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San Jose Flipper Dippers

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GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
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A million dollar view

Months after the death of Golden Girls star **Betty White**, her estate is selling the legend's Carmel, California, home for \$7.95 million.

White bought a 0.28-acre plot with her beloved husband, game show host **Allen Luden**, in 1978. But he died from stomach cancer shortly after the rustic three-story abode was completed.

Now, it's on the market, with Truszkowski Freedman & Associates of Sotheby's International Realty handling the listing.



In 2012, White revealed to Architectural Digest magazine that her favorite room in the house was the den. "It's warm and cozy and decorated in gold-pink to match my golden retriever," she said.

White spent her final years at her house in Brentwood, Los Angeles, which was more accessible to at-home care, but "if she had it her way, Betty would've lived and died in that home" in Carmel, a source told The New York Post. "It's the home she shared with her husband; it's where she felt more comfortable." 🐾



Architect Richard Hicks designed the Hollywood couple's dream home, with nearly every window offering panoramic views of the **Ribera Beach**, **Monastery Beach**, and **Point Lobos State Natural Reserve**.

The top level has an open floor plan with cathedral ceilings and a tiled terrace to take in sumptuous sunsets. Outside, an exterior staircase links all three floors to a "storybook" landscaped garden.



March 12 Dive Report

Howard Timoney



The weather forecast and wave models looked good.

Our three intrepid divers, **Carl Tuttle**, **Cedric Wright**, and **Howard Timoney** met up at Monastery South on Saturday March 12. The ocean was flat, the sun was out. After a brief discussion we decided to dive North Monastery for a change. There were several vehicles parked along Hwy 1, so we parked at the schoolhouse. We geared up and walked the trail to the very north end of Monastery. The tide was out. We entered at the very north end. It's a shallow, rocky entry. After a brief surface swim, we submerged.

Visibility was in the 30-foot range. We dropped down to 70 feet and continues on page 3

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hi All, Having spent most of the month of March in Egypt, I'm a little out of touch with the latest local diving news. So I'm looking forward to reading the great dive reports in this newsletter!

Dippers Tom and Jackie Gardner and I spent some time sightseeing in Cairo, Egypt before diving with the Aggressor fleet in the Red Sea for a week. Then we cruised up the Nile River and did more sight-seeing before returning home. The diving was great! Lots of healthy hard and soft corals and more kinds of fish than we could count! I would definitely recommend Red Sea diving!

I see that we have our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt dive coming up in April along with the usual S3 dive. I'm looking forward to a good turnout for these events. And don't forget to make reservations for the Dipper May 14th Point Lobos dive on April 1st.

I look forward to seeing you all in the water soon.

Let's go diving!

– **Barbara**



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IT'S BACK! 13th Annual U/W Easter Egg Hunt A Fourth Saturday Scuba April 23rd at Del Monte Beach

(See Page 7 for Details)



Dippers Celebrate 58 Years!

The San Jose Flipper Dippers, one of the oldest and most active dive clubs in Northern California, began its odyssey back in 1964 with a small group of SCUBA instructors and other devoted divers dedicated to the promotion of safety and diver training. By 1965 the Club had a "Charter Member" list of 46 divers strong. The first edition of this newsletter was published in April 1965 and consisted of two pages! Happy Birthday!



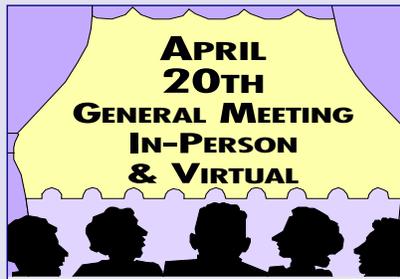
This year's anniversary salutes those who have been Club members for:

20 or more consecutive years

- Carl Tuttle '72*
- Mike Chalup '88*
- Kelly Drake '88*
- Hunter Reid '88*
- Don Mercado '88*
- Barbara Davis '93*
- Greg Davis '94*
- Dennis Nasont '98*

10 or more consecutive years

- Jim Rezowalli '05*
- John Snyder '07*
- Howard Timoney '07*
- Tom Gardner '09*
- Jackie Gardner '11*
- Teresa Hanson '12*



