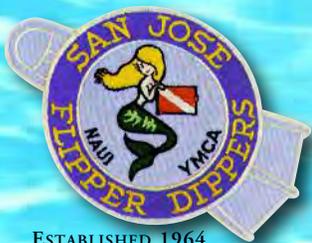


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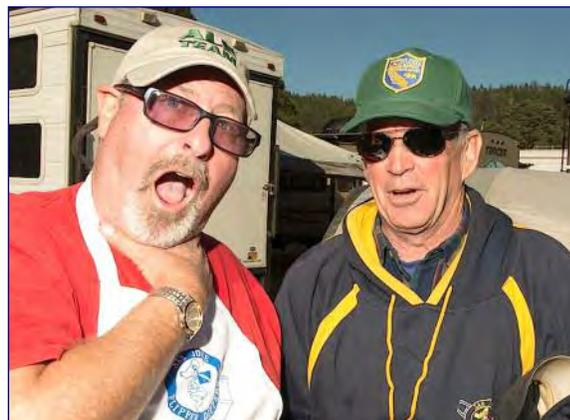


DIVING BONAIRE

A bunch of Flipper Dippers and friends traveled to Bonaire the last week of April for some exceptional diving. At our October General Meeting, fellow Flipper Dipper **Mike Chalup** will be providing a show-and-tell on this most excellent dive adventure. Great visibility, great weather and great fun for those who participated. Come see what you missed! ☆



Mr. F&G wants to see your ab card Mr. Gault . . . Oh, that's OK. Mr. Lincoln will do just fine . . . wink-wink, nod, nod . . .



Bob Gault, left, gets choked up when a visitor asks to see his ab card. But Bob thinks a little bribery will get him off the hook. Looks like it worked, this time. One Dipper missing during the Club's Labor Day Weekend at Albion was **Jess Pimentel** . . . who knows Mr. F&G all too well. Right Jessie? Wink-wink, nod-nod. See more photos from the great ab dive and campout weekend on page 4. (Photos by **Mike Chalup & Gregg Davis**) ☆



Dippers Participate in Monterey Shootout

Greg Davis and **Mike Chalup** represented the Dippers in the 2016 Monterey Shootout U/W Photography Competition August 26-28. This Shootout attracted 107 entrants, a sharp upswing from recent years. Dive conditions were excellent, with good visibility (under a shallow green layer) and flat seas on both Friday and Saturday. A change in the hours of the competition this year (earlier start on Friday) allowed for an appreciably less hectic diving, editing, and logistics schedule than in the past.

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Refreshments Are Being Served

The following Dippers are asked to bring a tasty goodie to the next General Meeting: **Jim Rezowalli, Jerry Richards, Steve Richards, Michelle Schimberg, Scott Schimberg** and **John Schwartz**. Don't forget you will receive a FREE raffle ticket for your donation! ☆

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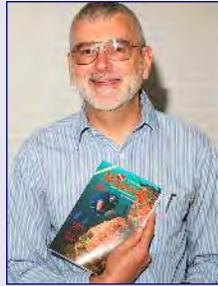
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Fall is here and we often see the best local diving conditions at this time of year! But we can also get storms and rougher conditions. Always check the wave models and consider the skill level of all divers in your group when choosing your dive spots.

Thanks to **Bruce Watkins** for his interesting and informative presentation at the September General meeting. Bruce clued us in on some lesser-known local dive locations and shared some great pictures and information about California sharks!



Entertainment at the October meeting will be our own **Mike Chalup** sharing pictures from the April 2016 Dipper Warm Water trip to Bonaire. We all enjoyed the warm, clear water and abundance of marine life so this should be a great presentation! For the 2017 Warm Water trip, we're planning to go to the Philippines in July. See the article on page 7 for more information.

And CONGRATULATIONS to **Mike Chalup** for his 3rd place win at the 2016 Monterey Shootout in August! Mike won in the Intermediate Macro Traditional Category with a close-up photo of an anemone. Go to www.montereyshootout.com to see all of the winning photos and videos!

It was really great to see so many Dippers and friends helping out at our 27th Annual Seafood Dinner Dance! This is our major fundraising event and it would not be possible without everyone's hard work and participation! Whether you helped with the ticket sales, hall set-up, food preparation, cooking and serving, clean up, seafood donations (or all of the above!) your time and effort is greatly appreciated!

Looking ahead, Club dues are due this month. Pay on time and avoid the \$5 late fee! See the article on page 3 for all of the info.

