

NEWSLETTER



# San Jose Flipper Dippers

MARCH 2018

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD  
3RD WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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## A Royal Blunder!

*(Obviously written by a non-diving editor, too!)*

In a report in The Daily Mail, "The Dutch King and Queen have indulged in a spot of scuba diving during their three-day trip to the Caribbean. King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima were clad in scuba gear when they smiled for the camera on a boat at Saba Bank, off Saba Island. The royal couple then took the plunge to explore some of the most stunning marine life in the Caribbean Sea. Their visit comes three months after Hurricane Irma left a trail of destruction across the Netherlands island of Saint Maarten."

The Daily Mail photo captions, "Taking the plunge! The royals enter the water of suiting up. Saba Bank, off the island of

Saba, is home to some of the most spectacular marine wildlife in the Caribbean"

"Queen Máxima cleans her goggles and King Willem-Alexander fits his before the pair dive to explore the stunning scenes below the surface"

In reality, King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima of the Netherlands took a giant stride into Saba's waters on a state visit to the hurricane-torn Dutch Caribbean without wearing their masks! Yup, that's exactly what happened, despite security staff assiduously checking that their air was turned on, nobody checked to see if they had their BCs properly fastened or were wearing their masks before they plunged off the back of their dive boat. Looks like it's time for a refresher class! ☆

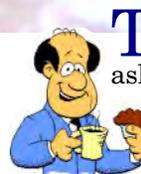


## Four friendly Flipper Dippers flew to Panther Beach for the February cleanup - Then went to brunch!

The February beach cleanup turned into a beautiful day at the beach and there was a minimal amount of trash to be picked up. Above, **Carl Tuttle, Tom Gardner, Jackie Gardner** and **Hunter Reid** are finished with their work and ready to head to the Whale City Bakery and Cafe, in Davenport, for an early brunch. Thanks to you all! ☆



## Refreshments Are Being Served



The following Dippers are asked to bring a tasty goodie to the next General Meeting: **Barbara Zwieg, Tony Alarcon, Debby Alarcon, Larry Ankuda, Mike Chalup and Grace Chi.** Don't forget you will receive a FREE raffle ticket for your donation! ☆

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



At the beginning of February, **Jackie** and I made a dive at Monterey's Breakwater. It felt like an early spring day, no wind, flat water, and underwater visibility was about 20-ft. **Barbara Davis** and **Howard Timoney** dove off the Beach Hopper at Stillwater Cove and saw 40-ft visibility.

The weather for the month of February was chilly but not bad for diving except for the S3 dive that was planned for Feb 10. That day the water was too rough and **Manual Mangrobang** had to cancel the dive. During the last week of February we're finally getting some much needed rainy weather. Should we hope for continued rain or should we be selfish and hope for nice dive conditions for the 10th of March at Carmel Beach? I'll go with nice.

**Debbie** and **Tony Alarcon** are coordinating the Memorial Day dive weekend at Albion Campground at the end of May. Since abalone will not be the main course we will need other main entrees for the Saturday dinner and potluck. See the article on page 7 for more information.

We're also up and running for this year's Club Photo Competition. **Jackie Gardner** will be running the show so see page 6 for all the information and let's see if we can get a large number of Dippers participating!

It might be a last minute call, but if anyone has an idea for the entertainment at the March general meeting be sure to send an email, or call, any of the Club Officers or come to the March 2nd Club Business meeting. And if you have ideas for future entertainment don't hesitate to let them be known.

Everyone keep safe and keep diving! – **Tom**



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### Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

This month we have One (1) Question which is worth a chance to win FIVE (5) raffle tickets for your correct answer!

**Question:** What should I do if my computer stops working during a dive? (Assume you were diving within the recreational limit of 130 feet.)

Send your answer by e-mail to **Larry Ankuda** at lankuda@comcast.net. All attendees at the next general meeting with the correct answer will be included in a drawing for 10 free raffle tickets. Good Luck!



