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GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
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February 13 Second Saturday SCUBA

Howard Timoney

It was raining when **Brian Zaugg** and I left my house in San Jose. A stop in Gilroy to pick up **Madam President, Empress and Dear Leader Barb Davis** and we were off for Monterey. The wave models for the weekend were not promising and the AT&T Golf Tournament threatened to create traffic gridlock in the Monterey area. My thinking was that we would be suited up and in the water before the golfers and fans were out of bed and on the road, and my predictions for traffic proved correct. The ocean was not cooperating. We made a quick drive to Lover's Cove to check conditions and we saw several surfers out surfing the cove. The surfers were having some great runs, which told us the diving at Lover's was going to be bad.

We met **Manual Mangrobang, Bill Winter** and **Jim Rezowalli** at the upper Breakwater parking lot. Manual refused to dive the Metridium fields again. Howard refused to have anything to do with McAbee. Jim hadn't done the Breakwater wall in a long time so we decided to dive the wall.

Visibility was a dirty 6 to 8 feet. After about 20 minutes and having lost everybody I decided to call it quits and turned around and headed back to shore. By the time I got back to the beach the weather had cleared, the sun was out and it was warming up. I didn't feel like diving again so I got out of my wet gear, rinsed off and changed into my street clothes. The other divers finished off their tanks for a long dive. Barb and Brian made it into an hour dive.



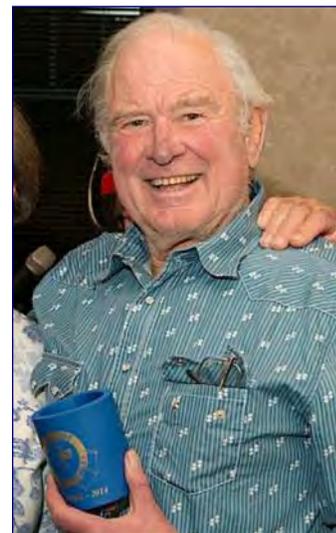
After a surface interval, the only two that wanted to make a second dive were Brian and Barb. Brian's computer was so horrified at making another dive in the Breakwater soup it quit and shutdown before Barb and Brian got suited up. With no way to tell how much air he had, Barb and Brian canceled their second dive and changed into street clothes.

We walked to Bulldog and had lunch.

Six went into the water, six came out of the water on their own power.
Visibility was crappy.
Lunch was good. ★

William 'Bill' Zschaler July 7, 1930 - Feb. 22, 2016

Charter Member **Bill Zschaler** passed away unexpectedly on February 22, due to heart failure. He was 85 years young and was a founding member of the San Jose Flipper Dippers in 1964. For many years, accompanied by **Helen Conway**, he coordinated the Club's clean-ups of Panther Beach and ski trips at the South Bay Ski Club's lodge near Sugar Bowl. Over the years Bill and Helen attended North Coast abalone dives and campouts at Albion and Van Damme and Russian Gulch State Parks. His hardy laugh could always be heard throughout the campsites. Bill, being the creative person he was, even cooked a turkey in a cardboard box during a Club camping and diving trip to Refugio State beach near Santa Barbara.



& Dance from early mornings into the evening, cooking and serving food.

Bill was admired by many Club members for his "vast wisdom, intelligence, artistic talent and great stories."

Services are pending and we will let members and friends know when plans are formalized.



Although he was slowing down these past few years, he was always eager to don his wetsuit and gear to go abalone diving during weekend campouts and 1-day ab grabs. Bill also participated in the Club's Annual Seafood Dinner

Refreshments Are Being Served

The following Dippers are asked to bring a goodie to the next General Meeting: **Ed McNeill, Mark Pryor, Hunter Reid, Jim Rezowalli, Jerry Richards** and



Steve Richards
Don't forget you will receive a FREE raffle ticket for your donation! ★

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



We are all saddened to hear of the recent passing of charter member **Bill Zschaler**. Bill was an active member for many years was very involved in many club activities. We will all miss him.

