



WET RAG

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS' CLUB (established 1962)
AUGUST 1999

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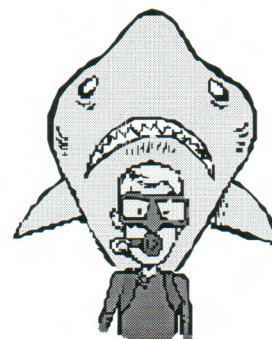
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- In this edition of the wet rag we introduce you to our new committee, to try to make the names Bernie, Louise, Linh, Glen, Leo, Jackie, Scott and of course Whitey actually mean something to our members.
- We look at the second Part in the series of Noel Taylors Photographic hints
- We introduce our members to What the Royal volunteer coastal Patrol do and how they can be of assistance to us as divers.
- We begin to give our sponsors a little more recognition for supporting our club giving one sponsor each month a space in our newsletter to promote their wares. Sth West rocks this month.. as should be obvious.
- We hear about members recent dives
- **And of course we find out when we are next Diving!!!!!!**

Meetings of the Club are normally held at 8pm on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Emile McDonald Room of the Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Parade, Bankstown. This month's meeting will be held on **Monday, 16th August 1999**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE*Bernie Kraul*

Well..... it is starting to sink in now, being in the middle of things. But that was my general idea to mill around with my old Sth Pac buddies again.

Now many of your fellow club members may be asking "Who the hell is he? What's he doing and why does he stand for president without warning?!!..

As For my name, my dear mother thought to name the child "Bernard" that would have been good, but she found she could not afford the "a" and "r" so the name "Bernd" was pinned on me for the rest of my life, right??...Wrong! Bernie is my name, just Bernie.

As for my last name, I only use it once every year on the tax-return form. For those who would like to pronounce it correctly, just say; "Crown" ... now forget the "n" and say "I"; "Crowl"!!!

What's he doing? He goes as quick as a whistle when he begins to slice, to turn healthy livestock into BBQ goodies.

As for the president thing, well I liked to do something New, something Challenging, with a lot of Fun. And Fun we shall have. (*See following paragraphs.....hehehe Whitey*)

Now lets Dust off the Dive gear and go diving.

I hope many of you will feel enthusiastic to come to our next club meeting Monday August 16, 8pm Bankstown Sports Club.

I'll Be there.

Bernie..

New Presidents Decree:

Due to the Cultural diversity evident in our new committee, and the difficulty in conveying Thoughts and ideas through a wide variety of accents and languages, English has been adopted as the official language of S.P.D.C. As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 6-Month phase-in plan that would be known as "Sth Pac English".

In the first month, 's' will replace the soft 'c'.

Sertainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. The hard 'c' will be dropped in favor of the 'k'. This should klear up konfusun and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond month when the troublesome 'ph' will be replased with the 'f'. This will make words like 'fotograf' 20% shorter! In the 3rd month, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expected to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. The kommitee will enkorage the removal of double leters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that

the horrible mes of the silent 'e' in the languag is disgrasful and it should go away.

By the 4th munth, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing 'th' with 'z' and 'w' wiz 'v'.

During ze fifz munz ze unesesary 'o' kan be dropd from vords kontaining 'ou' and similar changes vud of kurs be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters.

After ze fifz munz ve vil hav a rali sensibl ritn styl. Zer vil be no mor trubl or difikultis and evriun vil find it ezi tu undrstand ech ozer.

Zen Z Drem Vil Finali Kum Tru!!

Editors Message*Whitey*

Welcome to my first edition of the Wet Rag. Thank you to Peter Flockhart for his tireless effort in the publication of our previous Wet Rags as a Temporary Editor he surpassed all expectations.

About me; I do have a real name but I don't use it. I have been SCUBA diving on and off since getting my Open Water Certification in 1986 and then Advanced O/W (PADI) in 1990, but only in the last 18 mths have I got really serious about my diving. I am an Avionics Engineer (Glorified Auto-Electrician on 747's) and also DJ on a Community radio station and a Nightclub for "fun".

As regards the SPDC Web page it is well on its way. But as yet it unfit for public consumption. I will keep you informed of the progress. All suggestions or contributions welcomed.

My main message to you the members is... HELP!!!!!! This is your magazine and in order for it to be of any relevance at all to you, the readers, I have to have input from you, as to what you want to read and more importantly what information you would like to share with other club members. If you would like a regular column please feel free to email, call or "Snail mail" me. The deadline for all future Wet rags is the last day of the month.

A few people have already asked if I could email them the wet rag instead of posting it via normal means. If this method suits you I am only too happy to oblige, just email me with your address.

I can be contacted via email
whitey@nextcentury.com.au

Or Snail mail: PO Box 7018

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Or the Club PO Box.

