

WET RAG

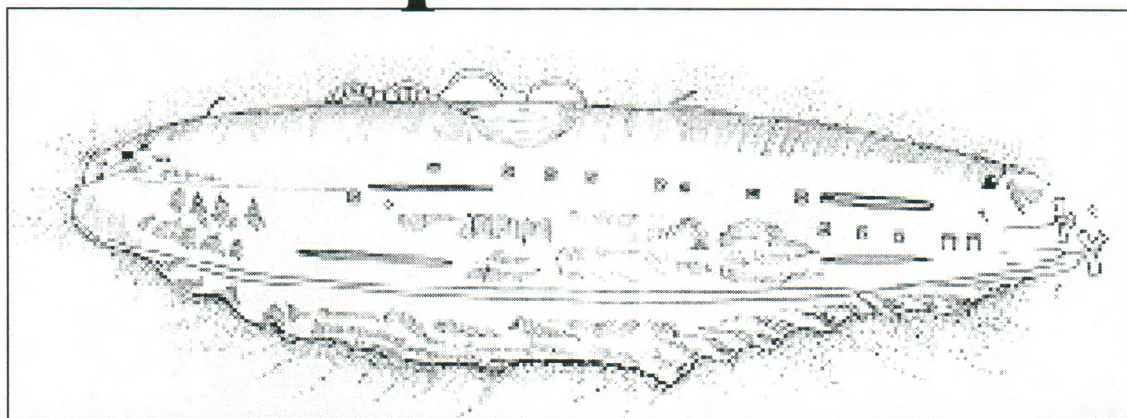
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS' CLUB (established 1962)

PO Box 823, BANKSTOWN NSW 2200



January 1996

Remember, the Annual General Meeting of South Pacific Diver's Club will be held on Monday 15 January 1996 at Bankstown Sports Club.



The wreck
of the USS
Arkansas in
Bikini Atoll.
See inside
for more
information
on this
amazing
wreck.

Meetings of the Club are normally held at 8 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Emile McDonald Room of the Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Street, Bankstown. This month's meeting will be held on Monday, 15 January 1996.

President's Message

Finally we have come to end of our term as a committee. Our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting where the old committee will stand down and a new committee will be voted in.

This has been a pleasant committee to work with and hopefully next years committee will enjoy a similar working environment. I would like to thank my fellow committee members for a great year and the very best wishes to the incoming committee. Next year should be an exciting year with numerous projects already being organised, such as the Solomons trip, wreck hunting with the magnetometer, Eden trip, more combined club events and of course the photo competitions and presentation nights.

The bed race is looming up and will be run in March. Will those that are interested in this event please contact me as soon as possible as we need nine athletes and a good cheer squad.

Best wishes for the New Year regards Leo B

Photographic Officer's Report

Greetings to all members from your friendly Photographic Officer. It's that time of year to start thinking again of those wonderful photos you are going take and submit in exchange for prizes in the George Robert's Perpetual Trophy Photographic Competition.

For those who don't know, this is our annual "in house" where a lot of photographers get a chance to hone the skills needed to impress the judges later in year at the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition.

The competition will open after the February meeting and the presentation is planned for the June meeting. This year we will try the shootout format which proved to be popular in 1994,

Entrants will be supplied with two rolls of ASA 100/36 film or one (1) E30 VHS Video tape, Those club members who currently don't own an underwater camera and wish to enter, there will be disposable (Fuji/Kodak) cameras available.

There will be an entry fee of \$20.00. Forms of the comp will be as follows:

February: film or video handed out to entrants.

March: film to be returned for processing (In the first week of March it is hoped that a Club weekend to Nelsons Bay will be organised to help people obtain those winning shots)

April: processed film handed back to entrants.

May: slide/print selection to be given to Photographic Officer (no extensions will be given).

June: Presentation night for the competition.

Preparations for this years Australasian

Underwater Photographer of the Year Comp are in hand.

So lets got revved up about the comp and let me know who is going to enter so that after February we can get snapping.

