

NEWSLETTER



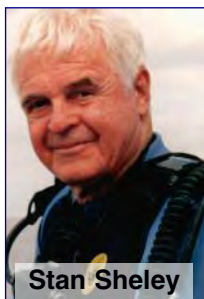
San Jose Flipper Dippers

APRIL
2016

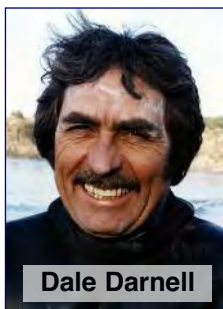
GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
WWW.SJFLIPPERDIPPERS.COM

Dippers 52nd Birthday!

The **San Jose Flipper Dippers**, one of the oldest and most active dive clubs in Northern California, began its odyssey back in 1964 with a small group of SCUBA instructors and other devoted divers dedicated to the promotion of safety and diver training. **Stan Sheley** was our first President, and by 1965 the Club had a "Charter Member" list of 46 divers strong. The first edition of this newsletter was published in April 1965 and consisted of two pages! Three Charter Members (now Lifetime) are still in the Club including **Dale Darnell**, **Jan Robinson** and **Ken Seaton**. ★★★★★



Stan Sheley



Dale Darnell



Ken Seaton



Jan Robinson

This year's anniversary also salutes those who have been Club members for 20 consecutive years – or more!

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Carl Tuttle '72</i> | <i>Tony Alarcon '87</i> |
| <i>Tedd Adshade '75</i> | <i>Mike Chalup '88</i> |
| <i>Jess Pimentel '75</i> | <i>Kelly Drake '88</i> |
| <i>John Schwartz '79</i> | <i>Don Mercado '88</i> |
| <i>Jerry Richards '82</i> | <i>Hunter Reid '88</i> |
| <i>Steve Richards '84</i> | <i>Steve Lodoen '93</i> |
| <i>Barbara Zwieg '85</i> | <i>Barbara Davis '93</i> |
| <i>Bill Shipman '86</i> | <i>Larry Ankuda '94</i> |
| <i>Debby Alarcon '87</i> | <i>Greg Davis '94</i> |

★★★★★

A Recipe for Disaster

From an Anonymous Diver

With an end-of-season lobster dive only a couple of days away, I was glad to accept an offer to borrow a BC from a friend of mine, since I had not yet replaced my own. Due to time constraints I did not have the opportunity to test it out with my tank and regulator. After a near-sleepless night, and a long drive south, we boarded the dive boat, and began setting up our gear. That was when I realized that the power inflator quick disconnect was a different size on my first stage regulator hose than on my borrowed BC. Fortunately, we had arrived early in the afternoon, and I was able to make it to the dive shop with the intention of buying a new power inflator hose. Unfortunately, it was pointed out to me that my 25-year-old first stage would not accommodate the connector on the new hose. So, I asked for a rental regulator—not noticing that there was no compass on the console. I was able to get a couple hours of rest, before we made the not-so-smooth crossing to Catalina.

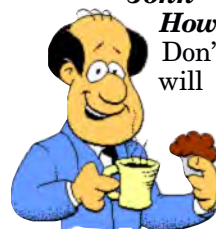


We dropped anchor on the lee side of the island in mild seas with little wind. The conditions were promising for a night assault on

Continued on Page 4

Refreshments Are Being Served

The following Dippers are asked to bring a goodie to the next General Meeting: **Michelle** and **Scott Shimberg**, **John Schwartz**, **Bill Shipman**, **John Snyder** and **Howard Timoney**



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

What's Inside?



- President's Corner 2*
- Diver's IQ Review 2*
- Ab Survey. 4*
- Memorial Day Wknd . . . 5*
- Photo Competition 6*
- STAR Program 6*
- Activity Calendar 7*

WWW.SJFLIPPERDIPPERS.COM

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



For our March General Meeting entertainment we had a presentation on diving in Indonesia by Diane Aagesen of Tasik Ria Resorts. They are offering some great deals on a couple of their upcoming 2016 trips.

