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San Jose Flipper Dippers

MARCH 2020

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH WWW.SJFLIPPERDIPPERS.COM

While you were shivering, we were diving the warm waters of the Caribbean

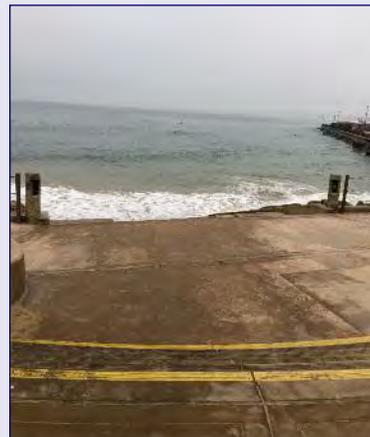
Three dive days, two tanks each in Cozumel, Roatan and Costa Maya MX. Incredible viz! LOTs of every kind of coral and fish galore. The reef is very healthy and everywhere you look there are fish or lobster or turtles. We are having a fantastic time. Wish the club was HERE!!" So come to the March General Meeting for a presentation on this dive and boat cruise adventure by Dennis Nasont. The group included (photo below) Dennis and his wife Bonnie, and Lance and Kathy Williams. We'll be interested in hearing all about the diving and the cruise they just completed.



February S3 dive . . . and lunch, too!

Nine Dippers showed up for the Second Saturday Scuba (S3) dive on February 8th led by Club V.P. Abby Golden Wilson. Conditions were a bit challenging as high tide was underway when the group met at the Breakwater with the water coming up the stairs from the beach. The group did two dives and conditions improved during the day.

After the dives eight of the group found a spot for lunch, above from left: Tom Gardner, Donovan Hill, Jackie Gardner, Abby, Howard Timoney, Grace Chi, Barbara Davis and Manuel Mangrobang. MIA: Teresa Hanson.



Refreshments Are Being Served



The following Dippers are asked to bring a tasty goodie to the next General Meeting: Carl Tuttle, Barbara Zwieg, 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



March is already here and it's time to think about getting ready for spring activities with the Flipper Dippers. On March 14th the Club is going to have an S3 boat dive on the BeachHopper II. **Mike Chalup** is going to lead this trip. As this newsletter was going to press there are spots available, so get on-line to reserve yours.

There is a dive planned at Point Lobos for May 9th coordinator by **Howard Timoney**. If you plan to dive then you must sign up by March 1st since the weekend spaces fill up fast. See the activities calendar on page 7 for more information.

The Club is planning a camping/diving trip for Labor Day up at Van Damme State Park for Sept 3. If you are interested then you need to sign up this month on March 2nd.

This past February, when the Club was doing a Second Saturday dive at breakwater, there was an unfortunate event when someone died at San Carlos Beach. This has led to an increased interest for a CPR/First Aid class and a Rescue Diver Class. The Rescue Class is hoped to be some time in April, taught by Brian Zaugg. We'll know more by this month's general meeting. Vice President **Abby Golden Wilson** is collecting names of interested divers to set up these classes. Contact Abby if you're interested.

I've heard that some of the dives this month had great conditions. Here's to hoping for continued good conditions and safe diving to all our members.

– Your president **Tom**



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## Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

We all know how important it is to keep our First Aid, CPR, and 02 Administration information and certification up to date, so this month we have Two (2) oxygen-related questions and each is worth a chance to win FIVE (5) raffle tickets for your correct answer!

**Question No. 1:** Providing a high concentration of oxygen to an injured diver may provide which of the following benefits?:

- A. Acceleration of inert gas elimination
- B. Reduce bubble size
- C. Enhance oxygen delivery to tissues
- D. Reduce inflammation
- E. All of the above

**Question No. 2:** In remote areas, the priority in oxygen delivery is:

- A. To conserve oxygen supplies
- B. To maintain the highest fraction of inspired oxygen possible
- C. Limit the flow of oxygen
- D. None of the above



Send your answer by email to **Barbara Davis** at [bjdscuba123@gmail.com](mailto:bjdscuba123@gmail.com). All attendees at the next general meeting with the correct answers will be included in a drawing for 5 free raffle tickets per question. Good Luck!



