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SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

NEWSLETTER

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**           OCTOBER 1985           **
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President:	John Blaszcak	Photographic Officer:	Terry Mansfield
Treasurer:	Ross Hipwell	Social Secretaries:	Miriam Roberts
Secretary:	Audrey Mansfield		Rhonda Gale
Dive			Karl Krieter
Organiser:	Gary Roberts	Publicity Officer:	Cindy Belveal

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REMINDER
THAT CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE NOW

(\$7.00 single/\$10.00 couple)

We regret that only Members who are financial by the end of this month will be receiving any further newsletters.

You can still mail your Membership fee to the Treasurer, SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS, P.O. Box 823, BANKSTOWN, 2200 - or pay at the next Club meet.

Members and visitors are invited to attend the next Club Meeting on Monday, October 21. Tom Byron has kindly agreed to show us some of his top quality slides of New Guinea which can be appreciated by hard core divers and non divers alike!

The meeting will open at 8pm (with any luck) - tea and coffee supplied.

SOUTH PAC'S
25TH SILVER ANNIVERSARY

For those who have not yet booked their tickets to our 25th Anniversary Party being held on November 9 at the Bankstown Sports Club some tickets are still available from the Committee members.

Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased by phoning any of the Committee members:

B. J. Ph: 709 5535
Miriam & Gary Ph: 771 3459
Audrey & Terry Ph: 628 8172
Cindy Ph: 534 1883
Ross Ph: 773 4406
Rhonda and Karl Ph: 618 2221

Tickets must be finalised by October 21.

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If anyone has anything they wish printed in this newsletter - be it advertising, anecdotes (that's funny stories), material of an intellectual nature or voicing an opinion, you can send your contribution to Cindy Belveal at 49 Central Road, Narwee, 2209 - or phone 534 1883.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

HELD AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB 16.9.85

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Meeting Opened

8.10 p.m.

The President, John Blaszczak opened the meeting with a welcome to the new committee. He thanked those members who had attended the A.G.M.

Visitors:

Lana Herodes, A. McLorinan

Apologies:

Lynn and Pat Manly, Chuck Belveal, Miriam Roberts, Jane and Mark Livermore.

Minutes of the Meeting
August 1985

Were read and accepted by Kelly Smith, seconded by Lea Hackett.

Correspondence

Incoming: Australian Underwater Federation
"Between the Lines" Newsletter from
Recreational Fishing Advisory
Council.

Outgoing: Letter to Bankstown Sports Club.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance B/F	\$ 4,959.25
Income	\$ 132.00
Transferred from B/S	\$ 188.75
Expenditure	\$ nil

Balance in cheque account \$ 5,280.00

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Accepted by Gary Roberts, seconded Dave Morris.

Social Secretary's Report

South Pacific Divers Silver Jubilee celebration to be held on 9.11.85 at Bankstown Sports Club in the Sportsman's Bar. Tickets \$15.00 each. Numbers attending must be known by 21.10.85 for catering reasons. Tickets available from committee members.

Dive Organizer's Report:

Dives arranged as listed in Club Mag. Any enquiries please contact Gary Roberts on 771 3459.

Dive Reports:

Neil Vincent's tank was confiscated by a fishing inspector in Jervis Bay when he was caught taking scallops on scuba. Neil was under the impression that this was allowed. Apparently the law is being changed at the moment but is held up in red tape. At the moment you cannot take any marine life on scuba in Jervis Bay. A snorkel in your boat may well protect you if you are caught with fish even if you have scuba gear on board as long as you are not caught in the act. (Discussion between fisheries inspector and Neil).

Jim Smith commented that B.J. was O.K. as he had a 300 ft. yellow snorkel in his boat.

Publicity Officer's Report:

Cindy requested articles for the magazine from club members.

Photographic Officer's Report:

The club was asked whether they had any objections to New Zealand being included in the Australasian Underwater Photographer competition. No objections raised.

Bruce Meyers asked if any thought had been given to having above water slides included in the competition.

Any person with any suggestions regarding competition to contact Terry at home on 628 81 72 to discuss as it takes up too much time at club meetings.

George Roberts Trophy in-club comp. now on the way again. Entry forms from Terry.

General Business:

Congratulations to David and Jenny Morris who are expecting a baby. Must have been the sea air on the cruise.

Also congratulations to Keith and Sam who have finally moved in together to AID each other.

The president reminded the club re. the Silver Jubilee party and asked club members to give it their full support.

Meeting Closed:

9.10 p.m.

Slides shown by B.J.