### Free Stuff - Really?

The Flipper Dippers will have a table at the next general meeting dedicated to "Free Stuff". Members may bring in 'stuff' that they want to find a good home for, and whoever claims it, owns it. Items need not be limited to dive gear. So look around your home, garage, workshop, yard for 'stuff' that isn't serving a useful purpose anymore and bring it in! One rule, however is that any unclaimed 'stuff' must be retrieved and removed by the owner. ★

## RAFFLE NEWS

Lance Williams

Hi all, the Valentine's month (February) Dippers' Raffle was full of fun items and all participants enjoyed the winnings. The BIG winner was **Jim Rezowalli**, pulling down four items including picking the first three bottles of grape juice (wine): 1st **Teresa Hanson** donated a bottle of Quail Oak Merlot, 2nd **Tom Gardner** added another Quail Oak Merlot, 3rd **Brian Zaugg** donated a Robert Mondovi Merlot, and 4th an emergency air horn brought in by the raffle dude (**Lance Williams**). Has jim started buying Power Ball tickets? **Manuel Mangrobang** was the winner of the Jet Fins placed on the table by our President **Tom Gardner**, who turned the corner and won the custom PVC wetsuit drier, donated by **Larry Ankuda**, and the BBQ sauce and Rub donated by **Greg Davis**. King TUT was the second winner with three picks; 2013 Alexander Valley Cab, donated by Jim, a three-way computer dongle brought in by L.O.R.D. Ankuda, and a set of Awards Banquet wine glasses added by the Dippers. **Mike Chalup** won a six cell Mag-Light donated by Lance, and the final prize was picked by **Scott Schimberg**, an antique brass belt buckle joyfully placed on the table by Lance. The raffle was and always is a fun time at each meeting, so continue to donate and participate.

**THE DOOR PRIZE:** The door prize is now up to \$30 as past president **Don Mercado** was not in attendance when his name was drawn! **Sorry, Don**. Remember, YOU must be in attendance to be eligible to win.

**THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE:** Each month we pick names from the Club's Membership Roster to bring a donation for the Raffle Table. We ask that you **bring a dive-related gift for the Raffle Table**. The raffle has always been a fun part of our General Meetings with lots of items available to win. Ticket sales go to support the printing and mailing of the newsletter and the hosting of the Club's Website. This month the following are asked to bring a dive-related gift: **Manuel Mangrobang, Don Mercado, Adam Nasont, Dennis Nasont, Hunter Reid, Jim Rezowalli** and **Jerry Richards**. If you live out of the area or can't attend the General Meeting, please contact, **Lance Williams** (+1-650-321-5255, Willo1044@yahoo.com) to send in a check. He will pick up a raffle donation in your name. Please do your part as a Club member and provide a raffle donation when your name comes up. Thank you!



## MEMBERSHIP

Teresa Hanson

There are prospective members looking to dive and we look forward to diving with you! Prospectives must have a Club jacket either in possession or on order to be voted into the Club. See the Club's Website (Membership Requirements) for information and where to purchase. Contact Teresa for additional information on any and all Membership Requirements.

A FREE raffle ticket will be given to the following Dipper who has a birthday this month: **Don Mercado**. Happy birthday, Don! ☆



## 2018 TROPHY STANDINGS

Each month the person whose name appears in the newsletter will receive **3 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS** at the General Meeting — if in attendance. If you hold a trophy several months in succession, you will receive **3 FREE** tickets each month until someone beats your catch.

Contact **John Snyder** at +1-408-202-5196, e-mail: john.fishhunter@gmail.com, **WITHIN 1 WEEK** and give him all the proper info (include the name of one Club-member witness). ☆

