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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

When a group as varied and widespread as the members of SPD come together, it is not always easy to find a social venue to suit everybody. However, we have had a fair variety to reflect on in the social activities during 1983 - 1984.

The BBQ held at the Bewickes home would have appeared to be a wild night. One of the hosts, Richard, came out of it with a dislocated knee due to many unsuccessful attempts throughout the evening to throw him in the pool. It was in fact quite a subdued evening for a SPD BBQ.

Christmas brought on our traditional Christmas party. This year, at Villa Tico Mexican restaurant; a fun filled night with lots of dancing and rip-roaring drunk banditos - not so cheerful the next day perhaps.

Fantales Restaurant - dinner / dancing was a multi - Asian type place, good tucker.

A film night hosted by Penne Sullivan at her shop; I'm told was a really good night - thanks to Penne. The Ten Pin Bowling Night was also a great night out.

On the 25th August, 1984, the final social event we have organised will take place at Gledswood Winery. Last time we went there, a few years back, we had a great night, dinner, live music - bush band, and of course, good wines, so come along for a great night. \$16 per head.

In conclusion, I would like to thank club members and fellow committee members for a fun and co-operative year. To the in-coming Social Sec., whoever that may be, congratulations and good luck!

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GLEDSDOOD WINERY K NITE: LET'S ALL GET TOGETHER FOR
A GREAT FUN TIME..... 25.8.84.....\$16 per head.

WHY AREN'T YOU GOING ON THIS NIGHT: NO EXCUSES.....A
GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND GET TO KNOW FELLOW
CLUB MEMBERS.....LET'S BE SOCIAL.....E. SEE YOU
THERE.....(ED.)

AUSTRALASIAN UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

FIRST	GERT DE COUET
SECOND	MARK SPENCER
THIRD	KEVIN DEACON
HON MENTION	CHRIS DEACON
HON MENTION	JOHN RYAN
ROOKIE	PENNY PROTT

KIM KOHEN, SPD CLUB MEMBER, MISSED OUT ON AN HON. MENTION BY 1 POINT.

QUITE A FEW CLUB MEMBERS ENTERED....keep at it!

MARITIME SERVICES BOARD : NEW REGULATION

PASSING BOATS NO LONGER HAVE TO KEEP 100 metres AWAY FROM AN ANCHORED BOAT FLYING A DIVE FLAG. THEY CAN COME AS CLOSE AS THEY WISH - WITH CAUTION. DOES THIS MEAN THEY TRAVEL VERY SLOW OR... CAN THEY SAY THEY WERE DOING 30 KNOTS WITH CAUTION....WHO KNOWS. BEARS SOME INVESTIGATION....WERE DIVE ORGANISATIONS CONSULTED BEFORE THIS REGULATION CAME INTO FORCE... PROBABLY NOT.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE NADIN WHO WAS MARRIED IN JULY

Several club members are off to the Barrier Reef in October. Kim K, Peter Stratford, Lyn and Pat Manly and Martin Kandilas hope to dive on the YONGALA off Townsville from TAKAROA, then cruise out to Flinders and Dart Reef in the Coral Sea for wall diving..... sharks..... and some spectacular country.

Welcome back to Dawn Southwick who has just returned from 2 weeks diving in Vanuatu..... hope we get to see the piccys.

AGM: DRINK & SNACKS AFTER MEETING PLUS 16mm MOVIE
WRECKS OF THE GREAT LAKES

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It has been a most interesting year working on the committee. It has given me the opportunity to meet so many of the members of the club. I wish the Secretary for the coming year every success. I am able to pass on to him / her a portfolio of my years work which will I hope, assist them greatly. Thank you all for your tremendous support over the year.

KELLY SMITH

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT

Over the past year I have had the pleasure of observing a great improvement in the standard of members photography.

I hope the In-Club comps. can continue next year. I also hope that members will support the new Photographic Officer.

The Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Presentation and Film Evening was quite a night. Many people have rung to say what a great time they had, and asking me to pass on congratulations to the club for a splendid effort. They enjoyed the movies and particularly enjoyed the a.v.s. People like those a.v.'s.

Thanks to all the members who screened slides after the club meetings - this is always enjoyable. Thanks to Kim, Martin, Peter S. who helped with the Summertime Dream AV. I did a quick survey through the members list - 94 members - 51 of them are underwater photographers - that is incredible - this means that we should have 51 people entering the In-Club and the big comp next year! South Pacific Divers Club has always been known for its strong interest in underwater photography, as well as having many keen wreck divers in the membership.

I am not able to stand for Photographic Officer at the next elections - I will be concentrating more on my own photography; as well as looking into some new ventures.