Looking further ahead, the Annual Awards Banquet will again be at Michaels at Shoreline, in Mountain View, but on Sunday, January 22, 2017.

Dive safe and dive often! – **Barbara**

Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

This Month's Question: Antioxidants are good for the body because they help control free radicals, and free radicals may damage cells and tissues. From this list, which two are generally lowest in antioxidants:

- 1.) Wine
- 2.) Tea
- 3.) Mushrooms
- 4.) Citrus
- 5.) Chocolate
- 6.) Beer

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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RAFFLE NEWS

Lance Williams

The September raffle participation was well served by the Dippers that attended. First off the Mystery Raffle prize (\$26) was chosen with the first ticket drawn by our KING-TUT, **Carl Tuttle**. Prospective member **Dave Dickson** won the second half of the Mystery prize (\$2), he also won the Mitchell Spinning Real donated by **John "HOT DOG" Schwartz**. John donated a senior 72cu-ft SCUBA tank won by Prospective Member **Grant Brownell**. LORD **Larry Ankuda** provided the raffle table with a handmade 2-inch PVC dive gear hanger chosen by our Pres. **Barbara Davis**. The electric charcoal starter, also donated by Larry, was won by another Prospective Member, **Dave Dickson**. Raffle Barker **Lance Williams** donated a: Marine Radio Receiver picked by Carl; A plastic dozen egg container was taken by Larry; And a handmade ceramic Garden Moon won by Barbara. Carl donated to the Raffle a dive scissors with a stubby knife, which was picked by Barbara, and a XL "Eat, Sleep, Fish" T-shirt chosen by Lance. Lastly **Barbara Zweig** donated a two-part port desert wine and toffee chips won by **Barbara Davis!**

THE DOOR PRIZE The \$10 door prize name was picked by **Dave Dickson** and won by **Lance Williams** - for the 2nd meeting in a row! So it's \$10 for our October meeting. Remember, you must be in attendance to win. If you miss the meeting, another \$10 is added to the pot!

THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE: Each month we pick names from the Club's Roster for members to bring a **dive-related** donation for the Raffle Table. So this month the following are asked to bring a dive-related gift: **Larry Ankuda, Mike Chalup, Grace Chi, Dale Darnell, Barbara Davis, Greg Davis, Anton Dold** and **Kelly Drake**. If you live out of the area or can't attend the General Meeting, please contact, **Lance Williams** (+1-650-321-5255, Will01044@yahoo.com) to send in a check. He will pick up a raffle donation in your name. The raffle has always been an important and FUN 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. Contact **Teresa** for specifics.

A FREE raffle ticket will be given to the following Dippers who have a birthday this month: **Debby Alarcon, Kelly Drake, Bob Prinz II, Howard Timoney** and **Lance Williams**. Happy birthday! ★

CLUB DUES DUE THIS MONTH

It is October again and time to pay your **annual dues** at the General Meeting. Dues help cover a portion of the yearly room rental and the printing/mailing of the newsletter . . . our two biggest Club expenses. Each member will be asked to sign an "Assumption of Risk Agreement" when dues are paid. These forms will be available at the October General Meeting. Members are asked to complete a new form each year. Out-of-town members will be mailed a Risk Agreement form to be signed and returned (one copy only) with their dues. Please mail your dues and completed form to: **Jim Rezowalli**, 17040 Oak Leaf Drive, Morgan Hill, CA 95037.

Club Dues \$50.00 per year and **\$10.00** per year to receive this Newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service. Or download it FREE each month off the Club's Website in full color. Charter and Lifetime Members will continue to receive the Newsletter by U.S. mail for FREE. CenCal (Central California Council of Diving Clubs) and USofA (Underwater Society of America) dues are **\$15.00 each**. These optional dues support the many efforts of CenCal and USofA on behalf of all divers in the areas of beach access along with conservation, and state and national legislation. These two organizations form an effective method for presenting the divers' interests state-wide and nationally.

A summary of our annual dues is as follows:

CLUB	\$ 50.00
Newsletter (U.S. Mail)	10.00
GEN CAL	15.00
USA	15.00
Total	\$ 90.00

Remember, associate member (non-diving spouses of Dippers) dues are **\$5.00**. Associate members may attend Dipper functions at member prices, but have no voting privileges. Also, dues must be paid by November 30th or you will incur a **late fee of \$5.00. SO DON'T DELAY!** ★

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 □

Bob Gault 15 lbs.
Black Gulch 05/29

□ ABALONE □

John Snyder 8.8 inches
Van Damme 05/28

□ 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!