## SKIN DIVING

❑ OPEN CATEGORIES ❑

**Lingcod, Cabezon, Sheephead, Lobster, Halibut, White Sea Bass, Striped Bass**

## SCUBA

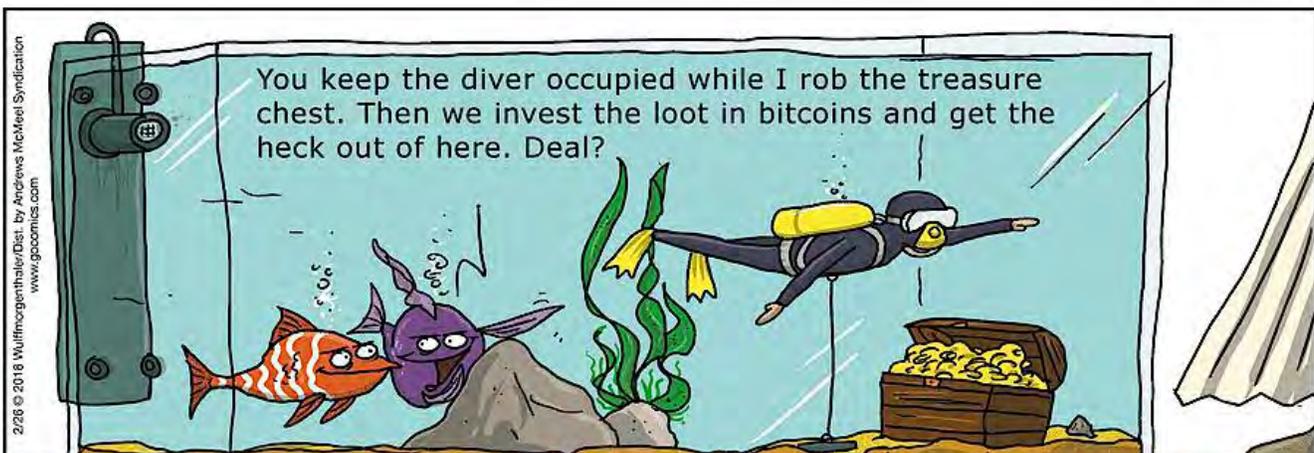
❑ OPEN CATEGORIES ❑

**Cabazon, Lingcod, Halibut, Sheephead, Lobster**

The race is on! Good luck to all!



WuMo by Wulff & Morgenthaler



## Hello San Jose Flipper Dippers!



*CenCal received the SJFD 2018 dues with a letter reading the club would no longer collect CenCal and/or USOA dues. Drat.*

*I fully realize dive club life is not flourishing and both CenCal and USOA have membership issues. 'The Times They are A'Changn.' But both organizations are active and continue to represent divers at all levels. CenCal sits on RAAC and works hard to present divers opinions on abalone. CenCal still hosts skin spear nationals and send teams to nationals in other parts of USA. CenCal uw hockey and uw rugby teams are active at local, regional, national and international levels.*

*If the Club wants an UW sports seminar, USOA has one. Just let me know.*

*CenCal now has a very attractive and active website at CenCal.org – which your long time and valued member Larry Ankuda set up and maintains. He keeps info up to date and notes activities of interest - i.e. neat uw photo presentation at Bay Model on Feb 21st. He also lists club activities.*

*CenCal still has an annual \$1000 scholarship for divers attending in state colleges/ universities. Information on CenCal.org and deadline 2018 is April 30.*

*The Council meets every other month in odd months - via phone conference - free to all - the minutes are posted on the website.*

*I understand it is a nuisance but both CenCal and USOA are trying to come into the modern IT world with online membership and waiver signing. Takes a bit more effort but such is life on the internet these days. Take a look at CenCal.org – membership information upper left side. Please don't give up on us, we've not given up on you.*

*But speaking of giving up, CenCal could certainly use HELP! The Skin Spear Committee has vanished, and there are several other vacant positions. Think about it please. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!*

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## Regulator Servicing: Do It Every Two Years?

*From Undercurrent*

**A**re Today's Regulators Better Than of Old? (Undercurrent November 17) we inadvertently gave out-of-date information about regulator servicing. Well done, Bradley Condo (Vail, CO), who spotted that the latest raft of regulators mainly need a routine service every two years or 100 dives despite some dive shops still claiming it's an annual requirement. We contacted regulator manufacturers to get clarity.

Gilbert de Coriolis of Scubapro said, "The new policy is, regulators should be maintained every two years or every 100 dives by a Scubapro technician. For intensive use, regulators should be visually inspected every six-months (filter, hose, mouthpiece, and leaks) and maintained every year."

Manuel Cabrere of Aqua Lung told Undercurrent, "Your Aqua Lung regulator should undergo servicing at least once every two years and visual inspection at least once a year by an Aqua Lung specialist center. Depending on the number of dives and the utilization conditions, your regulator may need to be serviced more often."

"If your regulator has suffered a serious shock, water entry into the regulator, or a leak during pressurization, you should have the regulator serviced before reusing it. If the regulator is leased or used in a chlorinated (swimming pool) or polluted environment, it must be serviced every six months. Swimming pool chlorine can cause a chemical reaction leading to rapid degradation. Aqua Lung does not specify the numbers of dives."

Peter Greenwell of Apeks Marine Equipment told Undercurrent that their first-stages should be serviced every two years and the second-stage should be inspected every year. To be on the safe side, many dive shops still suggest a full service every year.

Sergio Angelini, at Mares SpA, says, "It used to be one year or 100 dives (whichever comes first) but we recently went to two years or 200 dives with a visual inspection after one year or 100 dives."

