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CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB, GREENFIELD PDE,
BANKSTOWN, ON THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8 PM.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

21st November, 1983 8 pm
Suggestions, in writing, from members
will be discussed at this meeting.
Hand them to any committee member.

Pat Manly will announce results of the
first section in the In-Club Photo Comp
and screen the slides.

Members slides.....Come on Terry and
B.J. let's see what you did in Vanuatu.
Other members welcome to screen slides.

FOR SALE

Kerry Stevens still has the bouyancy
vest for sale....see Kerry.

Pat Manly has two regulators for sale...
one brand new Kawasaki Polaris \$180, which
sells for about \$240 and 1 U.S. Divers
Aquarius Regulator incl. contents gauge,
\$130 good condition - serviced regularly.
728-6808.

Stephen Wagstaff has a Nikonas for sale
\$150.00.

CLUB CALENDAR

21st November

Club Meeting
Raffle will start again...bring your money with ya.

November 27th
Sunday

Party day/ BBQ/ DIVING
Small boats. etc.
Details at November Meeting.

CO-ORDINATOR FOR EACH DIVE DAY WILL BE NOMINATED AT THE CLUB MEETING PRECEDING DIVE SUNDAY OR WEEKEND.

December 19th

Club Meeting
GUEST

January 16th, 1984

Club Meeting
Members Slides
Clcsg date: Division Two, In-Club
Photographic Comp.

February, 20th

Club Meeting
Guest
Results announced Club Photo Comp.

March 19th

Club Meeting
Shells
Members slides

April 16th

Club Meeting
Closing date Club Photo Comp.
Guest

May 21st

Club Meeting
PRESENTATION OF NOVICE AND OPEN TROPHIES
IN-CLUB U/W PHOTO COMP.
Members slides.

June 18th

Club Meeting
Guest

July 16th

Club Meeting
Members slides.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

10th December, 1983

at Vila Tico, Tickets on sales November club meeting, \$10 per head,
dancing, dining, drinking.....Mexican fancy dress.

CLUB MEETINGS We are starting up the raffle again.....
50 cents per ticket....different prizes each meeting.

NAME OUR MAGAZINE COMPETITION Stephen Wagstaff has generously donated a Wreck Ratters T-shirt and a book, as well a prize from the club.will be given to the most popular name (voted at a club meeting - November). How about some suggestions....(keep them clean please).....
The committe has put some forward to get the ball rolling....I think you can come up with something better.

Jim Smith	Wet Rag	Martin F.	SPLASH
Kelly Smith	HIGHTIDE	Pat M.	EBBTIDE
Lyn M.	UNDERCURRENT and RIPTIDE	Martin K.	Deconfession (he said this was a joke ????) and DIVESCENE

ANOTHER WIN TO PAT MANLY

Well, Pat has done it again. We mentioned in a previous newsletter, the FUN IN THE SUN U/W Photographic Competition run by the Cairns club, Nautilus Scuba Club and the Chamber of Commerce of Cairns; Prize of a 5 day Lizard Is / Reef Explorer dive holiday package all incl. for 2 people., well Pat won it. He also took out one of the sections, Diver on the Reef winning a regulator and an Honourable Mention in another section Beauty of the Reef. TAA flew him to Cairns to collect his prizes. Pat will take the holiday in April next year. I am sure all members of South Pacific Divers Club, join the committee in congratulating Pat on this excellent win. Pat has written a report on his visit to Cairns and this appears later in the newsletter. Apparently 196 people entered this competition which was open to amateurs only. Skindiving in Aust. will publish results soon.

PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE

TRAVEL INFORMATION.....TRAVEL.....TRAVEL.....

A brochure is enclosed on Barrier Reef dive packages.

Kelly Smith has some brochures on Heron Is. packages going at the moment....quite cheap.....\$500 for 1 week, transfer from Gladstone, accommodation, meals and incl. diving.....not bad.

Lyn M. has some Lizard Is / Reef Explorer brochures for those interested....just see Lyn.

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If any members hear of any dive holidays let Lyn M. know to publish in mag.

SOCIAL EVENTS.....FOR THE FUTURE 1984

Committee is investigating a weekend trip to the snow fields next year.....ski package type deal.....more info later.

A weekend to t'e Hunter valley is also being looked.....wine tasting and all that.....again more info later.

BBQ	BBQ	BBQ	BBQ	RICK AND ANNETTE'S
19th November, 1983.	Don't forget	XXX BYO GROG STEAK AND SALAD		
7 pm onwards.	at Blacktown,	98 Stephen St,	621 5748	

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT

Next section of the In-Club Photographic Competition closes at January meeting. Entry forms will be avialable from me up to that date. As was discussed at the last meeting we decided against buying a/v gear, it was just too expensive as opposed to hiring. I have an appointment at the a/v studio on 17th November, 1983, so I can report at next club meeting the ins and outs of programming, cost, etc. Next club meeting I will screen the slides in the first section of the photo comp, along with judges comments. This section has been judged by myself and John Heighes, who is a land comp. judge. I hope from the comments given that those who entered may pick up a few hints. Some club members have just purchased u/w camera gear, this is great, we are, once again, building up numbers of those taking piccys. Happy hunting.....

