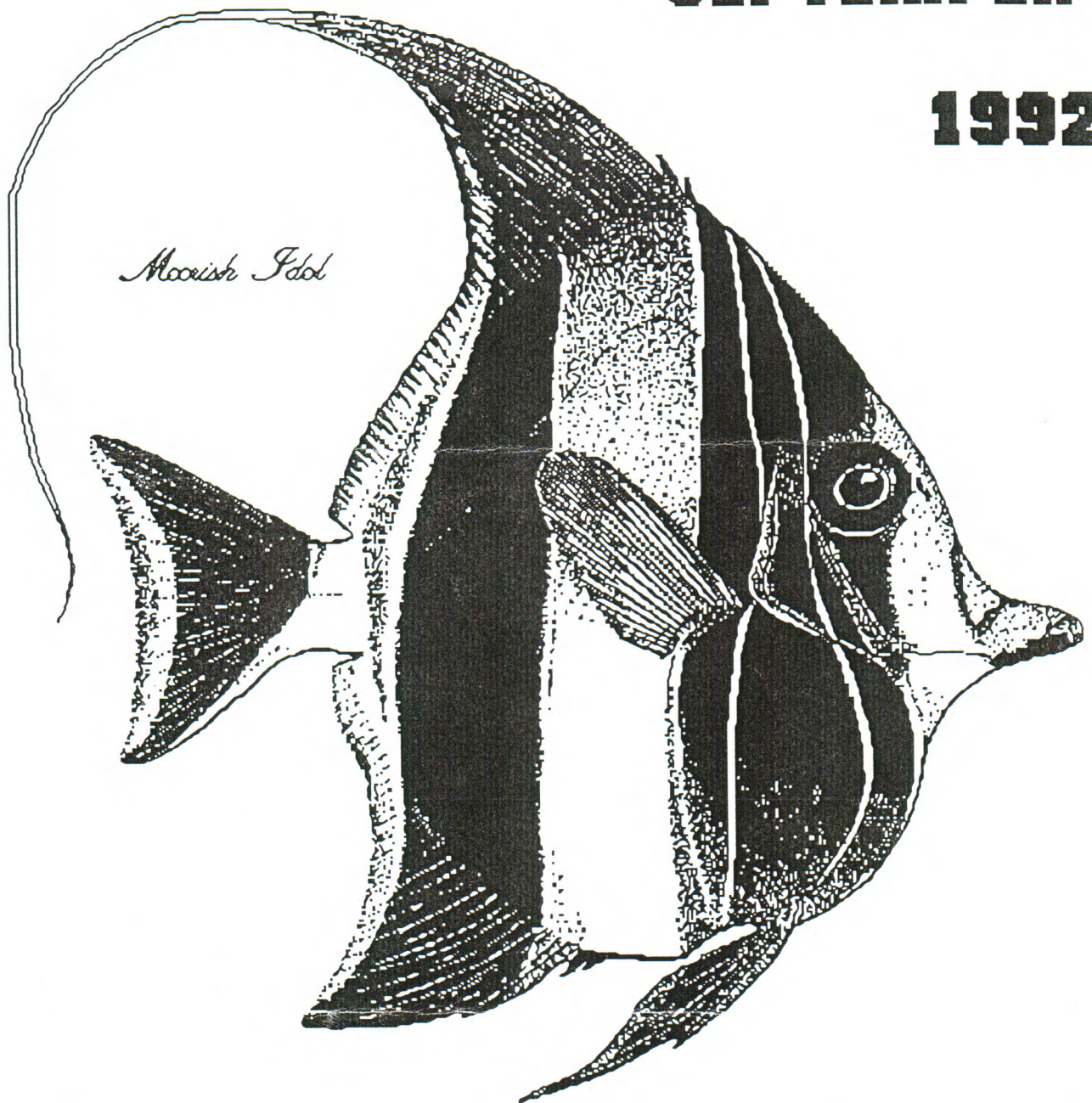


SEPTEMBER

1992



SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB

WET RAG

**MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING
HELD ON 17th August 1992
at BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

Meeting opened by Martin Kandilas at 8.15pm.

APOLOGIES: Ilona Kandilas, Peter O'Grady, Peter Booth, Robert Rubesa,
Max Western

VISITORS: Welcome Paul Wildish

MINUTES FROM MEETING 17th AUGUST 1992:

Read.

