

NEWSLETTER



San Jose Flipper Dippers

JUNE
2018

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
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Social Hour & Great Raffle!

At the June General Meeting we will be having a "Social Hour" to

give everyone the opportunity to share their stories of past dives and activities as well as discuss the many upcoming dives during the coming months.

You will also have time to purchase tickets to our monthly raffle for a chance to win some very interesting prizes! Hope to see YOU there! ☆



Dippers visit Chuuk and Palau

John Snyder displays the Flipper Dippers' logo/flag during a wall dive while he and **Carl Tuttle** spent two weeks diving in Micronesia with *Any Water Sports*. A wide variety of colorful coral reefs, fish, sharks, turtles and manta rays were seen during this back-to-back trip to Chuuk (Truk) Lagoon and Palau. ☆

Special Report on Purple Sea Urchin Removal

Josh Russo (via CenCal)

Energy and enthusiasm ranked high at Ocean Cove for the first coordinated all-volunteer PSU (Purple Sea Urchin) removal gathering. An even 100 volunteer divers dove, some for just one of the days, plus significant shore support and kayakers. Due to rough seas, Ocean Cove's north side was worked both days. A compressor was on-site to fill scuba tanks. As the urchins were brought to shore, whole ones were crushed and placed in 40 gallon containers for transport to be used as compost.

On Saturday seven 40 gallon containers of crushed urchins were collected. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) estimated 36,000 urchins were removed. On Sunday 800 gallons of uncrushed PSUs were collected, which were then crushed to fill 4 more 40 gallon containers. They weighed 2500 pounds. The number of PSU was estimated to be about 20,000. In total over 50,000 PSU (2200 gallons uncrushed) PSU were collected. They weighed 7,000 pounds. A raffle was held when the collecting was over, with 200-250 people attending. It raised \$13,600, which will be put toward more commercial effort. The work performed both volunteer days was the equivalent of 14 commercial dive days. The money raised will fund another 14 commercial dive days.

One hundred percent of the raffle attendees said they would repeat this effort every-other month, alternating between Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. So the next all-volunteer PSU collection will be held **July 21-22 at Albion/Schooner Landing**. Reef Check surveyed Ocean Cove the week before this collection effort and estimated 80 urchins/square

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Refreshments Are Being Served



The following Dippers are asked to bring a tasty goodie to the

next General Meeting: **Hunter Reid, Jim Rezowalli, Jerry Richards, Michelle Schimberg and Scott Schimberg**. Don't forget you will receive a FREE raffle ticket for your donation! ☆

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



This past May we had a dive at Pt. Lobos with several Dippers attending. The weather was very nice, sunny, pleasant temperature, but a bit breezy. We had to take down the canopy that was going to be used for shade due to it flying away. The waves kept most of the smart divers inside Whalers Cove but that didn't stop **Barbara Davis**, **Howard Timoney**, and **Jim Rezowalli** from kayaking to Bluefish Cove. They said that the visibility there was about 20 feet. Inside Whalers it varied from 5 ft to 15 ft.

Most only did one dive and decided a picnic was the better option than a second dive. All in all everyone had a pleasant time.

At the May general meeting we had our Annual Spring Fling Raffle which supplied plenty of wine and 7 large bins of decorations, enough to redo your entire house to make it look like the Red Lobster.

There was also the first Memorial Day "Not an Abalone Dive" Weekend held at Albion this year. No abalone were taken, but the potluck was fun. Several of the Flipper Dippers had some good luck fishing, but the visibility for spearfishing was only about 5ft. Thanks to **Debby** and **Tony Alarcon** for coordinating the pot-luck!

The next S3 dive will be on June 9th and will be at Carmel River State Beach. See the activities calendar on page 7 for information.

This month we'll have the **Annual Food Drive** at the **General Meeting** on June 20th so be sure to bring some packaged or canned goods to donate. We had a guest speaker planned but a conflict arose so we'll be rescheduling.

