

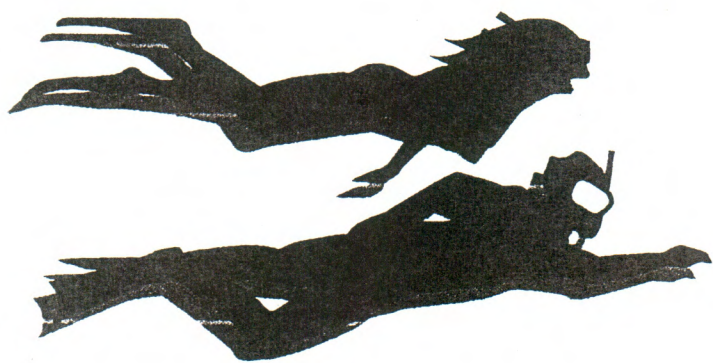
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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS' CLUB (established 1962)

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SEPTEMBER 1998



Dive

for fun



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, 21st September 1998.

PRESIDENTS TIDINGS

by Peter Foster

After the last month's meeting I took the time to speak to one or two of the old club members about the club in years gone by. One of these members was around as far back as the 1960's and he made some pointed comments.

He said that at the club meetings the main topic of the night was diving, which was very true. This is my third period as a club member since the mid eighties and I must say diving was always the main topic of conversation on the night.

Lately a lot of the meetings have seen the club look like a political forum and not a dive club. Healthy debate on various subjects have and always will be part of South Pacific Divers, which leads me to the club rules of incorporation. This subject has been a bone of contention at many meetings. So if you want a chance to change these rules I will be holding a special meeting on **26th October** and hope the outcome will be satisfactory to everyone. If you the club member are unhappy with the rules come along and have your say; we can't be more democratic than that. This is a chance to rewrite our club rules which may help the club get back to being a dive club once more, that's my main wish.

The weather as we all know hasn't been the best as far as diving is concerned, so I ask you the club members to give any dive reports at the next meeting. Let's talk about diving and avoid the politics if we can. Talking of diving, on Sept 18th there will be a night dive at Shiprock and on Sept 20th the club has booked Max Western for a double dive. First dive will be on the Tuggerah with a reef dive later in the day.

The club will be diving with Southern Cross on 11th October doing a dive on the Annie Miller and a second dive on the Dunbar. I have spoken to club sponsors Action Divers of Foster and they have put together a weekends diving for \$173.00. This will include dives on the Satara, Edith Breaker Caves and possibly the cathedral if weather permits. Action Divers Price includes a second tank. For these dives and more see Upcoming Dive Activities on the back of the newsletter or contact John Harlen.

Still on diving I have been unable to secure a

booking on the MV Indulgence in Jervis Bay but should one pop up we need a list of those who would like to go, see me if you're interested. This October weekend I will be heading down the South Coast for a few dives. I hope to spend a day diving on the Walter Hood and then head down and dive Broulee cave and maybe squeeze a dive in on the John Penn, weather permitting.

Anyone want to come ????? After this possibly a dive in Jervis Bay.

Currently one or two club members are diving on Mike Ball's new boat (Paradise Sport) in Papua New Guinea, so the next meeting should see some great dive reports. Peter Flockart will show the top four winning videos from the AV night for everyone to enjoy.

A night dive will be arranged once a month on Southern Comfort as the weather is starting to warm up. Also is anyone interested in a night dive on the Valient at Palm Beach??

Don't forget that Christmas will soon be here and what do you the member want to do??

At the start of the year the club did a few shore dive days up and down the coast and we will be running these again I hope.

This message talks a lot about diving and so will my next one, after all this is meant to be the best dive club in Australia is it not?? So lets hear dive reports from the members and lets read about the diving in the Wet rag files.

Also don't forget Leo B has proposed a trip to Truk Lagoon for Easter 1999 so if you love wrecks don't miss out!!!

Photographic Officer's Report

Well all the thankyou and winners letters have gone out and the comp can be put to bed for another year. Over the next couple of meetings I will be showing the winning videos and slides to all members. This will enable people to see the entrant's slides in a more relaxed atmosphere. There will be no George Roberts Comp this year but it will certainly run in one format or another in 1999.

Peter Flockart.

Editor's Message

As this is my first go at the newsletter there are no photographic tips this month. I would like to see more dive reports from other members, not just one or two.

