



**Terry Hodgkins**  
4 C's of "Lobstering".

A.V. Desert Divers

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**October 2018**

**General Meeting - Mon - Oct 8h**

Terry Hodgkins will be teaching the 4 C's of "Lobstering".

**Board Meeting - Wed - Oct 12th**

PCH Dive Shop

**Boat Dive - Sat - Oct 13th**

The Westerly to Catalina

**UW Pumpkin Carving - Sat - Oct 27th**

Palmdale Oasis Park

**Here is the dive calendar for the rest of 2018**

October 13-Westerly to Catalina 10 spots

November 3- Catalina Island

December 1-Spectre Anacapa 20 spots

**Calling all Certified Scuba Divers!**

Come celebrate Halloween and participate in our Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest provided by AV Desert Divers

**Saturday, October 27, 9 am**  
Oasis Park Pool, 3850 E. Ave. S

**Underwater Carving**  
**Participants Must:** 10 years of age or older, bring valid C Card to the event, register and pay \$5 fee at [www.PlayPalmdale.org](http://www.PlayPalmdale.org). Pumpkins and carving tools are provided. No personal carving tools permitted.

**Free pumpkin carving for kids ages 5-10.**  
Spectators welcome.

AV Desert Divers will be verifying C Cards and overseeing underwater activities. [avdesertdivers.org](http://avdesertdivers.org)

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### President's Message October 2018: Where did the summer go?

October already, where did the summer go? It may not have left completely. We have a busy fall season ahead of us. Saturday, October 13th we will be on the Westerly, Our club has the 1/2 the boat. We're all looking forward to some great diving with good friends. It should be an awesome time. At our monthly meeting on Monday, October 8th, Terry Hodgkins will be our guest speaker "The 4 C's of Lobstering" Catching, Checking, Cleaning and Cooking. Mark your calendars on Saturday, October 27, for the 12th Annual City of Palmdale/AVDD Underwater Pumpkin

Carving Contest. Once again, there will be a limited supply of SCUBA equipment to use at the event for free on a first come first served basis, Thanks to PCH Scuba. Please contact any board member for more information. We're still looking for volunteers to help and also could use some club members who are Dive masters. Please see Annette or I at the October meeting.

Don't forget about the AVDD Annual Fall Trip to Catalina on the weekend of November 3rd and 4th. Some will be going over on the Friday before. If you haven't made your room reservations yet, you can try the Seaport Village. Let them know you are a club member to get a special rate.

Remember the November meeting is on the 1st Monday Nov. 5 this month only. We are accepting nominations for board positions at our November meeting and the election will be held at our December meeting. Mark your calendars and try to make the December meeting so you can participate in the election and show your support for the club.

The election is the only real club business at the December meeting because it is also our Christmas potluck. The meeting will be on Monday, December 10th. If you haven't renewed your membership already, please do so as soon as possible. You can do that by either going to the website or contacting Annette.

*As always, stay wet, be safe, and dive well!*

*Mike*

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## October Speaker



Terry Hodgkins will be teaching the 4 C's of "Lobstering".

**The four include Catching, Checking, Cleaning, & Cooking.**

You will need a fishing license, Lobster report card & a measuring gauge. You will be required to measure your catch under water & release all shorts. The Westerly will be going out on Oct. 13th with a group of AVDD divers.



**So let's get ready to have some lobster for dinner.**

*Your Lobster Man, Terry Hodgkins*

## Hello Hunter/Divers!

That much anticipated date is fast approaching! No, its not the annual banquet and installation of a new board. It's the opening of California Spiny Lobster season!á

This year California Spiny Lobster seasonáis open September 29th at 6 AM to March 20th 2019 at midnight. There are a few changes in Gear Restriction regulations that you should make yourself familiar with if you are going to be use Hoop Nets. These can be found in the Crustacean section of the CA DFG Saltwater Fishing Regulations 28.90 - Gear Restrictions. Guess what, it's still bad form to disturb someone else's traps, it's also ILLEGAL. If you're south of Point Arguello you'll need a surface marker buoy with your GO ID number on it unless youÆre fishing from the shore or a pier.á

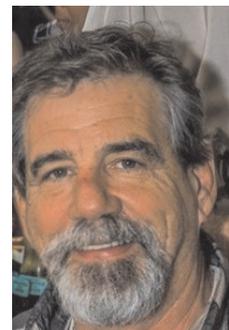
Other than that you'll still need a valid CA fishing license with an ocean enhancement, a measuring device (Lobster gauge capable of accurately measuring 3 1/4áinches measured in a straight line on the mid-line of the back from the rear edge of the eye socket to the rear edge of the body shell.), a Spiny Lobster Report Card and you're still only allowed to take seven a day. Be very familiar with sections 29.90 Spiny Lobster and 29.91 Spiny Lobster Report Car Requirements. Remember, the accuracy of the only Lobster Gauge that matters is the one that the Game Warden is holding; don't take any "Shorts". It's not worth it, let them go and come back to get them next year.

That's about it. Be safe out there and watch your gas supply.

**No lobster out there is worth your life.**

**GO GET'EM!!!**

*Don Nipper AVDD Conservation Officer*



## CO Newsletter - Greetings Divers!



September was a big month for AVDD conservation efforts. We had two big events that we supported.

Over the Labor Day weekend AVDD performed a long-running cleanup at June Lake in the Eastern Sierra's. By long-running I mean in the 20 year range; almost as long as the club has been going.

The second event was Coastal Cleanup Day 2018 at Dan Blocker/Corral Beaches in Northern Los Angeles County.