I am always available to assist any members who may be having problems with their photography.....Pat M.

AUSTRALIAN OUTDOOR WRITER'S ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP \$25.00 per year.

Those who can apply for membership: writers, artists, photographers, etc.

This organisation has over 120 members from all over Australia and New Zealand. People who are writers, photographers, artists, etc. are members. Some write for fishing magazines, dive magazines, outdoor mags, car mags etc.

The Association can give you info on copyright, income tax and the writer / photographer, retrieval systems and catalogues for transparencies and put you on a contact list with the view of freelance work. They have seminars, workshops etc.

You can join by writing to the Hon. Secretary,
Ray Stuart
Austr. Outdoor Writers Assoc.
P.O. Box 28
Thornleigh. 2120.

They have some very interesting people in their membership.

I would like to invite some of these people as guest speakers to our club meetings in the future; people like Andrew Green who wrote an article in Underwater mag. on the John Penn, and etc. Anyone interested?????
I have not approached any of these people as yet.

SLOPPY JOES FOR SALE

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IF YOU HAVEN'T PURCHASED ONE YET , BETTER HURRY UP.....

THEY COULD RUN OUT. \$15 each terrific quality.

SEE MARTIN KANDILAS CLUB TREASURER

TREASURER: REPORT: AT AGM

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

I think you will agree that receiving the club mag. every month has kept you in touch with what's happening. Many members cannot make it to some meetings, because of work commitments, so receiving the mag. keeps them in touch.

The 1983 year saw the election of our first female president, as well the club mag. was issued monthly, and the monthly club dive was scheduled for the Sunday after the club meeting. I think the inception of a Dive Organiser for this coming year will greatly boost diving activities. Also it looks as if club membership will surge to over 100 in the not too distant future. I have had quite a few telephone calls after the film night from people who would like to come along to meetings and maybe join the club..this we can credit to the film night exposure. Please go out of your way to welcome prospective new members to the club, let's not let them feel awkward or out of things.

I have enjoyed the role of editor over this past year. I would have liked more contributions from members but not everyone likes to write. One aspect of committee life I have very much enjoyed has been the friendship I have shared with the other committee members. We gave each other support and assistance, striving together at all times towards a common goal - the best interest of our club and it's members in the most professional way possible. We may not have reached this goal on all occasions - but by gee we tried. Support of club members to the committee is always the greatest boost - if the club year is successful it is only through the continuous rally of strength from club members. A committee is only as good as the members supporting it!

I will not be able to stand for a position in this coming year - my Uni studies are such that I must devote more time to them - I am writing for many magazines now and the research for the articles is a mammoth task.

Please support the next Publicity Officer as you did me, I greatly appreciated it.

We have all built one of the best dive clubs in Australia.....let's all pull togetherin a positive manner.... Thanks...Lyn M.

WARNING: MEMBERS TAKE NOTE

I wish to advise all club members to disregard an advertisement on page 9 of Skindiving in Australia Vol 14 No. 3. which offers the public pieces of eight for sale.

The advertisiement mentions the fact that the coins offered for sale are a lasting reminder of the many spanish galleons that were wrecked over 250 years ago along the Australian coast.

I wish to state categorically that there is no known spanish wreck on our coast, let along 250 years of them. I reported this matter to the Department of Home Affairs and Environment, in Canberra, and they will be investigating further. I also reported this to other relevant authorities and they also indicated that they too will be investigating this matter.

When I reported this matter to Skindiving in Australia, representative in this state, and after he had a conference I believe with the editor in Melbourne, I was told that the magazine had no control over what an advertiser places in his advertisements and they wouldn't print a retraction.

I feel that this is irresponsible for a magazine that generally had a good reputation amongst divers and has been around for a long time. The editor should have been aware of the fact that there has been no known spanish wrecks along the Australian coast. They have been made aware of this serious breach, of various acts, and will not print a retraction or dissassiate themselves from the advertiser in writing.

So, fellow members, be beware of this add.

STEPHEN WAGSTAFF, THE MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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are due again, from August AGM.....

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER RECEIVED FROM
GERT DE COUET: 1984 Australasian
Underwater Photographer of the Year

"many thanks to South Pacific Divers Club
and to all who helped making the
function at Bankstown an unforgettable
evening. The first prize came as a
real surprise and it took a couple of
days to sink in".

Gert and his wife Claudia will be
taking their prize, dive trip to
Mana Island Fiji next June.

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NEXT CLUB DIVE

NOT PROGRAMMED: TO BE DECIDED AT NEXT
CLUB MEETING.....WHERE WOULD YOU
LIKE TO DIVE?

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