DIVE REPORTS

Stroll in Halifax Park

By John Harlen

The rain came down in a steady stream. Leaden skies cast a gloomy shroud over the scene.

Five Southpac divers surveyed the oily current line that swept past the channel marker off Halifax Park in Port Stephens. The water had the colour of weak tea. Heinz and Tad had just called, from their mobile, on their way back from Forster where they had had 15-20m viz, lots of sharks and a pilot whale, while diving the pinnacles. Funnily enough they weren't particularly interested in doing a second dive. The pinnacles, of course, are a couple of miles off the coast and swept by clean ocean currents. Even at the top of the tide in Port Stephens the water was showing the effects of the vast quantities of muck being spewed out by the Hunter river a couple of miles down the coast.

Not to be dismayed the intrepid Southpaw team eagerly geared up (it is better to be in a drysuit while standing in pouring rain. A short walk placed us at the waters edge and we entered as the tide slackened with the last of the run in. At least the water was a pleasant 18 degrees but the viz was 2 meters at best. Torches quickly became mandatory as we descended the steep slope to the best invertebrate growth areas between 15 and 20 meters.

We drifted gently over a carpet of dense sponge and soft coral growth amid masses of silver bream and a solitary blue grouper. Due to the almost night time levels of light, all the soft coral polyps were extended. Some crinoids (feather stars) were also extended for feeding in the dark conditions. Morays were moving amongst the mini forest on the bottom. In the shallows a school of half metre long

silver drummer were sheltering from the current behind a large rock, and tailor and luderick were racing back and forth.

For those who haven't dived here before, Halifax (and nearby Fly Point) are two of the best shore dives in NSW. The invertebrate growth is equal or better to anything else around except for a few inaccessible deeps ocean reefs like Stoney Creek. Entry and exit is about as easy as it comes and they can be dived in almost any conditions (as we proved). The only thing you really have to watch for is the tides (which are the reason for the fantastic growth. Diving can only really be done at the change of the tides (preferably high) due to the strong currents.

It's better than sitting at home watching a video. Even on a rainy day.

PORTSEA DIVING

During early February Sarah found herself marooned in Melbourne for a weekend between work commitment and to avoid unnecessary suffering we agreed that I would join her for a weekend of diving and wine tasting on the Mornington peninsula. We met at Portsea on the southern most tip of the peninsula and facing Queenscliffe across the entrance of Port Philip Bay. We collected a couple of tanks & weight belts from the dive shop, did some quick sightseeing out at one of the ocean beaches and then got geared up for a dusk dive under the Portsea pier.

The pier is one of the most popular dive sites in Melbourne. On any weekend there will be crowds of divers boarding boats, doing pleasure dives or participating in courses around the pier. On weekdays things are lot less busy. At dusk we were the only divers in the water, although other night divers were arriving as we got out. The pier is heavily decorated with invertebrate growth and long kelp. The piles are completely encrusted in with sponges and zoanths with lots of little critters amongst them. We also saw a weedy sea dragon here. We spent a very relaxing warm up dive in 18 degrees of fairly clear water. Importantly the pub is right next door to the pier as are two-dive shop.

The next morning we showed up for a boat dive on the 36m sub (also called the yellow sub) It is one of three scuttled J class subs in Port Philip bay and the most intact. It lies in 36 metres of water just outside the heads and is completely encrusted in yellow zoanthids, hence the name. Sarah & I felt a little underdressed on the boat. We were the only divers without twin tanks (we weren't forewarned). Most of the others were diving with NITROX to increase their bottom times but there was also a bunch of technical divers doing a trimix training dive. They were wearing twin trimix tanks on their backs, twin nitrox travel mix tanks under their arms and twin computers, reels and lift bags for underwater decompression. One of their number ripped his cuff seal and flooded his drysuit on the dive.

Despite the southern Tasman's bad reputation, conditions were almost perfect outside. The sea was so flat you could have waterskied out. Our next surprise was the way they anchor on the wreck, they don't. To avoid damaging the wreck or its encrusting growth they put a shot line down next to it. Basically a rope with a weight belt on one end and a pink float on the other. When you're all geared up the boat motors over to the float and everyone piles out. You are told no to pull on the line (otherwise it will drag away from the wreck). This includes your ascent and deco, so your buoyancy control needs to be pretty good.