Accepted by Ronn Minnes

Seconded by Michael McFadyen

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

UnderWater Research Group (URG Bulletin), Ryde Underwater Club (Surface Interval), UTS (Post Cards from the Reef), Brisbane Waters Aqualung Club (The Teredo Times).and University of NSW (Devious Undercurrents)

Letter: Cathie Holloway (SCUBA Diver), Neil Vincent

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

None, aside from AV correspondence.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Read.

Annual Report being prepared.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT:

AV business all finished.

Corporate Theatre paid.

Extrapolated scores of entrants have being included in this newsletter. The average score for each the highest scoring slide and the lowest scoring slide are listed. Entrants are ranked according to total score for all entered slides.

Letters of thanks were received from:

- Cathie Holloway, from SCUBA Diver, who thanked South Pacific Diver Club members form their help at Scuba Expo, held recently at Darling Harbour. She particularly extended thanks to the members who loaned wreck artefacts for the display.

- Neil Vincent, who thanked the club for his award of "Honourable Mention" in the Opens Category at the AV. Well done, Neil!

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

George reported on the Club Dive to the Tuggerah. It was well attended, with Martin doing a shuttle service. (See dive reports).

Upcoming Social Events are listed in the Social Calender.

DIVE REPORTS

Michael McFayden kindly wrote a dive report on his recent trip to the Solomons, included in this newsletter.

The Club Dive on the Tuggerah was a success. Seven divers attended with Martin being the only boat owner. This was resolved by Martin taking three divers with him, while the other three drove down to Wattamolla. We simply swapped at the beach (with a chilly swim across the lagoon), the second group witnessed hooking the wreck first go. The dive itself didn't start encouragingly, when descending the anchor was like a night dive, but surprisingly the visibility opened up to approx 30 feet on the wreck. There were many (HUGE) wobbies guarding the shadows, with the usual zillions of nannygais. The day was finished with a BBQ at Captain Cook Bridge. Thanks to Martin and George for organising the day.

Vicki Colwell and Ron Mynes, dived Lobster Island with 5ft vis. Jenny and Brian chickened out.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RE: MOTION JULY MEETING

The letter to Barry A. is proceeding. Martin is writing.

Martin thanked the clubs members for their help with the AV. Many thanks to our charming MC for his usual professional job on the night and organising the sponsors. Also thanks to Anne Latimer (George and Lynn) for the post - AV party at the Latimers'.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.00 pm.

***THIS CONCLUDES THE MEETINGS WITH THE CURRENT COMMITTEE.
NOMINATIONS AND VOTES WERE TAKEN FOR ELECTION OF THE
NEW COMMITTEE.***

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 1992

RETURNING OFFICER: Rick Latimer.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

PRESIDENT: Michael McFayden (Accepted)
Ron Mines (Accepted)

SECRETARY/PUBLICITY OFFICER: Sue O'Grady (Accepted)

TREASURER: Jenny Mines (Accepted)
Lynn Keller (Accepted)

SOCIAL SEC/DIVE ORGANISERS

(Two Positions):

Joe Ingegneri (Accepted)
George Nichols (Accepted)

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER: Brian Colwell (Accepted)
Michael McFayden (Declined)

Positions were voted upon by member present.

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 1992-1993

PRESIDENT:	RON MINES
SECRETARY/PUBLICITY OFFICER:	SUE O'GRADY
TREASURER:	LYNN KELLER
SOCIAL SEC/DIVE ORGANISERS:	GEORGE NICHOLS and JOE INGEGNERI
PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER:	BRIAN COLWELL

See Contact Information later in Newsletter.

*THE NEW COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS TO THE
FORMER COMMITTEE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AND WORK OVER THE LAST
YEAR.*

Special Thanks to the new committee members, especially Brian for taking on another challenging year organising the AV.

Special Thanks also to Martin, who served an extended period on the committee, and deserves a well earned rest.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE GOOD BUDDY AWARD.

As motioned at the July meeting and noted in the August WET RAG, St John's Ambulance Bridge is sponsoring a Good Buddy Award.

The aim of this award is to encourage safety in diving and to acknowledge acts of bravery, rescues or aid given to others in the pursuit of diving.

The award is a comprehensive First Aid Kit for divers. Nomination entries are to be submitted to St Johns Ambulance, these will be reviewed and the award will be presented to the winning individual at each annual AV night (starting 1993). this competition will be limited to Australia.

