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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB
ON 27TH APRIL, 1987

Meeting opened at 8.18 p.m. by the President, John Blaszczyk.

Visitors: R Marshall, M Marshall, T Pearce, Lyn Abbott.

New Members: Peter Crutch.

Apologies: Peter Stratford, Martin Kandilas, Jim Smith.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. B.J. pointed out that in reference to Sue Armstrong speaking at the last club meeting some things to remember are:

1. Acceptance of money by divers towards the boat is fine.
2. Insurance is a necessity by boat owners for travel to and from dive sites.
3. The Letter that Sue has drafted was to be printed in the next mag.

Minutes were accepted by Larry King. Seconded by Gary Roberts.

Correspondence;

Incoming: Two news mags from Ryde Underwater Club. Estreich Jewellers. A.U.F. Two letters from Camera Craft requesting entries for the Club A.V. Letters from numerous people requesting entry forms for the competition.

Outgoing: Dema - film mailed back. Letters to all the entrants so far stating that we have received their slides. Letters to judges and participants confirming the judging particulars for the A.V.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance b/fwd in cheque account:	\$432.60
Income:	118.00
Expenditure:	32.32
Balance in cheque account:	\$518.28
Balance in cheque account:	\$3,000.00
Balance in Savings Account:	\$ 20.00

Accepted by Rick Latimer and seconded by Miriam Roberts.

Dive Organiser's Report:

Upcoming Dives - Shoal Bay, Halifax Point - 23rd and 24th May. \$75.00 per van. This is for four adults, \$3.50 per extra for adults. Linen and pillows are needed. Two hundred yards from the dive Site. Gary wants numbers.

Past Dives: - Gary went diving on the Valiant. Ten people showed up.

After they eventually found the wreck they did their dive. 30 feet viz, and a bit cramped.

Dive Reports:

Ron and Jenny Mines went diving at Lord Howe Island and one of the most spectacular sights were two dolphins mating. They had great diving and Pat Manly made a comment that Geoff Deacon is an exceptional Dive Master.

Lyn Manly did some diving on the weekend down at J.B. Water was very cold (compared to the tropics), but Lyn feels that she had acclimatised for her dive at Stoney Creek which was an unsuccessful dive due to the current. They also dived the "plane" and were happy to report that it is still reasonably intact. Lyn dived at Point Perp and was teased by a Grey nurse, making it impossible to stay still long enough for pictures. Pat tells us that he got some photos of the Val Taylor jelly fish look-a-like in the Bay.

Larry King and Graham Wakeling have been diving at Port Stevens, water very dirty from the construction going on around the area.

Rick James sited a bleekers devil fish - no more said.

Bruce Gardiner and friends have been diving at Wedding Cake Island. Good dive, 30-60 feet drop off with lots of cuttlefish and Port Jacksons. Had a long sit in the boat as the weather was pretty spectacular - saw lots of sea slugs and white pointers?

Bruce also dived at Coffs Harbour with Gary, Miriam and B.J. Had lousy weather and choppy seas. They had a night dive in the pier - which was lousy. Bruce also had an incident with the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol and got off with "heavy words" from the inspector and advised to not go out again.

Pat and Lyn Manly have been diving in New Guinea and did some spectacular diving in unchartered waters. Pat was doing an assignment for someone and he reports that he had some spectacular dives on a B17 Bomber in 150 feet of water. Also dived a mini sub near New Hannah.

Bruce told us that "Gumboots" has been diving on the Russian crew ship in New Zealand. It's open for diving - take anything down except a crow-bar.

Publicity Officer's Report:

Bruce raised the question re the minutes "Do we need them printed in the Mag?" It was decided that we keep them in the mag. as they are records.

If any members have articles to contribute get them to Bruce Gardiner please.

Social Organiser's Report:

The car Rally is on Sunday 7th June. See club mag for more details. Tony needs names for those interested in going to the Spaghetti Cellar and then to Platoon - cost is \$33.00 per head.

Photographic Officer's Report:

A.V. competition closes on midnight Friday, 1st May. No late entries will be accepted. Requests for tickets will be available at next meeting. The tickets are being printed at the moment by Fab. Distribution will be given out to entrants first and then the rest to the Club Members.