## RAFFLE NEWS

### Leigh Hartley Tuttle

I'm starting off this February Raffle News by saying, "My Bad!" I forgot my cheat sheets so Carl and I spent the hour and a half ride home from the February meeting trying to reconstruct who donated what and who won what. At our age, it's not so easy. Here is what we put together and I sincerely apologize if I left anyone or item out. **Jim Rezowalli** brought a nice bottle of red wine which **Manuel Mangrobang** went for. **Larry** (L.O.R.D.) **Ankuda** brought some weightbelt buckles which **Barbara Davis** lucked out with and **Jerry Richards** brought **Francis's** wonderful homemade banana bread which Larry couldn't pass up. Larry also scored the chocolate thin-mint Girl Scout cookies **Carl Tuttle** brought. Larry, do you have a sweet tooth? I don't know who brought the cute insulated shopping bag that **Jackie Gardner** choose, nor the underwater camera case that Jim picked. A **Moby Dick** DVD was on the table and **Howard Timoney** grabbed it. (I had my eye on that Howard!) There was also an inflatable solar lantern on the table which we suspect was someone's door prize from last year's Awards Banquet. I have so much fun socializing with the Flipper Dippers and selling tickets for the raffle that sometimes I don't get everything written down. I'll try harder Dippers!

**THE DOOR PRIZE:** The door prize is back to \$20 as **Brian Zaugg's** name was drawn from the door prize can and he WAS NOT at the meeting! So, who will be the winner at the March General Meeting? Remember, as everyone knows, YOU must be in attendance to be eligible to win.

## THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE

For this month we're back on our rotation for donations. 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 are asked to bring a dive-related gift: **Michelle** and **Scott Schimberg**, **Bill Shipman**, **John Snyder** and **Howard Timoney**. If you live out of the area or can't attend the General Meeting, please contact, **Leigh Hartley Tuttle** (+1-829-3660, tutcomms@sbcglobal.net) to send in a check. She will pick up a great 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 Dipper who has a birthday this month: **Larry Ankuda**, **Gerry Richards** and **Barbara Zwieg** ★

### Now go out there and be safe ... AND GOOD!

The officers of our Club have considered the proposal to enact an award for good deeds and other acts deserving recognition by members of the Flipper Dippers. These can be ANY deed or action for ANY reason observed or reported at any time, but especially observed during any club activity. The award was approved unanimously and is in effect immediately. The award recipient will be awarded 5 raffle tickets at a General Meeting. So please be on the look out for these **GOOD DEEDS** and email **Dennis Nasont** at Dnasont@aol.com for consideration. ★

## Looking for different sites to dive at?

There are a number of dive sites that you may not be aware of and have never been to. Some time ago there was a suggestion to come up with a "Top Ten" dive check list. The idea is to hit a number of different sites in areas including: North Coast; Monterey Bay Area; South Central Coast; Santa Barbara Coast; and South Coast within a year. So here's the list to consider.

### NORTH COAST (ANY 5)

Glass Beach  
Russian Gulch State Park  
Caspar Cove  
Van Damme  
Albion  
Elk  
Arena Cove  
Gerstle Cove  
Ocean Cove

## 2020 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*

Good luck to all!



Stillwater Cove (Sonoma)  
Timber Cove  
Fort Ross  
Russian Gulch

### MONTEREY BAY AREA (ANY 5)

Cannery Park  
McAbee Beach  
Lover's Point  
Coral Street  
Stillwater (Carmel)  
Carmel River  
Monastery Beach  
Whaler's Cove (Point Lobos)

### SOUTH CENTRAL COAST

(1 or 2 substitute for above)  
Garapata State Park  
Jade Cove

### SANTA BARBARA COAST

(1 or 2 substitute for above)  
Gaviota State Park  
Refugio State Beach

### SOUTH COAST

Channel Islands (Catalina)

If you're interested in coordinating a dive, you can use this list as a reference. We'll be making up a flyer with some information and photos of many of these sites and post it on the Club's Website too. So stay tuned and get ready to hit your "Top Ten" dive sites. ★

## Awards Banquet



### A Message from PADI on Battery Charging

There's a rising prevalence of battery-powered devices being used in diving situations: smart phones, underwater propulsion vehicles, computers, cameras, strobes, drones and other personal equipment. Following recent boating-related tragedies, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) have recommended that owners, operators and masters of passenger vessels consider limiting the unsupervised charging of lithium-ion batteries and extensive use of power strips and extension cords due to an increased risk of fire. This fire risk also extends to land-based dive operations, especially when charging batteries in hotel and designated camera rooms. ★

## Ghost ship washes ashore in Ireland after more than a year at sea

Abandoned by its crew, the cargo vessel made a lonely Odyssey across the Atlantic, a ghost ship seemingly destined never to make port. The 77-metre MV Alta drifted for over a year, skirting the Americas, Africa and Europe, rusting and derelict yet resolutely afloat.