Nominations for this award should be submitted to:

David Crass
St John's Ambulance Australia
29 Victoria Ave
Castle Hill 2154
Phone 899 5366.

FIRST AID FOR DIVERS COURSE.

This course has been developed specifically for divers, covering aspects related to diving medical emergencies and general first aid.

The course will be conducted over two nights:

DATE: Wednesday/Thursday 18/19th November 1992
PLACE: St John's House Headquarters
6 Hunter St
Surrey Hills
4th Floor.
TIME: 8.00 am -5.00 pm.
COST: \$120 per person
CONTACT: ALAN STEWART Phone: 212 1088 or Peter Jermyn 708 2309
ASSESSMENT: Progressive assessment.

Peter has several names already listed. Please confirm with him if you have indicated that you would like to do the course. There is a limit of 16 people.

A weekend course will be arranged at a later date.

NEW MEMBERS.

Welcome to

Pam Liburne
Nicole Gibbs
Daniel Fettes
Wayne Avnell

NEXT MEETING (21 September 1992)

After the meeting a video will be shown on cave diving in Florida, for approximately 50 minutes. A fascinating trip.

TRIP TO MONTAGUE ISLAND.

DATE: 24/25 OCTOBER 1992

TOTAL COST: \$155 per person, includes 4 dives.

ACCOMMODATION: In 2 storey water front, 6 bedroom house with 2 bathrooms.

BYO food, bed linen and towels.

Positions left are very limited, see Joe ASAP (Committee Contact info)
A deposit of \$50 is required by next meeting to secure spot.

NIGHT DIVE AT INSCRIPTION POINT, KURNELL.

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, in conjunction with Lo-Tech Divers, has organised an unique opportunity for a night dive at Inscription Point, Kurnell, to celebrate the Service's 25th Birthday.

This dive site is normally not assessable after dark, as the Botany Bay National Park is closed at night.

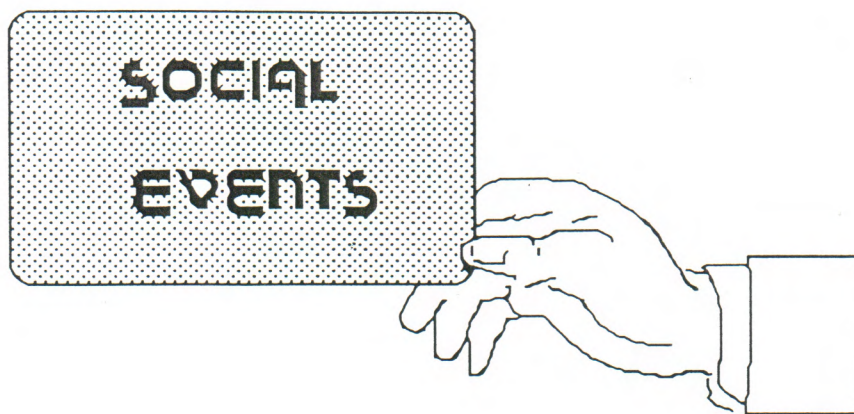
The night dive has been planned for Saturday 3 October 1992, starting at 7.00pm. All are welcomed to join in this unique opportunity.

Contact Michael McFadyen (AH 585 6454).

It would be good to get a group together to represent South Pacific Divers Club.

FOR SALE

VL Commodore 5 speed S/Wagon
1988, Air, P/Steer, Alarm, Tow Bar,
78,000 km. Excellent Condition
POA/ Negotiable.
Ring Lynn AH 644 5862
BH 286 4580



DIVES and SOCIAL

SEPTEMBER 92

- 20th Sunday** - CLUB DIVE
9.00 am Water Street Ramp. Contact George or Joe for Boat Owners
- 21st Monday** - CLUB MEETING.
8.00pm Bankstown Sports Club.
- 27th Sunday** - BOAT DIVE ON MAX WESTERN'S SEA TAMER II
Contact George. Numbers will determine type of diving and number of dives planned.
Boat owners welcomed to tag along. Contact George ASAP.

OCTOBER 92

- 3rd Saturday** - NIGHT DIVE, INSCRIPTION POINT, KURNEL.
To celebrate NPWLS's 25th Birthday.
Contact Social/Dive Planners or Michael McFadyen (AH 585 6454 BH 585 6444)
- 24/25th Weekend** - MONTAGUE ISLAND DIVING WITH THE SEALS
COST \$155. See General information for more details. Contact Joe ASAP.

