

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB



On Friday 3rd June 31 members and friends of South Pacific Divers Club
were part of the live audience at Elle McFeast's 'Live and Sweaty'

W E T R A G

JUNE 1994

PRESIDENT's MESSAGE

Winter has arrived and even though the nights are getting colder, I hope we can still provide members with enough incentive to still attend our Club Nights at Bankstown Sporties. We certainly had a good roll up at last month's night, in excess of 60 people; some new, some old - that will certainly be hard to beat. The George Roberts comp. certainly proved popular and I congratulate both Joe and Michael for their winning entires and certainly hope next year's George Roberts will be promoted even more. A special thanks both the other entrants and to all of you who attended the evening.

As I mentioned winter is here and what could be more appropriate then having Richard and Tracy Morgan of High Tech Divers coming along and showing us all about dry suits. All those strange stories and myths and advantages of dry suits can be discussed.

Early this month a group of 31 members and friends from our club attended the 'Live and Sweaty' show. We do have a video of it and if it gets edited in time we may be able to show you a minute or so of it. A large contingent met at the Thurlis Castle hotel for dinner and drinks and the post mortem was at some pub "on the left towards the bridge". The directions weren't the best but some of us did find it. It was a top night and amazing to see how live TV works. Russell "baseball bat" Stoker stole the show and was used on the promo for L & S. From front page of Dive Log to national TV in 5 months, boy what a feat !. Rumour has it Russell has been speaking to Harry M.

As was mentioned in the last 'Wet Rag', the AGM is due in a few months. We will dedicate the September night to this and it will be held on 26th September, straight after the Presentation Night of the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year.

Finally, please don't forget this month's Club Night has been changed to Tuesday 21st June due to the State of Origin footy. Unfortunately, we weren't aware of the two nights clashing till after last month's meeting. Hope to see as many of you as possible on Tuesday.

Regards, LEO B.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER's MESSAGE

Last month's Club Night saw the presentation to the winners for the club's internal photo comp. the George Roberts Perpetual Trophy. As you know Michael Cufer judged the slides and I would like to thank him for his assistance.

As announced, Joe Ingegneri has won the Novice Section and Michael McFadyen won the Open. Other highlights were the place getters like John Szewcow for Best Portrait, Best Macro and Best Slide. Joe also won a certificate for Best Wide Angle.

In the Open, certificates were awarded to Neil Vincent for Best Portrait and Brian Colwell for Best Macro. Michael also won for Best Wide Angle and Best Slide.

Congratulations to both the winners and entrants. I would also like to thank the sponsors of the comp.: Dive Quest Mulloway and South West Rocks Dive Centre and Kodak.

As you may know, the close off date for the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition was last Friday 10TH JUNE. We're up on the number of entrants from last year, especially in the Novice category and it looks like we'll have another great Presentation night this year.

Great News:

Just as this newsletter was going to print, I've just been advised by Neil Vincent that Angie & Andy Belcher will be doing an article on the Australasian Photo competition for an airline in-flight magazine, and it should come out just in time for the Presentation night.

Regards, Leo Mayer.

JUNE

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DIVING / SOCIAL NOTES:

- Saturday SHORE DIVES:** Contact Joe 018-862 328, 798 6936 (hm) or Suzanne Evans on 891 1964 (hm).
- Weekend BOAT DIVES:** Call any of the Club's boat owners - they are usually looking for divers.
- WEEKEND AWAY:** **Saturday & Sunday 18 - 19 June :** SEALS ROCKS WEEKEND with Ron Hunter. 4 dives, tanks & accommodation just \$169 p/p. Contact Joe on (018) 862 328 bh/ah or 798 6936 (hm), or Suzanne Evans on 891 1964 (hm).
- CLUB MEETING:** **Tuesday - 21 June :** at Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, at 8.00 p.m. Day changed because of State of Origin Final.
- Guest Speakers: High Tech Divers Australia - Dry Suits*
- BOAT DIVE:** **Sunday 26 June :** Dive location will be decided at Club Meeting. Check with Joe (018) 862 328, 798 6936 (hm) or Suzanne Evans on 891 1964 (hm) or contact any of the Club's boat owners.
- NIGHT DIVE:** On Max Western's Sea Tamer II. If interested in forming a group dive - contact Joe 018-862 328, 798 6936 (hm) or Suzanne Evans on 891 1964 (hm).

