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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB HELD AT 19.1.87 AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB

Meeting opened at 8.14p.m. by the President John Blaszczak.

Visitors: J Doble

Apologies: Miriam Roberts, Cindy Belveal, Brenda Park.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. No business arising from the minutes. Minutes accepted by Larry King, seconded by John McDermott.

Correspondence:

Incoming: Castrol Sea Safety Awards, Save Jervis Bay, Gosford Diving
services, Fun Dive Centre, Sydney's Taronga Zoo, Capricornia Barrier Reef
Island Cruises.

Outgoing: Letters to all of the Sponsors.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance b/frd in cheque account:	\$1,313.28
Income	154.40
	1,467.68
Expenditure	1,230.00
Balance in cheque account:	237.68
Balance in Savings Account:	\$3,000.00
Cash:	\$20.00

Accepted by Pat Manly, seconded by Kathy McDermott.

Dive Reports:

Graham Wakeling had a night dive at shiprock - viz. two metres.

Bruce Gardiner and friends had a night dive at Camp Cove - five feet viz. until Tony Martin got in the water, then the viz, dropped even more.

Peter Flockart went diving down J.B. two weeks ago. Dived 30 metres at Bowen - very cold. Did a dive at Fish Rock and also one at the Docks. A north Easterly wind was blowing so it flattened the seas making for a good dive.

Bruce Gardiner and Andy had a dive down the Arch. Good viz.

. Neil Koos, Kathy and John McDermott, Lyn and Neil Vincent have been diving up at Mulloway. Had a few problems with the wind and didn't do as much diving as hoped. Good diving at North Solitary Island. Great viz. Saw a manta ray, lots of nudibranks and cowries. A good time was had by all.

Rick James has been diving on the Aqua Venture. A fun day.

Club president and friends had a b-b-que at someone's place and apparently our Club President was puzzled over the "child proof" lock on the pool gate and speint five minutes trying to work it out.

B.J. hs been diving in the Harbour. Learnt the hard way that bad doings happen in three - he was reminded about Tony Martin's bad luck.

Dive Organiser's Report:

Gary had a quick (ten Minute) night dive at Camp Cove. Twelve people turned up.

Upcoming dives to note: 1st February: Shellharbour dive, meeting opposite the pub (in car Park) at 9.30 a.m..

21st & 22nd February: Bristol point weekend.
Monies required for site. B-b-que on Saturday night is put on by the club.
7th & 8th March: Seal Rocks weekend, need numbers please.

Social Organiser's Report:

Tony brought to our attention that the $b ext{-}bque\ is\ down\ at\ Shellharbour\ on\ the\ lst\ February.}$

Photographic Officer's Report:

Entry forms are now printed for the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Award. Posters for the competition will be sent out next week to the dive shops.

Have spoken to all the sponsors and they are going to send confirmaation letter stating their prizes.

Next meeting is the final day to have your slide entries in for the George Roberts Perpetual Trophy Competition. Would like more entries and the results will be given athe March Meeting.

General Business;

A count was taken for sponsorship in Tarong Zoo for the spotted Eel. It was agreed that a cheque be sent for the certificat and poster only.

Lyn is to draft a letter for the Save Jervis Bay Committee and bring it to the next meeting for people to sign.

B.j. brought to our attention that Audrey and Terry Mansfield are leaving this Saturday and if you want to say "see you later" go and see them off.

Neil Vincent bought to the attention of the club members that he would like to get some stickers made for the envelopes. The club decided on a stamp instead and will be made by Ron Mines.

Meeting closed at 8.55p.m. Slides shown by Brian Colwell, and Graham Wakeling.

DIVING CALENDAR

 $\underline{\text{February 20 - 22}}$: Bristol Point - Diving and Camping weekend. There are still a few vacancies at the campsite - everyone is welcome.

S.P.D. Club will be providing meat and salads for a Saturday night B.B.Q. Dives will be organised on site according to popularity and weather conditions. Cost of the weekend is \$3 per person - under 5 years of age free.

