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San Jose Flipper Dippers

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GENERAL MEETINGS HELD
3RD WEDNESDAY
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Pt. Lobos Dive Report

Barbara Davis

At the July General Meeting, Dipper **Barbara Davis** and prospective members **Taylor Sullivan** and **Tristan Chutka** got together to plan a dive for Sunday, July 24th. We discovered that there were 2 reservations available at Point Lobos that day, so we grabbed them! Dipper **Carri Edgar** rounded out our 2 dive teams.

Whaler's cove was flat calm when we entered the water and made our way out through the abundant surface kelp. We descended to about 20 feet and navigated through the sand channel to dive along middle reef. While the water was mostly green and murky, viz did open up to 20 – 30 feet farther out. We observed plenty of different types of nudibranchs and sea cucumbers, and the usual varieties of anemones, feather duster worms, orange puffball sponges and a variety of rockfish. Max depth was about 60 feet during our 59 minute dive. Water temp was about 50 degrees.

It was pretty cool and overcast during the surface interval, but Barbara had brought some hot water we used to warm up our wetsuits! Carri was cold and decided to skip the second dive. Taylor also had some issues with her drysuit not venting well, so she also decided against a second dive. Barbara and Tristan decided to investigate the rocks on the west side of the sand channel for the second dive. Unfortunately, we encountered barren rocks and a huge number of little purple sea urchins, so a quick turn to the east brought us back to middle reef for another nice dive. Tristan was getting cold, so we decided to make a rapid return swim back to the boat ramp at the end of the dive.

After our dives we decided to skip Crossroads BBQ and try another restaurant. We ended up at *r. g. Burgers* in the same shopping center. Taylor and Tristan gave 2 thumbs up to the milkshakes and we all enjoyed great burgers and fries. You should have been there! 🌟



North Monastery Beach Dive brings out the Dippers!

Front row: Howard T., Barbara, Grace, Carl, Ken, and Taylor. **Middle row:** Tom, Jackie and Cedric. **Back row:** Tristan, Howard C., Andrew, Abby and Frances. Photo by Ben Wilson (aka Mr. Abby).

The July 6th dive at North Monastery Beach brought together a whole bunch of Dippers and friends. It was a great turnout and a great day of diving as most in the group did two dives. Mother Nature was kind to the group as the ocean remained calm and we had from 10 to 40 foot of visibility depending where you were during the dive.

Joining in on the day were **Barbara Davis, Grace Chi, Howard Timoney, Cedric Wright, Tom and Jackie Gardner, Carl Tuttle and Ken Agur**. Prospective members included **Taylor Sullivan, Tristan Chutka** and **Andrew Grice**. **Abby** and

Ben Wilson, Howard Chien and **Frances Lee** joined everyone on the beach to lend helping hands to the divers. Unfortunately **Michael Gladden** had automobile issues on the way and had to turn around.

Those who did a second dive took Carl's advice and left most of their heavy gear on the beach rocks and carried tanks back to the vehicles to pick up their full tanks. This also gave the divers ample time to off-gas between dives, hydrate and enjoy Barbara's delicious brownies.

After the dives most folks headed to the Crossroads BBQ, in Carmel, for lunch

and reports on their observations during the dives. 🌟

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings Divers!

Let's start out with a big **THANK YOU** to **Abby Golden Wilson** for organizing the amazing Christmas in July picnic! And to **John Snyder** for providing the venue. And all of the Dippers and friends who attended and brought great food and raffle prizes. It was a tremendously fun event and everyone who attended reported having a great time! Oh, and a special thanks to John and **Greg Davis** for slaving over the hot coals cooking up the very tasty salmon and chicken – which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. After everyone was finished eating we had our BIG Christmas Raffle. See pages 4 and 5 for photos of some of the happy winners.

Another topic I want to highlight is the importance of continuing education as a diver. In addition to the many advanced courses available, there are other options for becoming a better diver.

I listened to a recent DAN webinar titled “Controversial Issues in Diving” (<https://dan.org/events/controversial-issues-in-diving/>). One question discussed was: “What’s the difference between a diver who is certified and a diver who is qualified?” If you complete a given course, and can demonstrate the skills to be certified, you can get the certification. But are you qualified? You are qualified to dive in conditions similar to that in which you were trained. Boat vs shore, currents or not, warm or cold water, good or bad viz. Qualified is a combination of training and experience. (Check out dan.org for additional resources for training and diving safety.)