JULY

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DIVING / SOCIAL NOTES:

Saturday BAR-B-Q:

Saturday 2 July : At Suzanne Evans house, 21 Albion St, Parramatta
BYO meat, drinks, munchies & chair. RSVP: Suzanne on 891 1964 (hm).

Saturday SHORE DIVES:

Contact Joe on (018-862 328) or Suzanne Evans on 891 1964 (hm).

Weekend BOAT DIVES:

Call any of the Club's boat owners - they are usually looking for divers.

CLUB MEETING:

Monday 18 July : at Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, at 8.00 p.m.

Guest Photographer: Club Member Brent Hedges

BOAT DIVE:

Sunday 23 July : Dive location will be decided at Club Meeting.
Check with Suzanne Evans on 891 1964 (hm) or Leo Mayer 708 5742 (hm) or contact any of the Club's boat owners.

NIGHT DIVE:

On Max Western's Sea Tamer II. If interested in forming a group dive - contact Suzanne Evans on 891 1964 (hm) or Leo Mayer 708 5742 (hm).

DIVING ACTIVITIES

DIVING WEEKEND AWAY

SEALS ROCKS WEEKEND: 18 - 19 JUNE (\$169 - 4 dives, tanks, accommodation with Ron Hunter)

CONTACT: JOE INGEGNERI (018) 862 328 b/h & a/h, 798 6936 (hm)
OR Leo Mayer on 708 5742 (hm)

SATURDAY SHORE DIVES

(While Joe is away: CONTACT: SUZANNE EVANS on 891 1964 (hm), or LEO MAYER (708 5742 a/h)
by Thursday / Friday before.

WEEKEND BOAT DIVES

WHY NOT CALL ANY OF THE CLUB'S BOAT OWNERS
IF YOU WANT TO GO FOR A BOAT DIVE
[CHECK THE BOAT OWNERS HOT LINE IN THIS NEWSLETTER]

NIGHT DIVES

IF INTERESTED IN ARRANGING A GROUP DIVE
CALL JOE INGEGNERI (018) 862 328, 798 6936 (hm), SUZANNE EVANS 891 1964 (hm)
or LEO MAYER 708 5742 (hm)

SOCIAL EVENTS

DRINKS AT THE THURLIS CASTLE HOTEL

Cnr. Cleveland & Balfour Streets, Chippendale

FRIDAY EVENING 24 JUNE

AS A SEND OFF TO JOE, NICOLE, RUSSELL, BEN & SUE
BEFORE THEIR BARRIER REEF & NORTHERN N.S.W. DIVE TRIP

CLUB BAR - B - Q 's

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY SECOND MONTH

Date: * 2 JULY: AT SUZANNE EVANS HOUSE
21 ALBION STREET, PARRAMATTA

From 4.00 p.m. onwards

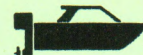
BYO meat, drinks, munchies and your own chair.

Please note: As a fund raiser for the Club, beer will be provided for a small fee.

R.S.V.P. to: Suzanne Evans on 891 1964 (home)
or call Terese Mayer 227 1677 (wk), 708 5742 (hm).



BOAT OWNERS HOT LINE



If you're interested in a dive, why not call any of the Club's boat owners. Club members with boats usually go out most weekends (weather/tides depending), so why not give them a call. This way, you won't miss out on your next dive. (Contributions towards fuel are appreciated).

Telephone No's:

SUE ARMSTRONG	(042) 942 769 (H), 697 2248 (W).
JOHN BEDDIE	603 7584 (H), (046) 201 746 (W).
B.J.	709 5535 (H).
PETER BOOTH	529 3818 (H).
GEOFF COOK	543 5817 (H).
BRUCE CREMONESI	668 8126 (H), 645 0286 (W).
JOHN FARDOULIS	634 4607 (H).
PETER HALL, TWOFOOLD DIVE EDEN	(064) 963 384 (H & W).
MARTIN KANDILAS	725 7808 (H & W).
RICK LATIMER	645 4405 (H), (018) 647 329, (042) 615 631 (W).
BOB MAY	(045) 791 053 (H), (045) 781 177 (W).
LEO MAYER	708 5742 (H).
RON MINES	602 9851 (H), 602 3544 (W).
BOB NICKLING	645 2315 (H), 648 3442 (W).
ROBERT RUBESA	740 6571 (H), 695 2063 (W).
MAX WESTERN, SEA TAMER II	567 2658 (H), 018-280 791 (W).