Maybe we caught it on a good day but I have to say this dive was brilliant. Viz was about 15 m so we could see the wreck from well above. It sits upright and mostly intact on the bottom. The encrusting growth is beautiful and large schools of pike and nannygai were seen around the mid sections. The hull may be entered via hatches in the conning tower, rear deck or holes in the rear hull. There is plenty of light in the rear holes but the bows are dark and a reel is sound precaution here. One female diver has died here due to entrapment.

After a few hours of surface interval we headed out on an afternoon dive. By this stage the weather had deteriorated to the Melbourne

norm, ie: continuous rain. We were diving at slack water and had planned to dive the wreck of the Eliza Ramsden, which is in 28 m of water in the shipping channel. However due to shipping movements this wasn't possible. Instead we dived in part of the rip, a turbulent stretch of water that separates the heads of Port Philip bay. The daily tide exchange here feeds a rich carpet of invertebrate life. The tide can run at 5 knots, so diving is restricted to the top or bottom of the tide. The bottom at this dive site consisted of a series of canyons and swim-throughs. The top of the reef is coated in bull kelp, long streamers of seaweed about half a metre wide and several metres long. The overhangs are decorated with the rich invertebrate life that these sorts of strong currents support. Several of the other divers brought back crayfish weighing a couple of kilos each. In Victoria divers can collect 4 crays per day on scuba. This area however is being proposed as a marine national park, which would stop all fishing activities.

Sunday dawned windy and raining again; not much good for diving but this didn't matter as we had a full day's wine tasting planned. There are dozens of wineries in the area.

So, is it worthwhile?? Definitely. The sea life is generally more prolific than Sydney due to the strong currents and nutrient rich water. There are dozens of wrecks within a few minutes boat ride and there are a lot of other things to do when not diving. On the downside, the water is colder and the weather less reliable. The dive shops are much more concerned about training qualifications than in Sydney.

We dived with Diver Instruction Services (DIS) mainly because they are open during the week and we could collect our tanks on Friday for a night dive. Melbourne Diving Service is straight across the road. We stayed just a few minutes drive away at a place called the scuba camp. For \$20 one night or \$ 15 for more than one night, you get a bunk and breakfast (toast & cereal), BYO bed linen.

There are heaps of other accommodation choices however.

Give it a go sometime!!!!!!!!!!!!

John Harlen

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

This item was pulled off the net

Sydney University Underwater Club Annual Harbour Cruise

Announcing the Sydney University Underwater Club's Harbour Cruise!

Last years Harbour Cruise was absolutely awesome! This year will be better!

The cruise is on this Friday night. Tickets are available now!!! You can buy them on Wednesday at the Wentworth Bridge at University between 12 and 2. Or you can purchase them from any committee member. If you still cannot get holds of one give me a call or send me a mail and we can make further arrangements. The cruise includes unlimited food and drinks for only \$25.

Look forward to catching you all there;

Phone Number is: 9955-3128

Shaun Lonergan (Treasurer)

JUNIOR DIVER (Dive Report)

By Wace Hamilton (W'gong)

I've been having a go at diving since I was 3 yrs old when dad was in Vanuatu diving the Coolidge on Santo. Recently I went on holidays to Huskisson and had a shallow dive on the end of Martin Atkins boat anchor in 9m with dad. Then we went over to Summercloud bay and had a shore dive of 20 mins in 4 metres.

I then went out on Bob May's bid red boat to Point Perpendicular where dad had a very clear but cold dive. Next it was my turn; dad, Dave Hytch and I dropped in for a drift dive near Boat Harbour towards the Docks. I only lasted 10 mins because I was only wearing a spring suit and it was 14 degrees below 10 metres.

On Saturday, dad, & me Jeff Howells & Martin Atkins headed north of The Arch in sloppy seas and fine weather. The wind was blowing from the NE and I got a bit seasick so dad stayed in the boat with me. Jeff and Martin dived to 140 ft but had to cut it short because Martin had left cleaning fluid in his tank valves and contaminated his air. We left there and headed back to boat harbour for lunch. The Docks were out because of the swell so the only

alternative was the NW corner of Bowen Island. We anchored in 70ft with the stern in 40ft of water. I'm now wearing an 8mm long john for the cold but the water was around 21 degrees and with a 72 cu ft tank on a harness Martin had to help me into the water while dad waited for me.

