

NEWSLETTER



San Jose Flipper Dippers

JULY 2022

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
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Christmas in July Party!

Don't miss the San Jose Flipper Dippers' infamous Holiday General Meeting . . . **in JULY!** Grab your Festivus poles and your jingle bells. We'll be catching up on our missing big Christmas General Meetings and celebrate our 2020 and 2021 Annual Club Holiday party with a BBQ, potluck, and raffle! The Club will provide BBQ salmon and chicken, plates and utensils. You can also bring your own items to cook. Please bring a potluck item to share along with your own beverages.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

You may also go home with extra cash from our annual **"Money Tree"** raffle – envelopes containing **\$20, \$30 and \$50** will be hanging on the tree!

We ask that everyone bring a donation for this special raffle – you know, all those dive-related items you've been holding on to for the past 2 years. The more prizes in the raffle, the more chances you have to win. This will be our biggest and best raffle of the past 2 years.

We'll gather from **12pm-4pm on Saturday, July 23.** **John Snyder** has arranged for the Club to use the Jackson Oaks Home Owners Association facilities at 3490 Oak Hill Court, Morgan Hill. BBQs, a rec room, outdoor seating and a kitchen are available for the Club to use – and a swimming pool!

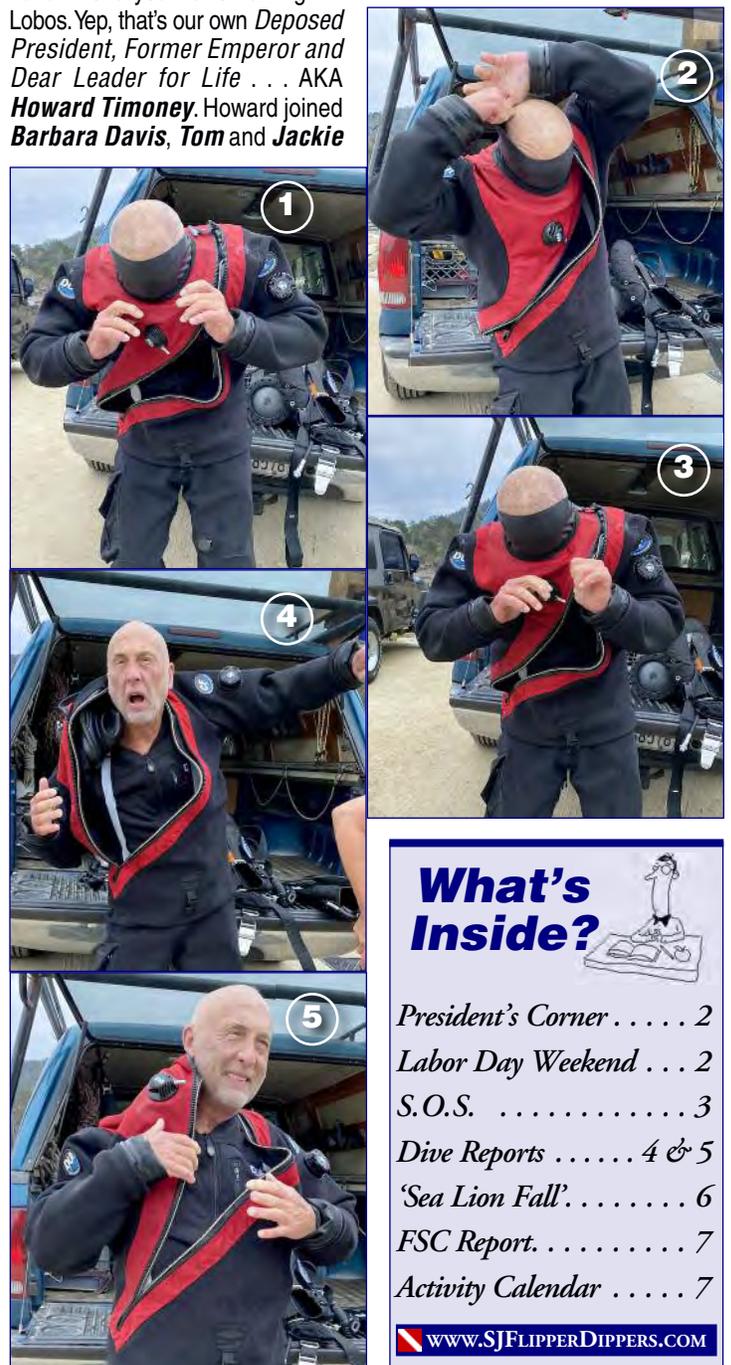
Be sure to sign up at the July General Meeting or with **Abby Golden Wilson**, abbygolden15@gmail.com, so we know how many will be there.