DIAL A DIVE BUDDY

HAVE YOU FELT LIKE GOING FOR A DIVE
BUT HAVEN'T HAD A DIVE BUDDY HANDY ?

WHY NOT LEAVE YOUR NAME AND DETAILS WITH JOE,
CLUB DIVE CO-ORDINATOR, AND HE CAN PUT YOU IN
TOUCH WITH OTHER CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE LOOKING
FOR A DIVE BUDDY.

CALL JOE ON 018-862 328, 743 3710

or SUZANNE EVANS 891 1964 (hm).



DATES FOR FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Third Tuesday * 21 JUNE (moved to Tuesday because of State of Origin Final)
 Third Monday * 18 JULY
 Third Monday * 15 AUGUST
 Fourth Monday * 26 SEPTEMBER (Annual General Meeting)

Club meetings are *usually* held on the third Monday of each month
 at the Bankstown Sports Club,
 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown
 at 8.00 p.m.

Come early and enjoy a meal at the bistro.

The meetings are *usually* in the Emile McDonald Function Room.
 (Please check at Reception if function room has changed).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

POSITION	NAME	HOME PHONE NO.	WORK PHONE NO.
PRESIDENT:	LEO BERGAGNIN	517 2853 Pager: 962 9265	517 2853 557 5477 (018) 419 457
TREASURER:	ROSS HIPWELL	773 4406	228 3726
SECRETARY:	TERESE MAYER	708 5742	227 1677
PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER:	LEO MAYER	708 5742	---
PUBLICITY OFFICER:	MICHAEL McFADYEN	558 8181 (015) 276 556	585 6454 (015) 276 556
DIVE ORGANISER:	JOE INGEGNERI	(018) 862 328 798 6936	(018) 862 328
SOCIAL SECRETARY:	SUZANNE EVANS	891 1964	---

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:



**SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB
 P.O. BOX 823
 BANKSTOWN NSW 2200**

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE
for the 1994

**AUSTRALASIAN
UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER
OF THE YEAR
PRESENTATION NIGHT**

**SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 1994
BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

**IF YOU PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS
BEFORE 30 JUNE**

**YOU WILL HAVE 2 CHANCES IN THE DRAW
FOR THE HERON ISLAND DIVE FESTIVAL PRIZE !**

**ASK THE CLUB'S COMMITTEE ABOUT
PRE-BOOKING OR PURCHASING YOUR TICKETS**

**PLEASE NOTE: JOE INGEGNERI HAS BOOKED
30 TICKETS FOR CLUB MEMBERS USE.**

DON'T FORGET :

FIRST IN — BEST SEATS !

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLASSIFIEDS

CLUB SHIRTS

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR CLUB SHIRT YET ?
BE RECOGNISED A A S-P-D CLUB MEMBER !

THE SHIRTS CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN VERY POPULAR AND
THERE'S BEEN AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FROM MEMBERS.

THE CLUB SHIRTS ARE MADE FROM 100% COTTON
AND ARE EMBROIDERED WITH THE CLUB'S LOGO.

COLOURS ARE: WHITE, BLUE, JADE (2 - ladies) AND BLACK.

PRICE IS \$35.00 AND ARE AVAILABLE AT ANY OF THE
CLUB'S MONTHLY MEETINGS OR BAR-B-Q's.



SEW-ON DECALS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
GREAT FOR SEWING ONTO YOUR FAVOURITE CAP.



CLUB STICKERS

LOOKING FOR ANOTHER
CLUB STICKER FOR
YOUR CAR OR BOAT ?
STICKERS ARE ONLY
\$1.00 EACH AND CAN BE
BOUGHT AT ANY OF THE
CLUB'S MEETINGS OR BAR-B-Q's.