Its voyage came to an end during Storm Dennis when it ran aground near Ballycotton, a fishing village in County Cork, Ireland, overlooking the Celtic Sea. The Alta wedged itself on to rocks, apparently intact. Experts from the local council, the Irish coastguard and Ireland's commissioner of wrecks were discussing what to do with a visitor that was drawing lots of attention. "Cork county council is asking members of the public to stay away from the wreck location as it is situated on a dangerous and inaccessible stretch of coastline and is in an unstable condition," the council said in a statement.

Environmental scientists who visited the area did not see



visible pollution, the council said. It has asked a marine contractor to board the Alta during low tide for a closer inspection. "Any risk in relation to oil, other hazardous substances and pollution from the vessel will be evaluated."

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## You otter go diving, baby.

Howard Timoney

Saturday February 1 was bright and sunny as your Deposed President, Former Emperor and Dear Leader for Life Howard Timoney and former Dippers member **Anton Dold** took their kayaks down to Monterey for a dive.

Surface conditions were approaching sketchy, but we decided to go anyway. The waves looked the same all across the beach and being lazy, we opted to drag our kayaks directly across the beach from where we were parked and enter close to the center of the beach. I got tumbled getting in, didn't lose any gear, but got a load of Monastery sand in my regulator. The free-flow didn't seem too bad and I opted to get the kayak launched rather than spend time trying to stop the free-flow in the surf zone. Anton turned off my air once I got out and we paddled off towards Pt. Lobos.

The winter storms have broken up most of the kelp the urchins haven't eaten, and it was a bit of a paddle to get to a good-looking kelp bed. I passed what looked like a piece of driftwood when the driftwood uncurled itself and started crying. That's not driftwood, that's a baby sea otter. The mothers will tie the babies up in kelp for safekeeping while they go hunting. This little guy untangled itself and started slowly following us, crying the whole time. We paddled off about 50 feet to another kelp bed and tied off to the kelp to go diving. This was a very little pup and it took it a minute or so

for it to catch up to us. It slowly circled our kayaks, crying nonstop while we assembled our gear. We thought the pup would attempt to get on a kayak, but I think the pup was too small. The mom popped up back where she left her pup. She could hear the cries but wouldn't get too close to us. She'd pop up to the surface, look at her pup, look at us, submerge, pop up, look at us, look at her pup, etc. Anton was first in the water, so the pup swam up to Anton and cried in his face. Once I was in the water Anton submerged and the pup swam up to me, crying non-stop. As I was dropping towards the bottom, I saw the mom swim by us, checking us out.



Once I hit the bottom and finished cinching up my BCD's waist strap, I checked my air. Crap. Remember that free-flow? It took half my air. So we spent a short dive swimming around a nice rock formation. When we got back the otter pup and mom were long gone.

We had some pretty good surge rolling through at 60-ft. depth and the surface conditions were really picking up. A quick paddle back to the beach and we exited the water

with no problems. With conditions getting worse we decided that lunch was better than another dive. Lunch was at Crossroads BBQ.

Scorecard:

- 2 went into the water, 2 came out.
- 1 rolled kayak at entry.
- 1/2 tank of air eaten by the free-flow monster.
- 1 cute but annoying otter pup.
- 1 cute but worried otter mother.
- 0 cameras.
- 1 happy otter mom and pup reunion.
- 70-ft. max, 65-ft. average for 20 minutes.
- 30-ft. visibility.
- Sketchy waves, little kelp, no lifeguard at the lifeguard stand until we got out of the water.
- 1 pulled pork and 1 tri-tip sandwich. Yummy.

And the moral of the story: You otter go diving baby, you never know what you'll come across.

**Note:** You can google "baby sea otter crying" and find several videos so you can hear the cute adorable annoying otter pup cries.