Regulator in hand we headed for the anchor rope.

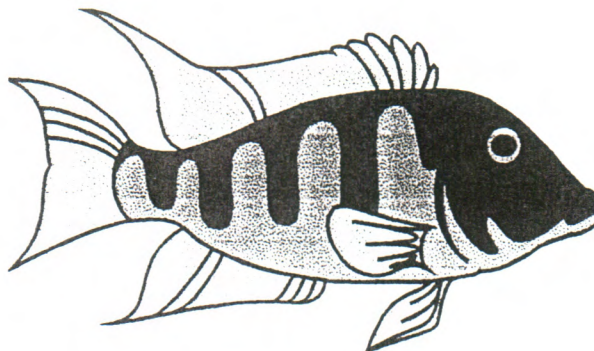
Descent was slow as dad kept checking to see that I was OK. It took ages to reach the bottom, probably because I was excited to get there and start our dive. Dad tightened up my equipment: weight belt and harness once I got comfortable. I spotted a blue grouper circling us, but he didn't like the bread we had brought but the smaller fish zoomed in on it. We had a great time looking round under the anchor rope until it was time to go. We headed up slowly on the anchor until we could see the boat. Dad made me leave the anchor rope and swim to the deco shot line at the back of the boat for a 5-min safety stop. I had a grin from ear to ear and dad was more excited than me.

Max Depth 20 metres for a Dive Time of 28 minutes

I'm hooked on diving!!!!!!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

On 26th October at 8pm there will be a special meeting held to discuss the proposed changes to the club's constitution. If you are interested come and support your club.



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

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Equipment Officer:	Glen Percy – Call Aquasports Dive Store Yagoona.		
Newsletter Editor:	*** Position Vacant***		

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.

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
Martin Kandilas	9725 7808	9725 7808

If you are a boat owner and would like to be added to this list contact the committee.

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

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	02 6496 3384

DON'T FORGET THE CLUB PHONE NUMBER 0411 343 200

CLUB GEAR

The Club has a variety of gear for sale, hire or loan. This includes T-shirts, Stickers, BumBags, Shirts, Sweaters, Caps, The Magnetometer, Two sets of Oxygen equipment, BBQ, and much much more. Inquiries should be directed to the Equipment officer.

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

September

18th Friday night dive at Shiprock Meet at 7pm for 7.30pm in the water. Contact John Harlen

20th Sunday double dive with Max Western doing the Tuggerah and a reef dive. Leaving Dolans Bay Wharf at 10am. Cost will be \$50.00. Contact John Harlen

October

11th Double dive with Southern Cross Divers: Annie Miller and the Dunbar Cost \$60.00. Contact John Harlen

25th Picnic and Dive Day at Kurnell.

November

27th to 29th Weekend with Action Divers at Forster. Weekend includes 4 dives/accom/ airfills. Diving will be on the Satara, Edith Breaker Caves, Seal Rocks and sharks. Cost is \$173.00 per person. Contact Peter Foster.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

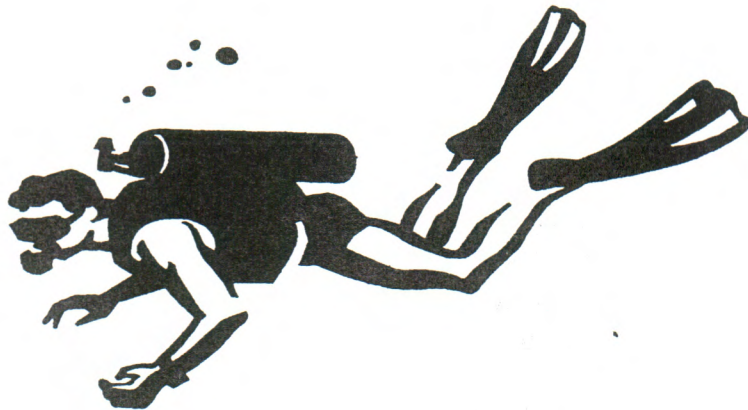
16th Dinner at Bev & Petes in Meagher Street Chippendale

DECEMBER

13th Christmas Party, to be held at Gunamatta Park (Cronulla). Details to be finalised

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Deadline for articles is the last day of the month. Wet Rag, the South Pacific Divers' Club Newsletter, is published by South Pacific Divers' Club. Edited by Peter Flockart



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c/o club PO Box as on front cover.

