

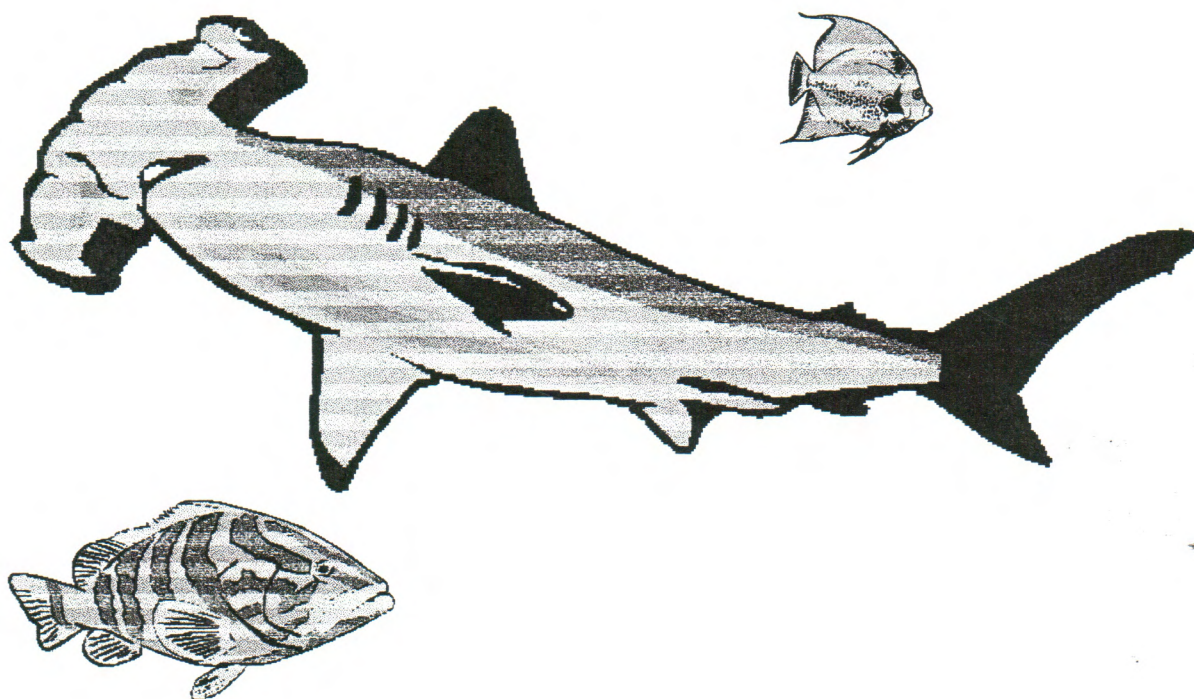
# WET RAG

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

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May 1998



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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, 18 May 1998.



**President's Tidings**

Where do I start this month? Last month I took great pleasure in watching the slides and videos sent in from all around Australia and overseas. Spdc would like to thank our judges for there time. Thank you very much Martin, Cassie and Tom. By the time you read this the tickets should be at the printers, and will be on sale to club members on a first come first served basis. The main speaker this year is Rodney Fox and this is one thing I am looking forward to. The club will repay our sponsors this year by holding a trade fair before the presentation night this will allow our sponsors to showcase the products the are kind enough to give to the club as prizes. Also we will have a great display from the historical society. Any club members are very welcome to display any items that may be of interest to the visitors on this night.

When judging of the comp entries was finished a great idea was raised by one judge. After the presentation night a weekend will be set aside for entrants to sit down with the judges and look at how their own entry could have been improved. This will be one on one with the comp judges. This will only serve to improve the standard of all those who choose to attend.

The club held a great night dive on May 1<sup>st</sup> where the charter vessel M.V. Southern Comfort provided great service to our members I am sure someone has written a dive report for the trip.

My last point relates to the members who did not find time to phone Barbara about the planned dinner at Bev's restaurant. All I ask is if you book to come on any club event and find you can not make it please ring the person and let them know, this is just basic good manners.