The local diving conditions in March were not the greatest, and our Second Saturday SCUBA (S3) UW Easter Egg dive had to be postponed. So be sure to join us on Saturday, April 9th, for the rescheduled Annual Underwater Easter Egg hunt! Find out if **Jim Rezowalli** has really come up with a way to more randomly distribute the eggs! This event is always a lot of fun. And there's also the option of a second dive under wharf 2 after the egg hunt.

Also postponed was the ocean cleanup dive scheduled as part of the CHEER exhibition and education event. Instead, we had a Flipper Dippers booth where we showed off various types of dive equipment, abalone shells and discussed local diving with event attendees. Joining me at the event were **Greg Davis, Jim Rezowalli, Hunter Reid, Carl Tuttle** and **Manuel Mangrobang**. We even signed up a few additions to our mailing list! Dippers enjoyed visiting the other booths at the event and learning more about recycling and other ways to keep our oceans clean. Club members also did well in the raffle at the event, taking home some plush marine animals, a restaurant gift certificate, and a shiny new SCUBA tank!

April 1st is the opening of Abalone season, and **Carl Tuttle** will be leading a 1-day ab grab on Saturday, April 2nd. So make sure you have your 2016 fishing license and ab card and get your gear in order! **John Snyder** is on assignment with FEMA and won't be back until mid May so his presentation on abalone diving will be rescheduled for a later date.

On April 23rd, twelve Dippers and friends will be off to Bonaire for a week of diving and relaxation. Look for trip photos at an upcoming meeting.

Everyone keep safe and let's go diving!
 – **Barbara**



San Jose Flipper Dippers

P.O. Box 7421, San Jose, CA 95150

WWW.SJFLIPPERDIPPERS.COM

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Barbara Davis 408-656-6390

VICE PRESIDENT

Brian Zaugg 408-218-9712

SECRETARY

Mike Chalup 408-744-1868

TREASURER

Jim Rezowalli 408-202-3132

SERGEANT AT ARMS

John Schwartz 408-985-7272

AWARDS AND FINES

John Schwartz 408-985-7272

CLUB PROPERTY

Jerry Richards 408-267-7853

CLUB TRAINING

Lance Williams 650-321-5255

ENTERTAINMENT

OPEN **Why Not You?**

MEMBERSHIP

Teresa Hanson 408-966-6433

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

Carl Tuttle 408-286-7956
 e-mail tutcomms@sbcglobal.net

PHOTOGRAPHY

Mike Chalup 408-744-1868

RAFFLE

Lance Williams 650-321-5255

REFRESHMENTS

Steve Richards 408-267-7853

STAR ACHIEVEMENT

Jerry Richards 408-267-7853

SAFETY

★ -> **OPEN** <- ★

TROPHY COMPETITION

John Snyder 408-378-4963

CLUB COMMITTEES

Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

This Month's Question: Bottom time is time spent ____ ?

- 1.) On the bottom only
- 2.) When you start to descend
- 3.) When you leave the surface to the time you return to it

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!



RAFFLE NEWS

Lance Williams

The March Raffle had a variety of nice gifts. **Mike Chalup** donated a \$10.00 OSH card won by **Carl 'King Tut' Tuttle**, **Dale Darnell** brought in a mask and snorkel from a bygone time along with four (4) cook books and **Dave Bruce** brought in two (2) pounds of elk steaks. Lance brought in a shark book and SJFD trivet won by our VP **Brian Zaugg**, L.O.R.D. **Larry Ankuda** donated the book "The Deep" and a Ocean Kayak hat, two (2) water bottles from the Dippers' ski trip to Park City were donated and a Mystery Gift from the January Awards Banquet: a DVD of "Shakrnado 2." Lastly **Teresa Hanson** came through with a bottle of Stone-house Muscadine white wine. There were lots of happy winners – who I didn't have on my list. A big winner was Dale who had to leave early, so he gave Carl \$5 to purchase tickets. A few days after the meeting Carl phoned Dale; "I've got some Good News and some Bad News." Dale asked, "Give me the good news first." Carl replied, "Well, The good news is you won a bunch of prizes. The bad news is you get back 3 out of the 4 cookbooks you put on the raffle table!" We're not sure how Dale does at the casinos but he was lucky at 'Liar's Dice' years ago.