NOVEMBER 92

- 18/19th Wed/Thur** - FIRST AID FOR DIVERS COURSE
COST \$120. See General information for more details. Contact Peter Jermyn (AH 708 2309) or Alan Stewart (BH 212 1088) for more details.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Planned social events Dive courses, 4 wheel drive trips, Bombo wreck dive.

DATES FOR FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

(unless otherwise advised)

Next Meeting 21/9/92
 19/10/92
 16/11/92
 21/12/92 (Informal)

Club Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Pde, Bankstown, at 8.00 pm in the Emile McDonald Function Room. Come early and enjoy a meal at the bistro.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

POSITION	CONTACT NUMBERS	
	HOME	WORK
PRESIDENT - RON MINES	602 9851	602 3544
TREASURER - LYNN KELLER	644 5862	
SOCIAL/DIVE ORGANISERS -		
GEORGE NICHOLS	502 1564	286 4000
JOE INGEGNERI	798 5916	
PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER -		
BRIAN COLWELL	772 4462	524 2236
SECRETARY/PUBLICITY -		
SUE O'GRADY	528 4482	694 5681
	OR	694 5685
	RING FOR FAX No.	

DIVE REPORT - SOLOMONS

During early August, 5 South Pacific Divers (John Fowden, Russell Stoker, Paul Millard, Paul Wildish and Michael McFadyen), together with 22 other divers from Shiprock Dive, travelled to the Solomon Islands for the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Guadalcanal.

We dived the Japanese wrecks Hirokawa Maru and Kinugawa Maru (Bonegi 1 & 2) a number of times. They were destroyed in the middle part of the battle while trying to resupply the Japanese Army which had been pushed back beyond the present location of Honiara. We also dived the Kyushu Maru (Ruiniu) and the wreck of the Boeing B-17F *Bessie the Jap Smasher* off Domo. All these dives were very good, but they are not of the same quality as the Chuuk Lagoon wrecks.

On Sunday 9 August we travelled to Tamea to dive the wreck of the Japanese submarine I-1 (it is not the I-123 as is often reported) and the coral caves of Tamea Reef. These were two excellent dives and well worth doing. Later in the week we dived the wreck of a Japanese Emily flying boat, the wharf at Ghavutu Island (excellent), the USS *John Penn* (also excellent) and a drift dive in Sealark Channel.

While we were there we attended a range of activities including a dawn service, film nights, cultural dancing displays and tours over the 8,300 ton USS *Racine* (a tank landing ship) and the Woodhole Institute's *Laney Choust* which discovered the wreck of the SS *Titanic*. Some members of the group met Dr Bob Ballard and became some of the first people in the world to see video of the wreck of the HMAS *Canberra* sitting upright over 800 metres below Iron Bottom Sound.

After a very action packed 10 days, the group from Shiprock Dive left very impressed with the diving and the celebrations and the trip was voted a success in every way.

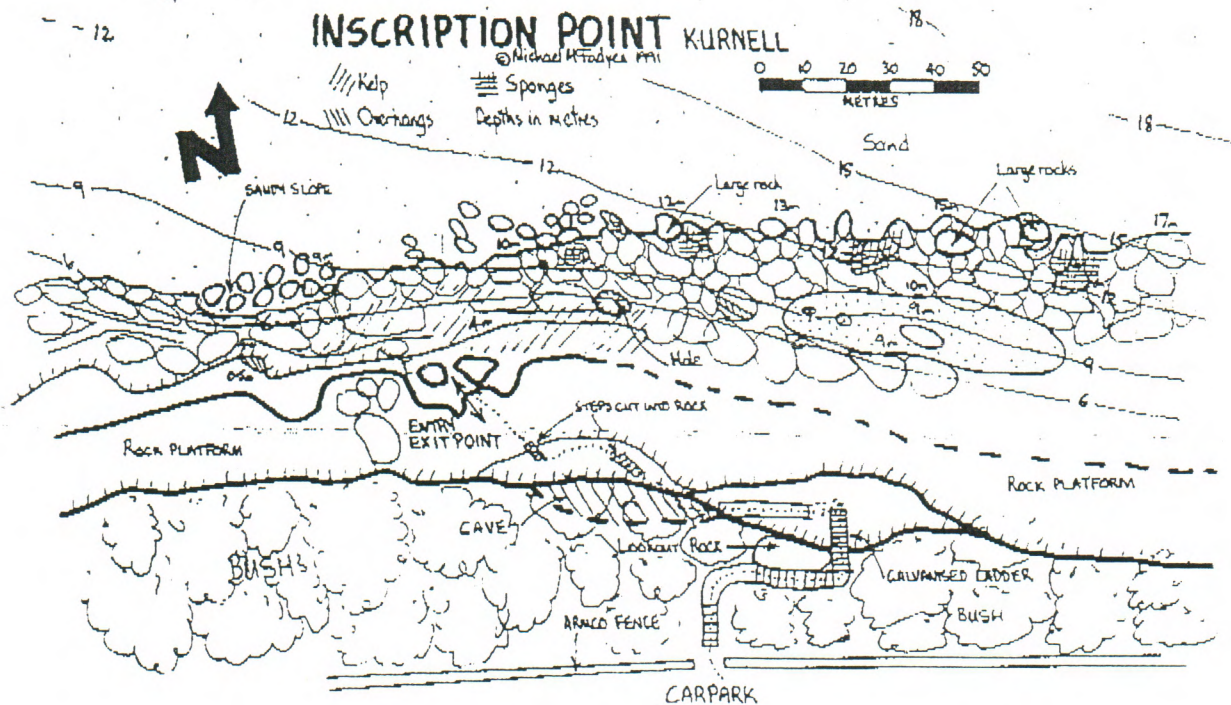
Contributed by
Michael McFadyen.