Labor Day Weekend Ab Dive & Campout

Mother Nature smiled upon the Flipper Dippers over the Labor Day Weekend ab dive and campout. Mild weather, great ocean conditions – OK, so the wind was up a little . . . but the underwater water viz was great!

Although there was a smaller group than in the past, those that did participate had a grand time. The Saturday potluck dinner, at Albion, featured an abundance of delicious dishes to go along with the fresh abalone. Lots of laughs and great stories are always enjoyed for those who were there. Thank you to **Jerry** and **Frances Richards** for coordinating the camping and dinner. This guy has it dialed in . . . and the peanut brittle “is-to-die-for!” Well, not just yet. 🌟



27th Annual Seafood Dinner & Dance

The Club held its 27th Annual Seafood Dinner & Dance and over 100 people enjoyed the seafood donated by Club members. Although the turnout was smaller this year everyone enjoyed the evening - and it wasn't too hot, either. We want to give a BIG THANK YOU to former member **Dave Rodarte** who each year brings his industrial-strength meat slicer to the Saturday morning seafood preparation and brought over 30 family and friends to the dinner! And, again, we also give a special "thank you" to **Bud Hill** (Hill's Barber Shop on West San Carlos, San Jose) who sold a bunch of tickets for the Club. Bud has been helping with the Club's fund raiser for more years than we can count.

Club members pitched in early Saturday morning slicing, pounding, egging, and breading as well as setting up tables and chairs, and decorating the hall. A great BBQ lunch was served for everyone that helped out. The

evening was full of excitement as raffle tickets were drawn for many door prizes. A special Thank You! goes out to **Steve Lodoen** who flew in from North Dakota to help out with fish preparation and cooking.

Dancing to the DJ finished off the night in grand style with many Dippers and guests dancing the night away. A large contingent of Dippers jumped in and packed up all the tables and chairs, making the next day clean-up a lot easier. BIG THANKS! to **Mike Chalup** and **Greg Davis** who took down the ceiling decorations Saturday night. A number of Dippers showed up Sunday morning to finish cleaning the hall. An email from the Horsemen's Association thanked the Dippers: "Hope you had a great event and thank you for leaving the hall so clean!" As we have done in the past, any left over food items were dropped off at the InnVision kitchen in downtown San Jose. Thanks for everyone's support in making this a great event! 🌟 (Photos by Mike Chalup & Greg Davis. More photos next month.)



How many Dippers does it take to fire up a BBQ?



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27th Annual Seafood Dinner & Dance



Scott & Michelle Schimberg get a photo with the stand-in.



2016 was the Year of the Pelagic Crab, with a large percentage of the wining pictures featuring this recent addition to the local



wildlife. Above/below shots were also very popular, probably due to the extremely calm condition. The quality of the U/W video again improved dramatically, with the winning Montage category entry 'Where's my Buddy?' having the audience roaring with laughter. Mike took a Third Place award in Intermediate Skill Macro Traditional Category with an image of a rose anemone (left). ☆

GWS Population on the Rise

In Southern California, the great white shark (GWS) is making an amazing comeback. Dr. Chris Lowe, a shark biologist, says, "To think that is happening in America's front yard, that it is a nursery for these sharks in the north-east Pacific, is amazing. The fact that we are seeing this recovery is remarkable." Nearly hunted to extinction, the resurgence of their population suggests conservation is working. But we actually know very little about them. Why they bite people, for example.



He says that sharks either bite people for predation or defense. However, the chance that great whites are predators is slim, "because they don't eat people. . . A shark might feel threatened by a person and bite them as a warning, but that little bite from a big shark can do a lot of damage."

Lowe and his team have tagged more than 100 sharks from Central California down to San Diego and are constantly listening for them. They use drones to identify species and underwater cameras to track specific sharks. Lifeguards are currently using information gathered to make better decisions on how to advise swimmers.