**FOR SALE: KODAK EKTACHROME EPN100
SLIDE FILM**

JUST \$12.00 (Normally retails for around \$17.00)

Call Leo Mayer (Photographic Officer) on 708 5742 (ah)

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLASSIFIEDS



WRECK DIVERS

**INTERESTED IN DIVING SOME OF THE MORE
CHALLENGING WRECKS IN THE SOLOMONS ? !**

**WELL, RICK (RECK ?) IS TRYING TO GET A GROUP
TOGETHER FOR THIS AREA IN JULY 1994**

10 DAYS ABOUT \$1,500

CONTACT RICK ON 645 4405



THE LOST SHIPS OF GUADALCANAL, by Dr. Robert Ballard 400 illustrations (200 in full colour).

A full page fold-out of the Australian Cruiser HMAS Canberra
and the USS Quincy lying on the sea bed, 50 years after WWII.

DISCOUNT PRICE TO CLUB MEMBERS (\$37.50)

REC. RETAIL (\$50.00)

ATLAS OF N.S.W. SHIPWRECK SITES,

by NSW Department of Planning

Maps showing location of 180 shipwrecks.

DISCOUNT PRICE TO CLUB MEMBERS (\$35.00)

REC. RETAIL (\$27.50)

S.S. UNDOLA, A COLLIER IN THE ILLAWARRA TRADE, by Brian Rogers

Learn more about a well known Sydney dive site that
many club members and Max Western regularly dive.

DISCOUNT PRICE TO CLUB MEMBERS (\$7.50)

REC. RETAIL (\$10.00)

FOLDER OF SHIPWRECKS, HISTORICAL SERIES SET 1

(10 wreck sites)

by NSW Department of Planning. This folder is the forerunner of
future material on historic sites.

DISCOUNT PRICE TO CLUB MEMBERS (\$4.00)

REC. RETAIL (\$5.00)

THE VANISHED FLEET OF THE SYDNEY COASTLINE,

by Max Gleeson

If you are any sort of a diver this is a must !

DISCOUNT PRICE TO CLUB MEMBERS (\$17.50)

REC. RETAIL (\$25.00)

CLIVES LOST TREASURE,

by Geoffrey & David Allen

DISCOUNT PRICE TO CLUB MEMBERS (\$7.50)

REC. RETAIL (\$10.00)

SHIPWRECKS OF TASMANIA'S

WILD WEST COAST

by Graham Broxam

DISCOUNT PRICE TO CLUB MEMBERS (\$34 soft cover, \$45 hard cover)

REC. RETAIL (\$42 soft cover, \$55 hard cover)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE BOOKS PLEASE TELEPHONE JOHN SUMNER ON 558 2900 (wk)

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

SCUBA TANKS

2 aluminium tanks 65 cf

(incl. mesh & boot)

Both fluoro pink and in test.

\$150 each

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(046) 201 746 (wk)

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UNDERWATER HOUSING IKELITE

WITH 3 PORTS, GEARS & FLASH ARMS

NIKON F3 DA 2 FINDER.

ALL MINT CONDITION.

Replacement Cost: \$5,300

FOR SALE AT \$2,800

CALL BRIAN COLWELL

ON 772 4462 (hm), 524 2236 (wk)

MASSIVE SALE — ALL SKI EQUIPMENT

Western Suburbs Ski Sport Centre

452 Hume Highway, Yagoona

Very, very cheap ex-rental as well as new equipment.

JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU:



**THE CLUB HAS BOOKED
40 TICKETS**

Night to Remember for Sydney Divers

And you can place your name
or purchase your ticket from
the Committee at the next
Club meeting.

ONLY

\$10

**PER
TICKET**

***"Because Diving was meant to
be fun, not expensive!"***

SYDNEY Divers are in for a treat later this year when a group of Dive Industry members sponsor "A Night to Remember" with special guest Jean-Michel Cousteau plus Australia's Ron & Val Taylor, Rodney Fox and Reg Lipson.

Jean-Michel Cousteau is one of the world's most important and best known marine environmentalists and film makers with a life-time devoted to Ocean Exploration. Jean-Michel served executive producer for the film "Jacques Cousteau: The 1st 75-years", the Peabody award-winning series, "Cousteau's Amazon" and the Emmy award-winning "Cousteau/Mississippi". He is also Executive Producer

and Producer of the current TV series, "Cousteau's Rediscovery of the World."