But how to gain that experience? The importance of mentorship in the dive industry was cited. New divers can dive with more experienced divers to gain experience in more challenging conditions and experienced divers can also dive with other experienced divers who have more familiarity with specific conditions. The Flipper Dippers always welcome new and experienced divers to join us on our club dives. We all have something to share and something to learn.

Let's go diving!

– Barbara



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Summertime Fun Facts for all you swimmers and divers

Steven Spielberg's movie **Jaws**, which was based in part on real-life shark attacks in new Jersey, was released in June 1975 and was the first movie to earn \$100 million at the box office.

- Steven Spielberg was not the original director of Jaws. He followed Dick Richards who was fired when he didn't know the difference between a whale and a shark.

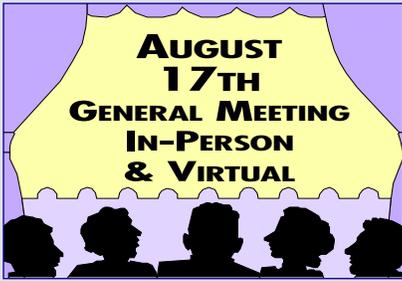
- It cost \$750,000 to make three mechanical sharks, each with specialized functions. Spielberg collectively named them Bruce, after his lawyer.

- Co-stars Richard Dryfuss and Robert Shaw couldn't stand each other and argued all the time, which resulted in some believable tension between their characters, oceanographer Matt Hooper and crusty Captain Quint.

- The line “you're gonna need a bigger boat” was ad-libbed by Roy Scheider (as Amity Island's police Chief Brody).

- Extras were paid \$64 each to run and scream during a shark-attack scene. ★





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

Our big 'Christmas in July' gathering was a great time! Someone scored big time winning the CASH envelopes containing \$20, \$30 and \$50 off the Christmas tree! Check out the photos on pages 4 and 5. ★

MEMBERSHIP

Ken Agur

We've had prospective members Taylor Sullivan, Tristan Chutka and Andrew Grice hot-to-trot into the water by attending a number of dives with Club members. We're looking forward to them completing their 3-dive requirements very soon - if they haven't

already. Remember, any certified diver is welcome to join in on our dives. **Happy birthday!** If we had a regular General Meeting, a FREE raffle ticket would be given to *Grace Chi, Howard Chien* and *Sergei Kuznetsov* – if they were born in August. But we're missing that important information from the Club's database! ★

Cayman Brac and/or Little Cayman: Sept 24-Oct 8

Teresa Hansen is going with Any Water Sports to the Cayman Islands and says there is space available for Dippers to join in! Contact Any Water for more information: www.anywater.com



July 6th North Monastery Beach Dive

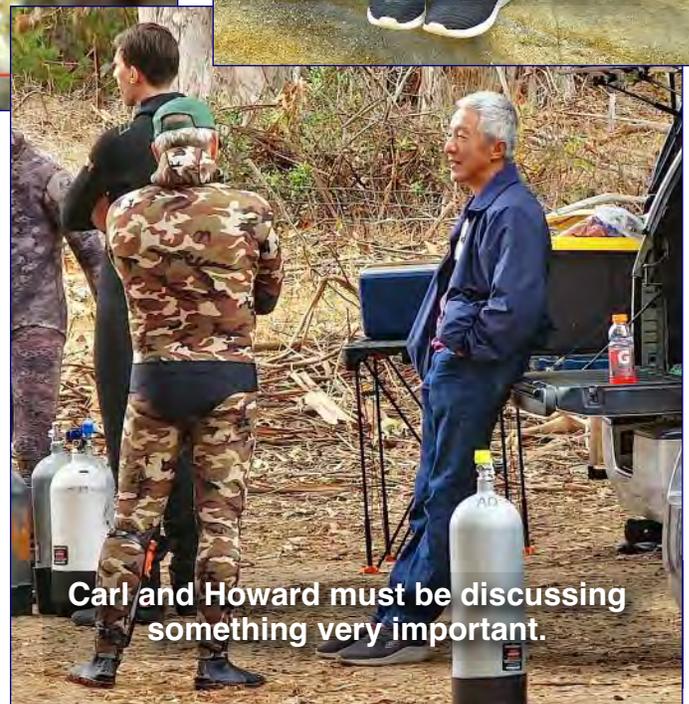
Below, a "screen grab" from Cedric's video of the wolf eel Barbara spotted during one of the dives.