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

From 22.1.85 to 18.8.85

Balance in cheque account as at 22.1.85	\$ 1,287.83
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Income

Membership Fees	\$ 58.00	
Club Stickers	\$ 6.00	
Sloppy Joes	\$ 348.00	
T. Shirts	\$ 30.00	
Social outings	\$ 891.89	
Diving trips (Bermagui)	\$ 698.00	
Raffle	\$ 140.26	
A.V. tickets and entries	\$5823.86	
Interest from cheque account	\$ 44.57	+ \$ 8,040.58

Expenditure

Social outings	\$ 924.56	
Diving trips (Bermagui)	\$ 764.00	
Trophies (George Roberts)	\$ 20.00	
A.V.	\$2618.85	
Misc. Purchases	\$ 73.50	
Postage	\$ 84.40	
Sponsorship (Zoo)	\$ 60.00	
Bank charges on cheque account	\$ 7.49	- \$ 4,552.80

\$ 4,775.61

Plus Cheques not as yet presented

No. 107098	\$ 60.00	
No. 107100	\$150.00	+ \$ 210.00

\$ 4,985.61

Less Cash in hand

- \$ 12.00

\$ 4973.61

Adjustment

+ \$ 1.54

BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT NO. 12

\$ 4,975.15

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Building Society Balance as at 18.8.85

\$ 128.19

CLUB DIVES

Monday 7 October - the Arch (Shellharbour)

We arrived at Shellharbour at about 9.30am. Peter, Leslie, Michelle and Mark were already having breakfast. We set off for the boat ramp and as we put the boat into the water Peter turned up, and the six of us (Peter Stratford, Peter Jermyn, Fab, Sam, myself and friend Mark) set off for the Arch - the seas were very smooth.

After dropping the anchor right into the mouth of the Arch we went in. Being very overcast the vis was about 30', with a bit more sun it would have been a lot better. Fab made friends with two large groper while Peter and Sam found a moray.

Finishing the dive, we went for a bit of high diving off the gravel loader. All of us except Sam that is (clever lad!). We managed somehow not to break any bones (thanks to landing on our buns).

Then, back to Shellharbour where we had a relaxing picnic lunch with the "girls".

We managed another dive at the church grounds about 1km offshore and in about 60' of water with good vis. This spot has a very large sponge garden but unfortunately the fish that normally inhabit the area were nowhere to be seen; still a good dive was had.

Before heading home it was back to the gravel loader for a little more punishment but the tide had gone out and it looked a lot higher - undaunted we made one more jump, then back to the ramp and a cup of coffee before driving home. - Gary

Sunday 22 September - Family Day at Kurnell

The dives at Black Streak and Cape Solander were both cancelled later Saturday afternoon due to the high sea and poor weather conditions we had had all week.

However, as we could have expected, we woke Sunday morning to the sun beaming through the windows, so we set off to Kurnell for a day's picnicing afterall, hoping that other members would decide to do the same.

Peter Flockhart, Karl, Rhonda and family turned up and thanks to Rhonda's family being along we were able to play with their catamaran and surf ski - we had great fun. Adding to the day's entertainment were two rather oversize males (not mentioning any names of course!) swamping the surf ski.

It was a glorious day - so glorious in fact I ended up quite sunburnt. - Miriam.

THE BANDOS NIGHT DIVE

'Twas on the stroke of eight o'clock
In those islands of the moon
When Herwarth shouted "Tally Ho"
And not a bit too soon.

For sixty men and women bold
Each donned their B.C.D.
Then, like a pack of lemmings
Marched, backward, through the sea.

Atop the dropoff, thumbs went down
Vent hoses were held high
When all at once rude torch lights
Pierced the evening sky.

So now the party has begun
And chaos was to reign
As drunken glowworms wandered
'Cross the undersea terrain
Like search lights in an air raid
Spotting bombers in the blue
The waters of the Bandos reef
Resembled World War II.

Corals crashed, fishes fled
Crayfish ceased to creep
Even fearless reef shark
Retreated to the deep.

No one knows what havoc
Took place beneath the foam
But sixty minutes later
The raiders left for home.

As years go by and divers
Hang up their fins and masks
They'll still remember '85
And SPUMS night diving farce.

-(from SPUM Journal July-Sept. issue)

DIVE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 17 - The Dunbar

Sunk in August 1857, there is no visible outline of the ship existing today other than ballast blocks of all sizes, heaps of rusted chain, iron beams and bars, broken pieces of china, nails from the ship decking, and a large rusted bow anchor. All manner of odd things litter the area, a real scavenger's paradise. The Dunbar lies in about 9m of water at South Head.