This is going to be BIG FUN!
See you there!

I love my drysuit. Honestly, I really do!

This Dipper easily (?) gets out of his drysuit after diving Pt. Lobos. Yep, that's our own *Deposed President, Former Emperor and Dear Leader for Life . . . AKA Howard Timoney*. Howard joined *Barbara Davis, Tom and Jackie*

Gardner, Carri Edger and Carl Tuttle, who were camping at Big Sur for the Memorial Day Week(end), for the dive. See more photos on Pages 4 and 5. ★



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings Divers!

Last month we had a great S3 dive on the *Double Down*, coordinated by **Grace Chi**. We dove Ball-Busters and Eric's Pinnacle and it was great to see so much healthy sea life and so few little purple sea urchins.

Carri Edgar and I were also able to go out on the *Vision* to cull the urchins at Tanker's Reef. The grid is mainly cleared and divers are culling the urchins on the perimeters to keep it that way. It's great to see how well this project is going and we hope to be able to expand the urchin culling efforts to other areas in Monterey and Carmel.

At our June general meeting, Dipper **Abby Golden Wilson** shared some of her recent experience in talking with DAN about a non-diving related medical issue and the importance of getting the right information about treatments and medications before you resume diving. In addition, it is a good idea to have your medical information on your phone, or otherwise accessible in case of an emergency. One option for divers is the DAN tag (\$20), which makes your name, DAN ID number, date of birth, drug allergies, and emergency contact available to first responders – even if you can't communicate.

Upcoming in July, I'm really looking forward to our Christmas in July event! We're going to re-create the Club's great traditional December meetings, which have been skipped the past few years due to COVID. There will be a swimming pool, a big BBQ, and our giant Christmas raffle, including the money envelopes on the Christmas tree! Plus, a number of Dippers have promised to make their special holiday goodies! It should be a great event.

Various Dippers are looking into some fun trips in the near and not-so-near future, so come and dive with us!

Let's go diving!

– Barbara



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Labor Day Weekend Camping/Diving & More - Aug 29 - Sept 5

A number of Dippers have campsite reservations for the Labor Day Weekend at Van Damme State Park in Mendocino. Space is available to share in their sites so contact those folks for information. Sites are limited to 3 vehicles and 8 people. Saturday, Sept 3rd is also a no-license fishing day.

Those Dippers with reservations include (arrival/departure dates):

- **Jim Rezowali:** #4 (8/29–9/4)
- **Tom and Jackie Gardner:** #5 (8/31–9/4)
- **Howard Chien:** #6 (9/1–9/5)
- **Barbara Davis:** #7 (8/28–9/4)
- **Carl Tuttle:** #13 (8/29–9/4)

Dippers plan on bringing their tanks, kayaks, mountain bikes to do some bike riding, and maybe some hiking. The dive shop in Ft. Bragg closed so there's no place for air fills.

It's always a fun time to sit around the camp fire in the evening, telling stories and sharing great food! So if you're interested in joining in for the holiday weekend be sure to let them know. More details in next month's newsletter 🌟



RAFFLE NEWS

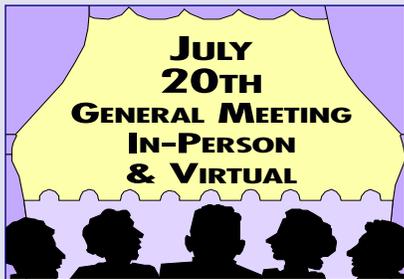
Our big 'Christmas in July' gathering is on including the traditional Gigantic December Raffle and a Christmas tree with **CASH** envelopes containing **\$20, \$30 and \$50!** Everyone is asked to bring a raffle gift or 2 (or 3) to place on the table. So remember to go through all those dive related goodies you've been saving . . . and all those dollars too. This is going to be a great time so don't miss it! ★

MEMBERSHIP

Ken Agur

We had prospective member **Tristan Chutka** attend our in-person General Meeting and join in on a June dive. Other prospective members have also 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.