General Business:

The secretary read the statement from Sue Armstrong and B.J. suggested that it would be a good idea to incorporate this statement with our membership forms.

A motion was moved by Graham Wakeling. Seconded by Adam Hartok.

This was accepted: To incorporate the statement with our membership form.

B.J. informed us that re the Hunter Valley Bottom Time Dive Club charity he was having trouble locating Jeff Sumner. Rick suggested contacting the Dive Shop at Maitland for more information.

Terry Mansfield suggested that the club might like to donate monies to reputable places such as "House with No Steps", the "Heart Foundation", etc.. It was decided that the appropriate time to discuss this was at the General Meeting.

Adam Hartok has done some research for a "Bi-centennial Project" and he asked club members what they thought about putting down an artificail reef made from tyres.

Terry thought it was a good idea and after we have more information we will look into it.

B.J. raised the question that it would be a good idea for a "Bi-centennial Project" to approach someone to subsidise an A.V. Night. It was decided that it was a bit late to do this now.

Next Club Meeting is Monday, 18th May, and dates are back to normal now.

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m. and slides were shown by Pat Manly from his trip to New Guinea.

Proposed inclusion for club membership form.

DIVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I.....hereby apply to join South Pacific Divers Club. I understand the club is a non profit club not affiliated with any training organisation and is for certified divers. South Pacific Divers Club does not offer instruction, advice, or supervise its members' dives. It is a condition of club membership that members exercise their own skill and judgement, in accordance with their own skill and judgement, in accordance with their training, in deciding whether, and/or, how to participate in any particular dive, the technique used, or choice of equipment and that any clarification in regard to these matters should be referred to a qualified instructor or my certifying agency. I have read the above conditions and accept same as a condition of my membership.

FOR SALE:

Hooka : complete with 4 x 250ft. hoses and fittings \$1000.00

Camera: Miranda in Sea-Tite housing, plus assorted lenses \$500.00

OUTBOARDS : 3.5HP Mariner & 5HP long Shaft Mariner

10ft Aluminium Dinghy ; needs coat of paint.

HOUSE : complete with I/G pool & spa, party references & instant party guests if required.

For all or any of the above contact Bob hackett Ph. 53 5557

BOAT DIVES

Contact Glen Percy ,AQUA SPORTS Ph. 708 2826

CLUB DIVES

Port Stephens 23-24 th May. All caravans are booked, but if you still want to go, campsites may be available if you ring Halifax Caravan Park on Ph. (049) 81 1522.

Members who have booked caravans, they are available to you from midday FRI 22nd until 10.00 am MON 25th.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS :

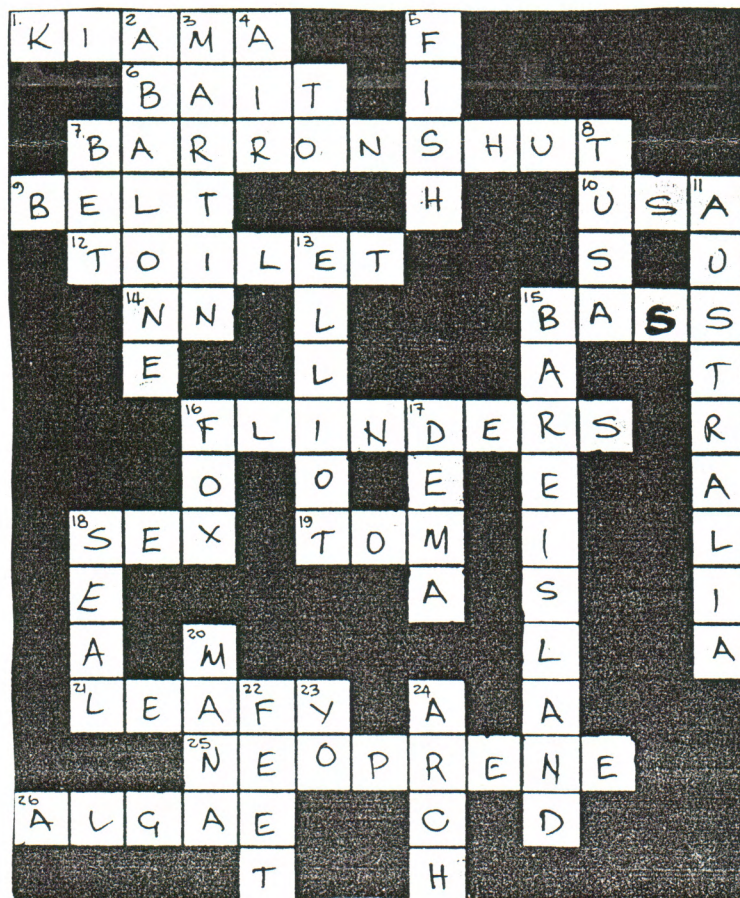
SUN 31st MAY - Car Rally : Meet at the bankstown Sports Club car park 9.00am, barbaeue at the finish line(if you make it)