Meet at Rose Bay boat ramp at 9am. Lunch at Watson's Bay Hotel and depending on the conditions of the divers and weather there will be another dive at Bottle and Glass (open for discussion on the day).

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NOVEMBER 22 - Camp Cove Night Dive

Meet at Green Point Park at 8pm (bottom of Pacific Street). The underwater life consists of lots of morays, plenty of colourful nudibranch, some lion fish and a number of giant sea slugs. Good area for macro photography, depth is about 16m. Be prepared to stick around for a bit of socialising after the dive.

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NOVEMBER 24 - S.S. Undola

This wreck lies in about 45m of water about 1km offshore from Garie Beach. The ship is still basically in good condition and makes an excellent wreck dive.

Meet at Dolans Bay boat ramp at 9am. To help wash away the sea water, a few drinks at Carringbah Inn.

Reminder: October 26 - Barrens Hut Night.

For any information about the dives call Gary Roberts, the Dive Organiser on 771 3459

UPCOMING SOCIALS

DECEMBER 14 - S.P.D. Christmas Party at Gary & Miriam Roberts.
784 Henry Lawson Drive, Picnic Point.
Food supplied. (Bring your swimming gear!)

DECEMBER 31 - New Year's Eve Party at Jervis Bay.

More details on these events in next newsletter.

REPORTS taken from Australian Underwater Federation (A.U.F.) 1985 Federal Committee Meeting, Canberra, 24-25 August 1985. Memos sent to all clubs.

DECOMPRESSION TABLES

On 5 February 1985, a meeting was held at HMAS Penguin School of Underwater Medicine regarding the AUF approach to SUM to design decompression tables for sports divers. The meeting was necessary to define to the RAN what actually was needed for sports divers. As well as myself and Frank Poole, PADI was represented, and NAUI and SDFA had provided comments. FAUI had not commented. Currently, the RAN is one of the few navies working on air tables, others are concentrating on saturation diving.

The RAN have a five year project in progress on the upgrading of air tables. If we can convince the Department of Defence to add our requirements, PLUS get the necessary funds to support the extra work, then the tables will be produced.

Armed with our requirements as defined during the February meeting and at our request, the AUF, Department of Defence (Navy) and the Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism met to discuss the proposal and cost. It was agreed that the AUF would officially approach the Navy with this proposal and that the Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism would co-ordinate the project amongst the other interested parties - Education, Health, Labour and Industry, etc., and raise the necessary money. The estimate is \$200,000 spread over the five year period.

A note of caution. Defence projects require a variety of advisory committees, panels, consultative groups, finance committees, etc., and can be stopped at any time by any of these committees or by a change of policy or Government; so five years may see our new tables, but they could also be longer in coming.

DIVER EMERGENCY SERVICE (DES)

Plastic DES cards have been a long time in coming, but are now here. The delay has been caused through waiting for Telecom to grant us recognition as an emergency service. Cards are being distributed to all AUF members and will be followed by stickers when finance permits.

(All communications to NSW Branch
Hon. Secretary, Box 1192, GPO SYDNEY 2001)

The Annual Reports can be seen in full on request to Audrey (SPD Club Secretary).

SCUBA DIVERS ASSOCIATION OF NSW

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To Committee Members and Affiliated Clubs,

The next general meeting of the Scuba Divers Association will be on Wednesday, October 30th at 8.00pm. This meeting is to be held in Sydney at Sports House, 157 Gloucester St, (cnr Essex St.

Business to be discussed will include matters related to the potential change of incorporation from Company Incorporation to Sports Association Incorporation, budget and publicity plans, organising the AGM of the Scuba Divers Federation of Australia (to be held in Sydney over the Australia Day long weekend), and other general business.

Clubs should note that new printings of Dive Flag stickers have been prepared by the Maritime Services Board of NSW. We have supplied them with club addresses and by now you should have received an initial supply. Further supplies are available from the MSB. These stickers are printed with what appears to be the world's fastest fading ink on the background colour, but they are still far better than no sticker at all. We are grateful to the MSB for this service.

Club delegates are always welcome at SDA Committee Meetings, and as we currently have had no offers from anyone to prepare and distribute a news sheet, this is the correct time for clubs to keep up-to-date on all matters affecting divers in general, plus those matters affecting clubs directly.

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* FOR BOAT DIVES *

Dave Gardiner

St. George Underwater
Centre

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NOVEMBER 1985

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 25TH PARTY
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17 DUNBAR	18 CLUB MEETING	19	20	21	22 CAMP COVE	23
24 UNDOLA	25	26	27	28	29	30

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DECEMBER 1985

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14 XMAS PARTY
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 N.Y.E. PARTY				

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