WANT TO NIGHT DIVE INSCRIPTION POINT AT KURNELL?

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

ON SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 1992
NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE
SERVICE WILL BE HOLDING A SPECIAL
NIGHT DIVE TO CELEBRATE ITS 25TH
BIRTHDAY

THE COST WILL BE ONLY \$2 PER
PERSON AND INCLUDES A SAUSAGE
SIZZLE. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
AVAILABLE AT A NOMINAL COST.



ASK YOUR DIVE CLUB OR SHOP FOR
MORE DETAILS.

GET A GROUP TOGETHER FOR THIS
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY.

See George / Joe or Michael M'Fadyen.

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB
PO BOX 823
BANKSTOWN

5 AUGUST 1992

Dear club members,

I am writing to thank the club for organising and running yet another great photographic competition and presentation night. This particular night, will for me, always be a little bit more special than the other memorable nights of the past. This year I actually received an award. HONOURABLE MENTION.

Taking photographs that are appreciated by friends and family is very gratifying, but to be appreciated by other photographers who are rated highly in their respective fields, is to me, a great honour.

Having a forum in which to display and view the best underwater photography in the South Pacific is an opportunity that is not given to many photographers around the world. Having an agenda which encourages new, up and coming photographers is also unique. For all of these things and the quality of the presentation night I would like to thank the SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB and in particular the members who have given freely of so much of their time to make it such an extraordinary event.

Thankyou your efforts are greatly appreciated,

yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Neil Vincent'.

NEIL VINCENT



CAMERA EQUIPMENT

Nikonos 2 with 28mm lens, 80mm lense, 2 viewfinders, close up unit 1x1 macro accessories. Excellent condition. \$1200.

Ring Ron Mines, 602 9851

2x Underwater Sony Video lights
50 Watts. Brand new, Unused.
POA. Ring Peter Jermyn
708 2309

OPEN FIRE PLACE -
Brown enamel hood,
complete with flu and all
accessories. \$500 ONO
Ring Anne Latimer
645 4405

250XT YAMAHA MOTOR BIKE
Helment included, with rack
and gear sack, also
wet weather gear.
Good Condition
Ring Peter Jermyn
708 2309