March 6 - 8: Seal Rocks. Self-contained units, bring your linen. Four people per unit. Cost \$16.50 per person. B.B.Q. Saturday night \$5 adult, \$3 child. A few vacancies are available.

- please contact Tony Martin if you would like to attend either of these weekends as soon as possible - 533-5576

Anyone wishing to do extra dives at any time please phone Gary Roberts on 771-3459 and something can be arranged to suit you.

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S.P.D. still have Club T-shirts and sloppy joes for sale:

Sloppy Joes: \$15

Blue only 3 x Size 22 (110cm) 2 x Size 18 (100cm)

T-shirts: \$8

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BOAT DIVES: Contact GLEN PERCY at AQUA SPORTS, 430 Hume Hwy., YAGOONA, for interesting dives at various locations.

** My apologies to the following who advertised these for the January magazine, but were unfortunately omitted.

FOR SALE: 1. TABATA B.C. - very good condition. 18 months old. Size M. Model 777 (Jacket Style), colour yellow - \$140 o.n.o.

2. AIRDIVE Regulator - 2nd Stage only, ideal octopus or main 2nd Stage - \$75 o.n.o.

3. OCEAN PRO Torch & Charger - New rechargeable battery. 8W, 12W and 30W Bulbs. Excellent condition - \$100 o.n.o.
Please contact John McDermott on 726-0982 (A.H.)

FOR SALE: 1 NIKONOS 5 - \$700 with 35mm lens. Only 12 months old. Contact Peter Foster 682-6378.

S.P.D. Membership fees are due now for 1987 - \$10 single/\$15 double and are payable at the next Club meeting on February 16 or can be sent to the mailing address and a receipt issued.

The Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year competition is on again - entry forms can be found further in this issue. Good luck to all competitors. The Presentation night and A/V have been booked for Saturday 18th July, so make a note in your diary.

Correspondance to:

South Pacific Divers Club, P.O. Box 823, BANKSTOWN, 2200

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a time when you tend to eat too much, drink too much and make too much HO HO. Also at Christmas there tends to be too many people everywhere (except Sydney).

Well this year more by luck than good management, we stayed at Mullaway on the north coast where we found very few people to crowd our fun. We still ate too much and drank too much and I know some people who HO HO HO'ed too much but he had a good time despite our travel agents. The diving was organised by Vincenti Tours and the accommodation by the Megadermott Travel Conglomeration, needless to say nothing matched.

Vincenti tours had gotten carried away and booked the diving past the period of accommodation, or was it Megadermott didn't book enough days accommodation? He certainly didn't book enough beds. Six people and one double bed didn't divide too well. So because of my habit of waking up at 5 a.m. and waking everyone else at 5 a.m. to go for a run along the beach, Lynette and I were bannished to a tent outside.

Not to miss out on what was happening in the rest of the world John brought along his tele. At Coffs Harbour at Christmas you have a choice of two television stations and two programs - Cricket or Tennis. So we went diving instead.

Out to show Steve Moody that we were all capable divers first dive so that we could progress to more advanced dives than N.W. Solitary, we all navigated around the boat so that we all surfaced up the anchor lines as good little C.R.A.P.I. divers should. Except Kathy, she decided to elope with her new found buddy. So after waiting one hour and fifteen minutes we decided that she must have drowned and decided to head back to the shore. John beinhy a good husband argued that that was not the right procedure to follow, every avenue should be tried to find the lost person especially one that had his Subatec torch. Around the other side of the island Kathy was found swimming hand in hand with Brad. (Very much like Brad in Rocky Horror).

Apparently Brad had suggested that they should get out onto the island, Kathy assumed this was a suggestive suggestion and said that if she was to swim through the surf breaking on the rocks that she would have more than just a headache. So they both accepted being molested by a school of passing kingfish. Needless to say, this excitement, Eve burleying the fish and punching into a Southerly change that he had been hoping to avoid impressed Steve Moody so much that he cancelled the next day's dives.