Required for Car Rally

1. Motor vehicle
2. some sense of direction
3. one pair of costumes per car
4. B.Y.O.G. , FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FINISH LINE

Anyone looking for a dive ? Try ringing Gary Ph 771 3459 or B J Ph 709 5535

LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD ANSWERS (for those who needed help)

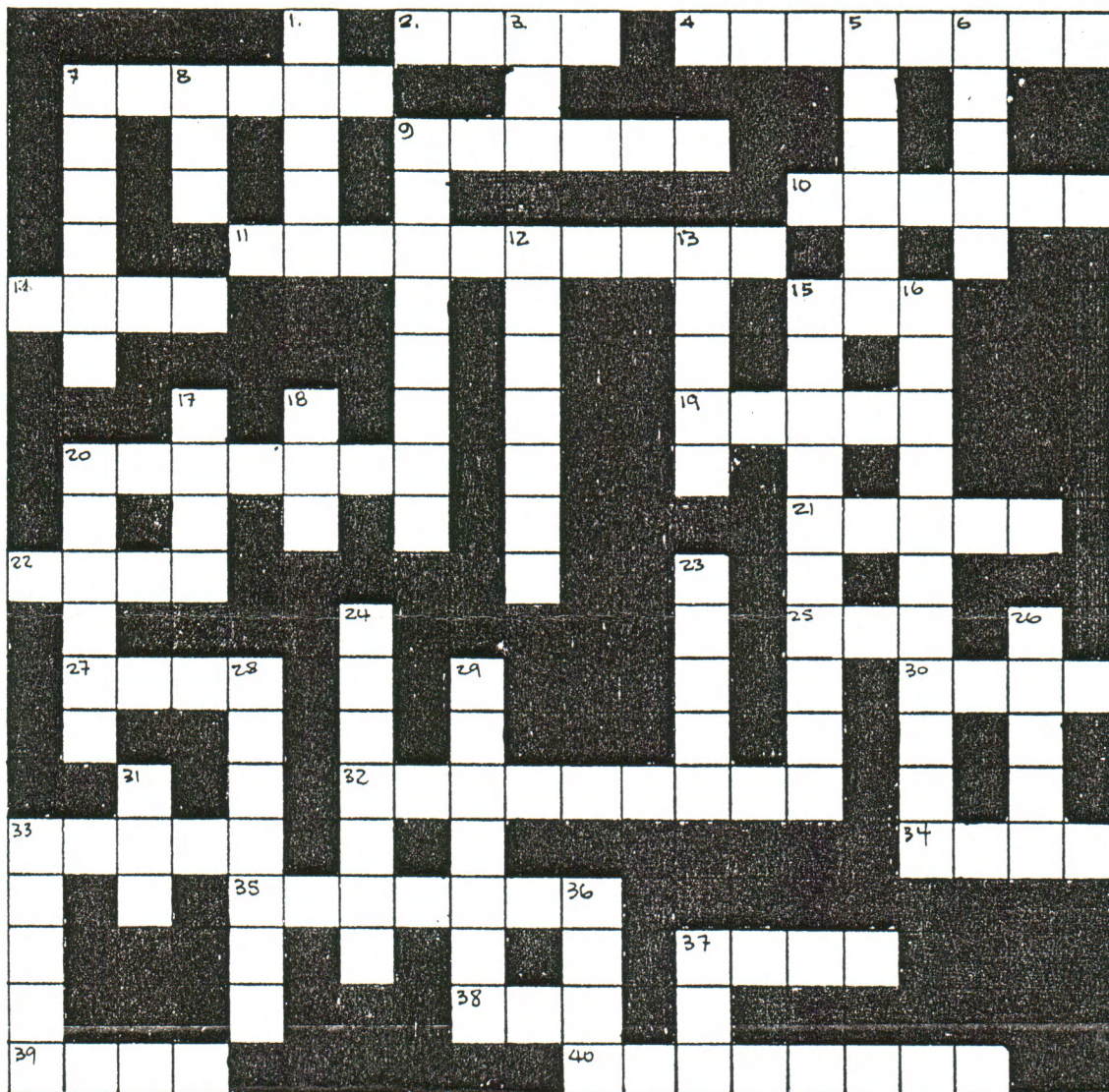


ACROSS

7. One of an order of ministers in the Church of England ranking below priesthood - underwater cinematographer.
11. Transparency film made by Kodak.
9. Used to take photographs.
14. Difference between f8 and f11, One.....
2. Mountain in Japan and film brand.
19. Makes an image on film.
20. Used by some underwater photographers as a lubricant.
4. A format of photography suitable for magazine covers.
10. Used to add white light to underwater photos.
15. Sheltered side.
32. The highest scoring person in this years Australasian Underwater Photographer was the
21. How the Photographic Officer of S.P.D. feels after the Presentation Night.
22. Remove unwanted material.
27. Guide for light on to the film.
25. Estimated time of Arrival (int.).
33. Close up photography.
35. Song by Tina Turner.
40. Make difficult subjects.
30. Enter.
34. Good for growing grass.
37. Aperture of the eye.
38. Slimey to photograph.
39. Prefix for eight.

DOWN

8. The imperial method of rating film speed.
1. A company that makes film.
13. Name of a Sydney beach and an underwater photojournalist team (surname).
7. Scale used on close up filters to designate magnification.
9. Gastronomically and photographically pleasing.
3. Film malfunction - comes in many fruit flavours.
12. Used to carry cameras underwater.
18. First colour from the spectrum lost as water depth is increased.
17. Protects the lens in the front of a camera - a fortified wine.
5. Marine creature sometimes photographed.