**Minutes of the meeting of South PaciDivers Club
at Bankstown Sports Club
Monday 16th August 1998**

Meeting Opened: 8.10pm Peter Foster welcomed members and visitors

Apologies: Scott Egginton, Gaynor Mason, John Betty, Mark Deitz, Illona Kandalis.

Peter Foster: Leo to chair meeting regarding his motion for AV night.

Secretary: Debbie Davis minutes of previous meeting read Accepted by Peter Mason. Seconded by Glen Percy

Incoming Mail: Night of Adventure brochure, Brisbane Underwater Club. TUG, URG newsletters, Dive Log subscription form, Amanda Taylor thankyou for AV night & membership application, Sea Hornet letter re prize for AV night, Merridy Can-Duff \$5 return of slides.

Treasurers Report: Graham Oates

August Income \$8221.99

Expenses \$4183.50

Breakdown

Income		Expenses	
Membership fees	\$125	Stationery	\$65.15
Club Gear Sales	\$ 35	Postage	\$97.90
Raffle	\$ 48	Telephone charges	\$92.39
AV night tickets	\$5783	AUPY trophies	\$947.00
AV raffle	\$2204.85	AV Night	\$2924.60
Interest	\$ 26.14	Miscellaneous \$	50.00
		Bank Charges \$	6.46

Account Balances:

Cheque Account	\$7496.97
Investment account	\$8143.67
Petty Cash	\$ 286.40

\$2000 was transferred from cheque A/C to investment A/C during month.

Accepted: Gordon McDonald Seconded: Martin Kandalis

Dive Report: John Harlen - Halifax Park last weekend 2m vis. 18th September night dive 7.30pm. Tuggerah & Reef dive with Max Western - Dolans Bay 27th Sept.

Photographic Officer: Peter Flockart letters sent to winners and sponsors. Certificates of appreciation to be sent to sponsors. Video's copied onto tape of 3 winners and encouragement award. Slides from 1,2,3, winners in each section for presentation to meetings.

Equipment Officer: Glen Percy will report next meeting when all gear has been collected.

Peter Foster: letters from Geoff Cook re resignation and reply also Scott & Debbie Egginton. No apology to be forthcoming, if further discussion is to take place tonight Martin Kandalis to take chair.

Members Dive Reports: *Peter Mason:* Halifax Park was only 2m vis. *Glen Percy:* Night dive with Max Western, howling wind which later dropped - dived gullies 60m vis with warm water. *Peter Foster:* Proposed trip to Tasmania diving Nord & King Island possibly Feb-March.

BREAK

Raffle Drawn 1st prize Leo B -Aqua Sports Yagoona Diver Safe Kit

(cylume,safety sausage,whistle in carry pack)

2nd Les Stewart - Boat Dive Max Western

3rd Martin Kandalis - T-shirt Aquatic Explorers

4th Glen Townsend- two airfills Shiprock Dive

General Business: Who will print the next Wet Rag, anyone willing to do it Leo perhaps. Peter Flockart will print next Wet Rag. Night to Forget 13/11/98 cost \$10 University of NSW.

Gordon McDonald - re the O2 equipment - people to use it must be current holders of CPR certificate. *Sarah* asked does anyone have one. *Glen* said used as a resuscitation unit probably OK - need certificate to use as therapy unit he will find out. Peter German would provide course if anyone interested. *Glen Townsend* - facilitate members with training in CPR courses or whatever - subsidise members with club meeting half costs. *Mark Spencer* did DAN course \$90 -12 monthly renewal. Check information and raise at next meeting. *Debbie E* - Craig asked about voting - no age mentioned in constitution - add to constitution. *Glen Percy* junior divers from 12 years. *Gordon McDonald* junior members under 18 full members over 18. *Jackie Owen* - think about rule changes and draft changes. *Peter Mason* before voting on changes rules need reviewing, no mention of money limit in constitution, copy of rules should be at meetings. Proposal - meeting in 2 months time for those interested to change rules and then vote as block. *Gordon Mc* what did we do with 35 changes from past. *Leo B* - there is a cost involved in changing rules. *Leo B* - "motion" those interested in changes organise a special meeting for the night 3 weeks notice in writing Monday night in October. *Peter Mason* - Sutherland Leader interested in fate of weedy sea dragon - list to be posted out - fill in survey. *Gordon Mc* - next AGM meeting - *Peter Foster* to bring to next meeting. *Debbie D* read from amendments re AGM rules to be updated - *Russell* has constitution on disc will email to Mark Spencer at work. *Barbara S* - Geoff resigned letters circulated response to Geoff from Peter Foster. *Leo B* letter to Allways Peter tried to phone Leo asked to send letter. *Peter Flockart* read letter from Amanda Taylor and Karin Slade. *Leo B* review letter of complaint try to fix next time.

