

NEWSLETTER



# San Jose Flipper Dippers

DECEMBER  
2018

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD  
3RD WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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**D**on'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! 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. You may win fantastic raffle prizes including the decorations on 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. 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!



### Tough Day at Pt. Lobos

Flipper Dippers member **Howard Timoney** went diving at Pt. Lobos on November 9. His comment, "Good day to be in the water." We should all be so lucky! ☆

### Annual Awards Banquet

**M**ark the evening of **Saturday, January 19th** on your 2019 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! 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 2018. We may even present some long-time members with their 10 or 20 year membership pins. The

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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  
2019 Club Officers  
at December  
General Meeting**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**H**appy Holidays! Another year has nearly passed by and it's time to begin planning for the next year's activities. To start with, there is a final club dive on December 8th on the Beach Hopper II.

This year's final general meeting, on December 19th, will bring the election of the 2019 club officers and the annual Christmas raffle. We need some of you to step up and help with your club. We are in need of someone to run for Secretary and Treasurer. The reward is the pleasure in contributing to the Club that you are a member of and carrying on its great traditions of diving and fun – in addition of meeting one of the requirements in the Club's Star Achievement Program.

Also, if you haven't yet paid your annual dues please remember to do so at the December meeting.

Once more, if you are interested in the Dippers' Photography Contest, the rules are on page 7 of this newsletter. I'm sure there are many photos members have taken that others would love to see. And you could win a prize, too!

The club's Annual Awards Banquet is January 19, 2019 at the same location as last year, Viva in Los Gatos. If you plan to go be sure to contact **Carl Tuttle** for tickets during the December meeting.

Any Water Sports has several new dive trips planned for 2019. Hopefully we can identify some of their trips to join in on during our Annual Planning meeting coming up on January 24th. You're all welcome to attend to give your input on this and any other activities for the club in 2019.

Have fun diving. – **Tom**



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## Diver's I.Q. Review Corner

**This month we have Two (2) Questions and each is worth a chance to win FIVE (5) raffle tickets for your correct answer!**  
**Let's test your knowledge of movie and TV trivia!**

**Question No. 1:** In "The Abyss" divers breathe a liquid perfluorocarbon (PFC) compound containing oxygen to conduct their saturation diving operations. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. As of now, divers can breathe PFCs at depth to reduce their risk of decompression sickness.
- B There is currently research investigating intravenous PFC and its relationship with DCS.
- C. PFCs are complete movie myth.
- D. None of the above.

**Question No. 2:** In Spike TV's "1,000 Ways to Die" a woman is treated for DCS in a hyperbaric chamber. In the show, a maintenance worker inadvertently opens the door to the chamber resulting in explosive decompression and the woman's death. What is wrong with that scene?

- A. Explosive decompression does not exist.
- B. It would take the equivalent strength of approximately a herd of elephants to inadvertently open a chamber door while at depth.
- C. This is absolutely a risk of hyperbaric oxygen therapy.
- D. The chamber would have exploded.

Send your answer by email to **Barbara Davis** at [bjdscuba123@gmail.com](mailto:bjdscuba123@gmail.com). All attendees at the next general meeting with the correct answers will be included in a drawing for 5 free raffle tickets per question. Good Luck!



## RAFFLE NEWS

Larry Ankuda

Here's a simple breakdown of the donations and winners from the November general meeting raffle: Gifts were donated by:

- New LORD **Howard Timony**: bottle of Korbel extra dry champagne; Won by **Carl Tuttle**.
- Carl Tuttle: Insulated drink container; Won by Carl Tuttle!
- Carl Tuttle: Old Dog T-shirt; Won by LORD Howard
- **Brian Zaugg**: 6-pack of Great White beer; Won by **Manual Mangrobang**
- **Barbara Zweig**: bottle of Pichetti red wine; Won by **Mike Chalup**
- Barbara Zweig: nylon goodie bag + lobster gauge; Won by \_\_\_\_\_?
- **Larry Ankuda**: Shower thermos inside an insulated bucket; Won by **Jackie Gardner**
- Larry Ankuda: pet-themed fabric shopping bag; Won by Carl Tuttle

**THE DOOR PRIZE:** LORD **Howard Timony** walked away from the meeting \$30 richer! That'll do for a day's pay since he retired from De Mattei. Be sure you're at the general meeting, you could go home \$10 richer!