We'll be having our in-person General Meeting this month. If you come please bring a refreshment to share – safely! We'll again have a live Skype connection to communicate with those who still prefer to meet virtually. ★

RAFFLE NEWS

We canceled our in-person gathering for the March General Meeting, due to a number of members off diving in the Red Sea, but we did have it online via Skype. We're still in a holding pattern for our monthly raffle. But hold on! A Big Raffle is in the works for our planned 'Christmas in July' gathering. So be sure to go through all those goodies you've been saving . . . ★

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swam around the reef in a counterclockwise direction. I checked my computer, 49 degrees. I thought, maybe if we aren't this deep, I might get a bit warmer. Went up a bit, it didn't work.

After a 39-minute dive we surfaced right at the minimal surf line. The usual Monastery crawl out. As we started walking back to the trail, Carl suggested we leave our gear on some rocks and just take the tanks back to our vehicles. Good thinking.

After an hour surface interval, we grabbed fresh tanks and went out for our second dive. The tide was lower than the first dive. This dive, at 60 feet, it was much warmer, 50 degrees. Carl decided we should swim around the wash rock (clockwise). It got a bit shallow, but with minimal wave action we were fine. After 43 minutes we surfaced. This time we had to lug all our gear back to the trucks.

The kelp is still doing good at North Monastery, but it looks like the purple urchins are getting a toe hold. Probably only a matter of time before they are out of control, like South Monastery

Lunch was at Crossroads BBQ. On the way back I finally warmed up at about Gilroy

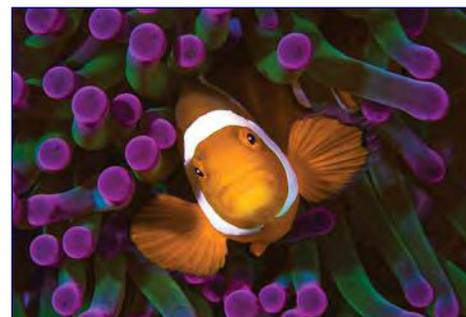
MEMBERSHIP

Ken Agur

We had prospective members come to some past dives and are getting close to joining the Club. Remember, any certified diver is welcome to join in on our dives.

See the monthly calendar for locations and contact information for the dive coordinator.

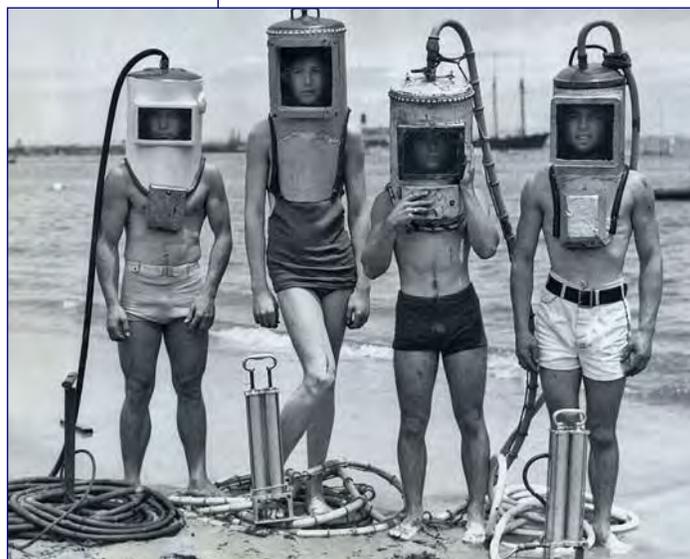
Happy birthday! These Dippers have all made it around the sun one more time including *Greg Davis*, *Jim Rezowalli* and *Brian Zaugg*. ★



Scorecard:

- 3 divers in (twice)
- 3 divers out (twice)
- 70' for 39 minutes and 60' for 43 minutes
- 49 degrees cold
- The usual Monastery critters
- Good kelp coverage
- More bad purple urchins
- Yummy delicious and highly nutritious lunch at Crossroads BBQ

And the moral of the story: Dude, it was great, you should have gone diving! ★



Dive Report: March 26th

Howard Timoney

Donovan Hill and **Grace Chi** met at my house early Saturday morning for a run to Monterey. Grace was meeting 2 friends, Jeremy and Leeann, both fairly new divers that Grace wanted to convince to continue to dive in Monterey.