Frances enjoying the view of the ocean.



Jackie, Abby, Howard and Frances waiting for the divers to exit the water.



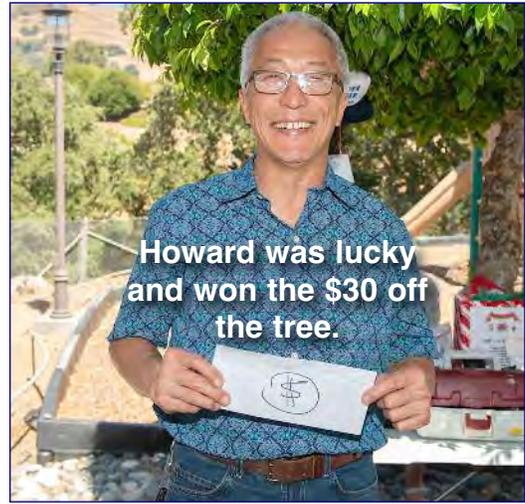
Carl and Howard must be discussing something very important.

Christmas in July BBQ and Raffle!

Photos by Mike Chalup and Jackie Gardner



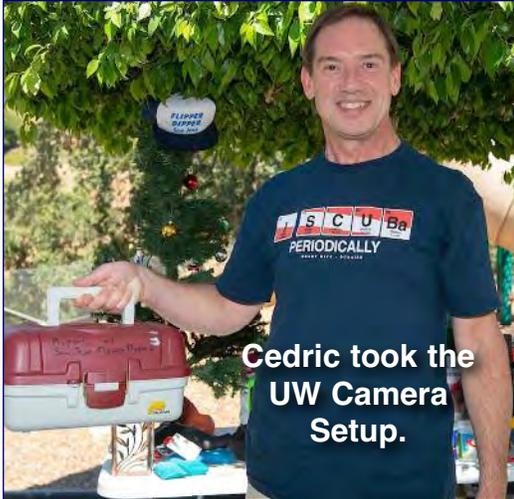
Barbara was a Double Dipper scoring the \$20 and the \$50 cash envelopes off the tree!



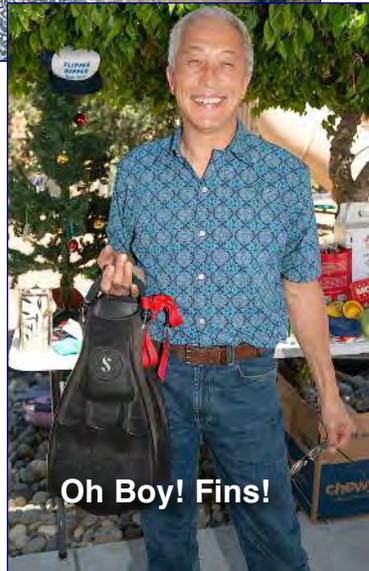
Howard was lucky and won the \$30 off the tree.



Abby won \$40 Cash!



Cedric took the UW Camera Setup.



Oh Boy! Fins!



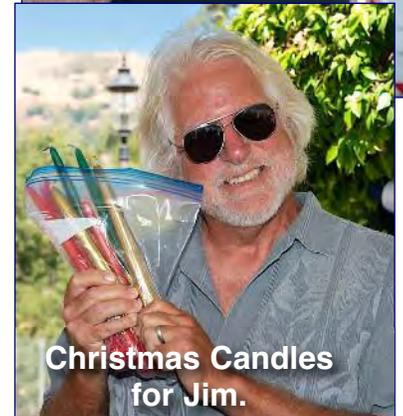
MegaMillion \$\$ Winner?



Mr. Grace is a Winner!



Buy lots of tickets . . . Win lots of prizes!



Christmas Candles for Jim.



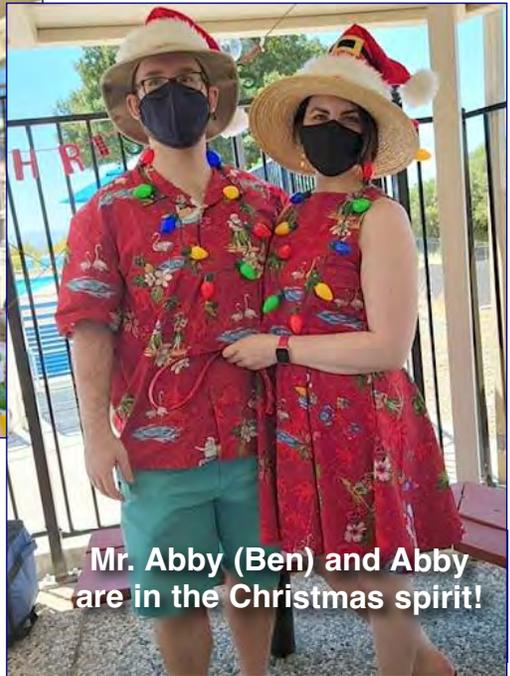
Greg supervised by Tom, John and Carl.
Good Luck!



