

Editorial

This information news-sheet has replaced the monthly red-covered Newsletter that all C.T.C.G. members and caving clubs in Australia received during 1978.

The purpose of the News-sheet will be to distribute information which is of exclusive concern to club members; e.g. the next meeting place coming trips, safety hints, and local club activities. Our Feb. News-sheet is a little longer than you can expect each month, as it contains information about the A.G.M. in January, the names and addresses of the new office bearers, and a brief resume of their club responsibilities. The March News-sheet will include a current, i.e., paid-up, membership list.

We also intend to produce a "general interest" Newsletter three times a year; April/August/December. Hopefully this will provide a public outlet for all those people who have something to contribute that is of national club interest. It will be distributed to members, other caving clubs, the Canadian Speleological Foundation, and the Papua New Guinea Cave Exploration Group.

The type of articles we anticipate publishing will be about club trips that have significance for other cavers, or ones of scientific or historical merit that have a speleo bias. What we hope to achieve is a Newsletter that will embody the activities and personalities of C.T.C.G.. This should provide the dual purpose of immortalizing memorable aspects of the year's caving for club members, and act as communication link between C.T.C.G. and the other people involved in Speleological activities.

Deadlines for contributions will be the end of the month preceeding publication; i.e. for April's edition you have until the end of March.

Proposed Activities and Trips

February:- The constitution for C.T.C.G., now a full member of A.S.F., was printed at Ian Brown's place. It will be distributed to members when they pay their fees at the March meeting.
Thanks to all who helped.

March:- 10th, 11th. Bungonia Cave Rescue Weekend
24th, 25th. Wyanbene Sat. Trip Leader- Sandi Fristad .
Sun. Possibly a 'sortie' will be organized to explore Ridge Mine Pot under the guidance of Jim Wilson.

April:- 1st Narrangullen Trip Leader- Phill Bowers
Anzac Day Holiday Combined Club's Picnic at the Cotter Bendethera Trip a possibility -Contact Ian Brown.

May:- 26th, 27th. Cliefden Trip Leader- Reg Bament
A 'Field Day' is being arranged in conjunction with other local clubs, with Caving Equipment (Sydney), to show off the latest ropes, ascenders, gear etc.. We also hope to combine it with a Speleo Sports day.

Next Meeting :- Thursday, 15th March at 7 Wallis Place,
Spence. ph. 513002

The hosts will be Mike and Rosemary Webb.

Agenda

- Report from John Marsala on Wacon -with slides
- Report and discussion on Cave Rescue Weekend
- General Business including discussion on the National Park status proposed for the Bendethera area.

Information from Minutes of January MeetingCorrespondence

- a) Individual members should write letters of support for the "Save the Mt. Etna Caves" campaign.
- b) A letter is to be sent to Gld. Speleo. Society regarding outstanding T-Shirts.

General Business

- a) A M.S.A. first aid kit has been purchased. It must be taken to the entry of the cave sight on all trips. The Trip Leader will collect it from Phill Bowers before each trip. A length of ladder for general use has also been purchased. This will be kept with the elected safety officer. It was suggested that extra lamps be purchased for "guest cavers". Discussion into this idea is continuing; perhaps 'Dry Cell' types would involve less maintenance and cost.
- b) Contact with the Canadian Speleos has been established through Greg Martin. C.T.C.G. and C.S.S. combined, will be sending them a copy of the A.S.F. Newsletter, and other information. Our Newsletter will also be sent.
- c) C.T.C.G. will subscribe to 'CAVING INTERNATIONAL' from Canada. Four issues are published a year. They will be kept with the club library.
- d) It was suggested and carried that the club library be brought to meetings for general perusal and borrowing. Ian Brown will organize this.

A.G.M. Capital Territory Caving Group January 1979

The following people were elected as new office bearers for 1979.

PRESIDENT	-	Phill Bowers	28 Ingamells St., Garran. A.C.T. ph. 815268
VIGE PRESIDENT	-	Greg Martin	96 Kambalda St., Fisher. A.C.T. ph. 483969(W)
SECRETARY/ TREASURER	-	Ian Brown	20 Garrard St., Spence. A.C.T. ph. 583339
EDITORIAL TEAM	-	Jim and Vickie Wilson	42 Munro St. Curtin A.C.T. ph 811189
SAFETY OFFICER	-	Chris Nicholls	Flat 12 4 Condamine St., Turner. A.C.T. ph. 478949(W)
COMMITTEE	-	Peter Hallahan	48 Pennefather St., Higgins. A.C.T. ph. 541949
	-	Sandi Fristad	14 Bromell Crt., Wanniassa A.C.T. ph. 724005
	-	Jim Reid	14 Garrard St., Spence A.C.T. ph. 499291(W)
CONSERVATION OFFICER	-	Bill Wallace	1 Cars Pl., Charnwood A.C.T.

New full members

Paul Duane, Peter Hallahan, George Waterson

Prospective membersHelaine Simons, Geoff Smith, Robyn Brown,
Bill Dovic, John Vivian.

A.G.M. General Business

Fees:- Membership Fees for 1979 will remain at \$8.00 a year for full members; \$4.50 for prospective members.

This will entitle club members to a copy of the A.S.F. Newsletter, our News-sheet and Newsletter, and a copy of the constitution. Should the club require any extra purchases through-out the year, all members will be asked to contribute to a levy to cover the cost.

Bloodsheets:-

Each person will be required to fill in a bloodsheet, if he/she has not already done so, when paying membership fees.

It was suggested that some health I.D. be carried personally on all cavers in case of accident. More discussion on this at the next meeting. S.O.S. Bracelets have been suggested by Mark Hallam.

Club Publications:-

The results of the meeting have been discussed in the Editorial.

Committee Meeting-February

The committee has decided to publish what it considers its collective and individual responsibilities to be. This should help you to direct queries/comments/ suggestions to the right people.

Jim Reid Trip Organization. Jim will be responsible for ensuring that previous organizational details have been attended to. With the Trip Leader, he will ensure that an official C.T.C.G. Trip Report is filled out and lodged with the secretary.

Peter Hallahan

Club Activities. Peter will be responsible for organizing any equipment that may be required for meetings. Suggestions for what you would like to see/hear/discuss/learn about at club nights should be directed to Peter.

Sandi Fristad

Minutes of club meetings. Sandi will either take the minutes herself, or arrange prior to the meeting for some other member to do so. She will ensure that they are handed to the secretary for official filing.

Responsibilities of other Office BearersVice President

Greg Martin is our liason/P.R. man with other clubs or people involved in caving activities.

Safety Officer

Chris Nicholls will be in charge of storage of club equipment. He will also write a short article for each News-sheet, pointing out any areas of safety which may need our attention.

Conservation Officer

Bill Wallace will generally inform at club meetings about any current conservation issues, in Aust. and Abroad. Mark Hallam is still going to be consulted on such affairs, particularly in the National Park scene.

Because of the unusual length of this News-sheet our SAFETY REPORT by Chris, will be held over for the next issue. BUT his tip for this time is to REMEMBER TO WEAR LEATHER GLOVES WHILE BELAYING. The consequences if you are not and somebody should fall, should be obvious.

SEE YOU ON MARCH 15th. AT 7.45 p.m SHARP.