Happy birthday! These Dippers made a quick swing around the sun in only 365 days!: **Barbara Davis, Scott and Michelle Schimberg and Carl Tuttle.** ★



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. ★

SOS: Using Emergency Settings on Smart Phones and Watches + DAN Tag

Abby Golden Wilson



These days most of us have 'smart' phones, watches, and even self-operating vacuum cleaners that are much smarter than they used to be. Some of us even know how to use them! Many devices can also help us in an emergency by allowing first responders access to basic information such as our blood type, current medications, and emergency contacts which can help us receive care more

quickly. Each of us has to make the best decision for ourselves in what we are comfortable sharing or setting up on our devices. Below are some terms to search and links for more detailed instructions to configure emergency settings on your smart phones and watches.

Android or Google Phones: You can search for "Android Safety and Emergency settings" for more detailed advice online or follow the link below to update your phone's "Medical Info settings" to add relevant medical information like any important medical conditions, current medications and set "Emergency Contacts" and make them available to 911 operators. This information will be available to emergency responders and can be accessed when your phone is locked. You can also use this link: "Get help in an emergency using your Android phone" [1]

iPhones: You can search online for additional information on "Using Emergency SOS on your iPhone" to "Edit Emergency Contacts" or use this link: "Use Emergency SOS on your iPhone" [2]. To update your "Medical ID" and make details such as allergies, medications, blood type, or other information available to emergency responders or during an emergency call, use this link: "Set up your Medical ID in the Health app on your iPhone" [3].

Smart Watches Some smart watches can be used to call 9-1-1, but there is a wide variety in what services they offer. Because of this, searching for information about your individual device may be most helpful. Below are the

names of articles and links for setting up the most commonly used smart watches:

- **Samsung Watch** : "Use your Samsung smart watch in an emergency situation" [4]
- **Apple Watch:** "Use Emergency SOS on your Apple Watch" [5] and "Use fall detection with Apple Watch" [6]

DAN Tag: As divers we all know that in case of a diving emergency access to proper medical care is not necessarily the same for a non-diver; especially in the case of an embolism or DCS. In addition to the above information using your smart phones or watches, it's also a good idea to have a DAN Tag (Diver's Alert Network) which includes the DAN emergency phone number on the front side and on the back side your name, DAN ID number, date of birth, drug allergies, and emergency contact all available to first responders – especially if you can't communicate. The \$20 DAN Tag is crafted from aluminum and laser engraved with all your information. The DAN Tag is anodized for corrosion resistance and easily attaches to your BCD with the included stainless steel lanyard. [7] ★



[1] <https://support.google.com/android/answer/9319337>

[2] <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT208076>

[3] <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT207021>

[4] <https://www.samsung.com/us/support/answer/ANS00078032/>

[5] <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT206983>

[6] <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT208944>

[7] <https://dan.org/dan-medical-id-tags/>



Ahooga! . . . Ahooga! Dive! Dive! Dive!

Saturday, June 18th

Howard Timoney

Prospective Member **Tristan Chutka** along with Dippers **Howard Timoney** (yours truly) and **Michael Gladden** went out to Metridium Fields and then the Breakwater Wall. The tide was out, the water was flat.

Metridium Fields:

- 3 went into the water
- 3 came out of the water
- 15-20' visibility
- 45' depth for 39 minutes
- 49 degrees cold
- Nice easy dive
- HT found the pipe, found the proper end of the pipe, found the Metridium Fields, found the pipe on the return and even brought everybody back to the beach successfully!
- The usual Metridium Field critters

Breakwater Wall:

- 3 went into the water
- 3 came out of the water
- Swam out towards the end of the Breakwater and got buzzed by several sea lions
- 10-15' visibility
- 40' depth for 45 minutes
- 50 degrees cold
- The usual Breakwater wall critters
- Sunny and warm
- The wind picked up after the second dive

These were Tristan's first dives with the Flipper Dippers. Tristan reported he had a great time and wants to go again, although his euphoria may be due to latent nitrogen narcosis, the rapture of the deep. We had a yummy, delicious, and highly nutritious lunch at Pig Wizard.

And the moral of the story: It was great. You should have gone diving. 🌟



Saturday, June 25th

Howard Timoney

Howard (that'd be me) and **Cedric Wright** left the valley heat to try and cool off. Monterey was overcast and in the high 50s when we got there.

