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GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
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Don't miss the San Jose Flipper Dippers' infamous Holiday General Meeting in December. You may go home with extra cash from our annual "Money Tree" raffle — envelopes containing \$50, \$30 and \$20 will be hanging on the tree! Or you may win the decorated tree itself, or your choice of many other fantastic raffle prizes. In order to make the Christmas tree bright and colorful for the raffle, we ask that **each member** bring along an ornament to help decorate the tree. It's our biggest and best raffle of the year, so don't be late!

In order to get you into the holiday spirit of giving, each December General Meeting we dispense with our roster rotation system and ask that **every member bring a donation** for this special raffle. This can be a dive-related item, a Christmas craft, holiday goodies, a bottle of cheer, etc. **BE CREATIVE!** The more prizes in the raffle, the more chances you have to win ... and the more tickets we sell to support this newsletter. So come to the December meeting with your **tree ornament**, your **raffle donation**, a **tasty treat** to share, and your holiday spirit. **See you there!**



Two shining Dippers are a couple of winners!

During the November General Meeting raffle, Dippers **Howard Timoney**, left, and **Carl Tuttle** each won \$20 gift cards to Any Water Sports. The card Howard won was actually donated by Carl. And the card Carl won was donated by **John Snyder**, who was in Florida working for FEMA. Both cards were purchased by Carl at the dive store. Be sure you pay Carl for the card, John! 🌟

Annual Awards Banquet

Mark the evening of **Saturday, January 20th** on your **2018** calendar for our Annual Flipper Dippers Awards Banquet. This year it will be held at Viva, 15970 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos.

This event is sure to be another fun-filled evening! We will have our usual (or unusual) guest M.C. Who will it be? The emphasis of the Awards Banquet is recognizing the outstanding efforts of Club members during the past year. Trophy

winners will be presented with special awards, as will Club Officers, Committee Heads, and others who put forth much effort to make Club dives and events a success during 2017. We may even present some long-time

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DECEMBER HOLIDAY TREATS

Besides the **election of officers** and our fantastic **Christmas holiday raffle**, another reason our December General Meeting is so popular is that **homemade holiday goodies** are the main feature at refreshment time. Everyone helps out by baking their favorite holiday specialty and sharing it with their fellow Dippers. Do *your* part to help feed the large turnout expected to attend this special holiday meeting. All donations will be greatly appreciated! 🌟



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**Elections for
2018 Club Officers
at December
General Meeting**

See Page 4 for candidate info.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



The Dippers will finish off the year in style! In addition to the December Second Saturday Scuba (S3) dive, December's General Meeting brings our Christmas Raffle, our homemade holiday goodies table and the entertainment will be the election of our 2018 Club Officers. (Check out page 4 to see who's running.) I look forward to seeing all of you on the dive or at the meeting.

At the November meeting we shared a video from the September Channel Islands trip and we're talking about planning another trip there in 2018. Other Dippers are considering trips to Palau, Truk, Cozumel, and the Sea of Cortez next year. Where do you want to go?

On Saturday, November 4th, a group of Dippers and friends enjoyed a docent-guided kayaking trip into the Elkhorn Slough. Earlier this year our club decided to make a donation to the Elkhorn Slough Foundation (www.elkhornslough.org) which supports responsible land management and does land restoration in the slough next to where we go halibut fishing. We had a wonderful and informative tour with docent Ron and enjoyed the good weather and abundant marine and bird life. If you missed this trip, we plan for another tour next year.

The November newsletter had a great summary of the status of the recreational abalone regulations and possible changes in 2018. An Adoption Hearing on the proposed changes will be held December 6-7, 2017 in San Diego, so we should have an update at the December General meeting. This may also impact whether the Club will continue to have weekend camping, freediving and scuba diving on the North Coast during the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend holidays (at Albion and/or Van Damme) so stay tuned!

I'm also looking forward to our Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 20, 2018. This event is always a lot of fun and we're trying out a new location this time – Viva in Los Gatos! See Carl Tuttle for tickets at the December general meeting.

Winter diving can be great diving in and around Monterey. Changing conditions can also make it challenging diving. Be careful and be safe out there and enjoy the holiday season.

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

Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

This month we have one Question which is worth a chance to win FIVE (5) raffle tickets!

Question: What do you do if you experience a sinus squeeze during descent?