The Sydney Night to Remember will be held at the prestigious Darling Harbour Convention Centre Auditorium in the heart of the city. Make sure you mark Friday evening, November the 11th, 1994 at 8.00pm into your diary now — this is one "Night to Remember" you won't want to miss. Seats will be limited so don't leave it too long to book your seats.



MICHAEL CUFER's
BOKISSA ISLAND PHOTO BASH
VANUATU

23 OCTOBER, 1994

Feeling *negative* about your photography ?
Experience is no barrier, whether you're new at it or already established.
If hanging around other photographers gives you the
confidence to shoot well, then it's time you *improved your image*.

The invitation is out to join Michael Cufer on an underwater photographic
safari throughout some of Vanuatu's best dives, including the
legendary SS President Coolidge and Million Dollar Point.

Specially catering for photographers, videographers
or anyone who revels in f/stops and shutter speed chatter.

For something different, the diving will be scheduled around your
photographic appetite. We go where your cameras guide us.

Regular slide presentations with open discussion
(guest participation is invited).

E-6 processing will be available.

Personal attention given, photographic basics and
underwater techniques are discussed.

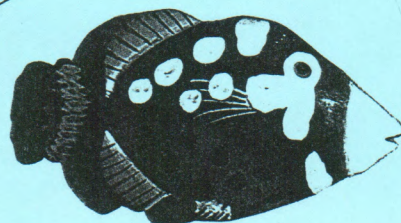
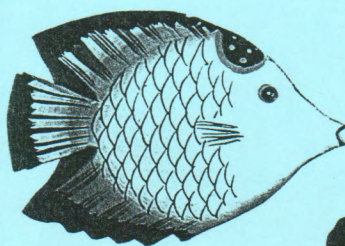
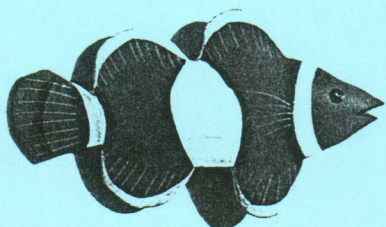
However, the overall objective is to learn
through practice, rather than formal lecturing.

The expedition departs Sydney on 23rd October, 1994
and returns 2nd November, 1994.

It includes 3 nights in Port Vila, 2 days diving
and accommodation at the Windsor Hotel,
followed by 7 nights, 5 days diving at Bokissa Island Resort.

All transfers and all meals at Bokissa are included.
The cost ex-Sydney is \$2,295 (diver) or \$1,795 (non diver).

Contact Michael Cufer on 528 6128.



INDONESIA-NORTH SULAWESI

Nature's Richest Realm

UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPEDITION

6 AUGUST - 19 AUGUST 1994

Escorted By:



Mark
SPENCER

award-winning
underwater
photographer & audio
visual producer

Becca
SAUNDERS

author of "Light of
Photography" &
"Choices in
Photography"

* Catering exclusively to
underwater photographers

* Surround yourself with experts

* Free evening lectures & heaps of
free advice

* Get serious & discover the
difference it will make to your
photos

\$3200

(ex. Sydney, twin share, subject
to airfare increases)

*Because good underwater photos
don't happen by accident!*

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GARUDA INDONESIA and TWILIGHT ZONE SEMINARS

For More Information Contact: Twilight Zone Seminars, P.O. Box 398, Coogee, 2034, (02) 665-6890, Fax: (02) 665-8913

Twilight Zone Seminars

Expedition Leaders ...

Becca Saunders ... international award-winning photographer, prolific writer and author of acclaimed series "Choices in Photography" and "Light of Photography". Keen traveller and author of monthly dive travel column, "Travel Chat". Photos published around the world in encyclopaedias, text books and prestigious BBC publications.

Mark Spencer ... international award-winning photographer and audio-visual producer. Well-known on the lecture circuit, both diving and non-diving, for his multi-projector audio-visual extravaganzas. Publications includes *Australian Geographic*, *Australian Photography* and other prestigious periodicals.