6. One element of a good photograph.
15. Used to measure amounts of light in photography.
16. People attending the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Awards will be
23. SLR camera commonly used in housings underwater.
20. Drunks and babies do this.
24. Builder of housings in Australia.
29. Opening in the lens of a camera.
28. Brand of light meter.
36. Surname of the writer who wrote "A guide to Successful Underwater Photography".
37. Metric unit of indicating film speed.
26. An aquatic fish eating carnivore.
33. Extremely close up photography.
31. Can be dived under or mixed in drinks.



FOR SALE CONT. :

FLASH - Sea-Flash 1 & 11, linked by a Sea-Tite slave. The Sea Flash 1 is a dual powered strbe and has just been serviced. The Sea-Flash 11 is a single power strobe with alkaline batteries. Includes all flash arms, both units have Nikonos 11 fittings - \$575.00 the lot

EUROMARINE SOUNDER, as new,LED readout,12v rechargeable battery. All contained in a small perspex case. Complete with transducer and instructions. Ideal for use in inflatables, \$130.00

IKELITE FLASH HOUSING for Sunpak 3000. No flash or arm. However this unit has been adapted to take Sea-Tite fittings. \$40.00

OCEAN PRO TORCH includes ni-cad batteries, spare sealed beam and an adapter to enable the torch to be used onSea-Tite flash arms. \$65.00

For all or any of the above contact Graham Wakeling Ph 603 4224

HEARD TO HAVE HAPPENED

Who drove his new boat at 10kts. in a 4kts. channel on the wrong side of a marker and ran aground ?

By the way John & Cathy Macdermot are looking for a name for their new boat,a free tour of the Port Hacking sand banks is the prize for the best name.

Some of our members doing the RAVCP boating course, had first hand experience in survival when the Coast Gaurd boat broke down at sea for 2 Hrs.