Regards Peter Foster

Final thought.

We are judged by our actions not our intentions. We may have a heart of gold but so does a hard boiled egg! Anonymous

**Photographic Officer's**

Well, the entries for the comp are in. They have been judged and the winners decided.

For those of you who are interested the final breakup of entries is as follows:

Open	: 23
Novice	: 29
Individual	: 19
Creative	: 9
Video	: 12
A total of	: 92

Up 14 from the 1996 comp, which was very pleasing considering the problems early in the year.

Since last month the photographic committee has confirmed 95% of our sponsors and allocated these to their respective sections within the competition.

It is expected that the tickets will be printed by the middle of the month and be on sale shortly after.

For further info see either Peter Foster or myself for further details at the meeting.

The preparations for the night are proceeding well and if anyone in the club feels that they can help in the lead up to the night please contact me.

Remember the night will be a roaring success if everyone helps. As many hands make light work!!!!!!

Peter Flockart.

**Martin KANDILAS awarded the 4th Life Member of the South Pacific Divers Club.**

By Geoff Cook

Since the inception of the South Pacific Divers Club in 1962 there have been only three members previously awarded the honour of 'Life Membership', being Denis Robinson, Bob Smith and Rick Latimer. Sadly the latter two members of the prestigious grouping have since passed away and Robbo, who is still an active diver, lives in Western Australia. Unquestionably these three members had made continuous, major contributions towards the formation, expansion, promotion and or the long term running of the South Pacific Divers' Club.

At the March 1998 meeting of the South Pacific Divers Club a new page was opened in the history books with long standing member Martin KANDILAS being nominated and accepted by the Club and Committee as it's 4th Life Member.

Martin KANDILAS has continuously been an 'active' diving member of the South Pacific Divers Club for almost 20 years from 1979 up until the present time and is arguably the longest, actively diving, current member of the South Pacific Divers Club. During this period of membership Martin has held several of the Executive Committee Positions in the Club. In 1982-3, 1983-4 he held the position of South Pacific Divers Club Treasurer. In 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 Martin held the position of South Pacific Divers Club President. In 1991-92 Martin held the position of Club Photographic Officer and was the Assistant to the Photography Officer for a number of years. Martin had been actively involved the expansion of membership, promotion of the South Pacific Divers Club through several Australian Underwater Photographic competitions

During his association with the South Pacific Divers Club, Martin honed his skills with underwater photography promoting himself and the South Pacific Divers Club in external



impact on the growth. But it is still a very pretty dive with plenty to see. Mark Spencer and I left the Arch and swam down over the rock to the sand line. Heaps of fish, sea whips and a small ornate snail that looked like a nudibranch was the find of the dive.

On exit Mark and I swam up to the rock edge which was about 5 feet deep. I stood up and looked for the best place to get out. Debbie Davis who was standing on the shore asked the usual wife questions about the dive and then said 'Wave' .... Ok I'll play 'simon says'...I waved...Next thing I was picked up by a surge and thrown onto the rocks. Mark was too and we floundered around before regaining our composure and abraded dignity. Mark Dietz, on his boat, thought it was hilarious, laughing exaggeratedly loud as they shot off to their next dive site.

A picnic bbq was the next order of the day and well attended by 22 diving members and family including new members Heinz Bendinger, Tad and his diving wife who were made most welcome to the club.

### **A Week In Borneo part2**

By our roving photojournalist. Leo B.

At Abdillah, the diving starts at 6 am. and finishes with a night dive timed to suite your own requirements. Liam and I topped the dive count here with a total of 8 dives. (We arrived Monday late mourning and had to fly out on the Thursday mourning) Some of the sites were Drop off, Turtle Patch, Hanging Gardens, Barracuda Point, to name a few. The fish life here to say the least is prolific. On view were varied sharks and as mention previously turtles everywhere, goby fish, schools of barracuda, jack fish huge tuna masses of anemies and of course clown fish. The walls were rich in coral growth and sponges,

Abdillah resort has an extremely romantic and friendly atmosphere. We were only there a short time and I was babbling away to a group of Italians who had been there a week. I am not sure who got the bigger surprise our group or the Italians when I spoke to them in Italian of course. We also befriended three lovely young ladies from Singapore, tragically though they were school teachers. Thursday came around to soon and we were on the move to our next destination, Layang Layang.