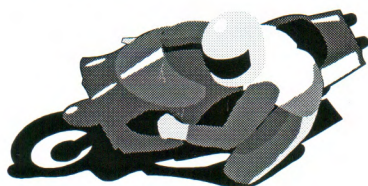
Ciao 4 Now

Whitey



Secretary – Louise Wilson

I took up diving in Scotland in 1986 and am qualified as a BSAC Advanced Diver and Open Water Instructor as well as having completed my IANTD Advanced Nitrox qualification. My favourite dive sites in Scotland are Scapa Flow where the German Fleet was scuttled and the St Kilda islands which are about 100 miles west of the mainland - saw over 100 nudibranchs on just one dive here! The best diving I've done in Oz so far was a trip to Ningaloo Reef in WA where the coral spawn at Easter time seems to encourage whale sharks to visit snorkeling with these magnificent



creatures was truly amazing. Apart from diving, my main passion is my Honda VTR100 bike – not knowing any roads or bikers

here has meant I've not got out on it as much as I'd have liked too, but I'm intending on changing that over the summer.

Treasurer - Linh La

I started diving 1995. As with my diving career I'm short and sweet. I am a bank manager for "which bank?", but I am NOT the one that rejected your loan application although if you would like you can submit a loan and I will reject it. I feel the cold and generally only dive in summer when I still wear a dry suit. In the long winter months I stay indoors where it is warm.

Photographic Officer – Glen Percy

I began diving in 1975 and my association with SPD started in 1979. I've been involved in the club in one form or another pretty much ever since. For those of you that don't know me I run a dive store and have been teaching diving for 21 years. I have taught 5 of the previous SPDC Photographic officers wives to dive or at least to further their dive training. On the photographic side I've scored in the top ten a number of times in the AUPY (never won a prize!) but I did score a gold medal in Oceans '84. I shoot with a Nikon F3 in a housing, Nikonos cameras and Aqua Sea strobes.

Dive Organiser - Jackie Rotenstein

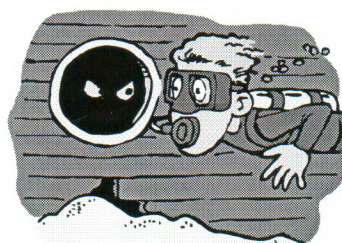
Jackie Rotenstein – definitely an addicted diver! I joined Southpac in January 1998 and became dive organiser in January 1999. 60 of my dives over the past 18 months have been club dives or club-related dives. When I joined Southpac, I had only dived to 30 metres. My diving experience has certainly grown over the past 18 months through diving with some of the more experienced club members to the point where over the last few months I have been

diving the 45-50 meters wrecks off Sydney more and more comfortably. Southpac is a great club if you enjoy diving (as I do!).

Dive Organiser – Leo Bergagnin

I first joined SPDC in 1992, served on the committee as president from 1993 to mid 1997 and returned to the committee this year as publicity officer. After some months of deliberation I agreed to run with Jackie as dive organiser. It was my intention not to stand for any committee position, contrary to the opinion of some poor fools who were suggesting otherwise. I admire Jackie's enthusiasm and this has led me to reconsider my position. My ambition for the coming year is to see the club dive as frequently as it did under the reign of Geoff Cook, big shoes to fill, I can assure you. Last Sunday we had five dive boats attend and by November I am hoping to have ten. I have a preference to wreck diving and my favourite two dives are without a doubt the US Warship "Kanawa" in the Solomon's and the "Aikoko Maru" in Thuuk Lagoon, both in approximately 65m of water. My least favourite dive is Clifton Gardens. My worst experience underwater was outbreathing my regulator on the Birchgrove Park. My most pleasurable experience Underwater was diving with manta rays on Leyang Leyang Island in Malaysia Last year.

Social Organiser - Scott Eggington

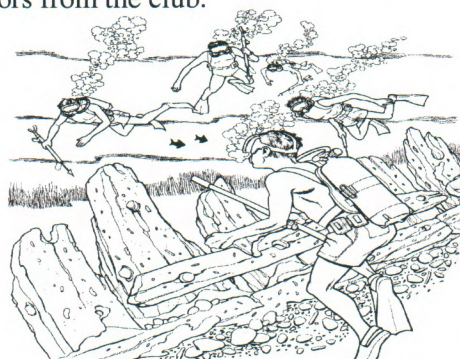


I commenced diving in 1994 and have attained my nitrox and extended range certification. I joined SPDC in 1995 and am an avid "Wreck Rat". I am an ecological diver, leave nothing but bubbles and remove everything else. I am

keen to organise family functions and return the club to the happy days of old. My favourite dive is "The Birchy" and my worst dive's don't have any rust or rivets.

