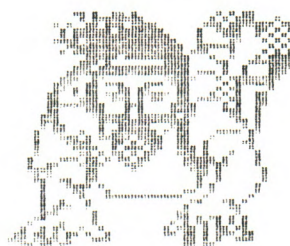


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APRIL 1988

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MEMORIAL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC  
DIVERS HELD 22.3.88 AT BANKNSTOWN  
SPORTS CLUB.

Meeting opened by the President, Jim Smith, at 8.12 p.m.

APOLOGIES: John McDermott, Larry King, Andy True, Neil Vincent, Karen Matthews.

NEW MEMBERS: Geoff Martin, Wayne King..

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Incoming	\$ 701.94
Outgoing	664.01
Cheque A/c	314.51
Investment A/c	3000.00
Petty Cash	20.00

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Fun Dive Society.
- Sea Safety.
- Tropical Reef Divers.
- Geoff and Ann Cook.

SOCIAL ORGANISER:

- Bristol Point 29th, 30th April, 1st May.  
Cost: \$4.00, including camping fees and B.B.Q.
- Port Stephens (Halifax), June weekend, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Please confirm bookings with Penny as soon as possible.

PUBLICITY: Nil.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER:

- Reminder of deadline for major competition.
- Details of fish photo competition.



### GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Plaque for Bob Smith, Cost \$100, to be located at "The Streets", near Pt. Perpendicular - probably during our next Bristol Point weekend.
- Industry award. This was suggested as an additional award to those already covered - and was to be named the Bob Smith Award..... However, as there is now an Australia Scuba Award and the area is politically sensitive and time consuming more structured suggestions are required.

### DIVE REPORTS:

- Ron Mines, Kathy and John McDermott dived the plane. Visibility only 5 feet.
- Bruce Gardner is venturing to South Africa to compete in the "rubber ducky" races. The races are held over four days in a variety of conditions. What has it to do with diving? Absolutely nothing! However, Bruce may never dive again when they find the Aboriginal Land Rights flag in his baggage. I wonder who put it there?
- Martin and Alona Kandelas dived the Tuggerah. 20 metre visibility and lots of kingfish. How long before "Fuzzball" dives the Wreck Martin?
- Lyn and Neil returned from New Zealand. Dived the Poor Knights and some fresh water sites. Reports of excellent diving.

Meeting closed 9.33 p.m.

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## FISH PHOTO DAY

Graham W.

With sun shining and a strong westerly blowing a small band of intrepid divers met at Shellharbour to enjoy a first for S.P.D., a fish-photo competition. The idea was to photograph as many species of fish as possible from a pre-published list - and some of the species were not all that common! (Ever photographed a Bonito?)

Neil (V), Penny, Wendy, Tony Martin, Neil (K)f and Eve were the participants. Most had cameras, but a few were along for the dive.

The competition was to take place at the gravel loader at Bass Point. When we arrived the seas were exceptionally flat and soon the competition was underway.

Visibility was a murky 5 metres and decreased at the end of the loader. Schools of Yellowtail and Pike were common in the shallows and under the loader. This was coupled with a prolific amount of temperate fish and lots of tropicals - due to the relatively warm water.

After one dive, we adjourned to Shellharbour. The dive had been enjoyable for all but proved a bonanza for Wendy. She found an intact \$100 near the edge of the rocks when commencing her dive. Instead of bringing it back to the car she put it somewhere safe - down the top of Penny's costume!

Doug, I imagine, must feel proud he has trained Penny so well.

When the film was processed Neil Vincent was the winner, with 15 species and 82 points.

Overall, a good day but spoiled by the lack of support. Neil V. went to a lot of trouble to organise it, so how about more support for Club activities?

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## SOUTH PACIFIC NOTES

For the information of anyone going to Port Stephens your money must be in by the next club meeting which is the 18th of April. This is a great weekend so get in soon. There will be a B.B.Q. on the Saturday night so remember to bring some meat.

Another reminder is for Bristol Point on yhr 29th, 30th of April and the 1st of May. The price is \$4.00 for club members and \$9.00 for non members. This includes a B.B.Q. on the Saturday night. Another great weekend if judged by last time and maybe some of the more relaxed members of the club might even get in the water for a change.

Penny is arranging a dive in the new tank at Marineland. There is a limit of 8 divers and costs \$30.00 per person. The dive is approximately 40 minutes and should not be missed. Before a definite date is arranged we need to now numbers so anyone interested please let us know at the next club meeting, or phone Penny direct.