The next leg of our trip took us back to Kota Kinabalu. Here we stayed at the Hyatt Hotel Kinabalu. It was under going some massive renovations but it was a class act. The night was supposed to have been an early one, but that was not the case. After a colossal buffet style dinner Liam and I decided to try the local bar. Believe it or not it was called "Shenanigans" and being Ian Lockwoods birthday we went back to the hotel and dragged him down for a birthday drink. I conned the lady singer to sing him happy birthday and along with one of the locals who was also celebrating his birthday they had to down a pint. Ian left the other chap for dead skulling his beer in record time. The night saw me singing on the mike some bloody chorus in Malaysian to the delight of the female singer and the patrons. It was now 1 A.M. so we had to leave because we were to be up at 4 A.M. to catch our 6 Am. flight. So much for the early night.

Our flight to Layang layang was on a twin otter aircraft, slow but reliable. Layang is some 300 Kilometres north west of Kota Kinabalu in the China sea. Can't get much more remote than this. This man made Island was also a military base. Approaching by air was breathtaking. The island has an airstrip, military base, the resort and thousands of birds that play havoc with the pilot every time he tries to take off. The resort is right next to the airstrip. This resort is also a class act. We were greeted by the manager (who was a yarpey) and his Australian born wife. The resort I am told was built by the President's nephew as his personal little holiday spot, and later extended to accommodate divers. It hosts a large number of rooms complete with fridge, TV phone and air condition. The bar and restaurant is surrounded by a large verandah overlooking the pool. There are also large conference rooms, as well as the Royal suite.(More like a huge freestanding mansion). The setting here, to say the least is idyllic.

The diving here has to be seen to be believed. Unfortunately the wind and subsequent seas were not kind to us and as a result we had to dive on the western side of the island in the morning and the eastern side in the afternoon which meant we were diving in the shadows each time. Three dives a day are on offer here, and we only had 2 days here. Liam and I once again topped the dive count with 5 dives each. Turtles were scarce here, but once again sharks were plentiful, as were



publications. In 1981 he received an Honourable Mention in the NSW Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition, Novice Section. Later in 1981 Martin KANDILAS won the Novice Section of the same competition. In 1984 and 1985 he won the Open Section of the George Roberts Memorial Photographic Competition. Finally in 1986 he was placed 3rd in the highly competitive 'Open Section' of the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition. In more recent years he has continued to offer his services towards the running and judging of the Australian Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition.

For Martin KANDILAS it is without doubt the highest honour for recognition of services to diving from his colleagues at South Pacific Divers Club, his name now will stand proudly for Life with Denis ROBINSON, Bob SMITH and Rick LATIMER

### **DIVE REPORTS**

#### **Harbour Lights & Sights**

By John Harlen

The night was dark and stormy. Ten bold souls from South Pac stood on the rolling deck as the rain lashed their faces. Actually the deck wasn't rolling as the Southern Comfort is a catamaran and the rain only lashed the skipper as the rest of us either stood in a warm cabin or under the rear deck canopy. The weather was inclement however. I am of course referring to the first of the night dives on the harbour, and ten intrepid divers did, in fact, brave the wet, and the dreadful traffic, to board our vessel, for the night, at Rose Bay wharf. Leo B. was heard to mumble something about the sense in subjecting ourselves to such unpleasantness and wouldn't a cosy pub be more fitting. Never the less he duly stowed his apres dive refreshments in the fridge and proceeded to gear up with the rest of us. Due to the south easterly wind, that had blown all day, our planned dive site was just inside North Head off Flagstaff Point. We anchored in about 9 meters adjacent to the reef edge, which dropped to around 20 meters. Visibility was fairly good, certainly to the limits of our torchlight and the water temperature was a pleasant 21 degrees. This was the first time that Sarah and I had dived this site and we were surprised at how good it was. The sponge growth was prolific, particularly in the deeper areas. Some of the fascinating things we