**DECEMBER'S RAFFLE:** From each Flipper Dipper we would appreciate a donation for the holiday raffle table. Please see page 1 for raffle suggestions and details on our BIG Annual Christmas Holiday Raffle. If you live out of the area or can't attend the General Meeting, please contact Larry Ankuda at: 1-408-378-4963, lankuda@comcast.net, 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. Yes, liquid refreshment is dive related! Thank you! ★

## Annual Club Planning Meeting

Our annual Club Planning Meeting for 2019 has been scheduled for **Wednesday, January 24**, at 6:30 PM, at the home of **Teresa Hanson**, 1310 Cherry Avenue, San Jose. 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 2019 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. ★

## 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 Dipper who has a birthday this month: **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. Please mail your dues and completed form to: **Scott Schimberg**, 21 Haven Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94597.

**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) dues are **\$15** and USofA (Underwater Society of America) dues are **\$20**. 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
CEN CAL	15.00
USA	20.00
Total	\$ 95.00

GenCal and USofA Dues should be sent to: Carol Rose, 347 El Castillo Vista, Sonoma, CA 95476 or pay online at: [www.cencal.org/join.html](http://www.cencal.org/join.html)

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!** ★



## 2018 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](mailto:john.fishhunter@gmail.com), **WITHIN 1 WEEK** and give him all the proper info (include the name of one Club-member witness). ★

## SKIN DIVING

❑ OPEN CATEGORIES ❑

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

## SCUBA

❑ Cabazon ❑

**Steven Wall** 4 Lbs  
Moss Landing 07/13

❑ Lingcod ❑

**John Snyder** 10 Lbs  
Moss Landing 07/31

❑ Halibut ❑

**Tom Gardner** 32 Lbs  
Moss Landing 07/13

❑ OPEN CATEGORIES ❑

**Sheephead, Lobster**

**Good luck to all!**



## MEET YOUR 2019 CLUB OFFICER CANDIDATES



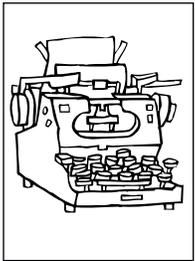
### **PRESIDENT:**

**TOM GARDNER** Has served as the Club president this year. He's 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."



### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

**MANUEL MANGROBANG** Manual is running again for V.P. "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."



### **SECRETARY:**

**OPEN !! The Club is looking for someone to fill this important spot. How about you? Mike Chalup** has filled this role for over 12 years and deserves a much needed break. Duties Include: Maintaining the minutes for all general and business meetings and handling club-related correspondence.



### **TREASURER:**

**OPEN !! The Club is looking for someone to fill this important spot. How about you?** Duties Include: Receives membership dues and handles all income and expenses, maintains financial records, and makes monthly reports to the club. Also makes deposits into the club's accounts and issues checks for authorized expenses. Maintains expense accounts as needed for events such as the newsletter, banquets, hall rental, etc.



### **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:**

**JOHN SNYDER** Joined the Club in 2007 and has participated in many activities including ab diving, lobster diving, spear fishing, campouts, beach clean ups and more. He served as the Club's vice president in 2009 and president in 2011. John is currently handling the trophy competition duties.



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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** (at time of Newsletter going to press).

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 (**Subject to Change**):

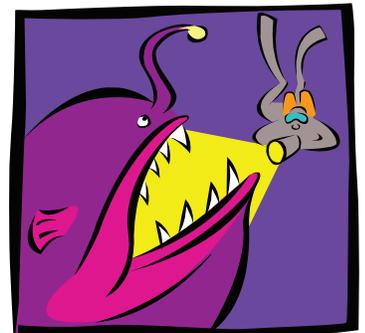
- **GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST** Sautéed seasonal vegetables, roasted fingerling potatoes, chimichurri vinaigrette
- **JUMBO RAVIOLIS & PRAWNS** Three-cheese raviolis, prawns, tomatoes, green onions, bacon, white-wine butter sauce
- **PAN-SEARED FRESH SNAPPER** Potato leek cake, tomatoes, sautéed spinach, 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. Wine is included with dinner. 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! ★