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



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Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

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

Question: I surfaced with blood in the bottom of my mask.

- A) Where did it most likely come from?
- B) What should I do about it after the dive?



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!



RAFFLE NEWS

Lance Williams

This year's Spring Raffle was by far a fun time with all Dippers supporting the Club. There was a good turnout of Dippers who showed up to the meeting and brought in lots of great prizes; too many to name here. We had what looked like a full wine bar on the table. **Carl Tuttle** arrived with 7 tubs of decorations and other items that were used for many years at the Club's Annual Seafood Dinner and Dance fund raisers. Each tub was sealed with Gorilla Tape so you couldn't look to see what "stuff" was inside. I say stuff because one tub that I won included a fishing net and float so I'm set for a theme room. Winners were all over the board with great gifts.

THE DOOR PRIZE: The door prize did not go un-noticed by the Dippers in attendance. **Jerry Richards'** name was picked from the Door Prize bucket, and as normal he had retired for the evening. So, the door prize is now at **\$30**. Remember YOU must be in attendance to be eligible to win.

THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE: We're back to our monthly raffle donation program. Each month we pick names from the Club's Roster for members to bring a donation for the Raffle Table. So this month the following folks are asked to bring a dive-related gift: **Carl Tuttle, Steven Wall, Barbara Zwiag, Tony Alarcon, Debby Alarcon** and **Larry Ankuda**.

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. The raffle has always been an important part of our General Meetings. 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 Dippers who have a birthday this month: **Jackie Gardner, Hunter Reid** and **Bill Shipman**. Happy birthday to all!! ★



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!



Seal filmed brandishing dive knife on Hawaiian beach



A spotted brandishing a knife, highlighting the dangers of manmade waste entering our oceans, officials have said. The pup, named Manu'iwa, was filmed with the orange knife between its teeth on the coast of Hawaii's Big Island.

"There was real concern that the seal pup might swallow the knife," an official from the country's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement, who filmed the incident, told the Honolulu Star Advertiser. "It's a reminder to all of us to properly dispose of our trash and not to leave it on Hawaii's beaches or in the ocean." Staff from the Marine Mammal

Centre at Kailua-Kona have been monitoring its health ever since it was weaned from its mother.

Experts say it is vital that young seals avoid human interaction in their adolescent phase. The seal pup later dropped the knife and it was retrieved. Hawaiian monk seals are an endangered species and - along with the Hawaiian hoary bat - one of only two mammals endemic to the islands.

Dipper **Carl Tuttle** noticed the knife looked like the AMF Swimaster dive knife he's had for many years so he pulled it out of storage and took some photos. ★



May Spring Fling Raffle: "Surprize Tubs" were hot tickets

During the May General Meeting's Spring Fling Raffle, a few "lucky" Dippers took a chance on winning any of the seven "Mystery Tubs" full of who-knows-what? The tubs had left-over decorations, plastic utensils, fishing nets and other items from the past Seafood Dinner and Dance fund raisers. Similar to the "Storage Wars" TV show, the lids were taped shut so you couldn't see what was inside. The ticket cups on each tub were stuffed with raffle tickets. Of the seven tubs, **Steve Richards** walked away with four of them! There were also a wide assortment of gifts for folks to win on the tables too. ★



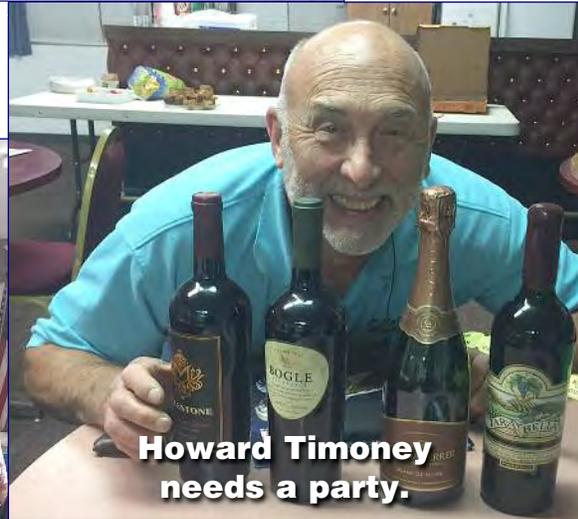
Scott Schimberg gets a tub full of prizes.



