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JANUARY

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I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and New Year and we can all look forward to a brand new season of good weather and great diving.

The Club has lots of trips and social venues lined up for 1987 and we hope you'll be able to attend and enjoy them.

We'd also like to remind you that Club fees are due this month, (£10 single, £15 double). Unfortunately, due to cost, only financial members will be receiving the Wetrage as from February.

Hope we see you at the next Club meeting on January 22.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB
HELD AT 15.12.86 AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB

Meeting opened at 8.19p.m. by the President, John Blaszcak.

Visitors: D Parsons, P Croscill, P Crotch.

Apologies: P Stratford, L King, Lyn and Pat Manly.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. No business arising from the minutes. Minutes accepted by Jim Smith, seconded by Peter Flockart.

Correspondence:

Incoming: Tweed Heads Rowing and Aquatic Club, A.U.F. Oceans 87 Australia Newsletter, Scuba Divers Association of N.S.W.

Outgoing: Nothing.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance B/frd in Cheque Account:	\$ 867.06
Income	2066.40
	2933.46
Expenditure	1620.18
Balance in Cheque Account:	1313.28
Balance in Savings Account:	3000.00

Accepted by Martin Kandilas, seconded by David Hyde.

Dive Reports:

Bushrangers Bay, Neil Vincent was saying he has heard rumours of more fish life around there - don't believe it.

Gary Roberts has been diving into the Blue Marlin Hotel. Cindy had a good dive at Ulladulla with Miriam. B.J. Manned the boat and followed a dive boat to their location. Cindy saw a couple of big grouper hanging around the anchor. The current was so bad that they had to hold on to the weed.

Martin Kandilas has been diving the "Annie Miller". Dull overcast day with the viz approximately fifty feet on the bottom. Whilst doing the deco the viz started to close in (some say due to the outlet). He saw a Sea Lion (Seal) and was very surprised to see this creature in Sydney waters.

Bob, Lee and Bruce Gardiner have been diving at Terrigal. They dived the south side of Scillion- lots of fish life, good dive.

Bruce Gardiner and friend went diving in a twenty three foot cruiser south of Jibbon - excellent dive. Went down near Barrens Hut and realised the anchor wouldn't come out. That was the least of their problems as they realised that half of the motor was under water! They were assisted by the Water Police.

Neil Vincent tells us that there was an inexperienced diver diving with them a few weeks ago and the water was filthy, so when Neil was told by the boatman that he saw a shark they shrugged their shoulders. Neil happened to ask the boatman later a description of this shark and his description was "grey with stripes on it" (Tiger Shark).

Dive . Organiser's Report:

Gary pointed out dates to remember- 26th January: South West Arm, more of a social time than a diving one. February 1st: picnic and dive at Shellhabour. February 21st and 22nd: Bristol Point. March: Seal Rocks, need money and Numbers.

Club will be putting on a bar-b-que for the Bristol Point Weekend.

Social Organiser's Report:

Nothing really to report except that Bruce Gardiner has organised a week at Sout West Arm (Port Hacking). Yowie Bay Cellars close by.

Tony thanked the helpers who put the decorations up and it was agreed that a good time was had by all.

Photographic Officer's Report:

Audrey and Terry Mansfield recently received a phonecall asking them to go to Vanuatu. If everything gets finalised they will be managing Hideaway Island for four months. Consequently Terry is standing down as the Photographic Officer. A new officer nominated:

Nominations: Brenda Park - declined
Martin Kandilas - declined
Neil Vincent - accepted

Neil Vincent is to be the new Phogographic officer.

Entry forms are ready for the George Roberts competition. They are to be printed in the Wet Rag and are also available off Neil Vincent.

General Business:

B.J. commended Audrey and Terry on the excellent job that they have done over the years. Martin also thanked them.

In reference to Ocena 87 we are going to wait and see what costs are involved and we will follow on from there.

Two single dives donated by Glen Percy from Aqua Sports.

Merry Christmas greeting to all members from B.J. Meeting closed at 9.02P.M.

Slides were shown by Brenda Park.

WELCOME TO THE JAPANESE UNDERGROUND BUNKER & MUSEUM IN RABAU

This bunker was the headquarters of the Japanese command during the World War II.

The Commander was Vice Admiral Junichi Kusaka, Japanese Naval Commander of South East Asian Fleet, arriving in Rabaul approx. 21 January 1942. He was Admiral Yamamoto's right hand man.