The club is also going to have a tour of H.M.A.S Penguin sometime in June and should be a very interesting night. Again we need to know numbers, of course there are some members of the Club who have a much more personal knowledge of Penguin and may not want to go, anyway let Penny know as soon as possible.

### VERY IMPORTANT

Entries for the Audio Visual night close on the 30th of April and no late entries will be accepted under any circumstances so get them in now. They also must either be posted to the club or handed in at a club meeting DO NOT decide to deliver them personally to Neil Vincent at the last moment because you will be disappointed. You have been warned.

### TICKETS

The tickets for the South Pacific Australasian Photographer of the Year are now being organised. For anybody who does not know it is on the 16th of July which is a Saturday night and is held at Bankstown Sports Club. This is the big night of the year for S.P.D so get in now and book your table or tickets. Get in early so no one is disappointed.

Fun Dive are going to make any member of S.P.D an associate member of the Fun Dive society which should entitle people to discounts on gear etc. More details as they come to hand.

It was nice to receive a letter from Glen Percy confirming the note in last month's newsletter that he has taken over Aquasports. He has also advised that the raffle prizes will continue. The club thanks him in this regard.

Included with this month's newsletter is some info. on the wreck diving course being organised by Rick Latimer and friends. Let us have some more response than last time or things like this just will not be organised. There is more advance notice of this seminar given so think about this if you are interested.

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### CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CYLINDERS

1. Handle cylinders with care and avoid dropping or rough treatment.
2. Charged cylinders should be stored preferably in the vertical position in a cool dry place away from excessive heat or direct exposure to the sun.
3. Cylinders should not be left on damp ground or without adequate protection from the weather.

4. Once a cylinder has put into service it should never be left completely discharged. A slight positive pressure should always register on the guage.

5. To prevent corrosion and deterioration wash the cylinder after use with clean fresh water and thoroughly dry. Also remove the boot if fitted and wash this area.

6. Recharging should only be undertaken with proper equipment which ensures that the compressed air is free from moisture, oil and other impurities and is fit for breathing purposes.

NEVER PUT OXYGEN OR ANY GAS OTHER THAN AIR IN AN AIR CYLINDER.

7. Do not use heat or chemical strippers to remove old paint from cylinders unless you have been advised by a competent person it is safe to do so. Rather be safe than sorry.

8. Always have your cylinders tested every 12 months as they should not be filled if they are out of date.

9. REMEMBER OVERCHARGING OF CYLINDERS IS DANGEROUS.

The above notes were taken from a book called the Care and Maintenance of Underwater Breathing Apparatus kindly loaned by Neil Vincent. Further information will be printed in newsletters.

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THE COMMITTEE

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If you need to post anything to the club our address is as follows: SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS PO BOX 823 BANKSTOWN 2200

CLUB MEETINGS ARE THE THIRD MONDAY IN EVERY MONTH AND THE MEETING IS HELD AT THE BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB IN THE FUNCTION ROOM AT 8.00PM ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS WELCOME. COME EARLY AND HAVE DINNER IN THE BISTRO.

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS ON THE 18TH OF APRIL.

SEE YOU THERE



SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB

WRECK SEMINAR

WHEN:

FRIDAY EVENING 13TH MAY 1988 at 7.30 pm

Lectures: Rick Latimer's house:  
105A Robertson Rd, Bass Hill.

Topics: researching and locating wrecks, photographing wrecks,  
setting up your boat for wreck diving, special  
considerations when wreck diving, and etc.

SATURDAY 14TH MAY 1988 WHOLE DAY

Wreck diving: from Sydney Harbour  
launching ramp, dive sites etc. will be outlined at the  
Friday evening lecture.

FRIDAY EVENING 20TH MAY at 7.30 pm

Lectures: Rick Latimer's house

SATURDAY 21ST MAY 1988 WHOLE DAY

Wreck diving: North or South Coast wreck  
venue will be decided at the Friday evening lecture  
(dependent on weather, etc.)

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Guest lecturers have been invited to attend the seminar -

It is also anticipated to include a couple of wreck dives in  
future club dives.

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COST:

\$ 30 per participant

which includes, supper at lectures and boat dives.

BOAT OWNERS FREE.

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ENROLMENT FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: home ..... business .....

I am a boat owner and would like to assist during the seminar  
by taking ..... divers on my boat (that is in  
addition to myself).

I am not a boat owner and would require boat transport .....

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RECEIPT:

Payment of \$30 to enrol in WRECK DIVING SEMINAR

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Treasurer: ..... Organiser: .....