THE DOOR PRIZE The \$30 door prize was taken by **Greggie Davis** because he didn't leave early! The door prize now starts over at \$10.

THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE: Each month we pick names from the Club's Roster for members to bring a donation for the Raffle Table. This month the following are asked to bring a dive-related gift: **Barbara Davis, Greggie Davis, Anton Dold, Kelly Drake, Tom Gardner, Jackie Gardner** and **Teresa Hanson**. If you live out of the area or can't attend the General Meeting, please contact, **Lance Williams** (+1- 650-321-5255, Willo 1044@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

Warm welcome to guest **Dave Dixon** who heard about the Club from **John Snyder**, and Lauri and Bob who went diving with Lance to Mexico. We hope these visitors will join in on our diving activities! [Check with **Lance Williams** about the upcoming trip to Cozumel June 17 to July 2 – FREE rooms and great diving].

A FREE raffle ticket will be given to the following Dippers who have a birthday this month: **Greggie Davis, Patrick Murphy, Jim Rezowalli, John** (guess how old I am) **Schwartz** and **Brian Zaugg**. Happy birthday to our Flipper Dippers of the new year! ★

ANNUAL 'SPRING FLING' RAFFLE COMING IN MAY

Our annual 'Spring Fling' raffle at the May General Meeting is just around the corner. This is one of two times a year that we dispense with the usual alphabetical rotation system and ask **everyone** to bring a special raffle gift. This can be dive or camping-related, homemade craft, some liquid refreshment or whatever. Or maybe your business/workplace could donate an item or a service. **BE CREATIVE!** The more we have on the raffle table, the more money the Club will have to support our newsletter and activities. More information on how this raffle works next month. ★

We'll have a "Social Hour" this month as **John Snyder** is on assignment with FEMA. We'll reschedule his abalone presentation for another time. As the April General Meeting is after the 1-day ab grab and the UW Easter Egg Hunt, there should be a lot of interesting stories to share - and more! See you there. ★



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

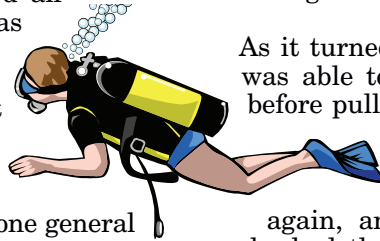
Open

The race is on! Good luck to all!



the local bug population. After familiarizing myself with the location of the cummerbund buckle, the chest strap snap, the two ditch snaps for the two 5# weights of the integrated weight system, the power inflator/air release (left hand side of BC), and the upper and lower pull cord air releases, I was ready to jump in to what was reported as being 45 feet of depth.

As I approached the bottom at 71 feet I felt as if I had already pumped an inordinate amount of air into my BC to no avail. In a matter of minutes I found a higher spot on the reef at 60 feet, and tried to navigate in one general direction. Soon I realized I was swimming in circles, and that the BC was most likely not holding air. As I approached my safety stop at 13 feet with 700 PSI, I was still operating the left hand side power inflator and right side shoulder air release cord, thinking the air release valve may have been sticking. I had to use my dive light both to read my computer on my right wrist, and locate the power inflator button on the left side. Every time I switched the light from one hand to the other, I was inadvertently dropping 10-20 feet. By the time I successfully completed a five-minute safety stop, my tank was on empty. I surfaced about 20 yards from the stern.



I began kicking for the boat. After a couple of minutes, I realized that there was a small current, and that I wasn't making any progress. I also realized I was tiring. Deciding to step on it, I began a full, all-out swim for the boat. A minute later, breathing heavily, I checked my progress again. Nothing. I was exhausted, and my judgment was cloudy. I called for help, not knowing if anyone had heard

me. My gear pulled me under once, and I swallowed water. I struggled to find the weight release, and finally ditched one of the 5# weights. I couldn't find the other. Then I doffed the BC, holding it in my one hand as I struggled to uncouple my dive sausage and light from it—before jettisoning the tank and BC.