I told this story to a friend of mine who volunteers at the Monterey Aquarium and works with the baby otters. Our little guy was only a few days old. Although it looked completely waterlogged, that was only the outer layer of fur. The inner layer of fur is so full of air that the pups can't dive, they are too buoyant. Good Samaritans will often find a pup on the beach and wrap it in a towel, which can quickly overheat the pup as it's inner layer of fur is fluffy, dry and warm. Best to leave the pups alone, the mom is close. ★

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Built in 1976, the Alta was flagged in Tanzania, changed owner in 2017 and was sailing from Greece to Haiti in September 2018 when it became disabled about 1,380 miles (2,220km) south-east of Bermuda. Unable to make repairs, the 10-strong crew was rescued by the US coastguard cutter Confidence, which brought the crew members to Puerto Rico. According to gCaptain, a maritime industry news site, the US coastguard contacted the ship's owner to arrange a commercial tug to tow it to shore.

It was reportedly towed to Guyana only to be hijacked, with its subsequent fate unclear until August 2019 when a Royal Navy ice patrol ship, HMS Protector, encountered it in the mid-Atlantic, apparently unmanned. It is thought to

have later drifted up from Africa and past Spain to Ireland.

In ocean lore, the story of the ghost ship the Flying Dutchman is a myth dating from the 1700s. The Mary Celeste, in contrast, was real: it was found abandoned, heading for the strait of Gibraltar in 1872, the crew's fate a mystery. More recently, in 2006 the tanker Jian Seng was found off the coast of Queensland, Australia, without a crew, the identity of its owner and its origins unclear. In 2016 a wooden houseboat washed ashore on Ireland's Atlantic coast. Made with driftwood and polystyrene and fitted with solar panels, it turned out to have been built by Rick Small, a Canadian environmentalist who had given the boat away and had no idea how it ended up crossing the ocean unmanned. ★

## Major new oceanfront campground to be built along Monterey Bay

Paul Rogers, Mercury News

For 77 years, Fort Ord near Monterey was a sprawling Army base thick with artillery pieces, wooden barracks and infantrymen shooting rifles and machine guns during target practice.

More than 2 million men and women served there between 1917 and 1994, including soldiers who battled in World War I, stormed the beaches in Okinawa during World War II, and fought in Korea, Vietnam and Panama. When they were young and largely unknown, Fort Ord's soldiers included Clint Eastwood, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, rock star Jerry Garcia, and actors Leonard Nimoy and Jamie Farr. But this year, the oceanfront portion of the former base — four miles of majestic sand dunes hugging Monterey Bay — will begin a new transformation, with construction of a major new state park campground.

The \$22 million project, which is scheduled to go out for construction bids this spring, is the first new state park campground of its size built anywhere on the California coast in more than 30 years. Plans call for 110 campsites — half for RVs and half for tents — on the southern edge of the property, with four restroom buildings, a campfire center, community gathering building, beach access trail, overlooks of Monterey Bay and interpretive exhibits featuring wildlife and military history. State parks officials say they hope to begin construction this fall, and open it in 2022.

Funded with state parks bond money, the new facility will be the only state parks campground for more than 60 miles on the coast between southern Santa Cruz County and Big Sur. Years in the making, the project is part of an ongoing state effort to expand low-cost overnight accommodations on a coast where \$300-a-night-and-up hotels are pricing out many working class families from beach vacations.

"People love these wide open spaces," said Brent Marshall, superintendent of state parks' Monterey District, while hiking through the site this week. "The sand dunes are so dynamic. There is a long stretch of beach. You can get out on it and walk for hours." Fort Ord Dunes State Park has been open for a decade, for free, on the west side of Highway 1, near Seaside and Marina. The windswept park has minimal facilities, but is a favored spot for bike riders, beachcombers and surfers, drawing about 100,000 people a year. "There are pelicans and sea otters out here," said Marshall. "And whales. I've seen as many as six spouts."

