

NEWSLETTER



# San Jose Flipper Dippers

OCTOBER  
2020

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD  
3RD WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
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## September S3 (Second Saturday Scuba) Report

The September 12th S3 dive was led by Club treasurer **Jackie Gardner** – who is working on completing many of her “Star” requirements. Conditions were looking good, so it was decided to try the North End of Monastery Beach. The main reason she chose it was because she had never dove it before and was curious to experience it. Several people showed up including **Tom and Jackie Gardner, Barb Davis, Howard Timoney, Manuel Mangrobang, Ken Agur,** and new prospective members **Howard Chien and Sergei Koznetcov.**

Barb and Howard brought their kayaks and decided to stay parked on Highway 1 so they could access the beach over the sand dunes – a lot of work. The rest of the group parked near the day care center among the trees which had a hard packed path to the beach. The beach entry had a stairway near the ocean cove and was well protected.

Entry was made and we swam out to where the kelp began at about 15-ft depth and swam straight out to the drop-off and cruised at about 50-60 ft. The visibility was 30-ft, it was a little dark because of the smoke and fog in the sky but overall was pretty good.

Barb and Howard dove to over a hundred feet deep, near the edge of the trench, and said that the vis was even better. There was a lot of life; rockfish, cabezon, Nudibranchs, starfish and plenty of kelp to about seventy feet. Only five people did a second dive. Tom backed out because his shoulder was hurting (something about falling off his bike at Van Damme?), and Jackie and Ken also decided one dive was enough. The temperature wasn't that bad, about 50 to 52 degrees. We all stayed and enjoyed our lunches together while keeping the requisite “Social Distance” from each other. 🌟

See the September S3 photos on page 5.



## Yes, you shoulda' been there!

During the Labor Day Weekend at Van Damme State Park, Dippers (from left) **Dennis and Bonnie Nasont, Jim Rezowalli, Carl Tuttle,** and **Tom and Jackie Gardner** shared a great pot-luck dinner on Saturday evening while attempting to social distance. It was a great 4-day extended weekend of SCUBA diving, kayak diving, hiking, bike riding and enjoying evening camp fires. Did we forget to mention good wine too? The ocean and weather turned out to be a “Chamber of Commerce Picture Perfect Weekend.”

Oh, and there was also an individual who celebrated a birthday with cake AND ice cream! No, that photo (below) isn't the campfire – it's the flames of the birthday cake. YIKES!

Now, don't you wish you were there? The Club is planning on doing this again in 2021, so you better put it on your calendar! 🌟



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



October will soon be here. Last month many of the activities that were planned ended up canceled due to Covid or fire and smoke conditions. Hopefully this coming month will bring a respite from the present conditions. The camping trip to Van Damme on Labor Day Weekend was a big success, biking, hiking, diving and a shopping trip into town and perfect weather made for a very pleasant and enjoyable trip.

The Second Saturday SCUBA dive for September was done at North Monastery Beach. Several club members and two new prospective members showed up and made the plunge. The visibility was very good and there was plenty of kelp and aquatic life from the shore to about 70-ft. Little surge, swell or current made for an easy entry and exit.

This month there is going to be both a CPR/First Aid class and a PADI Rescue Diver class taught by our very own **Brian Zaugg**. See the schedule and additional information on page 6.

Don't forget that October is when the club dues are due. This year our board decided to reduce Club dues to \$30 due to reduced expenses. Voluntary dues for CenCal (Central California Council of Diving Clubs) and USofA (Underwater Society of America) to support their efforts on behalf of all divers in the areas of beach access along with conservation and state and national legislation are also due. These two organizations form an effective method for presenting the divers' interests state-wide and nationally. Dues are now paid directly to CenCal and USofA online at their Website: [www.cencal.org](http://www.cencal.org). See the information on page 3.

Coming up in November will be nominations for 2021 Club Officers. Maybe you have been thinking about getting more involved in Club activities? Here's your chance! You don't have to have someone "Nominate" you. Contact one of our officers and let them know you're interested. **We need YOU!**

Be sure to participate at our online Club meetings, via WebEx, to find out what's going on, we miss you.

Well, hopefully the weather will hold and the fires will die down to allow for some great diving.

– Your president **Tom**



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### Diver' I.Q. Review Corner

#### ★ ★ Jumble ★ ★

Unscramble these Jumbles, put one letter in each square. Arrange circle letters to form answer, as suggested in the cartoon.

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RUDGO      ○    □    □    □    □    □

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PLYOFF      □    □    □    □    □    □

Answer Here:      □    □    □    □    □    □    □    □    □    □    □    □    □    □



(Are you right? See Pg 7.)



Join us online at our virtual October General Meeting for a great time to share your latest dive stories or discuss how you're keeping busy. 🌟

### RAFFLE NEWS

*Leigh Hartley Tuttle*

Well, you didn't win? And here we are still waiting to get back together. Hang in there Dippers! 🌟

### MEMBERSHIP

*Teresa Hanson*

We have two new prospective members: **Howard Chien** and **Sergei Koznetcov**. Both Howard and Sergei have joined us on a couple of dives and will be looking for signatures from some of our mem-

bers at future dives. We're always on the lookout for new divers who are looking for someone to dive with. So be sure to pass on this newsletter to anyone you know. See the Club's Website for more information. Contact **Teresa** for additional information on any and all Membership Requirements.