Regards, Peter Flockart

Newsletter Editor's Message

Well, this will be the 16th and last *Wet Rag* under my editorship. Despite the problems that arose early in the period, I hope that you have enjoyed what has been provided. Unfortunately, although there were months when members supplied me with too much to print, there were other months when I did not have enough (eg recently), so you sometimes had to put up with my own writing.

Well, are not Dive Australia a cranky little bunch?! After my letter to the Editor of *DIVE Log* (published in the December issue) asked a couple of questions about the fraudulent advertisement that was shown on TV in October/November, I was phoned at home by their President, John Piper of Neptune Wetsuits. In an hour long call, he denied that the advertisements were a fraud but admitted that they were not shot at the locations depicted in the ads. He even told me that the ad had been shown to lawyers before screening, with the implication that they were unsure whether it was legal to do what they did. If it was not a fraud, why undertake this expensive task?

Mr Piper in fact told me that the ends justified the means. That is, he implied that it was okay to lie to the public so long as more people were attracted to diving. He accused me of trying to undermine all the good work done by Dive Australia. What good work I would ask?

On the subject of Dive Australia trying to have Waterways prohibit the use of club and private boats for diving purposes, he denied outright that anyone associated with Dive Australia had done anything like this. When I told him we had documentary proof that Dive Australia had circulated a fax to dive shops on this matter and had even met with Waterways, he still denied that it had happened. He even claimed that Paul Rosman of Pacific Coast Divers was not even a member of Dive Australia, but later conceded that he might be. When I read out to him the fax, he claimed that since he did not know about it, it was not a Dive Australia document. I then told him that the fax had Dive Australia's name on the fax leader and when I read the fax number to him, he conceded that the number was indeed Dive Australia's.

The latest is that Dive Australia is threatening to sue me for defamation (when I last looked, you could not defame someone for just asking a couple of questions). Well, I am quaking in my boots at this thought. (Continued bottom page 3)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following members were on the committee for the 1994/95 year.

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BOAT OWNERS CONTACT LIST

The following members of the Club are boat owners. They generally go out diving most weekends and often need extra divers to make up numbers. Why not give them a call one day. If you are a boat owner, why not give a non-owner a call (see the membership list distributed regularly) and invite them along with you.

Name	Home No:	Work No:
Sue Armstrong	042 94 2769	697 2248
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John Beddie	820 4272	046 20 1746
BJ	709 5535	
Peter Booth	529 3818	
Geoff Cook	543 5817	018 29 4891
Bruce Cremonesi	668 8126	645 0286
Martin Kandilas	725 7808	725 7808
Rick Latimer	645 4405	042 61 5631
		018 64 7329
Bob May	045 79 1053	045 75 1177

Remember, the following dive charter operators support the Club. You are encouraged to utilise their services when diving in the area they serve.

Max Western, *Sea-tamer II* (Port Hacking area), 567 2658 or 018 28 0791.

Peter Hall (a Club member), Twofold Dive at Eden, 064 96 3384.

Steve Grow and Lee Harvey (Club members), Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla, 527 1518 or 018 55 3858.

If you are going to Jervis Bay (or want to dive there) how about phoning member Martin Atkins who lives in the area. He is always looking for dive buddies. See his numbers above.

Enough of that. Since the last newsletter I have done a few dives (reaching the 900 milestone) around Sydney. At Barrens Hut on Saturday 23 December with Eddy Labour I had what was definitely my worst ever dive (certainly not like the Dive Australia advert showing Cronulla diving) with visibility of 12 inches on the bottom. We aborted the dive after nine minutes and decided that nothing was worth the unpleasant time we were having.

After Christmas we went up to Pittwater where Eddy and I dived four wrecks off the northern beaches with a number of friends. The two dives on the SS *Birchgrove Park* were highlights as

were the *Dee Why* and *Coolooli*. The *Coolooli* was especially good, with its size and very good visibility. Relatively good seas, good to very good visibility and great friends meant we had an excellent six days "out" of Sydney.