saw included: a tiny red squat lobster, a juvenile lion fish, bright yellow and orange isopods, a yellow sea horse and best of all an angler fish. This was the first time I had seen an anglerfish in the wild, although I have seen many photos. It was only a couple of inches long with a face that only a mother could love. It resembled almost exactly a piece of grey sponge. Back on board the Southern Comfort we up anchored and headed off down the harbour as we cracked open a few coldies to wet our dry throats. Hot sausages and fried onions were laid out with bread rolls and condiments to be washed down with the beer. Where else in the world can you enjoy a great night dive and then cruise down a harbour with scenery like this. After passing under the harbour bridge on our way back to Rose Bay the sky was lit up by a spectacular fireworks display down by Circular Quay providing a celebratory end to the evening. I hope that the next weeks participants had as memorable an evening.

### **BASS POINT CLUB DIVE AND PICNIC**

#### **'THE ARCH'** by Barjumpa

As a boat owner I have often asked the question "Who in their right mind would 'rock hop' a dive?" The question was asked and answered on Sunday the 26 April...It would probably include someone who's boat is bugged.. All right have your laugh. I actually walked to the Arch dive site. (probably the last time for another few years too.) The sea was smooth for the occasion and the water even after the torrential rain storms of the week was clear, possibly 60ft viz, so from here to the walk back to the car the dive was set to be memorable. Two club boats with John Beddie, Paul Howlett and Margret Provan were moored over the site with Mark Dietz, Michael Dietz and two others in the second boat.

The water temperature was still surprisingly warm (but you get that on boat dives too). The Arch is a short fin out from the rocks and over a drop-off into 85 feet. The swimthrough is about 40 feet wide and varies from 25ft to 5 feet of clearance. The roof is lined with growth and is a macro observers delight although. I first dived this site about 18 years ago and recall the growth on the roof was much more prolific with large Gorgonians on the side walls. Unfortunately following the years being the popular dive site those accidental bumps and touches has had an



barracuda. A known spot for Hammer heads though we didn't see any. My highlight here was seeing this rather large Manta ray, I have never seen one before. What an awesome sight, seeing it glide towards me, and at the last second turning off and cruising over my head. It's span was in excess of 2 meters. The walls here were just adorned with gorgonian corals and vast sponge gardens. Everything here was in pristine condition. One dive saw us go to approximately 50 meters to a ledge that had a large black coral formation.

Next month will see the final chapter unfold on my trip to Malaysia

## **FAST FORWARD**

### **By Seedivers**

In a past issue I discussed video format, as you can see there are a number of video formats on the market.

A quick recap regarding format: VHS/VHS-C and 8mm are all in low band video. Super VHS/ Super VHS-C and Hi8 are all in the high band video. Digital format is the latest format on the camcorder market. If your intentions are of making this a serious hobby you should set your sights on high band or digital formats. These formats will copy with less loss in quality than the low band formats. This will be important when you consider post production of your video footage.

There are a number of other questions you will be asking yourself when buying a video camcorder; what kinds of subjects will I be recording e.g. holidays, family events, landscapes, gardens, water sports (that's getting closer). If the answer is underwater videoing we should talk about other considerations. Your budget will probably be the major factor when looking at the camcorder market. The only problem is that you have just doubled your investment costs because not only do you have to buy a camcorder you also have to have an environmental enclosure to encase the video camcorder i.e., an underwater housing.

When considering this new and exciting way to pour money into a pit and get the best out of your investment, you should look at the two items on the market at the same time; matching the camcorder functions to what the underwater housing will support.

The camcorders that I will concentrate on are the 8mm and digital video cameras. These formats are the most popular and have a range of housings on the market.