Get well John.

Some members may not be aware that long time club supporter and wreck diving guru, John Sumner was badly injured in a car accident and has been laid up in hospital with a couple of nasty broken legs. We all wish John a speedy recovery and hope to see him finning around the bottom soon. He's in Royal North Shore Hospital and would appreciate visitors from the club.



Photographic officers report

Glen Percy

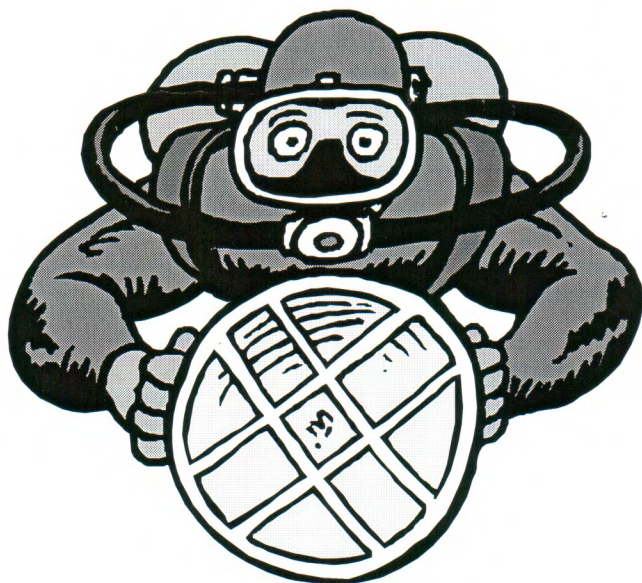
As this is my first official report, allow me to thank our outgoing (but not gone!) Photographic officer Peter Flockhart esq. Peter held the job for four years and that makes him the longest serving photographic officer in South Pac's history. On ya Pete!

I have now collected the records and files and have started the job of sifting through to familiarize myself with what's hiding in the filing cabinet and will report on that later.

I have already received the first entries for the George Roberts comp so if you have been active with your camera gear, pick what you think you like and put them in. Thanks to some great sponsors like Aqualung Australia and Chris Connell at Dive Quest we have some great prizes to award to the talented winners so get shooting. Details are further on in this issue. On another note (pardon the pun) I would like to ask for suggestions from ANY club member regarding music they think would work in the A.V. Basically it has to be Instrumental, water oriented and just a little bit different. Give me a ring or talk to me at the meeting if you think you have something that fits.

Don't forget to get you photo's in for the club comp.

Glen.



Social organisers report:

Scott Eggington

Our first social function for this committee year will be held on the 4th of September from 5pm at the residence of Mr. Leo Bergagnin. This Auspicious occasion coincides with the last time Mr. Bergagnin will be in possession of his house before his trip and subsequent Mortgage to pay Bail and fines from the Vanuatu trip beginning the following week. Meat and Drinks will be provided for a small fee, or you are quite welcome (read Encouraged) to bring your own drinks. All profits from the day will be going towards buying a much needed first aid kit for our Club. For further information feel free to contact either myself or Leo.

Dive Reports.

(We need A few more people's input here)

The Wreck of the Bombo

Jackie Rotenstein

On a Sunday in June this year, 7 Southpac divers trekked to Wollongong and enjoyed a couple of dives on the Bombo. The Bombo was a blue metal carrier which sank in the late 40's a couple of kilometers off the entrance to Wollongong Harbour.

A few years ago, the Bombo finished up upside-down after some big storms. Last year when we dived the Bombo, you could easily dive inside the upside-down hull. This year, the recent storms in Wollongong have broken up the Bombo quite a bit. The hull is collapsing in on itself. The top of the hull stands only about a metre above the sand. Last year, the top of the hull was about 2 to 3 metres above the sand. Much of the ribs of the ship have broken off too. Our dive operator (United Divers) strongly recommended against any hull penetration.

Both of our dives were great fun (my first two with my new pink drysuit!). The viz was about 10 metres. There are still tons of schooling fish and cuttlefish inside the wreck and mowongs, groupers and sergeant bakers swimming around outside the wreck. A large cuttlefish kept some of the divers company around the bow area for most of the second dive.

We will definitely organise another double dive on the Bombo later this year.

(Dive reports Continued)

Club Beef and Burgundy Day – 8 August 1999

Jackie Rotenstein

Yet another successful club day! Last Sunday, 11 divers took off from Frenchman's Bay for a club dive. Thanks heaps to John Beddie, Peter Fields, Rod Muir, Mark Ridsdale and Mark Dietz for kindly providing their boats for the day!!