Debbi, Gabi and Carri.



Cedric and Tomomi are
having a good time.



Mr. Abby (Ben) and Abby
are in the Christmas spirit!



Debbie, Leigh and Mr. Grace
are ready for Raffle tickets!



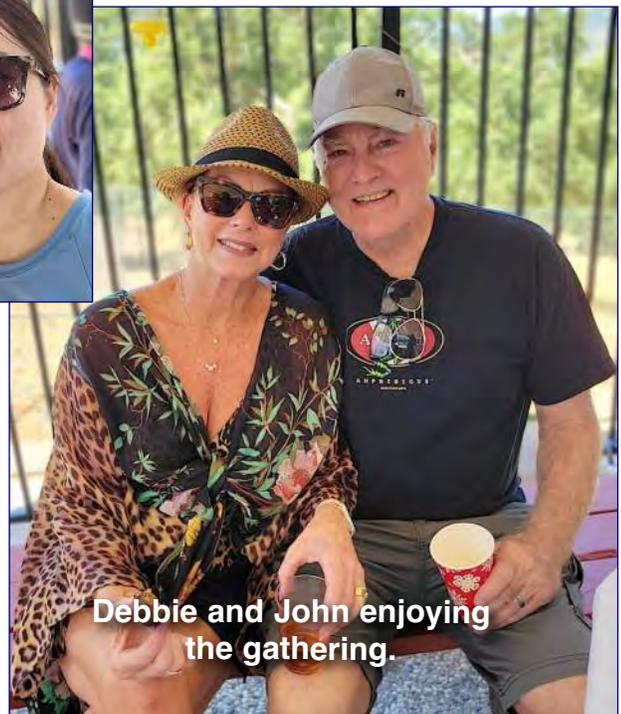
Mr. Grace
(Kyle) and
Grace



Mike is ready to eat!



Taylor made off
with a tank!



Debbie and John enjoying
the gathering.

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DIVE COORDINATOR GUIDELINES

How About You?



To be a Club dive coordinator you need only be a certified diver with some diving experience. It is important to remember that you are coordinating other certified divers who are diving within their training and experience limits. You should take care to not exceed that role. You should not act as a divemaster or an instructor (even if you are so qualified).

Safety should be the concern of all divers. Information such as who has a cell phone and whether oxygen is available should be shared with all the participants. In most locations the emergency number is 9-1-1 and is a free call.

It should be assumed that a certified diver is qualified to dive in a situation that is within the limits of his/her training with a diver of equal qualifications. If you suspect that a dive situation exceeds the qualifications of a diver, you should explain to them the potential difficulties they may encounter. However, remember that it is ultimately the diver him/herself who must make the decision as whether to dive, and he/she is ultimately responsible for this decision. Safe diving is a must!

Follow the Club constitution: "Encourage the conservation of all marine life by obeying all Federal and State game laws and urging others to do likewise."

A Simple Ten-Point Guideline

1. Choose a site/situation that you are familiar with and will be enjoyed by all divers.
2. Schedule your dive in time to be in the newsletter and announced at the Club meeting. Include the best method of contact so interested divers can contact you if they aren't at the meeting: Phone and/or email.
3. Collect the sign-up sheet after the Club meeting. If you can't attend, ask another member to get it for you.
4. If the dive will not occur as planned, make your best effort to contact all that expressed interest. Otherwise divers will assume the dive will occur as planned and show up at the site.
5. Make sure non-members are appropriately certified and have signed the Club's Assumption of Risk disclaimer (Available on the Club's Website).
6. Coordinate buddy teams to make sure that all divers who need a buddy, have one.
7. Tell all divers who are not familiar with the site/situation what they can expect entering/exiting the water and things to be on the lookout for.
8. Ask any divers who may want to leave early to let someone know so all divers can be accounted for after the dive.
9. Try to make the dive an enjoyable and safe experience for everyone, including yourself.
10. Plan to give a report on the dive at the next Club meeting. You can also submit a written report for the next Club newsletter so others can read about the dive. Take some photos of the divers too! ★