1. Ascend a few feet and gently try to equalize.
2. Descend a few feet and gently try to equalize.
3. Level off.
4. Clear your mask.

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

Hello Dippers and thank you for your donations to the Club's November Raffle. Members that participated in the donation and winnings must have enjoyed all the gifts. First off we received a donation of an H2O filtration system from **Teresa Hanson** and won by **Steve Richards**. **Howard Timoney** brought in a Bottle of NAPA MUM, picked-up with the winning ticket by L.O.R.D. **Larry Ankuda**. **William SHIP Shipman** through his surrogate KING-TUT (**Carl Tuttle**) dropped off a tea set chosen by **Steve Richards**, a bottle of Yellow Tail Merlot from the Land-Down-Under, won by the Land-Up-Over guy **Manuel Mangrobang**, and the third item: an underwater film camera, captured by L.O.R.D. Ankuda. Your raffle MC (**Lance Williams**) donated a Cozumel tee shirt, scooped-up by **Barbara Davis**, along with a piece of glass from Glass Beach dropped off by L.O.R.D. Ankuda, whom also slipped in a scuba bootie and glove dryer stand won by Carl and handed over to Teresa. Also placed on the raffle table by the *Raffle Dude* was a Mini-Mag-Lite, pulled-off the table by Manuel the V.P. guy, along with a one-of-a-kind designed and hand-made Alien Face – if you believe. Two *Any Water Sports* gift cards (\$20 each) were donated by KING-TUT and **John "FISH" Snyder** were captured by Howie (**Howard Timoney**) and Carl. The remaining two prizes donated by Manuel was a box of Pastries picked by Teresa and a DIVER-BE-GOOD pointer thing – that could turn into an underwater fencing match – picked by **Jackie Gardner**. I will neither confirm nor deny the accuracy of the results of this RAFFLE.

THE DOOR PRIZE: The door prize is now back to **\$10** as **Howard Timoney** was in attendance when his name was drawn from the door prize can and scored the **\$30!** Remember, YOU must be in attendance to be eligible to win.

DECEMBER'S RAFFLE: From each Flipper Dipper we would appreciate a donation for the holiday raffle table and

an ornament for the Christmas tree. Please see page 1 for raffle suggestions and details on our BIG Annual Holiday Raffle. 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. **Thank you!** ★

MEMBERSHIP

Teresa Hanson

There are prospective members looking to dive and we look forward to diving with you! Prospectives must have a Club jacket either in possession or on order to be voted into the Club. See the Club's Website (Membership Requirements) for information and where to purchase. Contact **Teresa** for additional information on any and all Membership Requirements.

A FREE raffle ticket will be given to the following Dippers who have a birthday this month: **David Dickson** and **Adam Nasont**. ★

CLUB DUES – LAST CALL!

If you didn't already do so, it's time to pay your **annual dues**. Each member will be asked to sign an "Assumption of Risk Agreement" when dues are paid. These forms will be available at the General Meeting. Dues were to be paid by November 30th so you will incur a **late fee of \$5.00**. 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 via U.S. Mail	10.00
CEN 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!** ★

2017 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

□ ABALONE □

Adam Nasont 9.3 inches
Albion 05/28

□ OPEN CATEGORIES □

Lingcod, Cabezon, Sheephead, Lobster, Halibut, White Sea Bass, Striped Bass

SCUBA

□ Lingcod □

Carl Tuttle 6 Lbs
Moss Landing 07/22

□ Halibut □

Steve Wall 18 Lbs
Moss Landing 07/22

□ OPEN CATEGORIES □

Cabezon, Sheephead, Lobster
The race is on! Good luck to all!



Annual Planning Meeting

Our annual Club Planning Meeting for 2018 has been scheduled for **Wednesday, January 24**, at 6:30 PM, at the home of **Teresa Hanson**, 1310 Cherry Avenue, San Jose (**Steve Lodoen** will be out of town and unable to host the meeting). This is where the decisions are made on dates for major Club events and activities, and the master calendar for the year is set. **All 2018 Club officers AND committee heads should plan to attend.**

Any members interested in being involved in planning Club dives and activities are encouraged to join us. Everyone please bring an appetizer-type dish to share and something to drink. ★

MEET YOUR 2018 CLUB OFFICER CANDIDATES



PRESIDENT:

TOM GARDNER Has been diving for many years and became a member in 2009. Tom has served as the raffle chair during 2013 (and assisting Jackie in 2012). Tom participates in many Club dives, campouts, abalone and spearfishing dives. "Nominated again?! What did I ever do to deserve that? Probably nothing. I guess it's my turn because I do nothing."