Meeting Closed 10.20pm.

Leo B to take chair re discussion and motion over competition.

Peter Mason: Rules of incorporation photo-copies please take one.

Leo B: Jackie Owen at committee table to scrutinize the opening of postal votes: Robert Westerdyk (1): Paul Angwin (1): Lyn & Neil Vincent (2): Bill Atherton (1): Martin Atkins (1): Brent Hedges (1): David Lott (1)

Discussion and voting on motion proposed by Leo B.

Peter Foster: called meeting to order.

Leo B - reason for motion, contrary to new members belief in him opposing presentation night. 1992 club incorporated, 1993 rules submitted, August '93 became president, April '94 special meeting to deliberate rules.

Rules state 2 proxy votes: Rules on voting 1st rule: Page 12 No 28 (May 94 copy) rule being read. Special resolution Rule 26 (May 94 copy) Objectives (page 1) which way do we vote 75% or 50%. Discussion took place.

Scott Leimroth: vote re AV night not relevant to objectives.

Leo B some members sneaky

Martin K: No members sneaky, or diverse - within bounds of constitution.

Peter Mason: Voting on AV night not a objective of club because not in rules so therefore the vote should be by majority. Seconded: Martin Kandalis.

Count: For - unanimous Against - nil Abstain: the returning officer not allowed to vote.

Leo B: open for discussion keep it clean 1 for 1 against. Leo asked Martin Kandalis to clarify his statement from last meeting re adversity leading up to AV night. Martin - some in club didn't want AV to go ahead will not mention names they weren't going to the night (small group wished comp to flop).

Debbie E: clarification to costs - expenses worked out, what are we paying for.

Martin K Comp being going for 17yrs. \$6000 added by Kim Cohen unofficial aim to put money in bank \$1000 in bank account back then \$5000 by Bob Smith not always a financial success. One year a profit one year a loss. Mid 80's 5 big profits in a row. Aug 93 account \$11,000 - Aug 94 \$20,000.

Gordon Mc: Money side of things irrelevant, comadery between people more important.

Glen: source of income from new members after AV night.

Peter Mason: Determine increase in members from AV night from past membership. Hearsay re member increase and profit. Peter drawn by AV night, left club then influenced to return. Without AV night SPDC would be like all other clubs.

Glen: all comments positive so far.

Debbie E: Queried \$92.00 parking fee at printers.

Graham O: No hidden costs re funds all should be up front asked by Peter Mason if receipts were available answered yes.

Russell: Why so much?

Graham O: All work done is on a voluntary basis.

Scott Leimroth: Expenses and money spent irrelevant - costs would be a lot higher if not done by volunteers. People worrying about costs - it's petty.

Leo B: printing could have been done for nothing - offer not taken up.

Debbie E: \$500 for second prize approved by club members why wasn't it done.

Peter Foster, committee made executive decision - if club was to contribute other sponsors might be put out. second prize was not needed as mentioned at meeting. Peter quoted Rule 36 page 17 sub-paragraph i.

Peter Mason; lets get on with it.

Leo B: Secret ballot - proxy votes 2, 7 postal votes, Jackie Owen sat at table while opening. All present collect ballot paper.

Mark Spencer: Any mail - Leo B: - only 7 postal votes - with no comments.

Leo B: proxy from Gaynor Mason, Samantha Oates, Scott Egginton

Debbie E: asked if under 18yrs allowed to vote as Craig would like to have voted.

Leo B: Under 18 not allowed to vote in government elections. Should we allow under 18 yrs to vote in club matters. Open to discussion for future.

Vote Results: Informal votes 1, No 5, Yes 30. Leo thanked Russell for printing of ballot papers.

Leo left chair and Peter Foster chaired meeting.