**THE VIDEO CAMERA-** The number of video cameras on the market is staggering. This does not help the selection process. The main areas with video cameras to consider are:

### **Optics:**

Optical zoom ( will vary from 10x to 22x), some cameras will have digital zoom (20x to 200x) the quality of the picture will be greatly reduced using these high zoom rates; Variable zoom speed; Focal length will vary from F3.9 to F80; View finder there are three types B&W, Colour, and LCD screens. The view finder will be more important when the camcorder is in the housing as you need to have clear view of the finder. Some housing will magnify the camcorder viewfinder.

### **Imaging:**

Minimum illumination, measured in Lux, important in low light situation under water. Image stabilisation, will make a big difference to the stable image on the screen. Focus both manual and auto. White balance, both auto and manual, different light sources have different colour temperatures will affect the overall colour balance of you footage. Program Auto Exposure (AE modes).

### **Effects:**

Digital Effects such as digital zoom; freeze frame; snap shot; strobe; dissolve and overlaps; fade in/out.

### **Editing:**

Time coding; insert dubbing; audio dubbing; edit terminal; AV in and out (Important points for post production)

Audio: Stero/mono, AFM/PCM, wind switch; ex mic socket; Headphone socket.

### **Battery type:**

The two main types of batteries are NiCad and Lnfolithium. The advantage of Lnfolithium is that they do not develop a charging memory and have a high capacity.

The above are functions that today's cameras have will vary depending on what brand you are looking at.

### Video makes on the Market.



Major brand names of video cameras on the market (taking into consideration housings) are Sony, Cannon, Panasonic, JVC.

Ballpark Costing (\$A and including tax)

Low Band video cameras will cost between: \$900 - \$1700

High Band video cameras will cost between: \$1900 - \$3000

Digital video cameras will cost between: \$3000 - \$9000

**VIDEO HOUSINGS-** There are a number of housings on the market and they will vary in size, shape, weight, materials and functionally.

Not wanting to labour a point again your budget will be a major factor in this selection. (It is important to have a financial controller, in this case my lovely wife with a sense of humor and working to buy my toys).

Functionally, as I said earlier, the housing has to have access to the video camera's functions. This is accomplished by physical contact with the camcorder through levers on the outside of the housing i.e. by moving the levers they will push function buttons on the camcorder. Or to have the camcorder electronics plugged into the housing circuits and camcorder controls connected to magnetic switching on the outside of the housing. The advantage of electronic coupling is more camcorder functions can be accessed and the points of penetration through the housing are kept to a minimum.

#### **Underwater Housing Assessment Criteria.**

Power on and off; record on and off; zoom in/out; switching between auto focus and manual focus, (very important in low light situations, auto focus tends to hunt in and out of focus ): external microphone: LED moisture detector

Housing such as Amphibico have access to all video functions on the Sony VX1000 digital camcorder.

Some housings will also let you switch in lens colour correction filters for use in shallow water. These filters will compensate for loss of magenta from the light spectrum.

#### **Housing sources include:**

**Manufacture products-** Sony (for a range of Sony cameras)

**Imported Housings -** Ikelite, Light & Motion, Amphibico, Gates, Subal. (Sea Optics SA)

**Australian Manufactures -** Wills (Melbourne), Seatite (Sydney)

Ballpark Costing (\$A and including tax) \$1100 - \$4000

Average Housing costs \$2000

#### **TIP**

With any housing there is always the possibility of flooding the camcorder. When looking at housing always examine the method of 'O' ring sealing and locking mechanisms. There are plenty of instances where the locking mechanism have been accidentally knocked and by the time you notice that there is water in the housing there is good chance that the video camcorder will be written off.