TREASURER:

SCOTT SCHIMBERG Scott joined the Flipper Dippers in July 2014. He has since attended many Club activities including boat dives, ab dives and campouts, the Seafood Dinner & Dance. He has also completed many advanced scuba diver certification programs.



VICE PRESIDENT:

MANUEL MANGROBANG I got started scuba diving after snorkeling in the Philippines and became a member of the Flipper Dippers in February of 2016. Diving for several years now and it has been great. This Vice President thing is actually pretty easy and I want to keep doing it.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

LANCE WILLIAMS Lance has been a member of the Flipper Dippers since 2004 and has been the raffle chair this past year (and others). He was the Club's Sargent-at-Arms in 2012, the Club's president in 2007 and 2008 and vice president in 2005 and 2006. He is also a member of the exclusive club of LORDs (Loyal Order of Retired Dippers). Lance has now logged more than 1,200 SCUBA dives and has dived all over the world — most recently in Cozumel.



SECRETARY:

MIKE CHALUP Spring 2018 will mark 30 years as a member of the Flipper Dippers. Quite a bit of change over the years for the Club and the local dive community, but I am still excited about what the Dippers do and the new activities we support. If elected, I'll continue to serve our Club in the role of Secretary and help guide SJFD in their vibrant range of events.



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members with their 10 or 20 year membership pins. The out-going Board will be thanked for their efforts, and the incoming officers will be welcomed.

As in past years, the Club is subsidizing the cost of the Banquet. **Tickets this year are prix fixe on meal selection at \$45.00.**

All dinners include: a Viva Salad spring mix, cucumbers, pear tomatoes, wild berry vinaigrette, roasted garlic crostini, and Chocolate Torte for dessert.

Entrée choices include:

- **GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST** Sautéed seasonal vegetables, roasted fingerling potatoes, chimichurri vinaigrette
- **JUMBO RAVIOLIS & PRAWNS** Three-cheese raviolis, prawns, tomatoes, green onions, bacon, white-wine butter sauce
- **PAN-SEARED FRESH SNAPPER** Potato leek cake, tomatoes, sautéed spinach, lemon-caper beurre blanc
- **BAKED PENNE & CHICKEN** Chicken, penne pasta, Italian sausage, mushrooms, arugula, mozzarella cheese, tomato cream

No-host bar starts at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. Hard and soft drinks are available at the restaurant bar. There is NO corkage charge if you want to bring your own wine.

Carl Tuttle will have tickets on sale at the December and January General Meetings. Or you can contact Carl (408-829-3660; tutcomms@sbcglobal.net) to purchase your tickets. Don't miss this fun-filled evening! ★

2018 Recreational Abalone Regulations: Decision to be made this month

In October, in Atascadero, there was a meeting held with discussions of proposed changes to recreational abalone regulations for 2018



by the Fish & Game Commission (FGC), the Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW), and interested public members. **An Adoption Hearing on the proposed changes will be held December 6-7, 2017 in San Diego.**

The Flipper Dippers have standing camping reservations at Albion for the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. Some members make camping reservations at Van Damme. If the recreational abalone fishing is closed in 2018, then the Club will need to decide if we will continue to have weekend camping, freediving and scuba diving on the North Coast during those holidays. **An email survey was sent to all Club Members** to get input on whether the Club will continue to schedule these weekend activities. If you didn't respond to the survey, please do so ASAP. ★

Elkhorn Slough Kayak Tour

Dippers and friends joined together to get an up close and personal guided tour of Elkhorn Slough in November. After a briefing at Moss Landing, the group launched their kayaks and Ron, a docent from the Elkhorn Slough

Foundation led the group on an excellent adventure. Although the weather forecast predicted a chance of rain, it didn't materialize and the group had a delightful warm and sunny day. Another tour is in the planning for next year, starting at the upper part of the slough. Stay tuned for dates and more information ✦ (Photos by Larry Ankuda)



A message from Ed



Hi Dippers! I've moved to Hawaii. I'm really sorry I wasn't able to come to a meeting before I moved. It all happened quite unexpectedly and quickly. In the midst of the move I was also working on my IDC in preparation for passing the IE in September through *Any Water Sports*. I'm now doing contract work part time for *Aaron's Dive Shop*, in Kailua, here on Oahu. I'll be

working as an Instructor as well as handling their website and social media needs.