We met up with Michael Gladden at the upper Breakwater parking lot and Jeremy and Leeann showed up a few minutes later.

The water was flat and the overcast was burning off. Grace, Leeann and Jeremy dove the wall while Michael, Donovan and I went to Metridium Fields. We had about 15 feet of visibility and 49 degrees cold. Maximum depth of 51 feet for 39 minutes.

After the first dive we met at the truck. Grace, Leeann and Jeremy reported they had a good dive and Leeann and Jeremy would dive here again. Grace's drysuit, having just come back from the shop for a zipper replacement, leaked. Ohoo-Noo. Send back for re-do time.

Jeremy and Leeann had another function to attend and left. Grace sat out the second dive due to her wet-drysuit. Michael, Donovan and I dove the wall for the second dive. Visibility was between about 5 feet to 15 feet, depending on where we were. Water was still 49 degrees. Will somebody please turn on the heater. After a maximum depth of 40 feet for 44 minutes we surfaced and changed.

Michael had to leave so Donovan, Grace and I had lunch at Chowder House

Scorecard:

- 6 divers in the water for the first dive
- 3 divers in the water for the second dive
- All divers returned
- 51 and 40-foot depth
- 49 degrees cold
- Anywhere between 5 and 15-foot visibility
- Usual Metridium and Breakwater Wall critters
- Minimal wave action
- Sunny and warm topside
- Yummy, delicious and nutritious lunch at Chowder House (2 had fish and chips, 1 had squid and chips)
- A good time was had by all

And the moral of the story: It was great, you should have gone diving! ☆

Time Capsule

The San Jose Flipper Dippers were only three years old when this advertisement appeared in the May 1968 issue of *Underwater News*. ☆

FACT!

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Pt. Lobos is Calling: S3 Dive on May 14th.





I Want to Ride My Bicycle

Flipper Dippers enjoying a 4th Sunday Cycle, on February 27th, along the Los Gatos Creek Trail to Vasona Park. From left, **Carl Tuttle, Frances Lee, Gabi Rezowalli, Howard Chien, Tom Gardner, Jim Rezowalli, Michael Gladden.** Photo by Jackie Gardner. ☆

Central California Kayaking

From Ocean Kayak

Central California is one of the hottest markets to live in the U.S., but it's also an ultimate destination for kayaking — particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Tomales Bay – Tomales Bay in Marin County is a long inlet of the Pacific Ocean, around 15 miles long. It's a popular spot for any kind of water sport, but kayakers love it because it's the most reliable spot to witness bioluminescent waters. This is the perfect opportunity to take a nighttime kayaking trip and witness this uncommon phenomenon.

Monterey Bay – Calm waters make Monterey Bay a safe haven for sea lions, otters, and beginner kayakers. Deemed a sanctuary for many marine critters, the diverse wildlife provides visitors the chance to paddle next to animals, while not interfering with their home.

McCovey Cove – McCovey Cove in the San Francisco Bay is a unique experience for kayakers, but not in the way you might think. This cove area is flooded with kayakers and canoers on the water listening to a Giants game or nearby concerts. You may not get a lot of paddling in, but this is a different kind of kayaking adventure everyone should experience in central California.

California Kayaking Laws

As you head to some of California's best kayaking spots, visitors need to be aware of the California kayaking laws. As of June 2021, some of these laws include but not are limited to:

- Every person must have a personal floatation device on them at all times (PDF) and any children under the age of 13 must wear it at all times.
- Those in kayaks are required to carry a whistle or a horn. California considers kayaks to be vessels solely powered by oars, paddles, or pedals.
- Legal lighting is required if kayaking between sunset and sunrise.

Check with your local guides or National Parks to find more information on California's kayaking laws ☆

Great white in P.B.



PHOTO/PETER NIELSEN

THE GREAT white shark may be one of earth's most feared creatures, but when a juvenile one washed up at Stillwater Cove Wednesday evening, it was humans who came to its rescue. Eyewitness Peter Nielsen said when the shark was spotted on the rocks near the Beach Club, passersby called Cal Fire for assistance in saving the animal. After "lots of work and ropes and surfboards," Nielsen told The Pine Cone, they were able to free the shark. "By 6:15 p.m., it was through the surf and appears to have survived," Nielsen said.

