



May, 1975

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month at Haberfield Rowing Club,
Dobroyd Parade, Haberfield at 8.00 p.m.

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COMMITTEE

President: Bob Smith, C/- 116 Alice Street, Sans
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Treasurer: Ron (Fang) Arnold. 48 Milford Avenue,
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FUTURE OUTINGS

Monday, 19th May Club Meeting at 8.00 p.m.

Sunday, 25th May Trawler Dive to Birchgrove Park Wreck. Leave
Watson's Bay Wharf at 8.00 a.m. sharp. \$5.00
per head.

Friday, 23rd May "Fancy Dress Party" at "Hassel's" place,
37 Chiltern Road, Willoughby. 8.00 p.m.
Sun. 1st June Bring your own prog. etc. Door prizes, etc.
Boat Harbour Parasail

Friday, 6th June Bob Smith's Bucks Night. Ring Fang for the
more secretive details.

Monday, 23rd June Club Meeting at 8.00 p.m.

*****Long weekend - Club dives at Seal Rocks.
14th - 16th June

Sat. & Sun. 28th Dives at Currarong hosted by Bob Pratt who
& 29th June will let us explore his famous kelp beds.
Camp at Currarong.

Sunday - 13th Dive at Terrigal. Meet at Skillion at 9.30 a.m.
July

Sat. & Sun. - Weekend at the Snow Fields. We have booked a
19th & 20th July. bus coach which will leave from Kogarah Station
at 9.00 p.m. on Friday, 18th July. The bus
arrives at Jindabyne in time for breakfast and
after breakfast we go to Smiggins and/or
Perisher to ski. Bus leaves ski resort at about
3.30 - 4.00 p.m. and goes back to Cooma. Motel
accommodation is provided with twin bed suites -
2 per room, also dinner and breakfast. After
breakfast we go to Thredbo and leave Thredbo at
about 1.00 p.m. to return to Sydney. Bus stops
at Goulburn for tea and arrives back at about
10.00 p.m. \$40.00 per head plus ski hire -
\$4.50 for one day, \$6.00 for two days. Max.
number of people is 40 so please book early.

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Ski weekend (continued)

A booking has to be made within two weeks of \$5.00 per head, so please post cheques to Ron Arnold at 48 Milford Avenue, Panama made payable to "South Pacific Divers". When booking, please indicate your height and shoe size for skis and whether you want them for one or two days.

We have to fill the bus so rally round and tell your ~~skis~~ friends.

Monday 21st July Club meeting at 8.00 p.m. This is the annual general meeting and there will be election of office bearers.

Sunday, 27th July Trawler Dive. Details at July meeting. *Peaks.*

New members to the Happy Nappy Club!!

Congratulations to Norm & Chris Wood on the birth of their ~~new~~ daughter.

" " " John & Jan Wallace on the birth of their son.
" " " ^{Roffey} Les & Noelene on the birth of their son.

Speaking of births, we have to J.C. (John Cunningham) a 3,200 lb. 109" long HIM. Assisting at ~~the~~ the birth was that well known midwife, FANG.

Congratulations to our club president, Bob Smith and Karen who will be taking their nuptials on Saturday, 7th June next. They will be making their new hom at beautiful downtown Newtown.

Bluey and Robey Whitewood, the famous parasailers extraordinaires, are making their fabulous parachute/kits available for a "Fun day". Ask Tex Middleton or John the Pom (John Welch) all about it. Anyone interested, let us know!!!

Auditions will soon commence for musicians for "Hassell's" underwater band. Auditions will be held at Clovelly Pool on the evening of the next full moon.....

REPORT ON PAST DDTINGS:

The Peaks - A popular dive it seems was the one to the Peaks. This highly organised turnout left the non-existent wharf at La Perouse more or less on time thanks to Tex's free ferry. Due to fog, the normal marks were not visible and we arrived at the wrong reef. With the sounder showing 85 fathoms, it was decided that even a bounce dive might be a bit much so we resumed the search and after the fog lifted, arrived in the right place at the wrong time. After finally getting the anchor to hold at 225 ft. we realised that the current was about 3 knots at the surface. We finally got the decompression line rigged as well as the emergency supply and in we went. Nearly everyone was able to get to the 100 ft. mark where the current eased and the dirt started. Luckily the dirty layer stopped at 140 ft. and below this visibility was 150 - 200 ft. Plenty of fish, gorgonians and sponges to be seen and all much different from those in shallow water. Only one small distant shark was observed. The only unwanted incidents were a brief entanglement on the decompression line and a regulator failure. This latter occurred at the 10 ft. stop and the owner became quite enraged

since the 2nd stage fell off and took a nose dive to the bottom. When someone pointed out that he also could have been on the bottom instead of at 10 ft. he got madder still.

As we settled down for the 2 hour run home, I thought about the 7 hours of hassels for five minutes on the bottom and decided that the only pre-requisite for diving is a total lack of brains.

For those doing a decompression stop at 20 ft., they were entertained by a school of dolphins who ~~mm~~ thought it was rather fun.

Peter Harper.

REPORT ON CURRARONG DIVE

What a poor roll up!!! A total of two S.P.D. divers plus various others sat through rain on the Saturday and thought they would dive on Sunday. After the usual hassels of launching Wild Bill Hickock's boat (Ben), everyone settled down to the long run out to Bowen Island. After about five minutes and only a little way off ~~mm~~ shore, the motor gave a cough and a groan and decided it would not go any further. After several attempts to get it going, the boys decided that they would dive where they were. Out came the hookah gear and down they~~mm~~ went to find they were in about 14 ft. of water. After the long drag back to shore the dive was abandoned for the more pleasurable things in life.

Anonymous.

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OCEANS '75 - Underwater Congress and Film Festival will be held at Monash University, Melbourne, on the Queens Birthday Weekend, 13th, 14th and 15th June. A ticket to all the events can be purchased for \$16.00 each by contacting Brenda Taylor at 61-8249 (work) or 523-4403 (home)
T-Shirts can be purchased at a cost of \$3.25 each plus postage.

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DON'T FORGET TO BOOK EARLY FOR SKI WEEKEND