As it turned out, help arrived before I let go of the BC. I was able to pass it up, along with my 18# weight belt, before pulling myself out of the ocean. I laid down in the skiff for a few minutes, still breathing heavily. Once back on board, I filled the BC with air, and it promptly deflated on its own. I filled it again, and that time it held air without leaking. I checked the air release valve for foreign debris, but the valve was clean and did not stick. As I was donning the BC before a daytime dive the next morning, I noticed that the air release draw cord had wrapped under the shoulder strap. I wondered if that was the case the night before, and that the tension thus created was holding the valve in an open position from the time of my decent.

I also wondered why I didn't release my weight belt once I surfaced. There are a number of lessons I learned from this near disaster. Primarily, to be extremely familiar with every aspect of all your dive gear. Secondly, exhaustion can lead to cloudy decisions, which can have a negative impact on your lifespan. I vividly recall going from a state of casual alarm regarding the malfunctioning BC, to full alert (considering ditching the integrated weight system on the BC), to near panic and poor decision by the time I doffed the BC (I should have jettisoned the weight belt first thing). ★

Abalone Creel Survey

Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in helping with the abalone creel surveys this year? These surveys are interviews with abalone fishermen at popular fishing sites during low tides in Mendocino and Sonoma counties plus Shelter Cove in Humboldt County. This is not an enforcement effort in any way. The Calif. DF&W is collecting data on numbers, sizes and location of catch plus some other needed fishery information. The dates selected this year are April 10 & 11 (Sunday, Monday); May 8 & 9 (Sunday, Monday); and June 5 & 6 (Sunday, Monday). People can sign up for single days. Some travel expenses can be covered. The state will cover lodging costs up to a total of \$180 (but no more than \$90 per night) plus taxes and three days per diem. Airfare will not be covered. Private car mileage can be claimed up to the cost of a rental car and fuel.



Sites include Shelter Cove (southern Humboldt County), Hardy Creek, MacKerricher State Park, Glass Beach, south Georgia Pacific Mill, Van Damme State Park, Arena Cove, Moat Creek (Mendocino County), Sea Ranch, Salt Point and Fort Ross area (Sonoma County). The sampling is done for about 3 ½ hours during morning low tides but will not begin

before the new 8:00 A.M. abalone fishery start time. For information on participating with the creel survey contact the Fort Bragg Marine Region field office:

Jerry Kashiwada, Environmental Scientist
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
32330 North Harbor Drive, Ft. Bragg, CA 95437
(707) 964-5791, Jerry.Kashiwada@wildlife.ca.gov



CHEERS! Dippers look for interest in the Club during the CHEER event in March at Moss Landing including, from left, **Greggie Davis, Carl Tuttle, Jim Rezowalli, the Diving Gnome, Barbara Davis and Manuel Mangrobang.**

Attention Memorial Weekend Abalone Divers, Friends, and Wine Lovers!

Dennis Nasont

During the Memorial Day Weekend at Albion, on Saturday afternoon, we will be featuring a BLIND WINE TASTING COMPETITION.

A special *Wine Tasting Competition Table* will be set up with tasting cups and voting ballots for all who participate. A \$2.00 per-person *tasting fee* will be collected and the proceeds will go to the winners of each Red and White wine: **1st & 2nd Place for Red** and **1st & 2nd Place for White**. Participants will vote for their Top Two favorite wines. The votes will be counted and the winners will be announced during the dinner.

Join in to see if your favorite is a winner! Bring a bottle of Red and/or White wine wrapped, to hide the label, to add to the tasting table. Be sure you provide me with the vintner and vintage of your wine(s) for tabulation of votes.

Wines shall be submitted by 4PM (the same time as all sliced and pounded abs are due for the dinner preparation) and tasting will commence shortly thereafter. ★



Recreational Dungeness Crab Fishery Opens

Recreational Dungeness crab fishery south of the Mendocino/Sonoma county line has opened, and opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery – delayed since November – was set for March 26 in the same region.

Recent test results show that domoic acid levels in crabs off the California coast south of the Mendocino/Sonoma county line no longer pose a significant human health risk, according to notice given today to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) by the director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), after consultation with the Director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Closures remain in place north of the Mendocino/Sonoma county line for the Dungeness crab commercial and recreational fisheries. The commercial and recreational rock crab fisheries are closed north of Piedras Blancas Light Station near San Simeon, and in state waters around San Miguel, Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz islands.