Congratulations to our two new members who were voted in at the February General meeting! **Manuel Mangrobang** and **Grace Chi** are enthusiastic about Monterey diving and we are looking forward to seeing them

on future dives.

Many thanks to **Herman Garcia** and **Moki Smith** of CHEER (Coastal Habitat Education & Environmental Restoration) for the great presentation at the February General meeting about their upcoming underwater ocean cleanup event on March 19th. This will be the first of what is planned as an annual event, and the Dippers will be involved from the get-go.

Dive conditions in February were less than optimal, but 6 Dippers did get in a dive at the Breakwater for our Second Saturday SCUBA (S3) outing. Viz was less than 10 feet, but VP **Brian Zaugg** managed to find an octopus which he pointed out to his fellow divers. We'll continue to keep an eye on the weather and ocean conditions and get our dives in where and when we can.

Easter Sunday is March 27th this year, so our March 12th S3 dive will be the 7th Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt. Be sure to sign up for this fun event! You won't want to miss it!

Abalone season opens on April 1st, and our own **John Snyder** will provide an update at the March General Meeting on the current rules and regulations, plus tips on equipment, locations, etc. Who knows, maybe YOU will get the biggest ab this year.

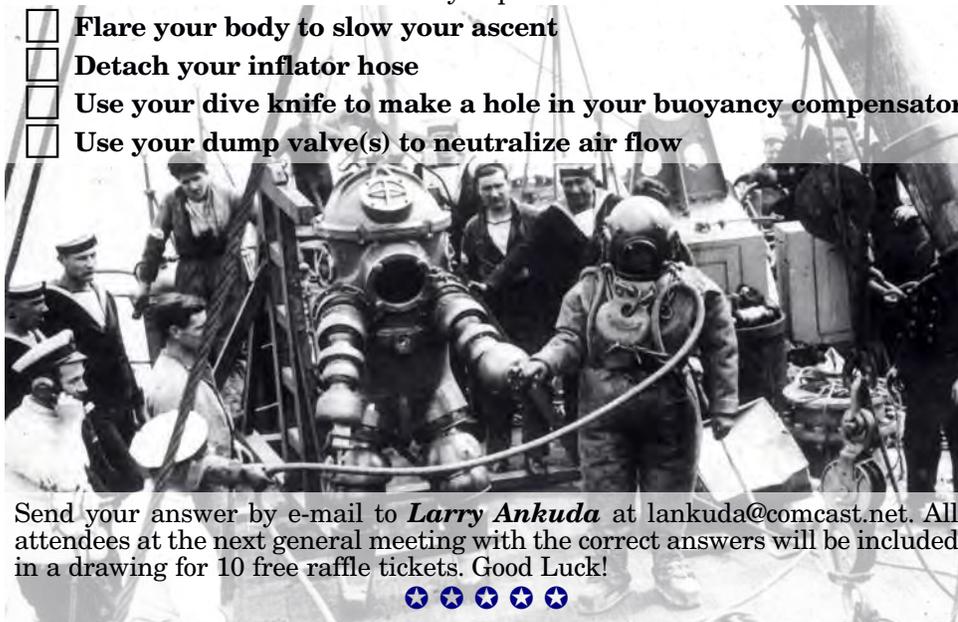
Everyone keep safe and let's go diving!

– Barbara

Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

This Month's Question: You are cruising along on scuba wearing a wetsuit. Suddenly you hear air flowing and you experience positive buoyancy and uncontrolled ascent. In which order should you perform these actions?

- Flare your body to slow your ascent
- Detach your inflator hose
- Use your dive knife to make a hole in your buoyancy compensator
- Use your dump valve(s) to neutralize air flow



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



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CLUB COMMITTEES

RAFFLE NEWS

Lance Williams

The February Raffle was a smaller one, but nice gifts were supplied. **Jackie Gardner** won a bottle of Mumm Napa Cuvee M sparkling wine donated by **Howard Timoney**. Jackie also won Mystery Gift #2, a blue bottle opener, too bad. The other donors were: Jackie Gardner donating a garlic dip kit in a ceramic container, and an Ooze Tube used to water trees. **Bill Winter** supplied a \$10 gift card, **Carl Tuttle** supplied 2 large matching Bad Boys coffee mugs and a large wooden mallet, while **John Schwarz** supplied a 7" Abalone gauge. Mystery Gift #1 was a \$50 gift card for Any Water Sports. I forgot to write down all the winners of the raffle, but I do remember that new member **Manuel Mangrobang**, below, took over half the gifts including Any Water Sports \$50 gift card. Beginners luck!