Fort Ord was named for Civil War officer Edward Ord, colorful character who sailed to Monterey around Cape Horn in 1847 with William Tecumseh Sherman, helped survey the city of Los Angeles, was instrumental in the surrender of Robert E. Lee, and hunted buffalo across the Plains before dying of yellow fever in Cuba in 1883. The base's 28,000 acres that bear his name are equal in size to the city

of San Francisco. After the federal government closed Fort Ord in 1994 and moved its 7th Infantry Division to Fort Lewis, Washington, Monterey-area locals feared a major hit to the economy and a huge drop in school enrollments. A new university, Cal State University Monterey Bay, was constructed there. The university, pushed by Panetta when he was the congressman from Monterey and Santa Cruz, today has 7,500 students. Housing also was built on the former base east of Highway 1. Some of the land became a retail center, which now has stores ranging from Best Buy to REI. A veterans cemetery was constructed, as was a VA medical clinic. Despite years of demolitions, dozens of crumbling Army barracks buildings still remain, however, waiting for funding to remove asbestos and lead paint so they can be torn down.

More than half of Fort Ord's vast inland acres were left wild, and set aside as a national monument by President Obama in 2012, a landscape where the Army has worked to remove and clean up old munitions. But the base's four miles of stunning oceanfront, which were transferred to the state parks department, are the most breathtaking. To the south, Cannery Row is visible. To the north, Santa Cruz and Loma Prieta Peak. The park's 990 acres feature sand dunes

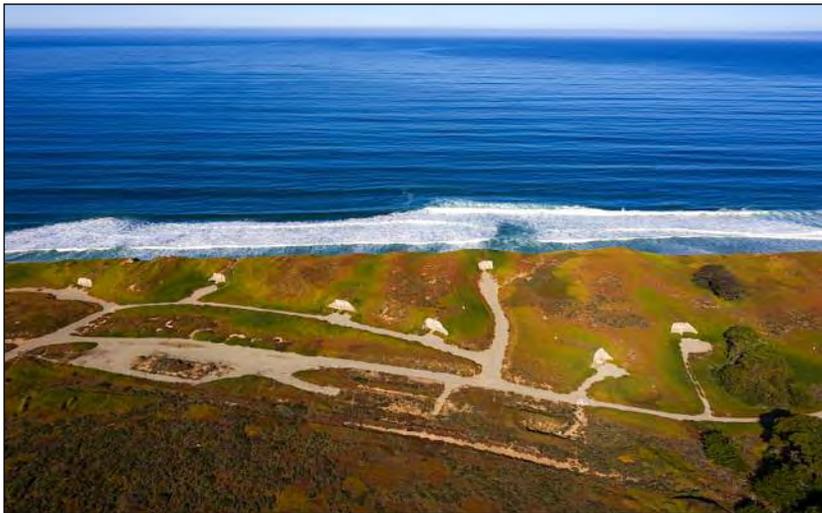
towering more than 100 feet tall, flanked by the crashing waves of Monterey Bay like a central coast version of Point Reyes National Seashore.

As with other state parks, Fort Ord Dunes was short of funding during California's historic budget deficits after the Great Recession. The campground project stalled. But after the economy improved and bond funding became available, the California Coastal Commission approved the plans in 2017.

"This is really one of the most exciting projects I've been involved with for a long time," said Coastal Commission Executive Director Jack Ainsworth. "It comes at a time when we are really pushing hard on affordable accommodations along the coast." Ainsworth recalled how he was one of nine children, growing up in San Bernardino County. His family rarely went to the beach, but when they could afford to go, he said, it was life-changing. "The experiences, the sights, the sounds, the smell, everything about the coast is wonderful," he said. "If I hadn't had that opportunity I wouldn't be in the position I am today. It's out of balance right now." Ainsworth has required companies building new hotels on the coast to provide some low-cost rooms or contribute to a fund that the commission uses to fund coastal campgrounds and other projects. He said the state parks department, which owns one-third of California's coastline, has a key role in making the coast accessible to everyone, no matter their economic background.

At Fort Ord, crews 20 years ago removed 700,000 pounds of lead bullets from firing ranges near the sand dunes with giant sifting machines and shipped contaminated soil to off-site landfills. State parks planners have designed the campsite away from the firing ranges, on an area near ammunition

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# DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

ABBY WILSON

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MARCH 2020

## SUNDAY, MARCH 1 PT LOBOS RESERVATIONS FOR MAY 9 S3 DIVE

Coordinator: **Howard Timoney**, (408) 439-6822, howardtimoney@comcast.net. Howard is orchestrating the May 9th S3 dive at Pt Lobos and the diver pair signups. Each pair must register, as only 15 dive pairs are allowed to dive within the park per day and registrations go quickly! Bring 2 tanks and plan on making 2 dives. And there will be a potluck picnic after the dives. Big FUN for the whole family!  
Point Lobos Reservations: [www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=28353](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28353). There is a direct link on the Club's Website, too.