Lowe says that the Discovery Channel has done a great job at convincing the public that great white sharks are all about attacking and this fear is hard to overcome. "We really have to do a lot more to educate the public about how to share the ocean." ☆

NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 CLUB OFFICERS



At the **November General Meeting** we will be nominating Club members for the following offices: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer** and **Sergeant at Arms**. To be eligible to hold an office, one must be a current member in good standing. Presidential nominees must have been a club member for at least two years. Holding an office is a rewarding experience as well as being of benefit to the club. This is your chance to *get involved* and voice your ideas as to the future of the San Jose Flipper Dippers. The election of our officers will take place at the December General Meeting. ☆

I am selling my ocean kayak

Wilderness Systems "The Ride" is 13-ft, aprox 10 years old, used only about 20 times and is in great shape.



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email: dnasont@aol.com ☆



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 LOBSTER SEASON OPENS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st VAN DAMME RESERVATIONS OPEN UP FOR APRIL 2017

Coordinator: **Carl Tuttle** is planning the Club's first ab dive and campout for 2017. Camp for 3 or 2 nights, **Thursday, April 20 to Sunday, April 23**. This is the weekend after Easter. Jump on your reservations and secure those campsites! Reserve America, www.reserveamerica.com, 1-800-444-7275.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 BUSINESS MEETING

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. **Meeting starts promptly at 7:30 PM**. Refreshments to share are welcome.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3)

Coordinator: **Larry Ankuda**, (408) 378-4963, lankuda@comcast.net

Details: Larry is coordinating this S3 beach dive. Bring 2 tanks. Meet at a small parking area at the intersection of Ribera Road and Cuesta Way in Carmel. Contact Larry for more info and to sign up!

SUN. - TUES., OCTOBER 16 - 18 LOBSTER TRIP

Coordinator: Carl Tuttle, 408-286-7956; tutcomms@sbcglobal.net. This is an all-inclusive 3-day mini-vacation to the famed Cortez Banks for some exceptional "Bug" diving! Liveaboard Boat: *The Conception*
Dates: Oct. 16-18, 2015 (Sun, Mon, Tues) **Departs: Oct. 15 @ 9 PM (Sat. Night)** Cost: \$659 (All Inclusive: Bunk, Meals, Air) Host: Truth Aquatics (+1-805-962-1127). Contact Truth Aquatics to see if space is available.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 NO SCHEDULED DIVE - B-O-O!



GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, October 19th

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: Mike Chalup will be presenting photos and more from the Dippers' trip to Bonaire.

THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$10!

UPCOMING IN NOVEMBER

- 1 Van Damme Reservations Open for May 2017
- 2 Business Meeting
- 12 S3 Boat Dive: Beachhopper II, reserve your spot on the boat!
- 16 **General Meeting: Nominations for Club Officers**
- 26 1-Day Ab Grab



Dippers planning a warm-water dive trip to the Philippines!

A group of Flipper Dippers are looking into diving in the Philippines next July, 2017. They are considering joining with Any Water Sports and their dive trip to Puerto Galera – July 16-27, 2017. Pricing is \$1775/diver (not including R/T airfare – est @ \$1200).



Puerto Galera features exhilarating Indo-Pacific diving of world-class dive sites in clear, warm water. Short boat rides, a cornucopia of critters, great photogra-

phy (both macro & wide-angle), excellent food, climate controlled rooms, on-site and local spas, friendly service and more – all the ingredients for a fantastic dive vacation!

Jim Rezowalli is working up a list of divers interested in going, so contact Jim ASAP before the trip fills up. Phone: (408) 202-3132, jimandthebeach@gmail.com. Some folks are considering adding on a few days before and/or after the dive trip, so there are lots of options while on the other side of the world. ☺

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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Oct 1	Lobster Season Opens
Oct 5	Business Meeting
Oct 8	Second Saturday SCUBA
Oct 16-18	Lobster Trip
Oct 19	☛ General Meeting
Nov 1	Van Damme Reservations for May
Nov 2	Business Meeting
Nov 12	Second Saturday SCUBA
Nov 16	☛ General Meeting
Nov 26	Nominations for 2017 Club Officers 1-Day Ab Grab
Dec 1	Abalone Season Closed
Dec 7	Business Meeting
Dec 10	Second Saturday SCUBA
Dec 11	Tomales Bay Clam Dig
Dec 21	☛ General Meeting
	• Elections for 2017 Club Officers
	• Big Christmas Holiday Raffle

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

April Van Damme Ab Dive & Campout

The Club's first 2017 ab dive and campout has been scheduled for **April 21 - 23** at Van Damme State Park. Reservations open October 1st. Contact Reserve America, www.reserveamerica.com, 1-800-444-7275, to get your "site-specific" reservation. **Carl Tuttle** is coordinating the weekend event. ★



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