Together ... Mark and Becca conduct Australia's most popular "advanced" underwater photography course, "Twilight Zone Seminars -- One Fin Beyond the Basic Underwater Photography Course". Picking up where the basic courses end, Mark and Becca show you how to get control of your camera. Lighting, film, composition and specialised equipment are all discussed along with marketing your work and entering photo competitions.

Included on this Expedition ... are excerpts from the Twilight Zone Seminars. Evening lectures will inspire you for another day's great diving. Exercises will be presented to help you think in new and innovative ways. In addition, any and all questions will be cheerfully and completely answered to the best of our abilities.

**Because good
underwater photographs
don't happen by
accident!**

EXPEDITION PHILOSOPHY

Photographic Dive Expeditions with Becca Saunders and Mark Spencer

TWILIGHT ZONE SEMINARS
Photographic Dive Expeditions
with Becca Saunders and Mark Spencer

P.O. Box 398, Coogee, NSW, Australia 2034
(02) 665-6890 Fax: (02) 665-8913

"Indonesia is the land of prize-winning underwater photographs." Becca Saunders

Catering exclusively to underwater photographers ...

because we know a "good" dive site might not necessarily be "good" for underwater photographers.

Don't miss an opportunity ...

multiple dives on each site, allowing for film and lens changes.

Limited participation ...

eliminate those annoying background bubbles.

Free advice ...

from successful photographers willing to share their knowledge with others.

Take responsibility for your own success ...

travel to areas known for rich marine fauna and flora.

Surround yourself ...

by others who share your interests.

Discover the difference a little serious application will make to your photography!

The frustration of trying to fit in with non-photographers ...

How many times have you dived some place exciting only to discover you've selected the wrong lens?

How many times have you come across something really different but you have only two shots left in your camera or only 20 bars of air in your tank?

How many times have you asked to dive a spot more than once only to be told that other people on the boat weren't photographers and they wanted to move on?

How many times have you tried to find out from the divemaster what the next dive site was going to be like so you could set up your camera only to receive a non-committal answer?

Heaps?

The problem is ... your needs aren't being catered to!

Date ...

6 Aug - 19 Aug, 1994

Destination ...

Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia

Participants ...

6 guests

Total Length of Expedition ...

14 days / 13 nights

Cost of Expedition ...

\$3200 (twin share, ex. Sydney)

Actual Diving Days ...

9 Days

Dives per Day ...

3 dives each day at the Bunaken Marine Reserve. This is an all-day affair, leaving in the morning, lunching on beaches and returning to the resort in late afternoon.

Night Diving Available? ...

Several of our third dives will be scheduled as night dives ... sometimes on the marine reserve, sometimes just off the resort (which is spectacular!).

For the die-hards, a night dive off the resort is available every night, but this is not included in the package price and an additional fee would apply.

Expeditions catering exclusively to underwater photographers ...

Our trips cater specifically to underwater photographers and their needs.

Only dive sites already surveyed and proven popular with photographers are visited.

Each site is dived a minimum of 2 to 3 times allowing plenty of opportunities for reloading film and changing lenses.

We restrict our numbers which improves the quality of your marine life experiences ... animals are less likely to be frightened away and there will be fewer annoying background bubbles to spoil your photos.

Surround Yourself with Experts ...

We will be presenting organised lectures in the evenings and we'll always answer your questions as completely and as accurately as we can.

We'll show you our equipment and explain the logic of our choices. We'll share our film preferences with you and even show you a few nifty tricks for creating easy-but-breath-taking photographs!

The dive boats ...

The boats operating from the Murex Resort are roomy with plenty of space for extra camera gear, dry clothes, etc. It's a very comfortable way to spend the day.

The Murex Resort ...

Is a rustic, Indonesian style dive resort. Accommodation is twin share in fully-serviced, fan-cooled rooms featuring private en suites and hot water showers.

Photography Instruction Available? ...

Yes. Excerpts from Becca Saunders' and Mark Spencer's acclaimed "Twilight Zone Seminars -- One Fin Beyond the Basic U/W Photography Course"

Film Processing Available? ...

No.

Hire Gear Available? ...

Yes, but we recommend you bring your own.

Recommended Diving Skill Level of Participants? ...