**Happy birthday!** If we had a regular General Meeting, a FREE raffle ticket would be given to **Kelly Drake** and **Howard Timoney** who have made it another 584 million miles around the Sun in only 365 days! 🌟

**Club Dues this year are \$30.00 and \$10.00** per year to receive this Newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service. Or download it FREE each month from the Club's Website in full color. Charter and Lifetime Members will continue to receive the Newsletter by U.S. mail.

CenCal (Central California Council of Diving Clubs) dues are **\$15.00** and USofA (Underwater Society of America) dues are **\$20.00**. (Pay online at: [www.cencal.org](http://www.cencal.org)). 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	\$ 30.00
Newsletter (U.S. Mail)	10.00
CEN CAL	15.00
USofA	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$ 75.00

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! 🌟

### 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. Each member will also be asked to sign an "Assumption of Risk Agreement" when dues are paid. These forms are available on the Club's Website. Since we're not able to have in-person meetings, send a signed copy with your dues in the mail to: **Jackie Gardner**, 2986 Everdale Court, San Jose, CA 95148. (Contact Jackie if you want to pay your dues in cash.)

### NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 CLUB OFFICERS

#### HOW ABOUT YOU?



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.

#### Duties of our Club Officers are as follows:

**PRESIDENT:** Has overall responsibility for the club's success. Presides at all general, business and special meetings and appoints standing committees for the year and special committees as seen fit. Also includes writing a monthly *President's Corner* for the newsletter.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Responsible for scheduling of the dive calendar each month, arranging for dive coordinators, and writing the monthly calendar article for the newsletter. Includes presiding at all meetings in the absence of the President.

**SECRETARY:** Includes maintaining the minutes for all general and business meetings and handling club-related correspondence. Responsible for attending all meetings or making arrangements for someone to handle the duties in his/her absence.

**TREASURER:** 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 boat dives, banquets, etc.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Includes making arrangements for all meetings and setting up necessary meeting equipment. Maintains order at the meetings and collects fines levied upon members. 🌟

## More amazing discoveries to be found?

Last month we had a report and photos of Dippers helping clean up some newly acquired property of the Elkhorn Slough Foundation. Part of the effort was on the top of what was basically a garbage dump. Well, the foundation brought in some heavy equipment and the results were about what we expected. Need we say more? 🌟



*Tom and Jackie Gardner, Gabi Estill and Jim Rezowalli just scratched the surface of the "Dump."*



## Labor Day Weekend at Van Damme State Park

Dippers had a terrific time enjoying the great outdoors with sunshine, camp fires, diving, kayaking (former member Chris Rehm from Ukiah), hiking, kelp on the beach, anniversaries (Dennis & Bonnie), COVID masks, urchin barrens, birthdays (Bonnie), biking, purple sea urchins, forgotten weight belts (Dennis), rocks for weights (Dennis), falling off bikes (Tom), wine, food, dogs, abalone in some rocks, forgetting kayak paddles at home (Carl), wine, beer, ice cream, more food, and more wine (everyone). Let's do this again! 🍷



## September's S3 Dive at North Monastery



Above from left: Howard C., Barbara, Howard T., Jackie, Tom, Manuel. Right: Sergei, Tom, Manuel, Jackie, Howard C. and Ken, the "Selfie King."

## **PADI Rescue Diver Course and Emergency First Response + CPR & AED Training**

Interested in expanding your diving skills? Brian Zaugg is offering to host a PADI Rescue Diver Course and a Emergency First Response + CPR & AED programs for the Flipper Dippers - including prospective members!

This is a great opportunity to take your skills to the next level and it looks like we have the minimum requirements of 4 Dippers to make these programs go. Classroom sessions will be held at Diver Dan's in Santa Clara.

Here's the schedule:

### **PADI Rescue Diver**

#### **Oct 3 (Saturday) - Classroom Session (all day)**

For course materials, you'll need the PADI Rescue Diver Crew Kit

The class fees are:

Diver Dan's shop fee: \$25

Instructor fee: \$112 (special SJFD discount: \$125 less \$13 = \$112)

For the classroom portion of Rescue Diver we'll review the course topics, go over the knowledge reviews, and take the exam.

#### **Oct 10 & 11 (Saturday & Sunday) - PADI Rescue Diver Ocean Sessions (all day each day)**

For the ocean portion of Rescue Diver, we'll go to the Breakwater and do the practice on Saturday and the rescue exercises on Saturday.

### **Emergency First Response + CPR & AED**

#### **Oct 4 (Sunday) - Classroom Session (all day)**

For course materials, you'll need the Emergency First Response + CPR & AED course book.