## That Spare Flashlight

Going on a night dive? Many divers carry a fully charged spare flashlight in their BC pocket in case their main one fails. But, why not carry it on all dives? You see, it works very well as an emergency beacon. In several cases where divers have been separated from their boats, they've been located at dusk because they signaled their location with their backup light. Thanks to modern LED and battery technology, many compact flashlights pack a powerful punch. For less than \$100, you can buy one for your BC pocket. A fully charged light held back for emergency use only could be a godsend the day you need it.. (Undercurrent) ★



## Zeagle Recalls Sport BCDs Due to Automatic Inflation Hazard

Five Models of BCs Affected

Zeagle is recalling five models of its Sport BCDs because buttons on the direct-feed inflator and/or the oral inflation valve can break or fracture while in use, leading to either loss of air or uncontrolled inflation of the BC, which could cause a diver to drown. The Consumer Product Safety Commission states 23 reports of buttons breaking, but no injuries so far.



This recall is for the models Sport Base, Sport Resort, Sport Base Plus, Sport Resort Plus and Sport Focus. Around 2,600 of the Sport BCs for recall are in the U.S., and another 800 in Canada. None of the BCDs were sold in Europe as they didn't meet their required safety standards. If you own one of these BCDs, stop using it and either call Zeagle at 888-270-8595, or visit a registered dealer. For instructions on how to receive a free replacement visit online: [www.zeagle.com/sport-bcd-inflator-recall](http://www.zeagle.com/sport-bcd-inflator-recall) ☆

## Your Dive Photos Can Help Scientists

The Sealife Collection Initiative is a collaborative website run by 300 taxonomists, that will classify and display photos and videos of all marine species worldwide. To do that, it relies on divers like you who register online (membership is free) and upload your photos and video to its database, the World Register of Marine Species. [www.marinespecies.org](http://www.marinespecies.org). (Undercurrent) ☆



## Bizarre Travel Advisory

If you are hubbing through the Middle East on your way to a dive destination, be warned there's a dress code on Saudia Airlines. When Jordan Bishop attempted to board a Saudia aircraft in Jakarta wearing shorts, we were told, he was turned away and had to make a quick switch to long pants to board. Traveling divers, casually dressed, should be warned. (Undercurrent) ☆



## Any Water Sports Retirement, Ownership, & Christmas Party

Mark your calendar on **Sunday, December 23rd** for the Any Water Sports (AWS) "retirement" and "change of ownership," and Christmas party. After 34 years, **Frank** and **Ginny Berry** are stepping aside to make room for all the energy and enthusiasm, as well as the experience of the new owners, James Vincent (who also owns Aquarius Dive Shop in Monterey) and his brother-in-law, Jamie Tabscott. Frank and Ginny would love for you to be there . . . have some refreshments, mingle with friends, and celebrate the exciting changes for AWS. **1344 Saratoga, Ave., San Jose. 2-5 PM.** ☆



## SUPPORT THE PACIFIC GROVE HYPERBARIC CHAMBER



### MONTEREY COUNTY GIVES ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

**Nov. 8 to Dec. 31, 2018**

#### HOW:

Visit [montereycountygives.com/pghc](http://montereycountygives.com/pghc) to help us raise funds and awareness for our vital community resource.

#### WHY:

The Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber has served a critical role in the treatment of decompression illness (DCI), related to both diving and flying, and carbon monoxide poisoning cases since it was established over 50-years ago, saving over 550 lives. The all-volunteer run facility depends upon community support to ensure its availability 24/7/365 to treat emergencies. Funds are used for chamber operations and maintenance expenses as well as on-going specialized medical training for the volunteer MDs, RNs, DMTs, and EMTs that donate their services for the chamber.

Help the Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber take advantage of this great giving opportunity! Please show your support for the Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber and the services we provide to the community!

# 'Sea Nomads' Are First Known Humans Genetically Adapted to Diving

National Geographic

For hundreds of years, the Bajau have lived at sea, and natural selection may have made them genetically stronger divers. A young Bajau man named Dido fishes for coral fish and shells off Mantabuan Island.

If you hold your breath and plunge your face into a tub of water, your body automatically triggers what's called the diving response. Your heart rate slows, your blood vessels constrict, and your spleen contracts, all reactions that help you save energy when you're low on oxygen.