**In summary** ask these questions when making your purchase for a camcorder and underwater housing:

What format? Camcorder

What features does it have? Camcorder / Housing

What features do you think are important to your application? Camcorder / Housing

Does it have mic and headphones jacks? Camcorder

Does it have lens stabilisation? Camcorder

Does it have edit functionality? Camcorder

Does it have external mic? Housing

Does it have glass optic lenses? Wide Angle/Macro Housing

Does it have facility to mount video lights? Housing (this is another subject)

What accessories? Housing

Warranty- How long?/ what does it cover? Camcorder / Housing

Due to space in the Wet Rag I have only touched on some subjects. If I can help please call. If you want reading material, Australian Video Camera Magazine can be purchased at most News Paper shops on a monthly basis. The magazine also has a section on video gear test reviews and back issues of the magazine can be purchased.

Good diving and better videoing.



**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The following members are on the committee for the 1998 year.

Position	Name	Home No:	Work No:
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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	02 44 437 606	9385 2248
Martin Atkins (lives in Jervis Bay area)	044 43 4631	042 74 0210
John Cassidy	9564 3538	041 139 675
Peter Cassimatis (Bris)	07 3847 8082	
Geoff Cook	9543 5817 / 0418 294 897	018 29 4891
John Fardoulis	043 422 939	0419 230 244
Martin Kandilas	9725 7808	9725 7808
Bob May	045 79 1053	018649249 / 015469028

**Remember to support the Club Sponsors:**

Name	Contact:	Phone No:
Aquatic Explorers	Steve or Lee at 3/82-84 Captain Cook Drive, Caringbah	9531 1518
Beverley's Restaurant	Peter or Bev at 1 - 9 Meagher St Chippendale	9310 4878
Dive Quest	Chris or Gary at Mullaway	066 54 1930
Sea Tamer II Charter	Max Western	9524 1818 or 018 280 791
Shiprock Dive	Leo or Lesley at Lilli Pilli	9526 2664
Southern Cross Divers	Barry at The Spit Marina	9969 5072
South West Rocks Dive	Noel or Belinda	065 666 474
Twofold Dive Charters	Peter or Lorna at Eden	064 961 778



**Please ring the dive and social organisers or the club Phone on 0411 343 200  
on the Tuesday or Wednesday before the event to confirm details etc.**

### **UPCOMING DIVING ACTIVITIES**

**Contact Numbers:** John Harlen 9521 7210

**Shore dives:** Les Stewart 9637 1023

#### **May**

22<sup>nd</sup> Friday Harbour night dive on Southern Comfort \$30 includes dive, Sausage sizzle and harbour cruise, leaves 6.30pm contact John

30<sup>th</sup> Saturday dive the wreck of the Bombo 2 dives 8.00am and 9.30am \$20 contact John

#### **June**

20<sup>th</sup> Weekend away to Ulladulla Dive Saturday/sightseeing Sunday \$15 accommodation \$55 Double dive to Brush Island. Contact John

#### **July**

Proposed weekend to South West Rocks contact Graham Oates for details

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Contact Numbers:** Barbara 0412 588 213

#### **May**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> B.B.Q. Peter Foster's Birthday 5.30pm contact Barbara or Peter

#### **Upcoming Events**

A skirmish match has been proposed so get your camouflage ready, more details soon

#### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Remember, this month's meeting will be held on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1998**, starting at 8 pm in the Emile McDonald Room of the Bankstown Sports Club.

#### **FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 20<sup>th</sup> July and 17<sup>th</sup> August 1998



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Deadline for articles is the last day of the month.



**Minutes of the club meeting of  
South Pacific Divers Club at Bankstown Sports Club  
Monday 20th April 1998**

Meeting Opened: 8.15 members welcomed by Club President, Peter Foster.

Apologies: Scott and Debbie Eggington, Ilona Kandalis

**Secretary:**

Debbie Davis

Acceptance of previous club minutes: Accepted by Samantha Oates

Seconded by Gordon McDonald

**Peter Foster:** Read letter from Peter Mason - Peter had already phoned to invite to next meeting and he said they would come - comments Gordon said invite to next meeting, Martin asked was he a member (yes). Reply to letter formally Geoff suggested sending photo with letter of Skirmish diver.