Back at the ranch the women went on strike (not uncommon), but this time it was over the cooking. We decided to have a B.B.Q. instead of staring over a hot fish and chip shop counter. Needless to say with my vast expedition experience in countries like Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea I was elected to start the fire. First I drank a can of Swan Premium, when this was empty I stacked all the timber correctly in the

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fire place. Next I took the empty Swan can and filled it with diesel from the car. I proceded to pour this over the timber. (Diesel is completely safe as it doesn't have a high flash point like petrol — a tip for those going for their Scout fire starters badge).

After this was completed I rubbed two sticks vigorously together (a match and a match box) until the flames began to spread. As I stood back to watch my handywork I picked up my can of Swan and took a large swig. It definately didn't taste as good as the last one. It was flat. While my mind was pondering this thought, my stomach, lungs, mouth and nose had all reacted together and thrown up all the diesel all over everything that was close. Now do you see the advantages of diesel over petrol? Imagine burping petrol all over the B.B.Q. I didn't think the steaks that night tasted all that good, they were a bit oily.

The diving did improve culminating on New Years day with the best dive of the trip on North West Rock which is further north from North Solitary Island. The fish life on that dive really had to be seen to be believed. The dive began on the western side. We swam through a crack in the island at about ten metres to the boulders and drop offs on the eastern seaward side. First people through were greeted by schnapper and other pelagics.

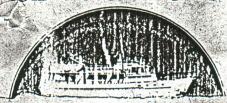
We found two flutemouths that were about six hundred millimetres long, hundreds of red morwong rolling drunkenly around the bottom (it was New Years Day), sturgeon, trevally, kingfish, down to all of the small bright coloured tropical fish. Richard moving along a deep gutter looking at all of that was moving about him almost put his hands on a two metre Wobbie that was on the bottom. I saw that it was going to happen but thought instinctively of the prizes that could be won if I got a good photo of a diver being eaten. Unfortunately he saw it at the last minute and he blew my chances.

A good dive to start the New Year and a good holiday.

After the holiday we were still all good friends,

after this I don't know.

- Neil Vincent.



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1987 Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year

ENTRY FORM

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Enquiries: Neil Vincent, Photographic Officer, (02) 624 1287 A.H.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- This competition is open to all underwater photographers resident in all States and Territories and Islands of Australasia and New Zealand.
- Each person may enter only one set of five slides with an entry fee of ten dollars Australian.
- Slides must be presented in cross section as to allow judges a view of the overall talent of entrant (close-up to wide angle of any chosen subjects). Equipment available will be taken into consideration for novices only.
- 4. All slides entered are to have been taken by entrant.
- 5. All slides taken must have been taken underwater by the photographer. (Fish tank or aquarium photographs not accepted).
- 6. All entries are to be colour transparencies (prints not acceptable).
- 7. All slides are to be mounted in GLASSLESS mounts.
- Each slide must be clearly marked with contrasting dot on lower left corner of slide when held up to be viewed.
- 9. Each slide must be clearly marked with entrants name and address and slide title.
- Slides may be cropped or masked. (Any slide altered by any other means will be INELIGIBLE for entry).
- 11. Entries arriving after closing date will not be accepted.
- Transparencies or duplicates of transparencies, that have previously won ANY prize in ANY open underwater photographic competition are INELIGIBLE for entry. Offending slides will be disqualified.
- All entries must be accompanied by a self address, postage paid PADDED mail bag for return of slides (if required).
- The competition will open on the 1st March, 1987, and entries will close on the 1st May, 1987.
- 15. Whilst all care will be taken, South Pacific Divers or its members accept no responsibility for damage or loss of entries.
- 16. The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
- 17. South Pacific Divers reserves the right to revoke any prize in the event of entrant not complying with the above conditions of entry and for misleading information supplied on entry form.
- 18. If, due to circumstances beyond our control, a particular prize is withdraw from the competition, South Pacific Divers will, without accepting responsability, endeavour to replace this prize with a suitable substitute.