ENTRANT (OPEN)	HIGHEST SCORING SLIDE (POSS.50)		LOWEST SCORING SLIDE (POSS.50)		TOTAL SCORE (POSS.1500)	RANKING
	SLIDE NO	AVG SCORE	SLIDE NO	AVG SCORE		
GARY BELL	4	30.7	3	27.6	877.5	1
ANDY BELCHER	3	32.6	4	24.8	868.5	2
LANCE ADRIAN	5	30.7	4	25.6	856.5	3
NEIL VINCENT	2	31.5	1	24.6	834.0	4
MIKE CLIFER	4	31.2	2	24.7	833.5	5
TONY KARACSONYI	1	30.0	3	24.1	807.0	6
WARWICK O'BRIEN	2	29.8	5	23.9	800.0	7
PIP O'DELL	3	31.2	1	23.5	796.5	8
PETER NICHOLAS	4	31.0	4	24.1	795.0	9
MARK NISSEN	4	27.2	2	24.1	786.0	10
JON BRYAN	5	27.9	1	23.2	763.5	11
IAN MARRINER	5	27.2	4	22.7	744.0	12
MIKE SCOTLAND	2	25.1	3	21.0	690.5	13
PETER BOYLE	2	23.4	1	20.7	658.0	14
JACK DRZYMULSKI	2	27.1	5	15.1	631.0	15
ALLAN JOHNSON	1	24.9	4	16.1	613.5	16
GEORGE GORNACZ	4	23.6	5	16.2	593.0	17
RODNEY MOONEY	4	22.7	5	15.9	577.0	18
BRENT HEDGES	1	24.7	5	13.3	562.0	19
GARRY HOUGH	3	22.0	1	14.9	552.0	20
MICHAEL CUTHILL	1	22.2	5	13.8	540.0	21
MICHAEL AW	3	22.1	2	13.0	522.5	22
JAY TOWN	3	24.6	5	10.0	518.0	23
ALLAN JOHNSTON	3	19.0	5	9.2	420.0	24
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ENTRANT (NOVICE)	HIGHEST SCORING SLIDE (POSS.50)		LOWEST SCORING SLIDE (POSS.50)		TOTAL SCORE (POSS.1500)	RANKING
	SLIDE NO	AVG SCORE	SLIDE NO	AVG SCORE		
PAUL FERRIER	1	31.1	2	22.3	800.0	1
JOHN OLSEN	4	31.4	3	21.9	798.0	2
WENDY CUFER	2	29.2	5	24.1	796.0	3
GRAHAME WRIGHT	1	28.5	3	23.9	784.5	4
MARIA KAVALLARIS	4	27.5	1	22.4	746.0	5
NANNA BRADFORD	4	31.4	3	17.9	739.0	6
JENNIE O'BRIEN	1	25.5	3	23.7	737.5	7
MARK WELSH	2	28.5	5	20.6	735.0	8
JOHN HUISMAN	5	26.5	2	20.5	705.0	9
KEN SLASOR	4	29.2	2	14.1	639.5	10
SARA HOCKNELL	1	25.5	4	15.0	599.5	11
GEOFF PAYNTER	2	29.5	1	10.0	597.0	12
LYN ADRIAN	1	25.1	2	14.4	590.0	13
PETER SAYRE	4	25.7	1	14.0	588.0	14
JOHN WOOLLARD	2	23.4	1	15.9	585.0	15
JOHN GORDON	2	25.5	5	13.3	579.0	16
BILL WESER	2	24.5	1	14.0	575.5	17
JOE FANNOUS	2	25.7	1	12.6	572.0	18
PHILLIP BRITTON	3	23.1	1	13.3	543.0	19
HARRIET FOWLES	2	22.1	4	14.2	541.0	20
AARON BIRMINGHAM	5	22.2	3	13.6	533.0	21
JOHN FOWDEN	4	25.5	5	9.9	530.0	22
KEVIN COOMBS	5	21.5	2	12.0	501.5	23
JOHN ROGERS	5	20.9	4	12.0	492.0	24
WAYNE PEARSON	1	20.2	2	12.2	485.5	25
MARK DORIA	5	23.5	4	8.8	482.0	26
M. CAIRN-DUFF	3	20.5	1	11.2	474.0	27
IAN SKIPWORTH	1	19.2	3	12.1	466.5	28
CHRIS KENNEDY	1	17.5	2	13.3	460.0	29
PETER FLOCKART	5	16.6	2	14.2	458.0	30
EWAN ELFORD	4	16.5	5	14.0	454.5	31
IAN LEWIS	1	19.0	2	11.1	452.0	32
DIANA SLASOR	4	17.0	1	13.1	450.0	33
PAUL WILDISH	4	17.0	2	12.5	441.0	34
KERRIE GILL	1	18.3	3	11.0	436.0	35
STEVE PURVIS	1	19.5	5	8.6	420.0	36
A PICKETT-HEAPS	1	18.5	3	8.8	408.0	37
NICK SARGANT	3	15.2	1	10.5	382.0	38
STEVE FRLAN	1	16.5	5	6.6	346.0	39
HAGEN KEGEL	1	16.5	3	6.5	345.0	40
(2 DISQUALIFIED - NOT NAMED)						(DISQ)