Members who attended the movie night all had a great time except for Miriam, who was left to pay the bill and tips.Not a good week for Miriam, she also had a BIG !%#*@\$ truck back over her car, just like the advert on TV

What big event is going to happen to Lyn and Stretch (9 months after they met) ?

I met a girl by the name of Rosalyn who is desperate to meet one of our members who plays squash at Milperra courts. She would have to be desperate, I only know two who play there, TONY MARTIN and Gary .

Australian Photo of the Year Award

THE South Pacific Divers Club's Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year competition is open to all underwater photographers and all States and Territories of Australia, New Guinea and New Zealand.

The competition is divided into three sections, Open, Novice, and Under 18s. Entries close on May 1, 1987.

All entrants will be informed of winners with return of their slides.

Prizes will be awarded at the Presentation Evening to be held at Bankstown Sports Club on July 18, 1987.

Last year, Ron and Valerie Taylor were our special guests for the evening and together with an audience of approximately 800 divers and non-divers, enjoyed the entrants' slides presented in audio-visual form, underwater films and special audio-visuals.

Prizes this year include diving holidays generously donated by Sea New Guinea, Air Nui Guinea, Dive Magic and Mike Ball Watersports, plus diving and photographic equipment donated by Sports Suits of Australia, Land and Sea Sports (Sea Hornet), Sam Lewis Photographics, Tabata Australia, Fields Henry (Scuba Pro), Scuba Warehouse, Wilderness Sea and Ski, Sea Tite, Cape Byron Imports and Wholesalers, Water Sports Australia, Wallace Mitchell (U.S. Divers), Neptune Aquasuits Australia, Stuart and Allwood, Steve Cross (Scuba Mechanic), Ketch International, Sea Sport U.S.A., Aquasea Products, Deep 6 Diving, St George Underwater Centre, B.B. Diving Services and Scuba Diver Magazine.

Thanks to our sponsors, we believe this competition is the individually richest in the world today.

For further information and entry forms, please contact your local dive shop or South Pacific Divers Club, P.O. Box 823, Bankstown, N.S.W. 2200, Australia, or phone Terry Mansfield, Photographic Officer, on Sydney (02) 628 8172 after business hours.

Women better than men divers

IS THERE a typical diver? Does the personality profile of a sports diver differ from ordinary mortals? No doubt everyone has an opinion, so British researcher Jacky Sayers decided to find out by the administration of a questionnaire to 230 certified divers in Britain. This is a synopsis of those results, as reported in the British magazine *Diver*.

Diving is classified by insurance companies as a "dangerous sport" and considerable work has been carried out to investigate the personality characteristics of such risk-takers.

Most of the few investigations involving divers in particular have found them to be sensation-seeking, masculine, stable and intelligent and to have low levels of anxiety. On the other hand, one study did find divers to show introverted tendencies and repressed aggressiveness. However, all of these studies involved commercial divers and American sports divers; it appeared that no such investigation had ever been carried out on British sports divers.

Analysis of the scores in Sayers' study showed little departure from the average profile. e.g. few extremes were seen in the profiles. However, the divers virtually were all of above average intelligence. The female divers had higher average scores than their male counterparts.

All the divers showed a tendency towards assertiveness; they were competitive, adventurous, unconventional and independent.

The divers also showed a tendency towards tough-mindedness. (This is a trait name used interchangeably with "masculinity", so it could be said that the divers showed a tendency towards masculinity.) Such individuals are self-reliant, responsible, practical, emotionally mature, no-nonsense types.

The females were, on average, more tough-minded than their male counterparts.

Masculinity and femininity tend to be culturally defined and extremely resistant to change. In other words, society has a distinct view of the "female" and "male" roles, and what characteristics are desirable in each sex. Dangerous sports are traditionally viewed (by men and women) as a male domain and, as such, unsuitable for females. It therefore requires a special type of woman to escape from the traditional female role stereotype, to overcome the all-too-common protests of friends, family and often other divers, and to begin the sport in the first place.

That female divers are a bit "special" is indicated by their high intelligence and tough-mindedness. The females in this study also had a lower than average regard for external values and social rules, and a carefree, adventurous nature. The findings of the study are in agreement with several others that have shown female athletes to possess personality characteristics more similar to the average male or the male athlete rather than the average female.