



# AUGUST 1989 NEWSLETTER SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

Well the A.V night has come and gone and I think everyone would agree it was a resounding success. There were a few small hiccups on the night but these were mainly due to the move to a new venue and hopefully will not happen in 1990.

Most people would agree that the auditorium at Revesby Workers is a much better and more comfortable location for our night and certainly has room for expansion if required.

All the contestants were of a high standard especially in the novice section and this will ensure a high level in the Open section for years to come. It was unfortunate that all the winners could not be present but having entrants from Western Australia, New Zealand, Victoria and also Papua New Guinea just goes to show the importance some people place on our contest.

There was some discussion at the last club meeting about eligibility of some slides and perhaps it is time the rules were revised to take into account some of the techniques being used by some of todays leading underwater photographers. This is really a matter for the next committee to discuss which leads to the most important item on the agenda for South pacific divers at this time. i.e. The election of a new committee for the 1989/90 year.

As the next meeting will be the A.G.M. it is imperative that all financial members attend and so elect a committee the whole club wants and therefore have no recourse to complain if they disagree with any of the new committees decision. So pull the finger out and attend the meeting on Monday the 20th of August at Bankstown Sports Club.

To give people an idea of what the committee members actually do the following is a short resume of each position on the committee:

President: This position entails the overall supervision of all club activities, chairing club meetings, co-signing cheques (very important), wielding the big stick if people get out of line and spend to much may and generally have the final say in any discussion. A very important position with a lot of responsibility and not to be taken lightly. A sense of humour helps and the ability to function with one or two knives in the back would be an important consideration. A knowledge of E.E.O. principals essential so you can tell when you are not going to put them into practice.

Secretary: This position entails taking the minutes at club meetings (ability to write essential) and the handling of all correspondence to and from the club. Sounds like an easy job but has its own problems especially when involved with the A.V.

Treasurer: This position handles all the money both incoming (important) and outgoing (very,very important). A strong will is nessecary to resist photographic officers wanting to spend all the club funds and the expertise to make the books balance the whole year round. As far as I am concerned this is the most important position in the committee and not a job to be taken lightly. Financially the club is secure but this will only continue if the treasurer keeps a tight rein on the purse strings. A surname of Goldstein or Isaacson not essential but could be handy. Anybody with a Scottish background would have a distinct advantage.

If you need to post anything to the club our address is:

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS
P.O. BOX 823
BANKSTOWN 2200.

Meetings are held every third Monday of the month at the Bankstown Sports Club in Greenfield Pde Bankstown. Time is 8.00pm in the Function Room. Members and visitors all welcome. Come early and eat in the Bistro downstairs.

# MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING HELD AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB 17/07/89 SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

### Meeting opened 8.25pm by Neil Koos

- <u>Apologies:</u> Jim and Wendy, John and Kathy Mcdermott, Eve Thomas and Ilona Kandilas.

Minutes: Read and Accepted

-Treasurer's Report:

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### Dive Reports:

Vinnie and Pennie went to Malua Bay again and had fantastic dives.

Bob, Doug and Martin dived on the Undolla and had a great dive, good viz. warm water and drank lots of coffee when they came up. There was a bit of drama with United Divers. Seems they had a dive on the sand not the wreck.

Tony Karasconi shore dived at Toowoon Bay, plenty of fish life with wobbegongs, cuttle fish and kelp all being found. Bit of a rip running which resulted in a long swim but it was a good dive anyway.

Martin, Doug and Rob had a Clayton's dive on the Tuggerah due to not being able to see the marks.

# Photographic Officer's Report:

Thanks to everyone who attended or helped with the night.

Photographic Officer: This position revolves around photographic contests — The U/W Photographer of the Year and the George Roberts Trophy. A knowledge of photography essential and you have to be a good organiser and willing to take phone calls at all hours. The ability to take abuse by the Committee for spending too much money would be a help and also be able to take time off work when the A.V comes around. A very high profile position and not one to take lightly. We have always had excellent Photo.Officers and cannot afford to have anybody in the position who has not got the same dedication to the job.

Social Organiser: A most important position as far as I am concerned and the person most normal members of the club look to for the activities for which they actually joined the club. e.g. nights out, BBQ's, weekends away etc. Works closely with the Dive Organiser and you must be prepared for the situation of organising a social event and then having only or two people turn up.

<u>Dive Organiser:</u> Usually a person who dives every weekend and then comes along to club meetings and tells people how good it was. Knowledge of dive sites not essential as there is always Tom Byron's books for reference. Just needs a motivated person and someone who is on excellent terms with fine weather.

Publicity Officer: Puts out the newsletter (normally once a month) and generally helps with the running of the A.V. Access to a word processor or typewriter essential, having a photocopier available to run off 300+ pages once a month would be fantastic. Usually items contributed for the newsletter are pretty scarce so you tend to cut out articles from newspapers, magazines or wherever you might see them. Literary skill not needed just as long as you can string a few sentences together.

Well that is the committee as I see it but its main function is as a body to hold the club together and organise the A.V night so it continues to be a success, both socially and financially. It is time for some new blood so have a think about it seriously if you are nominated or speak up if you wish apply personally. Remember the club is only as good as its members and the club gets the committee the balance of club members want but this cannot happen unless you are there to vote so BE THERE ON AUGUST 20TH.

### THE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: JIM SMITH PH-570 4283 (H)

SECRETARY: JOHN MCDERMOTT PH- 726-0982

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER: GRAHAM WAKELING PH-603-4224 (H) 605-1611 (W)

TREASURER: KATHY MCDERMOTT PH 726-0982 (H) 727-0177 (W)

SOCIAL SECRETARY: PENNY SMITH PH-759 4176 (H)

PUBLICITY OFFICER: NEIL KOOS PH-587-9030

DIVE ORGANISER: NOEL TAYLOR PH 78-6792 (H)

Feedback: Seems everyone was impressed with Revesby Workers. Bar service good and all sponsors were happy and Stan Waterman very impressed with our night.

He feels it is unique in the world and he has promised another movie for next year.

Sponsors of the Lucky Door prize were very happy and will be there again next year.

Comments on the contest were as follows:

- 1. Rules to be revised each year.
- 2. Change judging to include another judge.
- 3. Standard procedure to be set for judging point score.

### Motion put before Club

Macro to be redefined. Close up lens or macro extension which gives a reproduction ratio of one to six. The motion was passed and entered into rules for next years A.V.

# Nominations for Committee Positions

President - Martin Kandilas - accepted

Treasurer - Vinnie Nickling - accepted

P/Officer - Martin Kandilas - accepted

Secretary - Kim Cooper - accepted

Soc. Sec. - Sue and Lyn Keller and Peter O'Grady

Pub. Offic. - Nil

# Meeting closed at 9.20 pm and film was shown