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

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

We plan on bringing tanks, kayaks, mountain bikes to do some bike riding, and maybe some hiking. There is a great bike path along the coast in Ft. Bragg. The dive shop in Ft. Bragg closed a couple of years ago so there's no place for air fills or gear rentals. Saturday, September 3rd is a "No License" fishing day. We might look into urchin culling and some spear fishing. It's always a fun time to sit around the camp fire in the evening, telling stories and sharing great food! We'll have a big potluck on Saturday night too. So if you're interested in joining in for the holiday weekend be sure to contact **Carl Tuttle**, Phone: 408-829-3660, email: tutcomms@sbcglobal.net. He'll let you know who has space available. ★



Carl, Howard, Frances, Jackie, Jim, Gabi and Tom at last year's bike ride along Big River.



DIVE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

TOM GARDNER

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 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, AUGUST 6 NO SCHEDULED DIVE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 BOAT DIVE: BEACHHOPPER II

Join **Mike Chalup** for a Boat Dive! Plan is to make a 2-tank dive on the Beachhopper II. At time of printing, the boat has space available. If you have a reservation, please let Mike know you will be there by contacting him at mchalup@virtual.net.

SATURDAY AUGUST 13 SECOND SATURDAY SCUBA (S3) BEACH DIVE: LOCATION TBD

Join **Tom Gardner**, (408-274-9447, email: tomandjackieus@yahoo.com) and the rest of the Flipper Dippers for a beach dive! The plan is for a 2-tank dive. The dive site will be chosen based on surface conditions and the comfort and skill level of the attending divers. Meet at the dive site at 8:00 AM. Please be sure to RSVP with Tom

to receive final details and any last minute updates.

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

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 AUGUST 20 ELKHORN SLOUGH KAYAK

Join the Flipper Dippers for a kayak trip around Elkhorn Slough led by **Jim Rezowalli**! Be on the lookout for an email in early August with the full details on when and where to meet, and plan on bringing or renting your own kayak. If you

plan to join us, or want to learn more, please RSVP: jimandthebeach@gmail.com, 408-293-7390 to receive final details and any last minute updates!

AUG 29 – SEPT 5 LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT VAN DAMME

Dippers have campsite reservations at Van Damme State Park from Monday, Aug 29, through Sunday, Sept 5. Space is available to share. Contact **Carl Tuttle** (tutcomms@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to join in or have any questions! The Dippers are planning on bringing gear for diving, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, and sharing food, drink, and stories around the campfire. See article on page 6 for info.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 NO LICENSE FISHING DAY

UPCOMING IN SEPTEMBER

- 03 No License Fishing Day
- 07 Business Meeting
- 10 Second Saturday SCUBA
- 17 International Coastal Cleanup Day
- 21 General Meeting**
- 25 Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC)



First underwater photographer?

Who took the first underwater photograph? Well, according to the folks who live in Weymouth, England the very first attempt at underwater photography was by William Thompson in Dorset who in 1856 used wet collodion glass plate camera to create the photo. Thompson had a carpenter make a waterproof, wooden box for his camera. He then rowed out into Weymouth Bay and lowered his camera until its tripod settled on a rock ledge, about eighteen feet below the surface. The exposure was about ten minutes long. The resulting image was not particularly clear.

What you will more often find as the world's first underwater photograph is the image of diver Émile Racovitza taken by French zoologist Louis Boutan in 1893. It was a first both in terms of being the first underwater photograph, where both the camera and the photographer were underwater, and because it was taken with a magnesium powder flash. There are several accounts that Boutan's photo exposure was 30 minutes long, at an estimate depth of 164 feet, causing both Boutan and Racovitza to suffer from nitrogen narcosis. That may be why Boutan went on to invent a self-contained breathing apparatus that connected up to a diving suit so he did not have to remain on the sea floor. Also, it was the first published underwater photograph. ★



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

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)
Oct 05	Lobster Season Opens
Oct 05	Business Meeting
Oct 08	Second Saturday SCUBA
Oct 19	🔵 General Meeting
Oct 23	Fourth Sunday Cycle (FSC)

Cayman Brac and/or Little Cayman: Sept 24-Oct 8

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