The unusually high domoic acid levels off the coast this fall and winter wrecked a Dungeness crab fishery worth as much as \$90 million a year to California's economy. Domoic acid is a potent neurotoxin that can accumulate in shellfish, other invertebrates and sometimes fish. At low levels, domoic acid exposure can cause nausea, diarrhea and dizziness in humans. At higher levels, it can cause persistent short-term memory loss, seizures and may be fatal.

Both the commercial and recreational Dungeness crab seasons are scheduled to end June 30 in the newly opened area, although the CDFW director has authority to extend the commercial season. ★



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 sign-up 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 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, restrooms, 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. ★

STAR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Ever notice some Club members with Gold Stars on the back of their jackets? Here's how to get yours! These achievements may be accomplished and recorded in any order. Stars will be awarded in numerical order upon completion of all previous requirements. It is the Club member's responsibility to make sure these accomplishments are recorded with the Star Achievement Program Chairperson. All of the below qualifications will be determined and reviewed by the San Jose Flipper Dippers' Star Achievement Program Committee. Chances are, you already qualify for your first 'Star' and don't know it. Review the list below - 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.

San Jose Flipper Dippers 2016 Photo Competition is in Full Swing!

Jim Rezowalli

The San Jose Flipper Dippers photo competition is back and there are already sightings of the Diving Gnome 'Photo Bombing' some Dipper activities. 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!

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

*Do you
know where
I've been?*



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

DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

BRIAN ZAUGG

www.SJFLIPPERDIPPERS.COM

APRIL 2016

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 ABALONE SEASON OPENS

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

ONE-DAY AB GRAB Coordinator: **Carl Tuttle**, 1-408- 286-7956; Email: tutcomms@ sbcglobal.net. This will be a float dive at Timber Cove (\$8 fee per person). Plan to meet at the Central YMCA parking lot at 6:30 AM to carpool. We will stop for breakfast at Henny Penny's Diner in Petaluma, so you could meet the group there. Don't forget your NEW 2016 fishing license, ab card, zip ties, individual catch bag, and a pen that writes. Contact Carl to sign up.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3): 7th ANNUAL U/W EAST-ER EGG HUNT Aka: Eggxacta Scramble

Coordinators: **Jim**

Rezowalli, (408) 202-3132, jimandthebeach@gmail.com, and **Bill Winter** (advance preparation). Rescheduled from last month. 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. Meet on the beach by the municipal wharf. Bring 2 tanks and plan on making a 2nd dive under the wharf. Please RSVP in case the dive gets cancelled.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 TOMALES BAY CLAM DIG

Coordinator: **Tom Gardner**, (408)274-9447, tomandjackieus@yahoo.com. Meet at 5:30 A.M. for the trip to Lawson's Landing in Tomales Bay. Boat or kayak required. Low tide is at 8:48 AM. Should be back in San Jose @ 2:30 PM. Contact Tom for more information and to sign up.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, April 20th

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

Come celebrate 52 Years of the San Jose Flipper Dippers at our General Meeting.

Entertainment: Assorted Stories - Being your best!

THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$10!

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 - MAY 1 BONAIRE WARM WATER DIVE TRIP

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

UPCOMING IN MAY

- 4 Business Meeting
- 14 Second Saturday SCUBA (S3) at Pt. Lobos
- 18 General Meeting and Spring Raffle
- 26 (27)-30 Memorial Day Albion Ab Weekend (See article on Page 5)



Rhymes With Orange - Hilary Price



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.



San Jose Flipper Dippers

P.O. Box 7421
San Jose, CA 95150



Follow us on
Facebook



FIRST CLASS MAIL

2016 COMING EVENTS

Apr 2	1-Day Ab Grab
Apr 6	Business Meeting
Apr 9	Second Saturday SCUBA UW Egg Hunt
Apr 10	Tomales Bay 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
June 1	Business Meeting
June 5	Panther Beach Clean-Up
June 11	Second Saturday SCUBA (Boat)
June 15	☛ General Meeting - Food Drive
June 25	Tomales Bay Clam Dig

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



The 'Eggxacta Scramble'
will take place on April 9th.
Will you see Eggnome?



WWW.SJFLIPPERDIPPERS.COM