

NEWSLETTER



San Jose Flipper Dippers

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GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
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Sea turtle found trapped in cocaine bundles worth \$53m

A sea turtle trapped among floating cocaine bales worth \$53 million dollars was rescued by the US Coast Guard. The boat crew discovered the large loggerhead turtle entangled in blue rope connecting bales containing 1,800 pounds of the Class A drug in the Pacific Ocean on November 19, 2017.



Coast Guard Ens. Mark Krebs and his team noticed the injured sea turtle after launching a small boat to investigate a

debris field. "They saw significant chaffing from the lines on his neck and flippers," said the US Coast Guard.

"They briefed the commanding officer and went to work, carefully cutting the lines wrapped around the sea turtle and then eventually freeing him. The boat crew recovered over 75-feet of line to prevent further entanglement of sea life and returned to the law enforcement mission recovering over 1,800 pounds of cocaine valued at over \$53 million dollars from international waters."

The struggling marine reptile was rescued during a 68-day counter drug patrol by the US

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New Club Officers ready to take charge

Congratulations to our new 2018 Board! From left: **Manuel Mangrobang** (Vice Pres.), **Mike Chalup** (Sec.), **Lance Williams** (Sgt.-at-Arms), **Scott Schimberg** (Treas.), and **Tom Gardner** (Pres.). We're sure our Club officers will be organizing a great year of diving and other activities that everyone will enjoy. Join in and sign up to lead a dive or activity! 🌟



Refreshments Are Being Served

The following Dippers are asked to bring a tasty goodie to the next

General Meeting: **Jerry Richards, Steve Richards, Michelle Schimberg, Scott Schimberg, John Schwartz and Bill Shipman.** Don't forget you will receive a FREE raffle ticket for your donation! 🌟

Is this YOUR LAST Newsletter?

Did YOU forget to pay your 2018 Club Dues? See the December Newsletter or contact the Club's Treasurer for details. New Club Roster comes out in February.



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Annual Awards Banquet - Last Call for Tickets

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 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.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to some great diving in 2018! Let's make sure our gear and ourselves stay in great shape and let's continue our Club's great safety record. We look after ourselves and our buddies and we take the time to mentor our new and prospective members.

We have some new and some continuing Club officers for 2018. Thanks to **Manuel Mangrobang, Mike Chalup, Jim Rezowalli** and **Lance Williams** for all their help in running the Club in 2017. And congratulations to our Club officers for 2018: new President **Tom Gardner** and new Treasurer **Scott Schimberg**, plus returning Vice President Manuel Mangrobang, Secretary Mike Chalup, and Sergeant-at-Arms Lance Williams. I've enjoyed being club President for these past 2 years and I'm looking forward to great leadership from the new board. Also a special thanks to our membership chairperson, **Teresa Hanson**, for hosting the business meetings at her home, and to **Larry Ankuda** and **Carl Tuttle** for their participation at the business meetings.

We have quite a few events scheduled in January. In addition to our Second Saturday SCUBA (S3) dive, we also have the Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 20th and the Annual Planning Meeting on Wednesday, January 24th. The Awards Banquet lets us recognize everyone who pitched in and helped at club events in 2017 and the Planning Meeting gets us set up for a great calendar of activities for 2018. Plus, both events are a lot of fun!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming meetings and events in 2018!

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

2018 Recreational Abalone Fishing Closed

In December 2017, the Fish & Game Commission (FGC) and the Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) voted to suspend the harvest of red abalone in 2018, shutting down the last viable abalone fishery in California for at least a year.

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. The Club has decided to continue to have weekend camping, freediving and scuba diving on the North Coast during those holiday weekends. This will still be fun weekends for all! ☆



Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

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

Question: As a SCUBA diver I know what a J-valve and a K-valve are, but what is a P-valve?

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 Christmas Club Raffle went very well with plenty of beverages placed on "YE OLD RAFFLE TABLE" for Club members to enjoy during the season to be jolly. The tree (cash) winners picked off \$50, \$30 and \$10 dollar gifts provided by the Club's treasury. Everyone enjoyed and indulged the club membership in conversation about this years events, dives, additions, weddings, travels, and "WORK" for the less than L.O.R.D.S. One unfortunate item was that we sold out of our tickets! Let that be a lesson to the Raffle Chair – he should have purchased two rolls, one as back-up. Our DOOR PRIZE recipient this raffle was the one and only **Hunter Reid**, congratulations. See you all at the General Meeting and have a Happy New Year!