Michael McFadyen

I SPY

Which Club member dived the wreck of the *Valiant* (a small tug at the entrance to Broken Bay, only worth diving once every couple of years) at least four times in three days over Christmas? Was it up to the standard of his recent diving in the Mediterranean?

DIVE REPORTS

Escape to Gizo by Rebecca Davis

The deep wrecks of Honiara were exciting, full-on diving (especially the *Azumassan Maru*), but after 9 days I began to tire a bit of 20 minute bottom times at 66m, 120 minutes of decompression, twin tanks and all that high tech talk! Rodney Rodent and Scott were in their element, but the whole day revolved around the oxygen set-up, 'cutting various tables', fast and slow tissues, trying to keep the computer happy and the people waiting two hours on the boat above us!

So I left all this, and the dusty streets of Honiara behind, and I set off for Gizo in the Western Province by myself. The flight over was incredible - once it finally got going. My tiny 6 seater Aero Commander was sitting on the baking tarmac in 100 pieces. The pilot told me he was going home for lunch (not promising!) so I sat in the hot terminal (shed) and practised my Pidgin with the only other passengers - a man with no teeth and his parrot! Three hours later we got under way, after the pilot made us say a prayer for safe travels! (The missionaries certainly did a very good job in the Solomons, everyone is called Pious, Joseph or Mary.) I got to sit next to the pilot and had a magnificent view of hundreds of tiny islands and atolls, surrounded by lagoons of various shades of turquoise and blue. We made a stop at tiny Ramata Island on a bumpy dirt strip and all the villagers came out to crowd around the plane and play with the propellers. The pilot said they all thought I must be very important (sitting up the front) and I felt like the Queen as I waved to the crowd on take-off! Next stop was Gizo township where the airstrip was a bit of grass on a narrow island (Nusa Tupe) and I was ferried over to Ghizo Island by canoe.

The staff of Adventure Sports (Danny and Kerrie Kennedy and Rob, the *very friendly* Dive Master), were relaxed and efficient and I was diving within 10 minutes of arrival. The diving was terrific - deep walls and drop offs, clear water and BIG pelagic fish - schools of tuna, rainbow runner, barracuda and grey reef whaler sharks enjoyed the current. We did some great drift diving, zooming along and hurriedly avoiding huge barrel sponges, pink gorgonian fans like satellite dishes and tall coral trees. We saw turtles, eagle rays and hundreds of species of colourful reef fish in the shallows. One day I caught a beautiful spanish mackerel (trolling on the way home- I felt a bit guilty killing it!) and we had barbequed fillets in banana leaf on a remote island.

I stayed at the divers lodge which is clean and basic (like staying at someone's house) and costing only \$15 per night. The food at the

adjoining restaurant was terrific, especially after the boring sweet potato and fried tuna of Honiara. We had three course meals, including lobster for \$15.

New Year's Eve was spent dancing to reggae music and drinking fruit cocktails and *sweating* (the humidity is incredible.) The Solomon Island people really are the most friendly I have ever met; maybe it is too hot to lose your temper and get stressed?

The flight back to Guadalcanal in an ancient Aztec plane was pretty wild through tropical storms which saw us turn around to land in the middle of nowhere, amongst coconut plantations. The lightning, updraughts and downdraughts were really scary and the pilot had forgotten to pray prior to leaving! We had a choice of flying below the storm at 500 feet or waiting 2 hours. I chose to wait.

Eventually I made it (just) to the plane leaving for Australia, tired but happy. The Solomons is a great dive destination - inexpensive, remote, friendly, with amazing war history and culture, wrecks and reefs. I certainly will be going again.

Parsley Bay Night Dive by Michael McFadyen

On Monday 11 December eleven Club members joined in the second of the Club's regular night dives. This dive was held at Parsley Bay and the divers had a very good dive, despite the poor visibility. The average length of the dives was about 60 minutes, with some spending almost 80 minutes in the water. I saw 11 sea horses, including a pregnant male, as well as flathead, leatherjackets, squid, flounder, crabs, cuttlefish and many other species. Truly a great night dive site, vastly underrated by most divers.