Dennis Nasont won some fins.



Michelle Schimberg scored a great nearly-new spear gun.



Howard Timoney needs a party.



Steve Richards was a big winner.

Pt. Lobos Second Saturday SCUBA

It was a warm and sunny day when the San Jose Flipper Dippers converged on Pt. Lobos for a Second Saturday SCUBA dive on May 12. Although the water wasn't as good as hoped, everyone still had a great time including the pot-luck picnic after the diving. 🌟



Mission Rec Mission Tech Event San Carlos Beach Park September 29th, 2018

Ever dived a scooter? You can here. Ever put on a pair of sidemount doubles? How about a rebreather? We have those too. Can you properly shoot a lift bag?

What about trying out a new drysuit, BCD, masks, and fins? We can show you how during Mission Rec Mission Tech. Mission Rec Mission Tech is a series of dive events designed to provide an opportunity for certified divers of any level or any age to demo the latest and greatest scuba gear from the industry's leading manufacturers. You will work directly with dive training professionals to ensure your experience is nothing short of extraordinary. Join the mission today!

These one-day ultimate dive demo events will be packed with prestigious divers, instructors, and the best equipment manufacturers in the diving industry. Pre-register for the event: www.tdisdi.com/jointhemission 🌟



Great Diving Adventure

John Snyder helps himself to some fresh bananas after a dive in Truk Lagoon. **Carl Tuttle** caught a manta ray on his GoPro camera while diving the German Channel in Palau. 🌟



Memorial Day Weekend Report

Debby Alarcon

Hope you did not sit this one out!

Have you ever been invited to a party and told your friends, “no, I am going to sit this one out,” only to find out that what you thought would be a dull, boring party, turned out to be a fun and amazing time! That was our Memorial Day weekend! Yes, there was no abalone take and the ocean was its usual self; rough and unpredictable. But, some of the hardy divers, **Dennis** and **Adam Nasont** went scuba diving and had some good visibility and got some game.

Tony and I took Emma (our Labrador) out fishing. We didn't catch anything, but Emma decided that our bait (squid) was a doggie treat and ate about a quarter of it before we realized what she was doing. That is a good feat; since we only have a 12-ft inflatable boat, we were just too focused on catching fish!

The international themed dinner on Saturday night was in my opinion and many others, a huge success! We had food from all over the world! German sausages and sauerkraut, Greek pasta, Italian lasagna, Mexican enchiladas, Turkish shish kabobs, American baked Mac & Cheese along with amazing salads, potato and green, fresh fruit, cookies, and brownies! We had so much great food we couldn't eat it all!! Plus, the comradery we had that night was amazing. Some ate around the campfire while others ate family style at the picnic tables set up in a line by our wonderful husbands! We got to meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

All in all we had approximately 30 people, and the Van Damn people stayed until about 8:00 pm! We were all having a great time being together. **Bill Shipman** was there with his crew, Kathy, Linda, Jim, Wayne, Barbara and several other Shipman's. Dennis and Bonnie Nasont, Adam Nasont with his wife and new baby joined the group too. My two sons and girl-

friends could not make it this time. Then there was our president **Tom Gardner** and his wife **Jackie**, along with **Robert Huff** and several other couples (that I did not find out their names). We all had a great time together eating, talking, telling fish tails and lots of laughing.

The weekend reminded Tony and I why we joined the Flipper Dippers over 30 years ago: because we all treat each other like family, talking, laughing, and having a great time together! I grew up going to the North Coast with my family's dive club, and now so have our children.