THE DOOR PRIZE Oops! I did it again! The door prize would have been taken by **Patrick Murphy** if he hadn't left early. Maybe he was afraid if he won he'd have to give it away, again! The door prize stands at it's new value of \$30.

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: **Brian Zaugg, Barbara Zweg, Tedd Adshade, Tony and Debby Alarcon, Larry Ankuda, Mike Chalup** and **Dale Darnell**. 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

It is great to have **Manuel Mangrobang** and **Grace Chi** voted into the Club last month. Both are excited to be diving and I'm sure will be joining us on our many dives and activities in the coming year.



A FREE raffle ticket will be given to the following Dippers who have a birthday this month: **Don Mercado** and **Mark Pryor** Happy birthday to our Flipper Dippers of the new year! ★

Abalone season is right around the corner!

Just in time for the April 1st opening of abalone season, our own John Snyder will give us a 'heads up' on the do's and don'ts of abalone diving. Have the rules changed? What license, cards and tags are required? What are the 2016 license fees? What equipment do I need? If you haven't been abalone diving, here's your chance to get the latest information. Then you can join in on the April 2nd 1-day ab grab. ★



2016 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

LINGCOD

Open

ABALONE

Open

CABEZON

Open

SHEEPHEAD

Open

LOBSTER

Open

OTHER OPEN CATEGORIES
*Halibut, White Sea Bass,
Striped Bass*

SCUBA

LINGCOD

Open

CABEZON

Open

SHEEPHEAD

Open

LOBSTER

Open

HALIBUT

Open

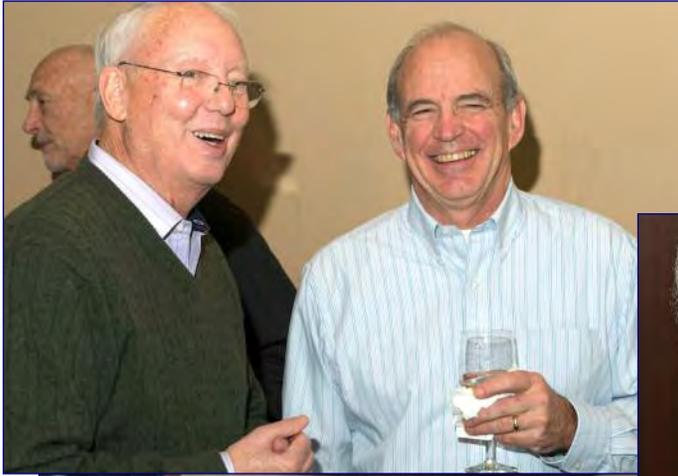
The race is on! Good luck to all!



Annual Awards Banquet was a lot of fun!

Photos by Mike Chalup and Gregg Davis.





Albion Ab Dive: Memorial Day Weekend - May 27th - 30th

Our next big North Coast dive will be Memorial Day weekend, May 27–30, at Albion Flat Campground. The Club has only 10 camping spaces for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. The cost is \$35 tent, \$40 RV (includes electric and water) per night for one vehicle/two people. Boat launching is extra.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the April General Meeting for Flipper Dipper members in-good-standing (dues paid!) and their guests, and prospective members. Remember, **you MUST be on the signup sheet to be admitted to the campground, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

1st-Come, 1st-Served and Club members must indicate if they wish a RV, camper or tent site (we can take all 10 RV/campers and squeeze in tents) but no more than 10 RV and campers. AND ANYONE cancelling within a 30 day window will need to reimburse the Club for loss of our deposit.