- Monastery was flat
- We dove the south end
- 53 feet for 49 minutes
- 15' visibility
- 52 degrees cold
- 2 went into the water
- 2 came out of the water
- The usual Monastery critters
- We called it at one dive
- Lunch at Crossroads BBQ
- The heat in Gilroy finally warmed our cold bodies

And the moral of the story: It was good, not great and you should have gone diving. 🌟

Big Sur Memorial Day Week(end)

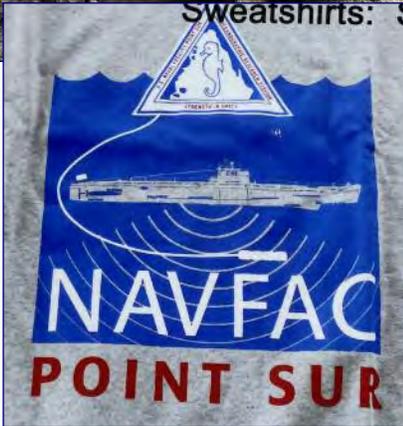
Dippers had a great time camping, bike riding, hiking, diving and exploring the coast including a tour of the Point Sur Light Station and the decommissioned Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command's (NAVFAC) undersea listening facility. **Tom Gardner**, who was stationed at a similar facility in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska, during his Navy days, provided additional insight during the docent-led tour.

Those camping included **Tom** and **Jackie Gardner**, **Carl Tuttle**, **Barbara Davis**, **Howard Chien** (Frances was MIA!), **Carri Edgar**, **Cedric Wright** and **Tomomi**, **Gabi Estill** (Rezowalli) and **Jim Rezowalli** along with **Murphy** and **Misty**. **Abby** and **Ben Wilson** came down from San Jose to join in on the Saturday night potluck dinner. It was a great time to get to the coast. Be sure to consider joining the Dippers at Van Dame State Park over Labor Day Weekend for another fun-filled adventure! 🌟





A bit of a walk up the road to the light house was worth the climb.



Tom & Jackie on top of the world.



Barbara, Ben and Abby taste-testing something.



Cedric supervising Carl's cooking skills.



Carri is the *Princess and the Pea* with her modified 'Bouncy House.'

June S3 Boat Dive Report

Grace Chi

On June 11, Dippers **Carri Edgar**, **Cedric Wright**, and I met at **Howard Timoney's** home in San Jose – at a way too early hour – to carpool down to Monterey for the Second Saturday Dive (S3) on the *Double Down*. We picked up **Barbara Davis** in Gilroy while **Carl Tuttle** drove down from Rio Vista. Capt. Rick met us at the dock a little bit past 7:30 with the goal of leaving by 8. The sun was shining and the boat ride was a little lumpy out to our first site Ball-Buster, an offshore pinnacle.

Rick gave us an interesting backstory on how fishing nets' 50-pound lead balls would get caught on the reef structure and left there. Although some claim a Monterey diver named it after his first wife, attesting to the difficulty of dealing with both his wife and the site.

This is a site some of us had been to before, but only a few times. It was Carl's first time here and it was absolutely gorgeous. Highlights include a small wolf eel, rocks covered with strawberry anemones and metridiums, crabs among the metridiums, and few urchins. Viz was about 50-ft with a temp. of 48 degrees. Max depth 94-ft. There was a very slight current in some places. During descent and ascent, along the anchor line, I shooed away some small comb jellyfish and kept an eye on a large egg-yolkish jellyfish a short distance away.

For the second dive, we went to Eric's Pinnacle. Conditions had deteriorated a bit and the viz was lower at 30-ft where we explored the rocky area around the pinnacle. My computer recorded a low temp. of 50 degrees but most

folks, including myself, felt cold. After the dive and warming up with Howards hot water we had a delicious lunch at the Dust Bowl, across from the wharf parking lot. All agreed it was a great day for diving. 🌟



Pack up the gear . . . then unpack . . . then repack

Above, Howard, Carri, Cedric and Barbara load all their gear into Howard's truck after diving off the *Double Down* for the June S3 dive. After lunch the group had to unload everything to get their tanks filled at Aquarius Dive Shop then load everything back in. Who's in charge of this operation, anyway? 🌟

Grim but haunting scene

John King, San Francisco Chronicle

“Sea Lion Fall,” a photo by Monterey emergency room technician David Slater, was named best aquatic photograph in a California Academy of Sciences competition. The emergency room technician in Monterey went diving last September and came across a dead sea lion slowly being devoured by starfish, 40 feet below the surface.

“It was pretty ironic — here I am on my day off, and I encounter this huge dead sea lion,” recalled David Slater, 32, about the first of what became six visits to the grim yet haunting scene. “There was sadness, but also a certain nurturing beauty.” Slater, who moved to Monterey from Hawaii five years ago, had his image “Sea Lion Fall” selected as the best photograph in the “Aquatic Life” category of the Academy’s BigPicture: Natural World Photography Competition.