Justin Hanning of Atomic Aquatics said, "Atomic Series 2 regulators should be serviced every two years or every 200

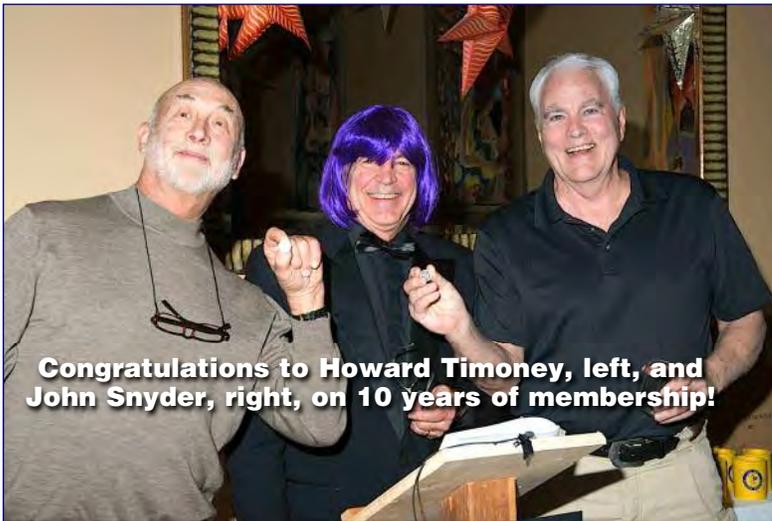
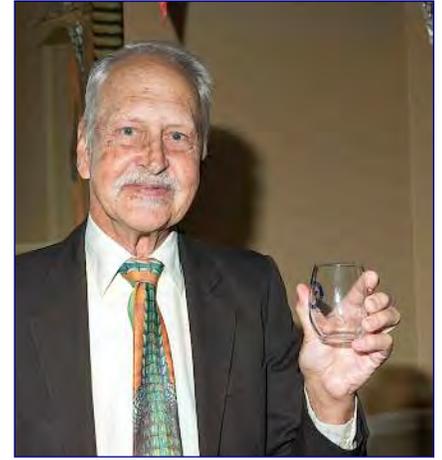


dives and Series 3 regulators should be serviced every three years or 300 dives, whichever comes first."

"Atomic still uses a unique design that leaves the valve seat out of contact with the poppet when in storage and not under pressure -- thus avoiding engraving of the valve seat, which so often reveals problems after a regulator is left unused for a period."

Since most regulator problems seem to occur on the first dive after servicing, this extended period is not only good news for the pocketbook, but also good news for hassle-free diving. ★

**January Awards Banquet** (Photos: Mike Chalup)



## STAR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM



Ever notice there are some Club members with Gold Stars on the back of their jackets? How do you get some? Chances are, you already qualify for your first 'Star' and didn't even know it! Participating in the Star Achievement Program gives Club members the opportunity to improve your diving skills, learn new things, refresh the things you learned, and get in the water! Many of these activities are included in the dives the Club schedules so you don't need to make any special arrangements.

Here's how to get yours: Stars are awarded in numerical order upon completion of all previous requirements. These achievements may be accomplished and recorded in any order. It is the Club member's responsibility to make sure these accomplishments are recorded with the Star Achievement Program Chairperson. Review the list below – as a Club member you're on your way.

### 1st STAR AWARD ★

1. Show SCUBA certification from a nationally recognized certification agency.
2. Log ten (10) dives with the Club.
3. Dive to 60 feet in the ocean on a Club dive.

### 2nd STAR AWARD ★ ★

1. Log 20 total dives (not necessarily Club dives).
2. Have current CPR AND First Aid certification.
3. Coordinate two (2) scheduled Club dives.
4. Assist at two (2) scheduled Club activities.
5. Prove ability to use a compass by showing proof of: a) Navigation Specialty, OR b) Advanced Diver certification.

### 3rd STAR AWARD ★ ★ ★

1. Obtain a Scuba Rescue course certification from a nationally recognized certification agency.
2. Complete one (1) year as an active skin and SCUBA diver AND Club member.
3. Complete at least one (1) of the following: a) assist at four (4) club activities, b) coordinate four (4) scheduled Club dives, OR c) dive with four (4) prospective Club members.
4. Have current CPR AND First Aid certification.
5. Show certification of one (1) of the following courses: a) O2 Provider, b) Nitrox, OR c) Advanced Diver.

### 4th STAR AWARD ★ ★ ★ ★

1. Complete two (2) years as an active skin and SCUBA diver AND Club member.
2. Log at least two (2) night dives.
3. Serve as a Club Committee Chair, OR participate in at least two (2) different ocean/dive-related public services.
4. Have current CPR, First Aid AND Scuba Rescue certification.
5. Coordinate the following scheduled Club dives: a) one (1) boat dive, b) one (1) abalone dive, AND c) one (1) night dive.
6. Dive with at least six (6) prospective Club members.