Reminder: I am still after some u/w JB shots, land shots JB, club members at partys etc. for the club a/v/ next film night. Can you help out?

Pat

ABBREVIATED: MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING 17.10.83

The meeting opened at 8 pm.

Apologies: Rick and Annette Bewicke, Dawn and Lori, R. & J. Causer, Peter Nicholas and Margaret Foster.

New Members: Jake and Lorraine Strybis.

Minutes read of last meeting: Accepted D. Hyde L. Manly

Business Arising out of the Minutes:

President received a letter from Dive in Australia donating a movie for the film night: Coral Sea Adventure by Stan Waterman.

Correspondence Incoming:

Letter from Dicky and Brenda Taylor.

Dive package to Lady Musgrove, Lady Elliot Is. (refer attached brochure)

Correspondence Outgoing:

AUF fees paid

Treasurer's Report:

Balance \$4,622.11

Publicity Officer's Report:

Name the magazine competition closes November Meeting. Stephen Wa; staff has generously donated a t-shirt and a book as prizes for this comp. and the club prize will be given also.

Dive Reports:

Club dive Bass Pt. P. Stratford Co-Ord. Lousy weather and viz. but had a great day.

The Jim Smiths and the Manlys dive JB over the longweekend, freezing, fair viz....had a good time.

Larry dives Southwest Rocks 120 ft viz etc. etc. (we all jealous)

BJ and Terry dived Vanuatu.....bit disappointed in the diving.....but what a report. (how about a story for the mag)

Photographic Officers Report:

Club comp Section 1 closed tonight. Results next meeting and slides screened.

Pat reported on A.V. equipment, hiring vs buying, members decided against buying. Terry M. moved motion seconded P Stratford passed.

Pat spoke of an equipment register he is starting up, those who are in charge or borrow equipment must sign and take responsibility for that equipment.

Social Secretarys Report:

Tickets available next meeting for Christmas party. \$300 decided on for beverages at party.

General Business:

President reminded members if they had any suggestions to put them in writing to be discussed at next meeting.

Rick L. pointed out that flowers were sent to a club member by the previous committee when there had been a motion passed previously that all incidences of congrats. etc. should be treated the same. Put to club members who voted that this should be standardised.

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm. Peter Stratford showed some very entertaining slides.

REPORT ON THE "FUN IN THE SUN" UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION
AND PRESENTATION NIGHT.

from Pat Manly

On Monday 10th October I received a letter from the Nautilus Scuba Club of Cairns notifying me that I had won their photo comp, being the overall winner and a section winner. The prize was a 5 day Lizard Is / Reef Explorer also 5 days dive holiday, and for the diver section a Kawasaki regulator.

The club in Cairns arranged, courtesy of T.A.A. for me to fly to Cairns to accept the prizes and meet the members of their club, the dive shop owners in Cairns, the management of Lizard Is and Ben Cropp who judged the comp.

It was a whirlwind trip, up there on the Friday morning back on Saturday night. The heat in Cairns was unbelievable, so stuffy. I was looked after by the President and Secretary of the Nautilus club.

The Presentation Night was held at the Pacific International Hotel in Cairns, the people from Lizard Is. were there, Ben Cropp handed out the awards.

There were no films shown just the slides from the competition. 196 people entered, which specified amateurs only, who could enter a maximum of 6 slides over the 2 sections: diver on the reef and beauty of the reef. Only the pick of the entries were shown, (or the audience would have had to sit through 1176 (approx) slides), in 2 parts using only 1 slide projector with music accompaniment.

The club in Cairns did a fantastic job of organisation, considering this is the first time. I found it very interesting to meet people from other clubs and see what they can do with regards to evenings such as this. I still feel our Film Night we have each year..... knocks the socks off them, particularly seeing we get 750 people to them. I would say probably the biggest night in Australia for divers. I don't think even Oceans gets that many. We should all feel proud that we are associated and all work to make our nights so successful. I commented in my speech on the presentation evening that I think it is great to see dive clubs working to provide competition amongst amateur u/water photographers in Australia; to help them strive for excellence in their hobby and provide incentive by way of fabulous dive holidays as prizes. I sincerely mean this..... dive clubs have done much for divers in Australia....I like to see people who are not in the commercial industry working for a common cause and not just profits.

I had a brief tour of Cairns and the surrounds.....nice place to visit but.....mud flats for miles (I like Callala Bay better)... people were very friendly, the reef is so far away. The Cairns diving mob charter trawlers once a month for weekends on the reef. About \$60, all up, for a weekend out on the reef.....they thought that was expensive, you can pay that for JB. Day dives from Cairns out to the reef are about \$50 for the day which includes lunch and as many dives as you can squeeze in. If you are going to Cairns don't forget that Cairns is not the Barrier Reef, as with most towns along the Qld coast the reef is quite a long way out and it is quite expensive to get out to it.

Well, Lyn and I are looking forward to the BIG FREEBIE next April, we hope. We both are looking forward to diving with the potato cod at the ribbons, and diving in the coral sea. Lizard Is. should be unreal.....heard diving is great.

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APOLOGIES TO PETER FLOCKHART

Peter, thank you for your terrific article on Tahiti, I ran out of time, space and etc. Next month will print. Lyn.