Most people can hold their breath underwater for a few seconds, some for a few minutes. But a group of people called the Bajau takes free diving to the extreme, staying underwater for as long as 13 minutes at depths of around 200 feet. These nomadic people live in waters winding through the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia, where they dive to hunt for fish or search for natural elements that can be used in crafts.



Now, a study in the journal *Cell* offers the first clues that a DNA mutation for larger spleens gives the Bajau a genetic advantage for life in the deep.

## Leaning on the Spleen

Of all the organs in your body, the spleen is perhaps not the most glamorous. You can technically live without it, but while you have it, the organ helps support your immune system and recycle red blood cells.

Previous work showed that in seals, marine mammals that spend much of their life underwater, spleens are disproportionately large. Study author Melissa Llarido from the Center for Geogenetics at the University of Copenhagen wanted to see if the same characteristic was true for diving humans. During a trip to Thailand, she heard about the sea nomads and was impressed by their legendary abilities.

"I wanted to first meet the community, and not just show up with scientific equipment and leave," she says of her initial travels to Indonesia. "On the second visit, I brought a portable ultrasound machine and spit collection kits. We went around to different homes, and we would take images of their spleens. "I usually had an audience," she adds. "They were surprised I had heard of them."

She also took data from a related group of people called Saluan, who live on the Indonesian mainland. Comparing the two samples back in Copenhagen, her team found that the median size of a Bajau person's spleen was 50 percent bigger than the same organ in a Saluan individual. "If

there's something going on at the genetic level, you should have a certain sized spleen. There we saw this hugely significant difference," she says.

The researchers also stumbled across a gene called PDE10A, which is thought to control a certain thyroid hormone, in the Bajau but not the Saluan. In mice, the hormone has been linked to spleen size, and mice that are manipulated to have lower amounts of the hormone have smaller spleens. Llarido theorizes that over time, natural selection would have helped the Bajau, who have lived in the region for a thousand years, develop the genetic advantage. Under Pressure

While the spleen might partially explain how the Bajau dive so well, other adaptations may be at play, too, says Richard Moon from the Duke University School of Medicine. Moon

studies how the human body responds to both high altitudes and extreme depths.

As a human dives deeper into the water, the increase in pressure causes the lung's blood vessels to fill with more blood. In extreme cases, the vessels can rupture, causing death. In addition to genetically inherited adaptations, regular training could help prevent that effect. "The lung chest wall could become more compliant. There could be some looseness that develops over your training. The diaphragm could become stretched. The abs could become more compliant. We don't really

know if those things occur," he says. "The spleen is able to contract to some extent, but we don't know of any direct connection between thyroid and spleen. It may well be."

Cynthia Beall is an anthropologist from Case Western Reserve University who has studied people living in extremely high altitudes, including Tibetans said to live at the "roof of the world." She thinks Llarido's study opens up interesting research opportunities but needs to see more measurable biological evidence before she's convinced that a genetic trait is helping the Bajau become better divers. "You could measure the spleen more, for example, strength of contractions of the spleen," she says.

## What Can We See From the Sea?

In addition to understanding how the Bajau became such good free divers, Llarido says the findings have medical implications. The dive response is similar to a medical condition called acute hypoxia, in which humans experience a rapid loss of oxygen. The condition is often a cause of death in emergency rooms. Studying the Bajau could effectively act as a new laboratory for understanding hypoxia.

However, the sea nomad lifestyle is increasingly under threat. They're considered marginalized groups that don't enjoy the same citizenship rights as their mainland counterparts. Increased industrial fishing is also making it harder for them to subsist on local stocks. As a result, many choose to leave the sea. Without support for their way of life, Llarido worries that the Bajau and the lessons they can impart about human health may not be around for much longer. ★

# DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MANUEL MANGROBANG

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DECEMBER 2018

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1  
NO SCHEDULED DIVE**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5  
BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM**

Meeting will be held at *Teresa Hanson's* home (408-966-6433, [teresa\\_hanson@comcast.net](mailto: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, DECEMBER 8  
SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3)  
- BOAT DIVE**

Coordinator: *Grace Chi*, 858-337-2674, [chi.grace@gmail.com](mailto:chi.grace@gmail.com). Grace is planning a dive. Meet in the K Dock for the BeachHopper II. Boat departure is at 8:30 am. 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. Please have your waiver if not submitted already.