Regardless of abalone not being able to be taken, being up there with our family and friends is what makes going there special; giving us memories that we will cherish forever. ★

Note: The Club will be going back to Albion for the Labor Day Weekend and is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Saturday night dinner.

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meter. They will take another survey soon in that area. It will be interesting to see how fast the PSUs move into the cleared area. \$120,000 total has been raised by SCAN and the Watermans Alliance in the last six months.

DFW has shown both support and hesitancy toward these efforts. Their statistician Dr. Laura Rogers Bennett attended and helped provide above estimates. Dr. Cynthia Catton, with zoology and biological oceanography specialties, currently based at Bodega Bay, has been very helpful regarding these PSU efforts and is seeking grants to support more. In April, DFW did increase the sport diver limit from 35 PSUs to 20 gallons of PSUs. ★

Dipper gets photos published

Congratulations are in order for Flipper Dippers member **Greg Davis** who had two photos published in the April issue of California Diving News maga-

zine. The magazine features photos submitted by divers on the inside back page of each issue. Gregg was as surprised as everyone else when his photos of fish eating anamniote were published in the “Best Shot” page of the magazine. Well done! ★



DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MANUEL MANGROBANG

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JUNE 2018

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM

Meeting will be held at **Teresa Hanson's** home (408-966-6433, teresa_hanson@comcast.net). All members are invited to attend. This is a good time to share your new ideas for dives and entertainment. Refreshments to share are welcome. **Warm weather brings out the BBQ, too! So be here by 6:30 with your food if you wish to BBQ.**

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA

(S3) - CARMEL STATE RIVER BEACH Coordinator: **Manuel Mangrobang**, Phone: 408-813-5139. email: manuel.a.mangrobang.iv@gmail.com. Meet at Carmel River State 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 cancelled or moved due to weather or surf conditions.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th

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

Celebrate 54 Years of the San Jose Flipper Dippers at our General Meeting.

★ Food Drive ★

Entertainment:

- ★ Social Hour
- ★ Great Raffle Prizes

THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$30!

YOU must be present to win!

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

SAT-SUN, JUNE 23-24 Long Beach Scuba Show

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

UPCOMING IN JULY

- 07 No License Fishing Day
- 03 Business Meeting (Subject to Change)
- 08 Panther Beach Clean Up
- 14 Second Saturday SCUBA (S3)
- 18 General Meeting
- 21-22 Sea Urchin Collection at Albion
- 28 Halibut Dive

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FOOD BANK DRIVE AT JUNE GENERAL MEETING!



There will be a **FOOD DRIVE** at the General Meeting for the **Second Harvest Food Bank**. The Club has done this in the past and members have responded well. Second Harvest feeds an average of 116,000 people per month, more than half of whom are children. Bring a donation to help feed those less fortunate.

All nonperishable and canned donations are appreciated (no glass please). Protein foods are especially needed, as they are always in short supply. Suggested foods include **rice, noodles and pasta, cereal, canned or dried beans, tuna, meat stews, peanut butter, soups, canned fruits and vegetables, juices, powdered milk and pudding**. Check your pantry shelves or make a trip to the grocery store, but bring a donation to the meeting. ★



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

June 6	Business Meeting
June 9	Second Saturday SCUBA
June 20	☛ General Meeting - Food Drive
June 23-24	Scuba Show Long Beach
July 3	Business Meeting (Subject to Change)
July 7	No License Fishing Day
July 8	Panther Beach Clean Up
July 14	Second Saturday SCUBA
July 18	☛ General Meeting
July 21-22	Sea Urchan Collection at Albion
July 28	Halibut Dive
August 6	Business Meeting
August 7	No License Fishing Day
August 8	Panther Beach Clean Up
August 14	Second Saturday SCUBA (S3)
August 18	☛ General Meeting
August 28	Halibut Dive

Are the Halibut In?



Early reports are in that squid are in and halibut can't be far behind. Keep your spears crossed that this year will be a good one. Join fellow Flipper Dippers on July 28 for the year's first halibut dive. ★

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



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