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

THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE: For this month we're back on our rotation for donations. Each month we pick names from the Club's Roster for members to bring a donation for the Raffle Table. So this month the following are asked to bring a dive-related gift: **Babara Zwieg, Tony & Debby Alarcon, Larry Ankuda, Mike Chalup, Grace Chi 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, Will01044@yahoo.com)



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. ★

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

There are prospective members looking to dive and we look forward to diving with you! Remember, you must obtain **the signatures of three (3) different Club members**, in good standing, with whom you have dived. **Dives must be three (3) scheduled Club dives** — on **three (3) separate occasions.** All three signatures can not be acquired in less than 30 days and a multi-day dive is counted as one (1) scheduled dive. At least two (2) of these dives must be on SCUBA. Prospectives must have a Club jacket either in possession or on order to be voted into the Club. 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: **Dennis Nasont.** Happy birthday to the first Dipper of the new year! ★

Have we got all your correct information?

Included with the February issue of this newsletter will be the new year's roster for all "members-in-good-standing."

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If you have an address, phone number or e-mail change, make sure to contact **Carl Tuttle** (408-829-3660, e-mail: tutcomms@sbc-global.net) with your update ASAP! Don't let this new roster be printed with erroneous information! Remember, our

roster is for the private non-commercial use of Flipper Dippers Club members only. ★

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

Cabazon

Carl Tuttle 7 Lbs
Granite Canyon 12/29

Lingcod

Carl Tuttle 6 Lbs
Moss Landing 07/22

Halibut

Steve Wall 18 Lbs
Moss Landing 07/22

OPEN CATEGORIES

Sheephead, Lobster

The race is on! Good luck to all!



End of the Year Dive and Recipe

On Friday, December 30, 2017, *John Snyder, Carl Tuttle* and *Steve Wall* took advantage of some excellent ocean conditions and went spearfishing next to the UC Davis Marine Pollution Studies Laboratory at Granite Canyon, about 10 miles south of Pt. Lobos. Both John and Steve caught some nice rock fish and Carl caught a 7-pound cabazon. During the drive down, Steve mentioned a baked fish recipe using puffed pastry cups he came up with. It sounded very tasty so he is sharing it with everyone. Enjoy!

I came up with a new recipe that I'm pleased to say; that I'm very proud of. LOL.

I made it with *Super Fresh* rockfish. Most of us have access to that if we want. Less than one rockfish per person is about right. This recipe feeds two people.

I started by filleting the rockfish. Remove all bones from fillets and dice into half-inch to three-quarter-inch cubes.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Next add about 1-1/2 tablespoons finely cubed zucchini; 1/4-3/8-inch cubes.

Two cloves of finely minced garlic.

I also added about 1/2 tablespoon of finely chopped sweet peppers. Not bell pepper, but sweet pepper. (If you wanted to add a kick you could use a little bit of jalapeno or chili flake as well.)

Season lightly with



California Citrus blend from Savory Spice. Old Bay would probably work but I think the citrus adds a bit of depth. If you use Old Bay add in a little bit of lemon zest.

Salt and pepper to taste. Add in 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese. Beware of the risk of over cheesing!

The fish needs to be in a 1-inch layer in the bottom of a baking pan. That way it cooks evenly. Bake it for about 12 minutes and then remove from the oven.

Follow package instructions for the puff pastry cups, typically 18 to 20 minutes. Sprinkle

some Parmesan cheese on them before they cook.

It's best to slightly undercook the fish, so you can put it back in the oven for the last few minutes of baking the puff pastries; then they both come out together piping hot, and puffs should be a nice golden brown.

The rest is pretty simple. Pull the inside out of the shell of the puff pastry and load up with delicious fish. Top with more Parmesan and enjoy!