## **GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY,  
December 19th**

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

**Celebrate 54 Years of the  
San Jose Flipper Dippers  
at our General Meeting.**

**Entertainment:**

- ★ Elections for 2019 Officers
- ★ Social Hour - Bring your tails
- ★ BIG Christmas Raffle - \$\$\$

**THE DOOR PRIZE IS \$10!**

**YOU must be present to win!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 NO  
SCHEDULED DIVE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23  
AWS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Any Water Sports "retirement," "change of ownership" and Christmas party. 1344 Saratoga, Ave., San Jose. 2-5 PM.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29 NO  
SCHEDULED DIVE**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**UPCOMING IN JANUARY**

02 Business Meeting  
12 Second Saturday SCUBA (S3)  
16 General Meeting  
19 Annual Awards Banquet  
23 Annual Planning Meeting



## **2018 Club Photo Competition!**

*Jackie Gardner*

Get your shutters snapping! Here are the objectives and rules for this year's Club Photo Competition:

1. To encourage members to have fun taking videos or photos from our club events and special trips, sharing their best photos and competing with our fellow members. And to encourage new members or old members to learn photography tips from experienced photographers.

2. Photos must be taken during 2018 at a Flipper Dippers' coordinated event. This is any event or dive that was published in the Newsletter or mentioned at a club meeting.

3. A entry fee of \$5.00 per category, due when you enter your photos.

4. Up to four photos can be entered into three categories (either novice or advanced): Gnome Photos, Underwater, Spirit of the

Club. If more than one photo is submitted the group of photos will be judged as a collection.

5. Snorkel Roaming Gnomes can be purchased for \$18.99 at: [www.roaminggnomestore.com/p-1294-snorkel-roaming-gnome.aspx](http://www.roaminggnomestore.com/p-1294-snorkel-roaming-gnome.aspx)

6. Photo prints can be no larger than 8-1/2 x 11 inches. All photos submitted for each category must be mounted on the same piece of mounting board. For instance if you submit three Gnome photos and four underwater photos, the Gnomes must all share one mounting board as a collection and the underwater photos must share another mounting board as a collection. Mounting boards should be large enough to hold all your Photos.

7. Winning photos will be featured on our home page and all photos will be judged by your peers attending our annual Flipper Dipper Awards Banquet in January 2019. The most votes for each category will be our winners. The winners will be announced at the February General meeting. There will be

a first place prize in each category.

8. There are six (6) winning categories (either novice or experienced).

- A. Novice or Experienced underwater photos.
- B. Novice or Experienced spirit of the club.
- C. Novice or Experienced Gnome picture (underwater or spirit of the club).

**Novice:** meaning you have been taking underwater photos for less than 10 years.

**Advanced:** meaning Experienced photographer has an advanced camera and over 10 years experience.

Categories will include: Underwater, Spirit of the Club (above water), and Gnome either spirit or underwater. These photos can be edited if preferred.

9. Entries must be submitted by January 12, 2019, one week before the Annual Awards Banquet. Photos must have been taken in 2018 at a Flipper Dipper coordinated event. This is an event or dive that was published in the Newsletter or mentioned at a club meeting. ★

**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

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## 2018 & 2019 COMING EVENTS

Dec 5	Business Meeting
Dec 8	Second Saturday SCUBA
Dec 19	☛ General Meeting - Officer Elections / BIG Christmas Raffle
Jan 2	Business Meeting
Jan 12	Second Saturday SCUBA
Jan 16	☛ General Meeting
Jan 19	Annual Awards Banquet
Jan 23	Annual Planning Meeting
Feb 2	Business Meeting
Feb 12	Second Saturday SCUBA
Feb 20	☛ General Meeting

**Watch This Space - Much More To Come!  
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*ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET  
Mark Your Calendars:  
Saturday, January 19, 2019*

The Flipper Dippers' Annual Awards Banquet will be on January 19, 2019. The banquet is going to be held at **Viva**, 15970 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos where it was held this past January. Details to come. 🌟



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