**Incoming/Outgoing mail:**

Brisbane Water Club April newsletter, Trans Niugini Tours Brochure-diving New Guinea, Ryde Underwater Club April newsletter, Terrigal Underwater Club newsletter, Bank statement, Doubts newsletter, One-Tel phone bill, Australian Amateur Rebreather Group newsletter, Adventure Expo '98 brochure, Shoalhaven Dive Adventures brochure, URG newsletter.

**Treasurers Report:**

Graham Oates

March:	Income	\$572.00
	Expenses	\$784.85

**Breakdown - Income**

Membership fees	\$ 95.00
Social functions	\$ 16.00
Equipment Hire	\$ 20.00
Raffle	\$ 86.00
AUPY Entry Fees	\$355.00

**Expenses**

Dive Trip Deposits	\$200.00
AUPY Expenses	\$ 11.50
PO Box renewal	\$ 78.00
Club Insurance	\$494.85

Cheque Account Balance	\$ 544.11
Investment Account	\$10119.03
Petty Cash	\$ 150.00

**Dive Organisers Report**

Peter Foster  
in John's absence

Diving Sydney Harbour - night dive in May, Shellharbour Bass Point Dive sheets available for bookings. 3rd or 10th May Scott Eggington booked Foggys Cave Terrigal.

**Social Organisers Report**

Barbara Sweetman

Friday night Bev's Restaurant, May 16th Peter Foster's B'Day at his place, Skirmish Match next month unsure of venue as yet.



## **Photographic Officers Report**

Peter Flockart

Photo comp closed and judged 91 entries in total

23 Open Section

29 Novice Section

19 Individual section

8 Creative section

12 Video section

Winners to be decided in next few days - information sent to Sport Diving Magazine. Presentation night 18th July 1998. Judges: Martin Kandalls, Tom Byron, Cathy Welsh. 40 Sponsors for night - Rodney Fox main speaker, Dicksey Ford 2nd speaker (from Historical Society) old diving suits and equipment as display for night. Tickets on sale now - still being printed.

## **Publicity Officer:**

Paul Howlett

Article in Wet Rag showing date of AUPY more articles to go to Dive Log. Web Page site running (demo site) next week material will be on Web Page. All email sites will be notified, email address will be on next Wet Rag. [www.newmedia.com.au/Dive](http://www.newmedia.com.au/Dive) this address is temporary for next few days till site is finished. Geoff Cook asked if Web site is extension of Wet Rag and information can be added when required. Yes. Web master will load all information not Paul Howlett. SPD Transport have Web site may be hard to use this address as this site is up and running, \$100 for registration of name per annum. "South Pac" possible address.

## **Equipment Officer:**

Russell Stoker

Equipment all OK, asked Geoff if Mag was alright, used by Geoff and in perfect condition- not good reading on the day.

## **BREAK**

Leo showed slides from Sipadan (Borneo), Truk Lagoon, Vanuatu, (plenty of turtles).

**Dive Reports:** No minutes taken on dive reports tonight.

**General Business:** The Galava Wreck dive 51M - trip to Ulladulla John has information. Sunday Bass Point dive meet 9.00am, picnic after. Martin thanked Peter for allowing him to judge, hopefully a workshop for Novice Photographers can be set up-cropping slides etc very time consuming judging Saturday 9-5.30, Sunday 9-3.30pm Open Section took 3 hours to judge. Overseas entrants 7 Open Section, 4 Novice, 5 Individual, 1 Video, 2 Creative. 10 Club members entered usual locations, growth etc in some slides. Samantha Oates - re spearfishing in Fish Rock letters to be signed and returned to Minister. Peter Flockart - photo expo 15-17th May, Darling Harbour to see photographic equipment and 21st-24th May, Adventure Expo, Rosehill Racecourse. John Beddie taking his boat to Bass Point arrange with him if your Interested. Peter Foster - slide show May meeting, Mark Spencer slides on Tasman for June meeting.

Meeting Closed: 9.50pm