As someone who says he “has been obsessed with undersea photography since I was kid,” Slater was familiar with BigPicture, but he had never given thought to entering until real life intervened. “Sea Lion Fall” was taken on

the sixth and last dive that Slater took to survey the scene off Monterey’s San Carlos beach. With each visit, the sea lion remained on the ocean floor, face buried in the sand. With each visit, Slater saw more and more members of one species drawing sustenance from the remains of another. By the last



visit, two dozen bat stars of varying sizes and hues had attached themselves to the carcass, latched tight so that one of their two stomachs could use enzymes to break down the solid mass and make it digestible.

Slater knew the grisly technical details since he has a marine biology degree from the University of Hawaii. But he also knew that he was encoun-

tering a rare glimpse of nature’s cycle of life — one made more solemn by a handful of sea lions hovering nearby, keeping watch but not intervening. “Sea lions are pretty intelligent creatures, and I wondered if the one who had passed had belonged to this rookery,” Slater said in a phone interview.

For his final visit to the fallen sea lion — in between shifts at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula — Slater brought along the gear to take vivid images of the world beneath the water, including strobes to capture the true colors in the gauzy undersea setting. What he returned with has a calm and haunting surrealism — a still, gray creature studded with colorful sea stars, while other sea lions were a dim chorus in the background. “I knew the photo was special to me,” said Slater, who has an Instagram account devoted to his off-hours passion. “But to have the judges agree? I literally don’t believe it.”

An exhibition of BigPicture’s seven winners and 42 runners-up will be held this fall beginning Sept. 30 at the Academy’s home in Golden Gate Park. The full set of 49 prize-winning and finalist photos is at www.bigpicturecompetition.org/2022-winners. 🌟

DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

TOM GARDNER

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JULY 2022

SATURDAY, JULY 2
NO LICENSE FISHING DAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6
BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting will be held **virtually via Skype**. All members are invited to attend. Please email **Carl Tuttle** if you need the link to join. Bring your own food, drinks, and internet connection and we'll discuss ideas for upcoming dives and events.

SATURDAY JULY 9
SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3)
BEACH DIVE Carl Tuttle, (408-829-3660, email: tutcomms@sbc-global.net) is coordinating a dive at North Monastery (at the school). Plan is to meet at 8 AM and make a 2-tank dive. Lunch at Crossroads BBQ. Be sure you get on the list in case plans change.

SATURDAY, JULY 16
NO SCHEDULED DIVE

GENERAL MEETING **WEDNESDAY, JULY 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



SATURDAY, JULY 23
CHRISTMAS IN JULY PICNIC

All Dippers and prospective members are invited to join us in celebrating our 2020/2021 Annual Club Holiday Party, BBQ, potluck and Raffle! 12 noon to 4 PM at the Jackson Oaks HOA Gazebo in Morgan Hill. Contact **Abby Golden Wilson**, abbygolds15@gmail.com. See article on the front page for more information.

SATURDAY, JULY 31
NO SCHEDULED DIVE



UPCOMING IN AUGUST

03 Business Meeting
13 Second Saturday SCUBA
17 General Meeting
20 Elkhorn Slough Kayak
29 - 05 Sept: Labor Day Weekend - Van Damme



Yes, we did have a 4th Sunday Cycle in June!

Some of your fellow Dippers went on the scheduled 4th Sunday Cycle (FSC) in June along the Santa Cruz Rail Trail and into Wilder Ranch State Park. The fog went away and the sun made for an enjoyable ride along the coast. After the ride, **Jim Rezowalli**, **Gabi Estill** (Rezowalli) and Carl Tuttle had lunch at the West End Tap and Kitchen. Is was a great day to enjoy exercise, stories, laughter and the fresh ocean air – away from the inland heat. Did you miss it? Why yes. Yes YOU did! ☆



Gabi and Jim recruiting a prospective Club member.



Carl offers a free newsletter to this fellow if he comes to a General Meeting!



Gabi leads the way for the June FSC ride.

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

July 02	No License Fishing Day
July 06	Business Meeting
July 09	Second Saturday SCUBA
July 20	👉 General Meeting
July 23	Christmas in July Picnic
Aug 03	Business Meeting
Aug 13	Second Saturday SCUBA
Aug 17	👉 General Meeting
Aug 20	Elkhorn Slough Kayak
Aug 29 - Sept 05	Labor Day Weekend - Van Damme
Sept 03	No License Fishing Day
Sept 07	Business Meeting
Sept 10	Second Saturday SCUBA
Sept 17	International Coastal Cleanup Day
Sept 21	👉 General Meeting
Sept 25	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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