The next dive will be on Monday 22 January at North Bondi. See back page for more details.

DIVE SHOPS THAT LIKE DIVE CLUBS

A couple of words on dive shops and charter boats that welcome, encourage and assist members of dive clubs.

Firstly, **Manly Dive Centre** is very vocal in their support of the rights of dive clubs to exist and use their own dive boats. They have even been known to provide members with marks for wrecks.

Likewise, **Southern Cross Divers** at The Spit is also very prominent in their support of independent dive clubs. When moored over the *Coolooli* recently, they asked a Club member if he wanted to tie off to the rear of their boat rather than anchor. This is service that deserves supporting.

Late last year a Club member and some friends visited **South West Rocks Dive Centre** and utilised their accommodation and air while using his own boat. Once again, this is service that

extends beyond what most in the dive industry would be prepared to offer.

In the next couple of weeks, a few members of the Club are travelling to Eden to dive and will be staying at the accommodation owned by **Twofold Dive** and using their air while using their own boats. This is not a problem to Peter Hall.

Over the New Year, **Atlantis Divers** at Palm Beach were very welcome to three Club members who were using private boats to dive the wrecks off northern Sydney, even to the point of offering marks and cut price fills.

Max Western of *Sea-tamer II* is another who has assisted Club members many times over the years. In return, the Club has supported his boat and even provided him with marks and GPS readings for dive sites and wrecks.

The above dive operators are worthy of our support and Club members are encouraged to use them wherever possible.

On the other hand, there are shops who actively attack clubs (including our own) for a number of things. It is interesting that one such southern Sydney shop has in the past been very vocal about dive clubs using independent instructors and their own boats for instruction dives. However, it is a bit hypocritical that this same shop had no qualms about running a deep diving course for another club using their private boat in the past year or so. It seems money speaks louder than his own convictions!

DIVE SITES TO REMEMBER

Voodoo

Located off Cronulla to the south of Cape Baily Lighthouse, Voodoo is a dive site that can only be visited in certain specific conditions. This is due to the close proximity of the sewage outfall at Potter Point. So long as the winds are from the west or south, the water is clean here. For this reason, Voodoo is an "undived" site, with very few people ever diving there. The site is a reef that drops from 22 to 27 metres or thereabouts. There is a very good wall as well as some small swim-throughs. Fishlife and sponges are excellent. A very good dive site.

Inscription Point Drift

One of the better shore dives in Sydney is the drift dive at Inscription Point at Kurnell. Instead of entering the water at the normal spot of the steps, you drive about 200 metres further up the road to the curve where there is a small rough car park. A fairly difficult walk down a rough track and steps brings you to The Leap, so named because of the two metre drop into the ocean. You need an incoming tide, preferably entering the water about one to two hours before high tide. This dive enables you to cover a far bigger amount of territory than from the normal entry

point as well as seeing some "untouched" area. The last time I dived here I saw 16 sea dragons as well as heaps of other fish. The sponge gardens here are still in excellent condition, not having been taken over yet by the all-invading weed at the normal dive site. An excellent dive site, one of the best shore dives in Sydney.

AWARDS GALORE

In the December issue of *DIVE Log*, did you see that Dive Australia awarded Mr Terry Cummins of PADI with a "Special Acknowledgment" Award (for the recent diving advertisement which, from the reports reaching the Club from dive shops, was an abject failure) and PADI awarded Mrs Jacquie Cummins of Dive Australia with an Hallmark of Excellence Award. Both Dive Australia and PADI have a longstanding tradition of honouring each other's members/employees and other selected persons over and over again. Some of these people must have whole walls, if not houses, constructed of each other's awards.