This is a great place to freedive for fish and abalone. And don't forget your game bag, fishing

license, ab card, hole punch, water-proof scissors, water-proof pen, and zip ties!.

We usually have a number of Club member boats or “rubber duckies” available, so no one has to swim too far for their abs if they don't want to. A large number of Club members, long experienced in ab diving, will be there to show the newcomers how it is done, so new divers and prospective members are encouraged to attend. There is a sandy beach and a fresh water river so bring the kids. Albion has hot showers, rest-rooms, electric hook-ups, and water to most campsites.

Don't forget our infamous ab feed and potluck on Saturday night, which means that each member will provide one cleaned, sliced and pounded ab for every four people in your party plus a potluck dish (hot dish, salad, dessert, etc.) to feed 5+ people. After dinner there will be a bonfire to enjoy.



Because of the limited camping space and the large number of Dippers who come to Albion, many not arriving until late Friday, Club members have priority on campsites. **Dennis Nasont** (408-338-9269, dnasont@aol.com) is coordinating this holiday weekend. A special invitation is extended to all new and prospective members to join us for a weekend of diving to remember. ★

San Jose Flipper Dippers 2016 Photo Competition

Jim Rezowalli

The San Jose Flipper Dippers photo competition is back and everyone has a chance to win. This year there are two categories: **Underwater** and **Gnome Adventure**. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner for each of the 2 categories. There is a \$15 Entry Fee. Members and Associate Members can enter. For the Underwater category, only underwater photos can be entered. Each entry will be given a 9-inch tall Gnome, complete with mask and snorkel. Take your "little friend" on a Club activity and take photos. Underwater, above water, on the beach, on your kayak, in the campground - use your imagination!

Give me your best shot!



Photo Competition Rules

- \$15 Entry Fee must be paid by May 1st, 2016. You must pay the entry fee to participate.
- All photos must be taken in 2016 on a scheduled club dive, or activity with a minimum of 2 current members-in-good-standing
- Participant can only enter 4 images for each of the 2 categories (Gnome or No-Gnome)
- Each photo submitted must be printed on 8-inch x 10-inch photo paper
- Each print must have the category, your name and "top" of photo clearly marked on the back
- All prints must be submitted by December 31st
- Judging will be held at the Annual Awards Banquet (January 2017)
- Winners will be announced at the February 2017 General Meeting

In remembrance of Charter Member **Bill Zschaler** we are inviting everyone to submit photos of Bill for a special collage that will be on display at the Awards Banquet. So, dig through those files and folders for those photos or print them from your digital images. Any size (up to 8 x 10) photo paper will be accepted but must be submitted by December 31st. We will then create a special photo tribute to Bill for everyone attending the Awards Banquet to enjoy.

For more information contact Jim Rezowalli, 408-202-3132, email: jimandthebeach@gmail.com. ★

Want to participate in the Trophy Competition?

If you're curious about the Club's Trophy Competition, here are the rules. This is all about fun and diving. There are members in the Club that are sure to give you a "run for your money." If you think you don't have what it takes, just ask **Barbara Davis** about the time she beat out all the "men" for the halibut trophy!

TROPHY RULES (Oct., 2013, Revision 3)

1. Trophies are awarded for catches made during the calendar year—January 1 through December 31.
2. All catches must conform to the California state fishing regulations (i.e., no undersize or out-of-season catches).
3. You must be a member in good standing of the San Jose Flipper Dippers at the time the catch is made.
4. The catch must be made with a minimum of two (2) Club members in the water (you and at least one other Club member who is in the water with you). Associate members and prospective members do not qualify for this purpose. The catch can be made on either a scheduled Club dive or on a non-scheduled dive.
5. The trophy claim must be



made within one week of the catch by calling or writing the Trophy Committee chairperson. The member claiming the trophy must make the contact—not have someone else call it in.