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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

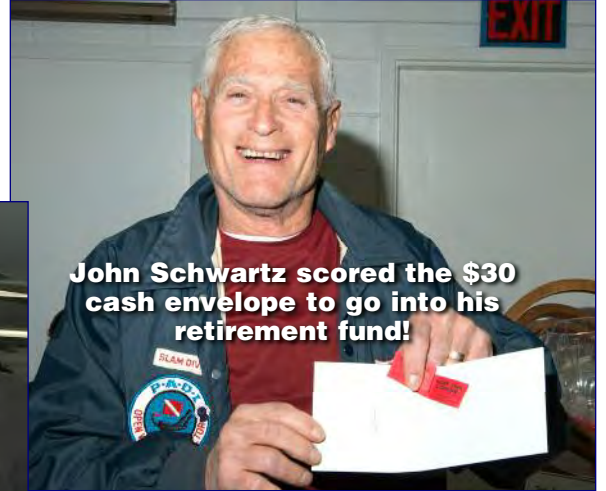
No-host bar starts at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. Hard and soft drinks are available at the restaurant bar. There is NO corkage charge if you want to bring your own wine.

Carl Tuttle will have tickets on sale at the January General Meeting for your last chance to purchase. Or you can contact Carl at 408-829-3660; tutcomms@sbcglobal.net) to purchase your tickets. Don't miss this fun-filled evening! ☆

December General Meeting - Big Christmas Raffle (Photos: Mike Chalup)



Manuel Mangrobang scored the \$50 cash envelope!



John Schwartz scored the \$30 cash envelope to go into his retirement fund!



This doesn't look good . . .



Sinister sparkle? Scientists warn glitter pollutes oceans

Microplastic bans could soon include glitter used in lotions, cosmetics and more, in an effort to protect marine life.

Bonnie Burton

Whether you love to add a little sparkle to your skin, or you think glitter truly is the virus of the craft world (once it's on you, it never comes off), some scientists are now claiming that glitter is a hazard to the environment.

Glitter, along with microbeads, are considered to fall under the category of microplastics, which are defined as plastics which are less than five millimeters in length. Microbeads are often found in facial scrubs, toothpaste, soaps, cosmetics and more. These microbeads pass through water filtration systems after usage but don't disintegrate, and often end up being consumed by marine life, causing concern among scientists keeping a close eye on how pollution affects fish.

A 2016 scientific study that influenced the case for banning microbeads in cosmetics in the UK, entitled "Environmentally relevant concentrations of microplastic particles influence larval fish ecology" reported that microplastics were contributing to the decline in fish populations in the ocean. However, the same study was challenged for doctoring findings.



But scientists are still adamant that new legislation should be introduced to encourage the use of biodegradable options to replace hazardous microbeads. In 2015, California became the first U.S. state to drastically restrict all use of the non-biodegradable microbeads in products. Seven other states have followed suit.

Now scientists are urging the U.S. and other countries to consider banning the use of glitter in hygiene and beauty products as well. "I think all glitter should be banned, because it's microplastic," Dr. Trisia Farrelly of New Zealand's Massey University told the Independent.

Historically, glitter was made from mica rock particles, glass and even crushed beetles. Modern-day crafting glitter is made primarily from metals, while fine-milled cosmetic glitter is made from polyester, foil and plastics.

Currently, glitter added to "rinse-off" cosmetics and other personal care products it will be covered by the 2018 UK microbeads ban. Crafting glitters are currently not included in the ban. ★



Dippers S3 Boat Dive

The Dippers enjoyed a great day of diving off the BeachHopper II for the December 9th Second Saturday SCUBA (S3). From left, **Barbara Davis**, **Howard Timoney**, and trip coordinator **Grace Chi**, were delighted to

dive with author and photographer **Bruce Watkins**. **Mike Chalup** took this photo of the group on the ride back from diving "Eric's Pinnacle." Hm-m-m-m . . . looking at this group of happy Dippers we wonder if they can answer this month's "Diver's I.Q. Review" question? ★



Enjoy Spring Break in Cozumel! March 24-31, 2018

Dipper **Jim Rezowalli** is joining *Any Water Sports* for this trip. Only \$1195/diver – per person, double occupancy. (Air fare additional.) This fantastic dive trip includes 7 nights double occupancy accommodations at Scuba Club Cozumel, all meals (3 meals daily), 5 days of boat diving (2 dives/day), unlimited shore diving, and Mexican taxes (19%). Contact *Any Water Sports* to join in! (408) 244-4433 www.anywater.com. ★



DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MANUEL MANGROBANG

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 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, JANUARY 6 NO SCHEDULED DIVE.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA

(S3): **Breakwater Night Dive**
Coordinator: Manuel Mangrobang, 408-813-5139. manuel.a.mangrobang.iv@gmail.com. Manuel is planning a night dive. Meet in the Breakwater parking lot at 3:00 pm and we'll decide where to dive based on conditions and sign-ups. Bring 2 tanks and plan on making 2 dives. Please RSVP in case the dive gets cancelled or moved due to weather or surf conditions.

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th

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:

- ★ Social Hour
- ★ Share Your Dive Stories
- ★ Great Raffle Prizes

**THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$10!
YOU must be present to win!**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Viva, 15970 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos. No Host Bar: 5:00 pm, Dinner: 6:00 pm. LAST CALL! Contact **Carl Tuttle** for dinner tickets 408-829-3660, tutcomms@sbcglobal.net

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

Annual meeting to plan the Club's calendar for the coming year is being hosted by **Teresa Hanson**, 1310 Cherry Avenue, San Jose, at 6:30 PM. Come share your ideas for dives and other Club events. All new and continuing officers and committee heads should plan to attend. Other members interested in being involved in planning Club dives and activities are encouraged to join us.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

UPCOMING IN FEBRUARY

- 07 Business Meeting
- 10 Second Saturday SCUBA (S3)
- 21 General Meeting
- 28 Labor Day Weekend Reservations for Van Damme



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Armed Forces branch in the Eastern Pacific along the Central American coast. By the end of the operation, the crew had seized a total of 14,800 lbs of cocaine, 14 pounds of marijuana and arrested 24 suspected smugglers.

The seizure was part of Operation Martillo, an international operation involving 18 countries targeting criminal organizations moving illicit cargo.



Operation Martillo is a U.S., European and Western Hemisphere partner-nation effort launched in January 2012 targeting illicit trafficking routes in coastal waters along the Central American isthmus. The cutter Thetis crew worked alongside the Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team, an aviation detachment from the Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron and a Royal Canadian Navy maritime coastal defense vessel in support of Operation Martillo. To date, partner nation efforts have

contributed to 57 percent of all disruptions to illicit trafficking and 60 percent of the metric tons captured as part of the Operation Martillo initiative. ★

So Long Silver Prince Dive Boat

“We have a bittersweet announcement: The *Silver Prince* is being sold to Darren and Cynthia Snider and is going to its new home in Puget Sound. We are proud to have owned the Silver Prince for the last 8 years and to have been part of the diving legacy that the Prince has etched into Monterey since the 70's.

While the Silver Prince been a fantastic adventure for both of us it was with heavy hearts that we decided to sell her so we could spend more time traveling and with our families.



Thank you all for all of the wonderful memories!”

~ **Dave and Ra**

☛ **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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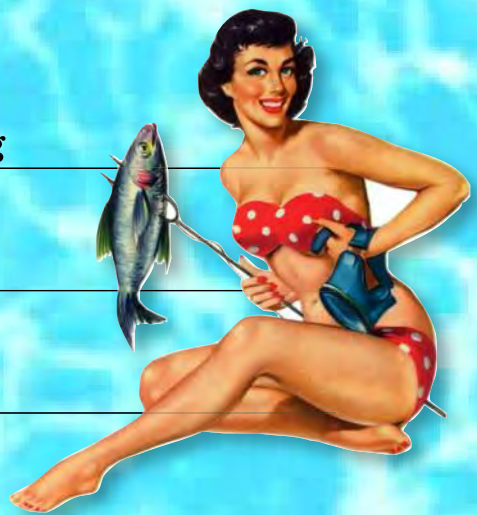
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2018 Club Dues?**

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2018 COMING EVENTS

Jan 3	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
March 7	Business Meeting
March 10	Second Saturday SCUBA
March 21	☛ General Meeting
April 4	Business Meeting
April 14	Second Saturday SCUBA
April 18	☛ General Meeting



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



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