

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Box 35, The Union,
University of Sydney,

November-December, 1958.

Circular.

Dear Speleo,

1. NEXT MEETING -- CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The next General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Geography Lecture Theatre, at the University, on Thursday, 11 th December, 1958. That's NEXT THURSDAY. The meeting will combined with a Christmas function, and will be the last meeting of the year. It is anticipated it will take the following form:

Item 1, at 7.30 pm : Meeting opens and essential business transacted.

Item 2. at 8.00 pm : Members slides. Please bring your latest caving slides. If time permits the Secretary will give a brief talk (with a few slides) on the caves of Yugoslavia.

Item 3. at 9.00 pm : Auction sale. This will be conducted by a well-known Speleological personality, and the following items will be offered: Aluminium containers (M&B variety)
Plastic bags (excellent for carbide)
a Brand New fibre glass helmet
anything else you may care to donate.

Item 4. at 9.30 pm : Supper. A supper in keeping with the festive occasion is being planned. Any ladies able to offer assistance are asked to contact Robin Case. A donation of 2/- will be collected to defray expenses. Tea will be served.

Item 5. at 10.00pm : Movie films, by courtesy of the French Consulate.

1. "Crin Blanc", the story of a boy and a wild horse. This film took First Prize at the 1953 Venice Film Festival.

2. "Des Hommes et des Montagnes", -- mountain climbing in the Haute Savoie, France.

2. NSW TOURIST BUREAU LIST, NOVEMBER 1958 to MAY 1959.

After a complicated secret ballot, using a paper rivaling the Senate ballot paper at the recent Federal elections, the Committee has approved the following members to visit caves in areas under the control of the NSW Tourist Bureau, for the next six months.

BISHOP, Laurie
BOYD, John
CASE, Robin
COURT, Chris
CROOK, Ian
FOY, Mark
FRASER, Noel
HINWOOD, John
HUNT, Adrian
KNOWLAND, Peter

MILES, Doug
PARKER, Lindsay
PAWSEY, Stewart
PECK, Warren
RITTIE, Toni
RODD, Gail
RODD, Tony
SMITH, Ray
STILLMAN, Kel
WILLIAMS, Ian

Here's hoping for a successful six months work.

3. NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following motion, by Stewart Pawsey and Ian Williams, will be presented at the next General Meeting:

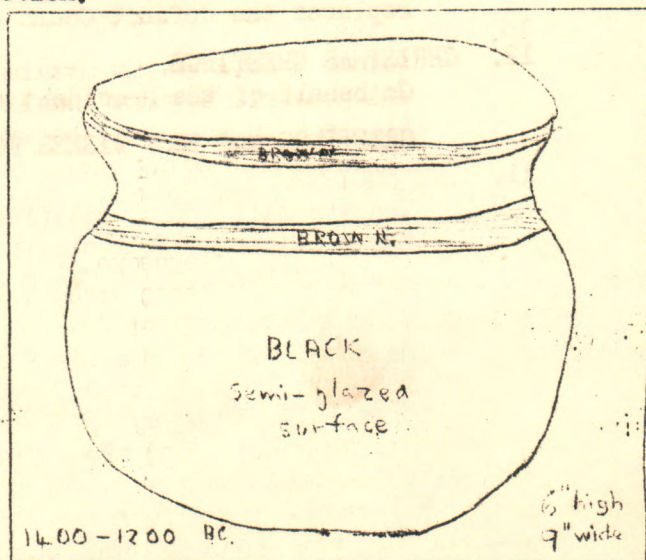
"That the following clause shall be inserted in the Constitution as Clause 6.g. :-

'No proxy voting shall be allowed at General or Committee Meetings.' "

In view of the nature of the amendment, voting will have to be personal, and proxies will not be accepted on this motion.

4. THE SPACE.

Earlier this year, Mr Basil Marsden, a correspondent of the Society in Huy, Belgium, agreed to write an article for the SUSS Journal on Archeological and Palaentological Digging in Caves. On hearing that our Society is celebrating its 10 th Anniversary this year, he offered us a rare painted vase, of the Bronze age, about 1200 to 1400 BC. This was dispatched to us by air several weeks ago, but, unfortunately did not survive the trip. The hundreds of small pieces have been reconstructed and will be on display at the Christmas Party. The Society is deeply appreciative of this fine gesture by one of our overseas friends.



Please see over.

5. LITERARY DONATIONS.

- A. Mr Basil Marsden, of Belgium, a member of the British Speleological Association, has forwarded two excellent articles for the next SUSS Journal.
1. Cave Digging (Archeological and Palaentological)
 2. The Correct Use of Alpine Rope in Caves.
- B. Lt-Cdr. Trevor Shaw, of H.M.S. Albion, an old friend of the Society, has sent us a valuable addition to the Library. It is one of the earliest books devoted exclusively to caves, and is titled: A TOUR TO THE CAVES, in the environs of Ingleborough and Settle, in the West-Riding of Yorkshire, (with some philosophical conjectures on the deluge, remarks on the origin of fountains, and observations on the ascent and descent of vapours, occasioned by facts peculiar to the places visited). London, 1781.
- c. Tasmanian Caverneering Club has produced the first of its Journals. The production of regular Journals is a sign of a mature and active club and TCC must be congratulated on their efforts.
- D. The usual Journals have arrived from all sections of the world and are now in the Library.

6. HOBART CONFERENCE, ASF, CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR, 1950/9.

The following nominations have been forwarded to Hobart for election to the ASF Executive. President: No nomination.

Secretary: Elery Hamilton-Smith

Treasurer: Adrian Hunt

Librarian: Laurie Bishop

The following members of SUSS will attend as delegates: Adrian Hunt (spokesman) Laurie Bishop, Robin Case, Noel Fraser, Margaret Innes, Alan McLean, Doug Miles.

7. TRIP REPORTS.

15-16 Nov. at Jenolan, led by Warren Peck.

Considerable exploratory work was carried out in the Central level the Mammoth. Tented base camp was established underground.

29-30 Nov. at Jenolan, led by Ian Williams.

More digging was carried out in the Jubilee, but this hole now appears unlikely. The terminal chamber of False Frenchman's was found to have a calcite floor, and further passages seem a remote possibility.

27 Nov. Let it be recorded that on this date Alex Jones and Tony Rodd left on a cross country trip from Kanangra Walls to Wombeyan Caves via Colong. It is expected that these pioneers will be available for interview at the Christmas party.

8. TRIPS PLANNED.

7-10 Dec. at Jenolan, led by Jihn Hinwood.

Exploration and mapping of Central Level of the Mammoth Cave.

9. CONSTITUTIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE

This sub-committee has deliberated at length and has brought forward many recommendations for the streamlining of the SUSS Constitution. These recommendations will be circulated and due notice given for presentation at the first meeting to be held in 1959.

10. JOURNALS.

Volume 5 No.1 is now available, and will be on sale at the Christmas party.

ALL journals are now available with the exception of Vol 1, no.2 and no.3.

All back numbers will be available at the next meeting. See the Secretary.

11. NEW SOCIETY.

Today's mail brings notification of the formation of a new Society, to be known as Snowy Mountains Speleological Group, with headquarters in Cooma. This group replaces the defunct Cooma Cave Club. We wish them every success.

12. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

On behalf of the President and Committee, might I extend to you all THE SEASONS GREETINGS and BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR.

Yours sincerely,

Noel R Fraser

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Hon. Secretary.