6. The Club has seven (8) skindiving trophy categories: abalone, cabezon, halibut/flounder, lingcod, lobster, sheephead, striped bass, and white sea bass. There are five (5) scuba trophy categories: cabezon, halibut/flounder, lingcod, lobster, and sheephead.
7. Each month the member whose name appears in the newsletter as the trophy holder in each category 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 raffle tickets each month until someone beats your catch. At the end of the calendar year a final trophy will be acquired by the Trophy Committee chairperson and presented to the winner in each category at the January Awards Banquet.
8. Measurement of trophy catches shall be as follows: the length of the abalone shell, excluding any other marine organisms which may be present on it. Calipers or a straightedge may be used to make the measurement. The shell must be kept by the trophy holder in case of any question on the size. Measurements should preferably be reported in 1/16ths of an inch, and must be at least 1/16th of an inch over an existing record to claim the lead. Lobsters and fish shall be reported by weight before cleaning, using an available scale and preferably reported in pounds and 1/4ths of pounds. A 1/4th pound difference over an existing record is required to claim the lead. A measurement MAY NEVER BE ROUNDED UP.
9. All claims shall be assumed to be accurate as reported, and the Trophy Committee chairperson will not act as a referee in cases of dispute. ★

DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

BRIAN ZAUGG

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MARCH 2016

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 NO SCHEDULED DIVES

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3)

7th Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt. Co-coordinators: Jim Rezowalli, (408)202-3132, jimandthebeach@gmail.com and Bill Winter. Meet at 8:00 AM at Del Monte Beach to dive for Easter Eggs. Thirty-six numbered eggs will be dropped in depths of 25 to 40 feet. Contestants will line up on the beach and when the whistle blows, the race is on! The divers that return with the highest sum of numbers on the eggs they bring up will win the great prizes. Street parking is available or park in the wharf parking lot. Bring 2 tanks and plan on making a 2nd dive under the wharf. Please RSVP in case the dive gets cancelled or moved due to weather or surf conditions.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

PANTHER BEACH CLEAN-UP

Coordinator: TBD. Meet at 9:00 A.M. Parking on the left just past mile marker 26.4 on Hwy 1 north of Santa Cruz, just before the town of Davenport. For those new members, we have "Adopted" this beach (Panther Beach) and the Flipper Dippers have been cleaning up for several years. Join in for a FREE lunch!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

LOBSTER SEASON CLOSES

Be sure to send in your report cards or go on-line to report.

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, March 16th

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

Come celebrate 51 Years of the San Jose Flipper Dippers at our General Meeting.

Entertainment: Abalone diving rules, equipment and tips.

THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$30!

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

CHEER 1st Annual Ocean Clean-up

Coordinator: Brian Zaugg, (408)218-9712, brian.zaugg@gmail.com Coastal Habitat Education & Environmental Restoration (aka CHEER) is sponsoring an exhibition and education event. The exhibition event will take place outside the Sea Harvest Restaurant on the North Harbor at Moss Landing. Depending on the outcome of test dives conducted by CHEER, SJFD divers may participate in search & recovery dives supporting the event. Watch your e-mail for additional details of this event.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 NO SCHEDULED DIVES

UPCOMING IN APRIL

- 1 Abalone Season Opens
- 2 1-day Ab Grab
- 6 Business Meeting
- 9 Second Saturday Scuba (S3)
- 10 Tomales Bay Clam Dig
- 20 General Meeting**
- 23-May 1 Bonaire Warm Water Dive Trip
- 24 Panther Beach Clean-up



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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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2016 COMING EVENTS

Mar 2	Business Meeting
Mar 12	Second Saturday SCUBA - Eggs!
Mar 16	☛ General Meeting
Mar 19	CHEER Underwater Cleanup
Apr 2	1-Day Ab Grab
Apr 6	Business Meeting
Apr 9	Second Saturday SCUBA
Apr 10	Clam Dig
Apr 20	☛ General Meeting - 52 Years Old!
Apr 23-5/1	Bonaire Warm Water Trip
Apr 24	Panther Beach Clean-Up
May 4	Business meeting
May 14	Second Saturday SCUBA - Pt. Lobos
May 18	☛ General Meeting - Spring Raffle
May 27 - 30	Memorial Day Albion Ab Weekend



Some Dippers went skiing in Park City. Do you recognize either of them?

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



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