Intermediate and above. The diving is pretty easy, but currents are common.

Travel to only the very best destinations ...

We've been to Indonesia and can say without hesitation that it is the country of perfect underwater photographs. The warm, clear water makes the diving easy and the overwhelmingly-prolific marine life is a photographer's dream.

"Indonesia is the home of prize-winning underwater photography!"

Then Choose the Best of the Best ...

We'll be travelling to Manado on the northern tip of the Sulawesi Peninsula, and staying at the Murex Resort, diving three times a day on the world-famous Bunaken Marine Reserve. This is as good as it gets. Combine the space and comfort of land-based diving with dive sites normally found only on remote liveboard charters!

Get serious and discover the difference it will make to your photography!

DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD NEWSLETTERS, MINUTES OR OTHER RECORDS OF THE CLUB ?

A FEATURE OF THE NEWSLETTERS WILL BE REGULAR "BLASTS FROM THE PAST" — BUT SOME OF THE CLUB RECORDS AVAILABLE ONLY GO BACK TO THE EARLY 1970's or 1980's !

PLEASE TELEPHONE TERESE MAYER (CLUB SECRETARY)
ON (02) 227 1677 (Wk) OR (02) 708 5742 (Hm)

PHOTOCOPIES CAN BE MADE IF YOU WISH TO HOLD ON TO THEM.
BUT PLEASE, DON'T LET THE HISTORY OF THE CLUB BE LOST OR ACCIDENTLY THROWN AWAY.

DEEP DIVING

by Robert Scott

On the 29th September, 1963, South Pacific Divers' Club held a deep dive off the front of Kurnell in 240 feet of water. Only selected members of the club were allowed to partake in this dive.

The reason for the dive being to study and experience Nitrogen Narcosis and also to give a first-hand report on this subject.

The author has found that in previous articles on this phenomenon a number of technical theories have been given as to what may happen but he has not come across any reports as to what happened to each individual.

A roster had been drawn-up previously showing the sequence of divers and also the times as they entered and left the water. The diver either descended with his mate (pairs) or he dived with a group, the latter being four to six people.

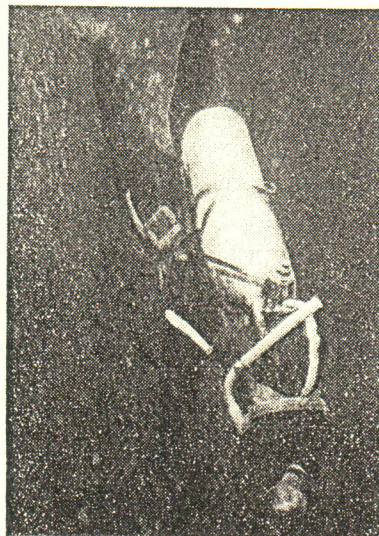
NITROGEN NARCOSIS

Not all divers reached the bottom as some suffered nitrogen narcosis and turned back while others were not affected until the bottom was reached.

The first two divers affected with Nitrogen Narcosis were John Allen and Don Lock. John Allen reported that he received a severe dizziness but his faculties remained the same and that he had a strong desire to return to the surface. This first came on at 160 feet when he lost the power of his arms which felt like lead. Don Lock experienced a feeling of elation but his thinking slowed down and he had a strong urge to keep on going. This feeling was also experienced at the 160 feet level.

Another diver, Bob Quill, stated that he first noticed a numb feeling at 140 feet and did not fully realise what was happening for a few moments until he reached 150 feet. At that stage he had a general numbness all over his body with a slight tingling feeling in his limbs. This feeling was very pleasant and he likened it to going under an anaesthetic. He stated that he felt a strong desire to return to the surface immediately. Upon ascending he was

not sure as to whether he was moving so he grabbed the rope and pulled himself up hand over hand. During this dive he was not completely aware of his thoughts or feelings, and it was only later that he realised what actually had happened. Bob Quill pointed out that he received no warning of his coming attack and suffered no after-effects.



Joan Riley on the way down.

(PHOTOS BY RON TAYLOR)

Denis Robinson stated that he had a great fear of kicking someone's face mask off and a fear of someone kicking his face mask off also, and therefore he had a strong desire to get away from everyone and did not want any interference from other people.