Please convey my great appreciation to Flipper Dippers for being so welcoming of new divers. When I was a new diver, the Flipper Dippers provided me with a great way to gain experience in a well supported and friendly environment. I will always be thankful. I really think this is one of the club's core strengths and wish there was a way to funnel new divers to the club. When I supported classes at *Any Water Sports* I made sure to tell newly certified divers about the club. At any rate thank you so much for being so welcoming. If you are coming to Oahu please look me up for dive opportunities or recommendations.

Sincerely, **Ed McNeill**



Prehistoric, Dinosaur-Era Shark Found Swimming Off Coast of Portugal

Dana Dovey, *Newsweek*

The rare frilled shark is considered a "living fossil," as its makeup has remained unchanged for 80 million years. This summer, researchers found one alive and thriving off the coast of Portugal, adding evidence regarding the resilience of this ancient sea creature.

The shark was discovered off the Algarve coast by researchers who were working on a European Union project in the area, the BBC reported. The aim of the project was to "minimize unwanted catches in commercial fishing," but the team unknowingly unearthed one of the rarest and most ancient animals on the planet.

The frilled shark has remained the same, both inside and out, since the time of the dinosaurs, with scientists dating it

back to the Cretaceous Period, a time when the Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops still roamed the planet. The creature is incredibly simply and unevolved, most likely due to the lack of nutrients found in its deep-sea dwellings, a previous Japanese study on the shark suggested. The examination revealed that its diet is 61 percent cephalopods—the same class that squids and octopus belong to.

This deep sea dweller is usually found between 390 and 4,200 feet below the surface, which is why it's rarely seen and wasn't even discovered before the 19th century (despite being around long before man).

The shark caught this summer measured around five feet in length, but at their longest can be around six-and-a-half feet, IFL Science reported.

The Japanese study on these rare sharks showed that they may also have the longest gestation period of any living creature, 42 months.

While its name may sound unfitting for a beast that swims the deep seas, according to Mental Floss, the frilled shark is named after its gills. Pretty much all other sharks have separate gills, but the frilled shark's first pair of gills stretch all the way across its throat. In total, the shark has six pairs of gills that have "frilly" edges.

The shark also has a unique mouth shape. Its jaw has more than 300 teeth neatly lined in 25 rows, which, according to professor Margarida Castro of the University of the Algarve, are specifically designed to help it "to trap squid, fish and other sharks in sudden lunges," The Portugal News reported. It's lined with spines called dermal denticles, which, combined with the teeth, give the mouth an all around frightening look.

All in all, it's unlikely you will ever come face-to-face with a living frilled shark, but if you do, it's safe to say: Keep as far away as you can, and whatever you do, try to avoid its ferociously awesome jaw. ★



The Duplex -
By Glenn McCoy and Gary McCoy



DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MANUEL MANGROBANG

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DECEMBER 2017

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
NO SCHEDULED DIVE.**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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 ideas for dives and entertainment. Refreshments to share are welcome.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA**

(S3): BeachHopper Boat Dive
Coordinator: Grace Chi, (858) 337-2674, chi.gracechi@gmail.com. Details: Grace is coordinating this S3 dive aboard the BeachHopper II. Go to the BeachHopper's Website to sign up (www.beachhopper2.com). Cost is \$80 for a 2-tank dive (if you bring your own 2 tanks). You can also request tanks as part of your registration (per tank charges are

\$10 for air, \$15 for nitrox) and they will be on the boat. Boarding is 8:00 AM at K-Dock, departure is 8:30 AM. Contact Grace for more info.

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th

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

**Celebrate 53 Years of the
San Jose Flipper Dippers
at our General Meeting.**

Entertainment:

- ★ Elections for Officers
- ★ Spectacular Holiday Raffle!
- ★ Holiday Treats!
- ★ Presentation by Lance Williams on Cruise Ships

THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$10!