From the March 18 issue of the Carmel Pine Cone newspaper. ☆



Camping and diving coming up for Memorial Day Week(end). Stay tuned to find out how you can join in. ☆

Are you looking for someone to dive with?

The Flipper Dippers will be holding their 13th Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt, at Del Monte Beach, on April 23. Bring your basket! ☆





SCUBA SHOW RETURNS MAY 14-15, 2022, TO THE LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

For 35 years, Scuba Show has drawn together thousands of passionate divers and ocean lovers. The welcoming and close-knit diving community will reunite for a much-anticipated celebration of all things SCUBA. Scuba Show is the perfect place for everyone to discover and appreciate the magic of diving!

All ticket options and packages are discounted through April 15. Get your tickets early to save money and skip the ticket window!

History, adventure, marine life, diving physiology, underwater photography, local dive spots, foreign travel, marine conservation and more. The speakers

know their topics and love to share them with you. Seminars are very popular with show-goers.

Seminars, presentations and workshops run throughout the show. Discounted day and weekend packages may be purchased in advance for a limited time online. Day passes for seminars are \$25 and may be purchased at the info desk upon arrival. Cash or credit card is accepted.

Many seminars are free to the public and do not require a seminar pass. These are agency member updates or dive companies promoting their products and services. (Free seminars will be posted at a later date.)

More presentations to come, and the times and room numbers of each session, and additional free seminars.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit: Scubashow.com 🌟



Scientists Want You to Look for Sharks

The Shark Trust is asking divers and snorkelers worldwide to join their *Great Shark Snapshot* and record every shark, ray, and skate spotted between July 24 and July 31. That information will be added to the Shark Trust's Shark Log, allowing shark scientists to build a picture of species distribution and any changes that occur. If possible, take photos or videos, but at least write down what you spotted. Go to the website to get more information and register: www.sharktrust.org (UnderCurrent) 🌟

12-Year History of the Flipper Dippers' U/W Easter Egg Hunts

This year will mark the Flipper Dippers' 13th Annual Under Water Easter Egg Hunt and there are already comments being made about some Dipper winning all the time! Well if you look at the chart below you'll see who the winners were over the past twelve years of competition. In 2020 we had a "Virtual Hunt" due to the COVID restrictions. OK, so there is one Dipper who finished in the top three places more times than the others, but who's counting? **Will YOU be a winner?** 🌟

Year	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
2010	Tom Gardner	Carl Tuttle	Jani Hail
2011	Barbara Davis	Carl Tuttle	Tim Jagers
2012	Carl Tuttle	Jim Hail	Larry Ankuda
2013	Barbara Davis	Larry Ankuda	Carl Tuttle
2014	Jim Rezowalli	Larry Ankuda	Carl Tuttle
2015	John Snyder	Brian Zaugg	Barbara Davis
2016	Carl Tuttle	Tom Gardner	Anton Dold
2017	A TIE! Carl Tuttle Manuel Mangrobang	None	None
2018	Barbara Davis	Tom Gardner	Donovan Hill
2019	Barbara Davis	Donovan Hill	Carl Tuttle
2020 Virtual	Abby Golden Wilson	Jackie Gardner	John Snyder
2021	Carl Tuttle	Grace Chi	Barbara Davis
2022	???	???	???

The Cold North Atlantic Continues Warming

So much in fact that the carcass of a Greenland shark, a species that lives in frigid Arctic waters, was discovered off the warmest part of Britain's coast. In mid-March, a member of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust found the carcass on a beach at Newlyn Harbour, near Penzance, before the rising tide washed it back out to sea. However, the crew of a tourist vessel saw it and took it in tow, returning it to land so that it could be examined. Of course, one could argue that the waters were colder than usual, but as the Arctic Ocean warms, Arctic dwellers are no longer limited to their normal territory. (UnderCurrent) 🌟



DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

TOM GARDNER

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FRIDAY, APRIL 1

POINT LOBOS RESERVATIONS

On April 1, May reservations become available for Point Lobos. Make your online reservation for the May S3 Dive on Saturday May 14 if you plan to attend. A coordinator is needed so here's your chance!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 BUSINESS MEETING

Due the fact that the Club's board is in Bonaire this week, we'll have the Business Meeting there! Tough job, but someone has to do it.