The trawler "Nola" was the centre of the deep dive operations.

QUEER FEELINGS

Three other divers and myself descended to a depth of 210 feet before I experienced any sensation. This happened after we had stopped to give the O.K. signal. I proceeded to clear my mask of water and I turned to descend further when a most bewildering feeling came over my whole body very suddenly. My first thought was that if I descended deeper this strange feeling would go away, but on descending another 15 feet the feeling grew stronger. I felt that I must stop and that I could not continue descending for ever. I stopped at that depth and without any apparent reason signalled to my mates to ascend. With great effort I pulled myself up the line hand over hand and later realised it would have been easier to swim-up but I had, in fact, forgotten to do so. At a depth of about 180 feet I realised there were only three divers instead of four and I looked frantically for the bubbles of the fourth diver. When I could not see them I became worried and attempted to inform the other divers that there was one diver missing. I felt that it was utterly ridiculous that they did not know I had this feeling and I could not impress upon them that there was one missing. My condition was getting worse and I tried to think of a way that I could write in the water with my finger. I then realised it would never work so I pointed to each diver and held up a finger for each of them I pointed to.

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DEEP DIVING

by Robert Scott

When I reached four they realised there was one missing and began looking around. I signalled I was going to surface and they were to follow me. As I rose this strange feeling became very strong and I stopped at different levels and forgot where I was. I realised where I was as each diver came into my vision. I had no sensation of breathing and felt a cold glow throughout my whole body. As the water was clear I could see a fair distance and thought that I could swim away and live for ever. We started ascending the line and I thought how silly it was that the other diver should get lost and I started laughing to myself. I thought that this was not right so I stopped. I felt as if I was not exhaling or inhaling, that the air was passing in and out of my mouth in a continuous flow.

While ascending I looked up and could see the surface which looked only 30 feet away but I realised later that it must have been at least 100 feet. After seeing the surface I immediately thought that this feeling should pass away but it did not. The feeling stayed with me right to the surface and even after leaving the water but it was not as bad as whilst in the water.

DANGEROUS DIVER

After five minutes back on deck I decided to jump back in the water and watch the other divers descend. After swimming over to the anchor line I met one of the next two divers and he asked me had I seen his mate as they had both jumped into the water together. I shouted to those on board enquiring as to the other diver's whereabouts and received a negative answer but was told there were bubbles coming up 50 yards from the boat. I swam over to where the bubbles were and descended, hoping to catch up with this other diver descending on his own without a line to guide him. At approximately 120 feet down I felt the cold glow coming on again and had to surface. I called out for assistance and dived again to 100 feet and levelled out. I started following the other diver's bubble line. Ahead of me I saw a mass of bubbles rising to the surface and another line of bubbles joining these at an angle. (A strong northern current was moving down the coast.) By this time I was really worried and



Peter Harper holds a marine growth taken off the bottom at 241 ft. off Kurnell, N.S.W.

knew that there was no way that I could ever help him. One of the other divers descended towards me and I waved him to level out as there was a diver ascending amid a stream of vertical bubbles. As this diver came past I grabbed hold of him and pointed down whereupon he thought I wanted to dive down with him again. This other diver was affected by nitrogen narcosis and could not comprehend what I was trying to point out. I then let him go to the surface. Just then as I looked down the bubbles ceased coming to the surface and I thought that we had really lost a diver. Little realising that the diver I had seen coming up from the bottom was the diver we had been looking for. This diver had descended without utilising the shot line and had also descended upon his own without telling anyone of his intention to do so, thereby risking his and other divers' lives.

A great deal has been learnt from this dive and a number of questions have been raised. They are:

1. How did it come about that all divers remembered what happened?

The books tell us that there is a loss of memory after ascending.

2. Why did this feeling stay with some of the divers all the way to the surface?

It has been previously stated that upon ascending the effects disappear.

3. Could blood pressure have any effect, as the diver would be in an inverted position for an extended period of time?

4. Has the amount of breathing effort anything to do with the effects of nitrogen narcosis becoming apparent sooner?

5. Why was it that a number of divers were affected suddenly and without warning?

6. Was this Nitrogen Narcosis?