YOU must be present to win!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

UPCOMING IN JANUARY

3 Business Meeting
13 Second Saturday SCUBA (S3)
17 General Meeting
20 Annual Awards Banquet
24 Annual Planning Meeting

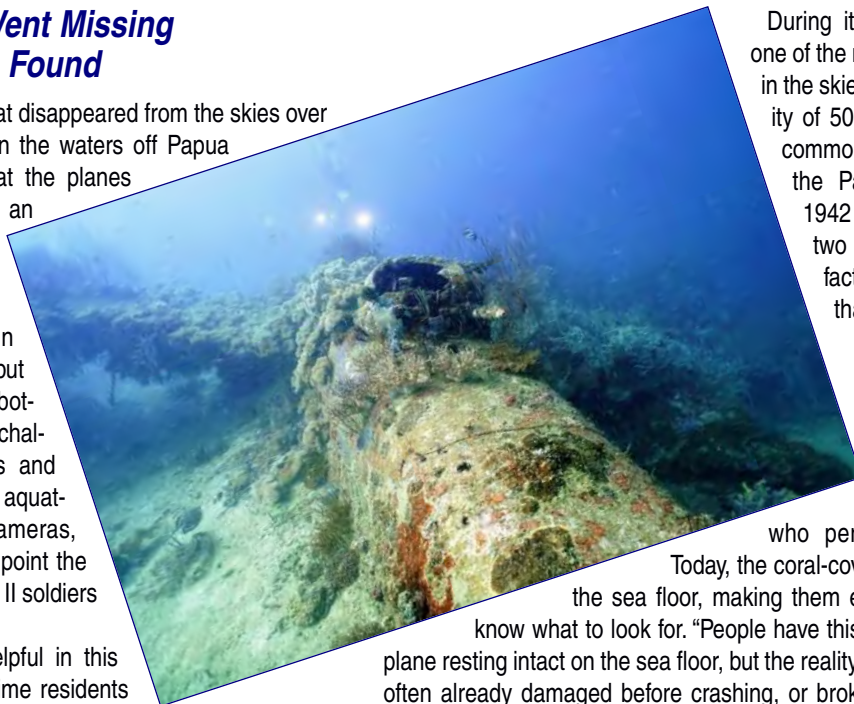


Two B-25 Bombers That Went Missing in World War II Have Been Found

The remains of two B-25 bombers that disappeared from the skies over 70 years ago have been located in the waters off Papua New Guinea. IFL Science reports that the planes were discovered by Project Recover, an organization dedicated to tracking down U.S. aircraft that crashed into the sea during World War II.

World War II planes have been recovered from lakes and backyards, but finding decades-old wreckage at the bottom of the Pacific poses more of a challenge. The team of marine scientists and archaeologists at Project Recover uses aquatic robots, sonar scans, thermal cameras, manned dives, and historic data to pinpoint the underwater resting places of World War II soldiers around the globe.

One resource was particularly helpful in this case: the first-hand accounts of long-time residents of a seaside village in Papua New Guinea. After speaking with people in the town, the team narrowed down their search area and eventually came across the wrecks off the island's coast.



During its heyday the B-25 was one of the most formidable bombers in the skies, with a bombing capacity of 5000 pounds. They were a common sight over that region of the Pacific between January 1942 and August 1945. The two recently discovered artifacts are among the planes that never returned home.

According to military records, one of the planes carried six crew members: five who became prisoners of war in Japan and one who perished in the accident.

Today, the coral-covered B-25s blend in with the sea floor, making them easy to miss if you don't know what to look for. "People have this mental image of an airplane resting intact on the sea floor, but the reality is that most planes were often already damaged before crashing, or broke up upon impact," Katy O'Connell, Project Recover's Executive Director, said in a statement.

After documenting the wreck site, Project Recover plans to return to the area later this year in pursuit of more leads. ★

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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FIRST CLASS MAIL

2017/18 COMING EVENTS

Dec 6	Business Meeting
Dec 9	Second Saturday SCUBA
Dec 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ General Meeting • Elections for 2018 Club Officers • Big Christmas Holiday Raffle
Jan 3, 2018	Business Meeting
Jan 13	Second Saturday SCUBA
Jan 17	☛ General Meeting
Jan 20	Annual Awards Banquet
Jan 24	Annual Planning Meeting
Feb 7	Business Meeting
Feb 10	Second Saturday SCUBA
Feb 21	☛ General Meeting

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

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
Mark Your Calendars:
Sunday, January 20, 2018

The Flipper Dippers' Annual Awards Banquet will be on January 20, 2018. The banquet is going to be held at **Viva**, 15970 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos. See Page 1 for details. 🌟



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