 & Nitrox (17 dives) for \$136

Each room is air conditioned, has ceiling fans, mini-frig, private bathrooms with hair dryers, soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, small drip coffee makers, and TV (limited satellite). Free Wi-Fi **each room has either one king or two double beds.** (MAX. 4 guests per room)

	CASH	CREDIT/PAYPAL
DBL Pool Room	\$ 1550.00 pp	\$ 1600.00pp
Triple Pool Room	\$ 1456.00 pp	\$ 1500.00pp
Quad Pool Room	\$ 1410.00 pp	\$ 1455.00pp
Single Pool Room	\$ 2049.00 pp	\$ 2115.00pp
Non-Diver	\$ (250.00) pp	\$ (250.00)pp

A Deposit and low monthly payments are available, **this is a non-refundable trip.**

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Only 5 Rooms Left!!!



Getting too Little Cayman. The best way is to fly from the U.S. mainland to Grand Cayman (GCM). Then take the puddle jumper from Grand Cayman over to Little Cayman.

Travelers will need a current passport with a minimum of 6 months remaining on their passport.

Please be advised this is a very small island (10 Sq. Mi.) so there are **very** limited top side activities.