The class fees are:

Diver Dan's shop fee: \$25

Instructor fee: \$90 (special SJFD discount: \$100 less \$10 = \$90)

We'll meet at Diver Dan's where they have training AEDs, CPR mannequins, et al.

### **O2 Provider**

#### **TBD: Oct 31 or Nov 1 (4 hours)**

Finally, if anyone wants to also take an O2 Provider course, that is easy to schedule as well. We will review use of an O2 kit during the CPR and Rescue courses; but, the O2 Provider course goes into more depth. O2 Provider takes 1 evening or 1/2 day session and has its own book.

The class fees are:

Diver Dan's shop fee: \$25

Instructor fee: \$67 (special SJFD discount: \$75 less \$8 = \$67)

#### **Notes:**

- 1.) The fees et al can be handled on the day of the class.
- 2.) The Rescue, CPR (aka EFR Primary & Secondary Care), and O2 Provider each have a book with knowledge review worksheets. It's best to read the material and complete the knowledge reviews prior to class.

### **Sign Up Today!**

If you're interested, contact: Tom Gardner, 408-274-9447, email: [tomandjackieus@yahoo.com](mailto:tomandjackieus@yahoo.com) ★



# DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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## ★ NOTICE ★

With the 10 person social gathering and 6-foot social distance order in place around the state to deal with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, both the Business and General Meetings will be “virtual” meetings. All previously scheduled activities are to be determined (TBD).

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 PADI RESCUE DIVER COURSE: CLASSROOM SESSION

All day lecture session held at Diver Dan's in Santa Clara. See page 6 for details.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE + CPR & AED COURSE

All day session held at Diver Dan's in Santa Clara. See page 6 for details.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM

The business meeting will be held **virtually**. All members are invited to attend. Please email **Carl Tuttle** or **Abby Golden Wilson** if you need the link to join. Bring your own food, drinks and internet connection and let's discuss ideas for how we can stay connected while apart!

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3)

This month's scheduled S3 dive will be coordinated by **Barbara Davis**. Plan to meet at the Secret Spot at 8AM. Contact Barbara at bjdscuba123@gmail.com or (408) 656-6390 for more information. If her winemaking schedule conflicts, **Carl Tuttle** will take Barbara's place as coordinator – we are sure she will be crushed about it!

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 PADI OCEAN SESSION DAY 1

Dipper's PADI Ocean Rescue Course all day in-water practice session at Breakwater. See page 6 for details.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 PADI OCEAN SESSION DAY 2

Dipper's PADI Ocean Rescue Course all day in-water exercise session at Breakwater. See page 6 for details.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 O2 PROVIDER COURSE — TENTATIVE DATE —

This course will either be held **Saturday, October 31, or Sunday, November 1**. Four-hour session held at Diver Dan's in Santa Clara. See page 6 for information.

## GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCT 21

7:30 PM

### Celebrating 56 Years

Join us online for our Virtual General Meeting via WebEx. Virtual meeting invites will be sent to all members, but everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Please contact us on our website, or email the club VP, **Abby Golden Wilson** (abbygolden15@gmail.com), if you would like to attend.



### UPCOMING IN NOVEMBER

- 04 Business Meeting – Virtual
- 14 Second Saturday SCUBA
- 18 **General Meeting – Virtual: Nominations for Office**
- 21 Wine Tasting & Picnic (TBD)
- 27 Reservations Open for Memorial Day Weekend at Big Sur (May 27, 2021)



## CenCal's Support of 3-D Map of Pt. Lobos

About 8 years ago, CenCal had a set-aside fund for diver access issues. The fund had \$3000 which hadn't been touched for years. CenCal was approached by BAUE (Bay Area Underwater Explorers) to use the funds to complete their mapping of the shallow areas of Pt. Lobos, with the promise of a permanent 3-D relief map in the park. BAUE was given the funds and completed their project. Be sure to check out the map, near the restrooms at Whalers Cove, on your next visit to Pt. Lobos. ★



I.Q. Review Jumbles: Error, Gourd, Winner, Floppy. Answer: Floundering

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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## 2020 COMING EVENTS

Oct 3	Lobster Season Opens
Oct 7	Business Meeting
Oct 10	Second Saturday SCUBA
Oct 21	👉 General Meeting
Nov 4	Business Meeting
Nov 14	Second Saturday SCUBA
Nov 18	👉 General Meeting Nominations for Office
Nov 21	Wine Tasting & Picnic (TBD)
Nov 27	Reservations Memorial Day Weekend (May 27, 2021)
Dec 2	Business Meeting
Dec 12	Second Saturday SCUBA
Dec 16	👉 General Meeting Election for Office

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

### A Weighty Find



**Tom Gardner** (right) lost a weight pouch at the Lovers Pt. dive in August, and was found by **Sergei Koznetcov**. His posting on a Bay Area Website was seen by **Ken Agur** and **Howard Chien** and the information was sent to Tom. Tom met with Sergei and he was rewarded with a bunt cake! We wonder, was the bunt cake the same weight? ☆



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