### 5th STAR AWARD ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

1. Successfully complete all previous requirements.
2. Complete three (3) years as an active skin and SCUBA diver AND Club member.
3. Have current CPR, First Aid AND Scuba Rescue certification.
4. Be a nationally certified: a) SCUBA Instructor, b) Assistant Instructor, c) Dive Master, d) Master Scuba Diver, OR e) serve one (1) year as a Club Officer.

## 2018 Club Photo Competition!

Jackie Gardner

Get your shutters snapping! Here are the objectives and rules for this year's Club Photo Competition:

1. To encourage members to have fun taking videos or photos from our club events and special trips, sharing their best photos and competing with our fellow members. Additionally encourage new members or old members to learn photography tips from experienced photographers.

2. Photos must be taken during 2018 at a Flipper Dippers' coordinated event. This is any event or dive that was published in the Newsletter or mentioned at a club meeting.

3. A entry fee of \$5.00 per category, due when you enter your photos.

4. Up to four photos can be entered into three categories (either novice or advanced): Gnome Photos, Underwater, Spirit of the

Club. If more than one photo is submitted the group of photos will be judged as a collection.

5. Snorkel Roaming Gnomes can be purchased for \$18.99 at: [www.roaminggnomestore.com/p-1294-snorkel-roaming-gnomeasp](http://www.roaminggnomestore.com/p-1294-snorkel-roaming-gnomeasp)

6. Photo prints can be no larger than 8-1/2 x 11 inches. All photos submitted for each category must be mounted on the same piece of mounting board. For instance if you submit three Gnome photos and four underwater photos, the Gnomes must all share one mounting board as a collection and the underwater photos must share another mounting board as a collection. Mounting boards should be large enough to hold all your Photos.

7. Winning photos will be featured on our home page and all photos will be judged by your peers attending our annual Flipper Dipper Awards Banquet for in January 2019. The most votes for each category will be our winners. The winners will be announced at the February General meeting. There will be

a first place prize in each category.

8. There are six (6) winning categories (either novice or experienced).

A. Novice or Experienced underwater photos.

B. Novice or Experienced spirit of the club.

C. Novice or Experienced Gnome picture (underwater or spirit of the club).

**Novice:** meaning you have been taking underwater photos for less than 10 years.

**Advanced:** meaning Experienced photographer has an advanced camera and over 10 years experience.

Categories will include: Underwater, Spirit of the Club (above water), and Gnome either spirit or underwater. These photos can be edited if preferred.

9. Entries must be submitted by January 12, 2019, one week before the Annual Awards Banquet. Photos must have been taken in 2018 at a Flipper Dipper coordinated event. This is an event or dive that was published in the Newsletter or mentioned at a club meeting. ★

# DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MANUEL MANGROBANG

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MARCH 2018

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3  
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7  
BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM**

Meeting will be held at *Teresa Hanson's* home (408-966-6433, [teresa\\_hanson@comcast.net](mailto:teresa_hanson@comcast.net)). All members are invited to attend. This is a good time to share your ideas for dives and entertainment. Refreshments to share are welcome.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3) CARMEL STATE RIVER BEACH**

Coordinator: *Manuel Mangrobang*, 408-813-5139. [manuel.a.mangrobang.iv@gmail.com](mailto:manuel.a.mangrobang.iv@gmail.com). Meet in the Carmel State River Beach at 8:00 am and we'll decide where to dive based on conditions and sign-ups. Bring 2 tanks and plan on making 2 dives. Please RSVP in case the dive gets can-

celled or moved due to weather or surf conditions.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17  
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

## **GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21st**

7:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Hall  
2211 Shamrock Dr., Campbell.

**Celebrate 53 Years of the  
San Jose Flipper Dippers  
at our General Meeting.**

**Entertainment:**

- ★ **Social Hour**
- ★ **Share Your Dive Stories**
- ★ **Great Raffle Prizes**

**THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$30!**

**YOU must be present to win!**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21  
LOBSTER SEASON CLOSED**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24  
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**SAT-SAT, MARCH 24-31  
COZUMEL TRIP WITH AWS**

Two spots left. Features 7 nights, all meals, and 5 days of boat diving. Contact AWS [awsdive@anywater.com](mailto:awsdive@anywater.com) or call (408) 244-4433 for more details.