“Friends of AVDD” have been cleaning June Lake since 1987. What I’m calling “Friends of AVDD” consisted of early members and their families. Antelope Valley Desert Divers joined in officially in 1998 and it became a sanctioned annual club event. 2018 makes this the 20th Annual June Lake Cleanup and High Altitude Dive. Over the years we have removed many pounds of trash and treasures from this high altitude lake. Much of the trash and debris is glass bait containers and aluminum cans; occasionally divers find treasures like old Coke bottles and steel beer cans from long ago. This year, thanks to the efforts of 12 divers and 20 volunteers another 350 pounds of trash and debris was removed from the lake. The most unusual item was what appears to be the rudder of a sail boat. That had to make for a bad day of sailing.

Special thanks to Rosh who joined us after finding the June Lake Cleanup post on the Project Aware website. He is on vacation and hauled his gear from San Francisco to participate in our event. Thanks for being AVDD's good will ambassadors and making him feel welcome. And thanks to Jeff Carlon for buddying up with him for a dive at the marina.



This is AVDD's second year participating at Dan Blocker/Corral Beaches. Coastal Cleanup Day is an international event and is hosted by Heal the Bay here in Los Angeles County.

CCD is the largest volunteer event in the world. The first beach cleanups started in California in 1985, modeled after “Plague of Plastics” cleanups in Oregon. The event has grown steadily since then. In 1993 the Guinness Book of World Records recognized California Coastal Cleanup Day as the “Largest Garbage Collection” ever organized and there was 50,405 volunteers.

The preliminary results from CCD 2018 in Los Angeles County are: 73 CCD sites in LA County, 12,560 Volunteers collected 35,558 pounds of trash and debris. Thanks to all the 138 volunteers at Dan Blocker/Corral Beaches AVDD reported over 750 pounds of trash, 2 Lobster Traps (empty unfortunately) and a statue of Buddha.



Thanks for all your help.

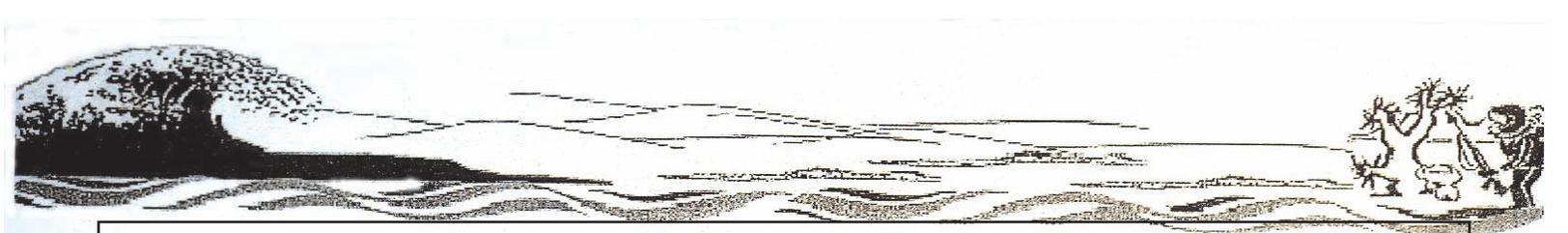
*Don Nipper - AVDD Conservation Officer*



Heads up everyone. The City of Palmdale will be closed Monday- November 12, 2018 in observance of Veteran's Day. So AVDD's general meeting has been moved up by one week,

**rescheduled for Monday- November 5th, 2018 @ 7pm.**

November's speaker will be a rep. from “WAVES”, a non-profit organization that provides an opportunity for American veteran's with service connected disabilities and their families to experience scuba diving. We will also have sign up sheets for our Christmas Potluck and Yankee Swap. Remember to put this new meeting date on your calendar and plan on attending.



## WONDERFUL NEWS ABOUT CLUB MEMBER COLIN YOUNG!

COLIN HAS BEEN A LONG TIME MEMBER AND PAST BOARD OFFICER OF AVDD. AFTER YEARS OF WAITING, COLIN RECEIVED A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT ON SEPTEMBER 20TH, AND HE IS DOING WELL. HE HAS A FEW WEEKS OF RECOVERY AHEAD OF HIM, BUT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING ACTIVE IN THE CLUB AGAIN. WE WISH HIM A SPEEDY RECOVERY!

## AVDD UW Pumpkin Carving

Please join AVDD on October 27th for the latest edition of our Underwater Pumpkin Carving Competition. Have you got what it takes to add your name to a long list of UPCC Champions? We have been hosting this competition for over ten years now and it keeps getting bigger and bigger.

The rules are simple: 1) You must carve your pumpkin underwater. (Hence the title Underwater Pumpkin Carving) 2) You must complete your design in 15 minutes with the tools provided. (No sharp knives) 3) All participants must complete a waiver form. 4) Youngins are 5 - 10 years old.



Other Stuff: You need to be an Open Water certified Scuba Diver (bring your C-card). (Unless you can hold your breath for 15 minutes) Prizes will be given out for the three best pieces of pumpkin art in the adult and youngins class. Unfortunately the youngins class will only be able to make their designs with magic markers on dry land. We can't have them running with scissors can we?



Place & Time: Palmdale Oasis Park Oasis Pool 3850 East Ave S Palmdale, Ca.93550

Saturday October 27th, 9 AM till Noon

**Bring your towels, sunscreen and scuba gear and come out for a good time. See you there!**

## AVDD X-mas Potluck and Yankee Swap 2018

AVDD's Christmas Potluck and Yankee Swap Monday- December 10, 2018 at 7pm. It's a night of good food, friends, laughs and gift swapping. The club will be providing turkey, coffee and water. I will have a food sign-up sheet at the November 5th general club meeting and I will also be sending one out via email for those that cannot make the meeting. If you are participating in the Yankee Gift Swap, your gift should be dive related and not over \$25.00. gift per person participating. If you need any more info, feel free to ask.