It would be a very unusual thing indeed if all of a sudden Dive Australia and PADI actually gave all their awards to people who actually deserve them rather than to each other. At least this year, PADI gave awards to some people who really deserved it, those involved in the aftermath of the fatal shark attack at Byron Bay in 1993, even though it was a bit late doing it almost three years later. What about people who have been at the forefront of protecting local marine environment (I can think of at least four who deserve awards), those who may have done something special for scuba diving (say John Riley and Peter Fields for the discovery of the SS *Myola*, Max Gleeson for his book on wrecks, Tom Byron for his series of books etc), someone who runs a small but highly regarded business (eg Max Western) and just the average but keen diver who may encourage other people to dive.

Like many others, aren't you really sick and tired of all the self congratulatory back slapping that goes on in the dive industry when in reality all that happens is back stabbing? Maybe one day the dive industry (as a whole) will wake up to itself and see that it is treating the general diving public as a bunch of morons rather than as their bread and butter. Without divers, dive shops would not exist.

BOOKS FOR SALE

The Club has for sale a small number of copies of the book of the discovery of Sydney's newest shipwreck, the SS *Myola*. The book has been written by John Riley and Peter Fields and details how they discovered the wreck. It also has some great Riley diagrams and descriptions of the wreck. A must if you are going to dive the *Myola* or even if you are interested in wrecks. The books

cost \$15 and are available from Peter Flockart at Club meetings. If you cannot get to a meeting, phone Peter on 371 0265 [ah] for details on how to get a copy by mail.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Virtually all memberships expired at the end of December 1995. If you receive a membership renewal form enclosed with this month's *Wet Rag*, then your membership has expired and is due to be renewed (unless you have sent money in last week or so). Remember, memberships must have been renewed to retain all privileges and rights, including voting rights.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As previously advised, the Annual General Meeting of South Pacific Divers' Club Incorporated will be held at 8pm on Monday 15 January 1996 in the Emile McDonald Room of the Bankstown District Sports Club, Greenfield Street, Bankstown.

The election for committee members will take place at this meeting. If you wish, you can send your proxy (on the form included with last issue) to the meeting or give it to another member. Remember, a member can only hold two proxy votes (rule 28e) and to vote you must "have a financially valid Membership" (Rule 28b). This is not actually defined in the rules, but unless shown otherwise, it is believed that you must have paid your 1996 membership fee, although technically a person remains a member until three months after the end of the calendar year.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF INCORPORATION

A number of proposed amendments to the Club's Rules of Incorporation will be voted on at the January general meeting. Formal notice and details were supplied in the December *Wet Rag*.

The detailed proposed amendments are:

Change rule 5a as follows (deleted part struck through and new part in italics):

Membership shall cease upon resignation, expulsion or failure to pay outstanding fees within ~~one three (3)~~ months of due date, defined as *31 January 1st April* of Membership year.

The reason for this proposed amendment is that the Club is forced to carry up to three months postage and copying costs for many members who have no intention of renewing membership. The normal grace period for most clubs is one month after the specified end of membership. The cost of sending out newsletters to non-renewing members can be as high as \$250 over the three months (based on last year).

The second amendment refers to rule 3 (c):

Insert 3 (c) (iv) as follows:

Where an application for membership is received after 1 October, the membership will be valid till 31 December of the year after the current year.

This proposed amendment is to ensure that people who join the Club towards the end of the normal membership year receive a fair period of membership before having to renew their membership.

The following changes are proposed to correct errors in the current rules where references to rules are wrongly numbered:

Rule 21 (g) delete "20" and insert "28".

Rule 21 (h) delete "34" and insert "35".

Rule 22 (d) delete "34" and insert "35".

A BIG BIKINI by Michael McFadyen

In a couple of previous *Wet Rags* I gave some details about the wrecks of Bikini Atoll. The third largest of these wrecks, and therefore the third largest diveable shipwreck in the world, is the huge US battleship, USS *Arkansas*. Launched on 14 January 1911, the *Arkansas* was 561 feet long with a beam of 106 feet and displaced 26,100 tons with additions over the years.