**UPCOMING IN APRIL**

- 07 Business Meeting
- 14 Second Saturday SCUBA (S3)  
9th Annual UW Easter Egg Hunt
- 18 **General Meeting  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
SJFD 54 Years Old**



## **Memorial Day Weekend May 25-28**

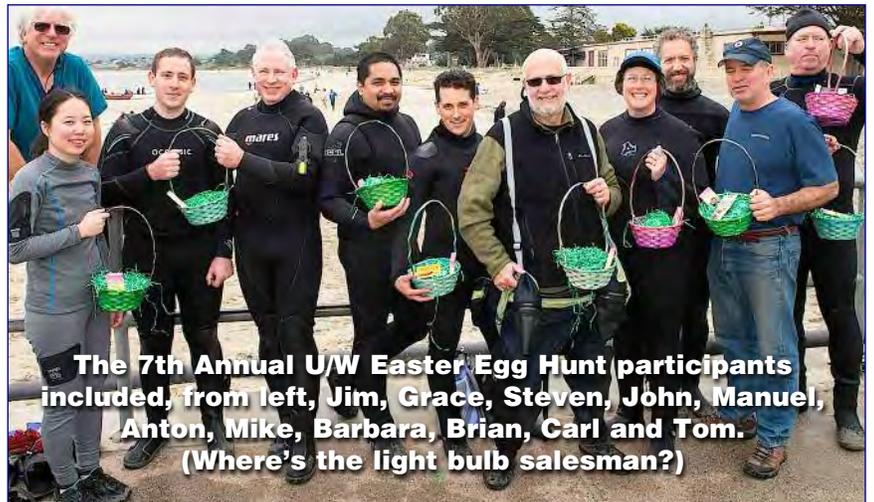
Our big North Coast dive will be Memorial Day weekend, May 26-29, at Albion River Campground (ARC). Although you can't take abalone, there's still lots of diving! Come join fellow Flipper Dippers for one of our biggest and best North Coast gatherings.

**Albion has instituted a NEW Reservation System** Each individual camping space must now be reserved in advance. The Club has 10 spots on hold: Sites #18-#27. So if you're planning on camping at Albion, each Club member must either fill out the online Group Registration Form on ARC's website ([www.albionrivercampground.com](http://www.albionrivercampground.com)) or call the campground office (707) 937-0606. Group Name: Flipper Dippers Group ID #: flipper2018

*Debby* and *Tony Alarcon* have stepped up to coordinate, but they need people to sign up so potluck meals can be arranged and someone who would be willing to get firewood for the group - everyone pays a portion. Sign up at the General Meeting or contact Debby for more information: email: [tandddivers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tandddivers@sbcglobal.net), phone: +1-510-471-0901 ★

## **Upcoming in April: Second Saturday Scuba (S3) 9th Annual UW Easter Egg Hunt, Aka: Eggxacta Scramble**

On April 14, Dippers will be hustling to find 36 (or more!) eggs, numbered 1 to 36, distributed at random - we hope - for this year's Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt at Del Monte Beach. This is a LOT of FUN! Two years ago there were 11 divers searching the shallow waters for the elusive eggs. Great prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the highest totals added together from the numbers written on the eggs. Be sure to sign up at the March general meeting! ★



**The 7th Annual U/W Easter Egg Hunt participants included, from left, Jim, Grace, Steven, John, Manuel, Anton, Mike, Barbara, Brian, Carl and Tom. (Where's the light bulb salesman?)**

**NOTE:** All certified divers are encouraged to attend San Jose Flipper Dippers' dives.

Non-Club members will be required to show proof of certification to the dive coordinator prior to entering the water with our group. Please sign up for dives at the General Meeting or call the coordinator. This is needed in case of cancellation or changes.



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## 2018 COMING EVENTS

March 7	Business Meeting
March 10	Second Saturday SCUBA
March 21	☛ General Meeting
March 24-31	Cozumel Trip with AWS
April 4	Business Meeting
April 14	Second Saturday SCUBA
April 18	☛ General Meeting
May 2	Business Meeting
May 12	Second Saturday SCUBA Pt. Lobos
May 16	☛ General Meeting - Spring Raffle
May 19-Jun 3	Truk/Palau with AWS
May 25-28	Memorial Day Albion Weekend



**Memorial Day Weekend, May 25-28:** Come join fellow Flipper Dippers for one of our biggest and best North Coast gatherings. The Club has reserved camping sites at Albion for Friday through Sunday nights. **More info on page 7 of this newsletter** 🌟

Watch This Space - Much More To Come!  
See the Club's Website for the full Calendar



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