## MONDAY, MARCH 2 LABOR DAY WEEKEND REGISTRATION FOR VAN

**DAMME** Registration opens today for campsites at Van Damme. Be sure to sign up for one of your own before they are gone! (Option to stay at Albion for large rigs).

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM

Meeting will be held at **Teresa Hanson's** home (408-966-6433, [teresa33b@gmail.com](mailto:teresa33b@gmail.com)). 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.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 7 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

## SATURDAY, MARCH 14 SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3) - BOAT DIVE

Coordinator: **Mike Chalup**, 408-744-1868, [mchalup@virtual.net](mailto:mchalup@virtual.net). Mike Chalup is planning a 2 tank boat dive for the Flipper Dippers on the Beachhopper!

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18 LOBSTER SEASON CLOSES

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

## SATURDAY, MARCH 28 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

## GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, March 18

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

**Celebrate 55 Years of the San Jose Flipper Dippers at our General Meeting.**

### Entertainment:

- ★ Presentation by **Dennis Nasont** on his recent trip diving the Caribbean
- ★ Great Raffle Prizes

**THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$20  
YOU must be present to win!**

### UPCOMING IN APRIL

- 01 Business Meeting
- 11 Second Saturday SCUBA - UW Easter Egg Hunt
- 15 General Meeting - SJFD 55 Years Old. Presentation on Purple Urchins by **Keith Rootsart**



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tion bunkers that was partly covered with asphalt. As part of the project they will convert one of the bunkers to an interpretive exhibit on the military history.

Former soldiers say they are intrigued. "It's been a long time since we had a campground built," said John Olson, a former Army captain who served at Fort Ord from 1991 to 1993. "One of the nice things about military areas is that they don't get widely used. The military can rough them up a bit, but they are left intact, by and large." Olson, who now is an assistant professor of freshwater ecology at CSU-Monterey Bay, said that it will be important for state parks crews to construct the campground carefully and work to restore native plants on the dunes by removing invasive ice plant, to help local wildlife flourish. He said he was proud to serve at Fort Ord, which was considered a top Army assignment because of its scenic location and the high morale of the troops. Some things haven't changed, he said: "There are still lots of young people here. They just aren't in uniform."

And while much of the coast was developed over time, the Army's presence left this stretch intact, he added. "It's this little untouched microcosm of California's coastline," Olson said. "People didn't go out there because there were firing ranges there for almost 100 years. And now its protected by the state. You get to see what the coastline looked like in California before all the development." ★

**When someone says you that you  
don't need anymore dive gear**



**Get rid of that person. You don't need  
that kind of negativity in your life.**

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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## 2020 COMING EVENTS

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Mar 1     | Pt. Lobos Reservations for May 9                              |
| Mar 2     | Labor Day Weekend Reservations<br>(Sept 2) Van Damme & Albion |
| Mar 4     | Business Meeting  |
| Mar 14    | Second Saturday SCUBA - Boat Dive                             |
| Mar 18    | 🐡 General Meeting   |
| Mar 18    | Lobster Season Closes   |
| April 1   | Business Meeting  |
| April 11  | Second Saturday SCUBA - Easter Egg Hunt                       |
| April 15  | 🐡 General Meeting - SJFD 56 Years Old                         |
| May 6     | Business Meeting  |
| May 9     | Second Saturday SCUBA Pt. Lobos                               |
| May 20    | 🐡 General Meeting - Spring Fling Raffle                       |
| May 22-25 | Memorial Day Weekend - Big Sur                                |
| June 3    | Business Meeting  |
| June 9    | Second Saturday SCUBA - Boat Dive                             |
| June 17   | 🐡 General Meeting - Food Drive                                |



**Remembering the Conception**  
DAN (Divers Alert Network) noted in the latest issue of Alert Diver that over \$220,960 was raised through donations for the families of the 34 divers who lost their lives in the Conception dive boat fire. Distributions to the families are underway. 🌊

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



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