In November 1918 she was present at Scapa Flow in Scotland when the German High Seas Fleet surrendered to the British. During World War 2 she served on convoy duty in the Atlantic Ocean and in June 1944 provided fire support at Omaha Beach during the invasion of Normandy. In September of the same year the *Arkansas* was modernised back in the US before going to the Pacific in late 1944.

In 1945, although the oldest and smallest of the capital ships, the *Arkansas* played a major role in the pre-invasion bombardments of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The *Arkansas*'s last duties were three "magic carpet" voyages returning servicemen to Pearl Harbour from throughout the Pacific.

On 1 July 1946 the *Arkansas* was in Bikini Atoll when the world's third atomic bomb exploded. The ship was the site of maximum measured radioactivity contamination from the Able test. On 25 July it suffered another bomb and sank within 19 seconds of the explosion, giving her the dubious distinction of the first battleship to be sunk by an atomic bomb and the first battleship to be sunk by a bomb that never touched her.

Today the *Arkansas* lies upside down in 54 metres of water. The keel is in 30 to 36 metres with a slight list to starboard. The hull is badly damaged as would be expected and the two starboard props and shafts are totally missing. Entry into the ship is possible through the port "aircastle" (a gun emplacement), although the US National Parks team that examined the Bikini wrecks in the late 1980s did not explore far.

MAGNETOMETER UPDATE ...

Hooray! It's finally arrived. The magnetometer was delivered just after Xmas and Rick and the Greek took it to the harbour to trial it over a few known wrecks. It didn't perform as expected, probably due to operator error. Bob Ramsey from Wreckhunter products is coming to Sydney on Saturday the 20th of January to give us all a lecture and practical demonstration in its use. This will probably take place at a venue in the city with the practical lesson being on the harbour. Anyone interested in attending please contact Scott or Leo urgently so we can organise boats etc.

EDEN DIVE TRIP AND WRECK HUNTING EXPEDITION !!!

The club has booked Peter Halls divers lodge from Fri 19th to 25th of January. We will be diving the wrecks and reefs of Eden out of 2 private boats as well as Peters boat. The diving is suitable for all levels with a maximum depth of 30m. Anyone wishing to come along should contact John Beddie, Leo or Scott. You can suit yourself and come for the whole week or for just a few days. The club will be taking the magnetometer and local wreck hunter 'Jacko' will be showing us where to search. This should be a rewarding trip in more ways than one. Be there or miss out.

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS WERE OFF TO THE SOLOMONS

We have planned for this year a trip to the Solomon Islands. The trip will be a live-aboard for seven days on the "Spirit of the Solomons". We have been able to secure the only seven days available this year from the Seventh of September to the Fifteenth of September. The diving will be suitable for all levels and types including wrecks and reefs/walls. The cost will be approx. \$2500 and will include airfares, transfers, accommodation, meals and diving. The numbers are limited and bookings will be taken on a first in first served basis. Deposits will be taken soon. To secure a place see Leo as we already have a number of bookings in hand.

On February the 28th Ian Lockwood from Allways Dive Expeditions will be coming to Sydney to give us a presentation of video and slides of the Solomons and "The Spirit". The venue for this presentation will be announced shortly. This should be a great trip, don't miss out.

CLUB BBQ

The next Club BBQ, will be held at Russell Stokers residence (36 Hanks Street, Ashbury) on Saturday the 24th of February 1996. The BBQ will begin at 5pm. The theme for this monumental event will be "false Nose Day". There will be prize for the most unusual nose worn to the event. BYO Meat, Beer, Wine and soft drinks will be available on the day.

LICENSED CLUB NEWS

Several venues have been investigated. We are continuing to look at the options available and look forward to being in a position to do a full presentation to the Club in the near future.



Please ring the dive and social organisers on the Tuesday or Wednesday before the event to confirm details etc.

UPCOMING DIVING ACTIVITIES

Contact Numbers: Scott Leimroth 759 6501 [h] (019) 99 0864 [m] and Geoff Cook 543 5817 [h] or (018) 29 4897 [w]
January

From **19 to 25 January** some members are going to **Eden**. See previous page for details.