SATURDAY APRIL 9

SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3)

BEACH DIVE - We're looking for a coordinator! Join the Flipper Dippers for this month's Second Saturday Scuba! Plan is to make a 2-tank dive. Meet at 8:00. Be sure to watch your email for update on location and coordinator.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

SATURDAY APRIL 23

13th ANNUAL U/W EASTER EGG HUNT Coordinator: **Jim Rezowalli**, jimandthebeach@gmail.com, 408-293-7390. Meet at

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, APR. 20th

The Dippers are excited to be hosting in-person and hybrid meetings!

The **in-person General Meeting** will be held at **7:30 PM** at the Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Hall 2211 Shamrock Dr., Campbell.

The **virtual meeting** will continue to be hosted via Skype.

Please contact **Carl Tuttle** for more details on the in person meeting or a link to the virtual Skype meeting.

Celebrate 58 Years of the San Jose Flipper Dippers!

**Entertainment:
A Social Hour**



8:00 AM at Del Monte Beach to dive for Easter Eggs! Numbered eggs will be dropped in depths of 25 to 40 feet. Contestants will line up on the beach and when the whistle blows, the race is on! The divers that return with the highest sum of numbers on the eggs they bring up

will win the great prizes (brown eggs this year?). Wharf parking is available or park in the parking lot. Meet on the wharf next to the beach for a pre-hunt briefing. Bring 2 tanks and plan on making a 2nd dive under the wharf. Please RSVP in case the dive gets canceled.

SUNDAY APRIL 24 FOURTH SUNDAY CYCLE

Join us for our monthly Fourth Sunday Cycle led by **Jim Rezowalli**. Remember to bring a helmet, some water, and a snack. Please RSVP at jimandthebeach@gmail.com, 408-293-7390 to receive final details and any last minute updates!

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 NO SCHEDULED DIVE



UPCOMING IN MAY

- 04 Business Meeting
- 14 Second Saturday SCUBA- Pt. Lobos
- 18 **General Meeting - In Person & Virtual**
- 23 - 29 Memorial Day Weekend
- 29 Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC)



IT'S BACK!

13th Annual U/W Easter Egg Hunt April 23rd - A Fourth Saturday Scuba

Do you feel lucky? ... Well, do you?

On April 23, Dippers will be hustling to find 36 (or more!) eggs, numbered 1 to 36, distributed at random for this year's 12th Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt, at Del Monte Beach. This is a LOT of FUN! Last year there was a virtual hunt and no one got wet. This year's coordinator, **Jim Rezowalli**, promises great prizes will be in store - any chocolate bunnies? Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the highest totals added together from the numbers written on the eggs. Be sure to sign up with Jim. jimandthebeach@gmail.com, 408-293-7390! ★



An even dozen Flipper Dippers gathered for the 12th Annual Under Water Easter Egg Hunt last year. In front from left: **Tom Gardner, Jackie Gardner, Frances Lee, Grace Chi and Barbara Davis**. Back row were **Howard Chien, Carl Tuttle, Howard Timoney, Jim Rezowalli, John Snyder, Manuel Mangrobang, and Greg Davis**, who took the photo.

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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2022 COMING EVENTS

Apr 1	🐡 Pt. Lobos Reservations for May 14
Apr 05-16	Bonaire Dive Trips
Apr 06	Business Meeting
Apr 09	Second Saturday SCUBA
Apr 20	🐡 General Meeting - <u>SJFD 58 Years Old!</u>
Apr 23	U/W Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 24	Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC)
May 04	Business Meeting
May 14	Second Saturday SCUBA - Pt. Lobos
May 18	🐡 General Meeting
May 23-29	Memorial Day Weekend - Big Sur
May 29	Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC)
June 01	Business Meeting
June 11	Second Saturday SCUBA - Boat Dive
June 15	🐡 General Meeting
June 26	Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC)

*Are you looking for
someone to dive with?*

The San Jose Flipper Dippers Dive Club is a great way to meet divers who are always having fun times.

Come join us!



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



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