Admiral Yamamoto spent only three days in Rabaul before being shot down on a Sunday morning in September 1943, near Buin, whilst flying to the Solomon Islands. Because of the importance of Admiral Yamamoto, the Japanese people were not told of his death until near the end of the war.

There are around 360 miles of underground tunnel systems and bunkers throughout Rabaul and on the Gazelle Peninsula built by the Japanese to escape the heavy bombing by Allied forces. A number of large Japanese shipwrecks lie on the bottom of Simpson Harbour and other relics of the war are to be found scattered in the bush and on plantations.

During the 1970's this bunker was restored by the Historical Society of New Britain and has since been kept open as a museum to preserve the many records and relics pertaining to the period of the Japanese occupation of Rabaul.

Military equipment found in tunnels as well as relics recovered by divers from shipwrecks are displayed for the visitor.

The relics placed in front of the museum are :-

- the propeller of a zero-aircraft which crashed into a mountain; in the beginning of the war.
- a tank that belonged to the 38th division
- an anti aircraft machinegun that belonged to the Japanese navy and
- two artillery weapons.

In September 1985 the Japanese, Mr. S. Miyata, cleaned and painted these relics on a voluntary basis.

The entrance admission of 50¢ per person (children 20¢) serves to keep the museum operating.

For more information on Rabaul and ENB Province come and see us at the:-

Tourist Information Office
Park St/Central Avenue
P O Box 385
RABAU
East New Britain Province

... Just a 2 minute walk from the museum!

HINTS ON ENTERING PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

1. Never send original slides, send high quality duplicates.
2. Read the rules carefully. Fill in the entry form correctly, package your slides against damage in the mail. Don't forget to include return postage and a jiffy bag, if required.
3. Mark your slides correctly. Name, address, title and IMPORTANT a red dot in the lower left hand corner, as you view the slide held in your hand.
4. Ensure that your slides fall into the correct category, that is if the competition has categories, eg. diver, or marine life section.
5. Don't think that because your photo was difficult to take then it must be a great photo, not so, competitions are judged on photographic merit.
6. Ensure that all photos entered are technically correct: eg. are sharp and in focus, correct exposure, balance of colour, lit evenly and no flashback.
7. Composition: the picture must tell a story. Strong composition will gain extra points.
8. Strive for something different in your photos. The judges may have to look at dozens of red rock cod or eel photos so your eel photo, even though it is very good, may get a lower score because it does not have impact and is not different.
9. Titles: be creative, it can help, particularly if your photo is published. Choose titles which are interesting.
10. Choose slides with loads of impact: slides which are bright coloured. Remember the judges only see one slide for a few seconds, First impressions are what counts in a competition.
11. Who are the judges? Select your slides accordingly. eg. Neville Coleman likes unusual marine life, Ron Taylor likes sharks and etc.
12. YOU, YOURSELF should be the first judge of the slides you have chosen. Be critical, look at each slide individually, ASK....what is wrong with the photo, incorrectly exposed? flashback? subject chopped off? is the composition good? is it a 'sock it to em'photo?
13. If required to enter 5 slides in a competition (eg. Australasian U/W Photographer of the Year), then ensure that the 5 you enter are of a consistent quality, ie. don't enter 4 excellent pictures and one real dud.

Extract:

SeaScape Photographics
Underwater Photography School

Lyn and Pat Manly

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

GEORGE ROBERTS PERPETUAL TROPHY

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ENTRY FORM

Rules of Entry

1. Open only to members of South Pacific Divers.
2. Only open to those who have not won a major prize in any other photographic competition.
3. Entries may be either 35 mm or 6 cm.
4. Entries must be marked with a spot in the lower left hand corner when held up to view.
5. Title must be clearly written on the slide.
6. Maximum of 5 slides per entrant.
7. Judges decision will be final.

Entries close February meeting. Awards will take place March meeting.

Post entries to South Pacific Divers, P.O. Box 823, Bankstown, 2200, or to be handed personally to Terrance Mansfield.

Name:

Address:

Novice or Open (Nominate which section)

Title:

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JANUARY 1987

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	*17 CAMP COVE
18	*19 CLUB MEETING	20	21	22	23	24
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FEBRUARY 1987

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*1 SHELL- HARBOUR	2	3	4	5	6	7
15	*16 CLUB MEETING	17	18	19	*20 BRISTOL =====	*21 POINT =====
*22 W'END =====	23	24	25	26	27	28

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