September

In September the Club is organising a dive trip to the **Solomon Islands**. See previous page for details.

October

In October, Michael McFadyen is organising a dive trip to Madang in **Papua New Guinea**. Nine members of the Club have already booked on the trip and a very limited number of spots remain. The cost will be about \$1700 for 11 nights accommodation, airfares and 16 dives. See Michael as soon as possible if you are interested.

NIGHT DIVING

The next in a regular series of fortnightly (or thereabouts) **night dives** will occur on **Monday 22 January** at **North Bondi**. Led by Michael McFadyen, the dives will try to be to a different site each time and will start at about 8.00 pm. Meet in the car park above Ben Buckler Point at 7.30 pm. After the dive, we will probably stop off at a nearby **pizza** joint for dinner. You could also bring a thermos of tea or coffee for warming up after the dive. There will be another night dive on **Monday 5 February** at **Bare Island**. Contact Michael on 558 8181 [h] or 015 27 6556 if you are interested in coming or wish to check the location in poor weather.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Contact Numbers: Carina Gregory (046) 25 8630 [h] or (046) 20 1423 [w].
February

There will be a BBQ at Russell Stoker's on **24 February**. See previous pages for details.

April

The revenge **skirmish match** has been rescheduled for **28 April 1996**. A three way battle between URG, Ryde Underwater and South Pacific will take place. Stay tuned for more details.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Remember, this month's meeting (including AGM) will be held on **Monday 15 January, 1996**, starting at 8 pm in the Emile McDonald Room of the Bankstown Sports Club.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Monday 19 February and 18 March 1996.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

After the huge rainstorm that hit the Christmas Party (but soon passed), Jim Glass was heard to remark as he passed a pool of water on the way to the men's: *Look at that puddle, it is deep enough to do a deep dive in.*

FOR SALE

VLE-31X Sharp Viewcam Video Camera plus Wills Underwater Camera Housing \$2400.
Nikonos V with 35mm lens and Aquasea strobe \$800.
Hanimex 35mm Underwater camera \$200.
Phone Margaret on 019 66 7491.

CLUB SPONSORS The South Pacific Divers' Club is honoured to be sponsored by the following:

Aquatic Explorers, see Steve or Lee at 7 Beach Arcade Cronulla, 527 1518

Bev's Restaurant at Chippendale

Dive Quest, Mullaway, contact Chris or Gary on (066) 54 1930

Max Western's Sea-tamer II charter boat, contact Max on 567 8658 or (018) 28 0791

Selera Restaurant, Level 1, 264 King Street Newtown, 557 5186

Shiprock Dive at Lilli Pilli

Southern Cross Divers at The Spit Marina

Sub Aquatics Divers at Beverly Hills

South West Rocks Dive Centre, South West Rocks, contact Noel or Belinda on (065) 66 6474

Thurles Castle Hotel at Chippendale

Twofold Dive Charters, Eden, contact

Peter or Lorna on (064) 96 1778

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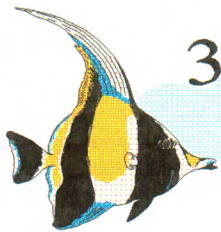
Send material to 46 Gannon Street, Tempe, 2044.
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Deadline for articles is the last day of the month.

CLUB B.B.Q.

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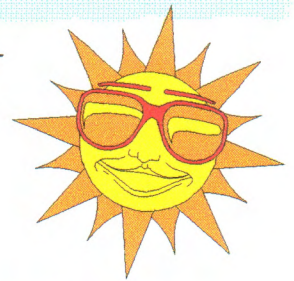
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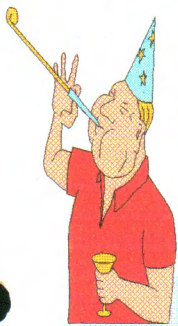


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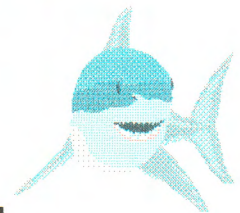
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