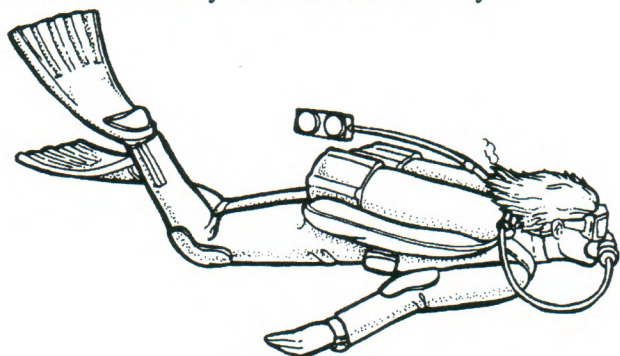
Peter Flockart and I dived the Kelloe off Peter Fields' boat. We had a bit of current on our decent which disappeared after 35m, giving us a clear and comfortable dive at 50m. We anchored at midships and spent most of our bottom time around the bow and boiler areas. The wreck is quite broken up but still has plenty of fishlife and nudibranchs on it.

As always, our 14 minute bottomtime limit came far too fast for my liking and reluctantly, we freed the anchor and started our ascent. I spent most of my deco time annoying several passing salps (I'm not sure if salps can properly be described as "annoyable"!). An excellent dive!! I really love doing these deep dives!

The other divers kept to shallower depths. Mark Ridsdale and his divers dived golf ball alley. The rest of the divers, diving off John Beddie and Rod Muir's boats, did a drift dive off Little Bay.

Back at Frenchman's Bay, we joined 25 to 30 other Southpac people for a BBQ, making an excellent and most enjoyable. Thanks to Bernie for providing the meat and everyone else who brought salads for the day. We were also joined by about 20 St George members having their dive day with us.

We are planning to organise about 3 to 4 club days like this over the next year. You can already put November 29th in your diary for the next club day at Frenchman's Bay.



Dive Calendar

We have two weekends away coming up in August. This coming weekend (14th and 15th August) we are heading down to Ulladulla. \$160 will cover 4 dives, 3 airfills and 2 nights' accommodation at the dive lodge.

On the 28th and 29th of August, we will be heading to Jervis Bay for another big diving weekend. Please let me know if you want to come to that – there are still 4 places left, however, I will need an \$80 deposit from you for this weekend.

Advance notice – club day at Frenchman's Bay on November 29th. More details in next month's Wet Rag.

Leo and I plan to organise a whole variety of dives every couple of weekends over the next year, including boat dives, shore dives, night dives, weekends away and Chicken & Champagne club days. We would also like to organise some magnetometer days so club members can get to know how the mag works and spend time searching for wrecks off the NSW coast, but we'll need some definite commitment and interest from club members to do this.

If you have any particular dive spots you'd like to dive, let us know and we can organise a day or weekend there or if you're free on a weekend and want some dive buddies, we can ring around and organise a dive. We're only too happy to go diving!!

Cheers,

Jackie and Leo.



Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol - Botany Bay Division

Hi I'm Sue, and I'd like to introduce you to the services of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, Botany Bay division. The Coastal Patrol is the oldest and most respected volunteer marine search and rescue service in Australia. It is a fully accredited community service operating as a registered charity, depending largely on volunteer contributions for its income.

We provide the full gambit of search and rescue services for the Botany Bay area and of course the other RVCP divisions up and down the coast do likewise for their areas of responsibility.

We as an organisation cater to those that run out of fuel to catching on fire, to requiring a tow. We provide a marine radio monitoring service along with an extensive educational programme, which covers such courses as;

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Qualification Coastal Patrol Meteorology Certificate.

BASIC NAVIGATION

Qualification Coastal Patrol Basic Navigation Certificate.

COASTAL NAVIGATION

Qualification Coastal Patrol Coastal Navigation Certificate.

WATCHKEEPERS COURSE

Qualification Coastal Patrol Watchkeepers Certificate.

What Location?

All Courses run by the Botany Bay Division are held At **BOTANY BAY BRANCH OF ROYAL VOLUNTEER COASTAL PATROL** Located on The Grand Parade, Brighton Le Sands, at the end of Bay Street, right on the waters edge over looking Botany Bay.

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Phone Bob Bunton on (02) 9661 5965 or 0412 356262 for details and enrolment.

As a community service we invite you to use our services, by logging in with our radio base when you are out on a day's boating. We can provide weather updates, local knowledge (if needed), and any warnings which may arise to assist you in a safe outing.

The RVCP thanks South Pacific Divers Club for giving us this opportunity to make this submission to your monthly club magazine and look forward to providing the members with a regular RVCP column.



Underwater Photography Basics (Part 2)

By Noel Taylor

In the second article of this series, we'll focus (pun intended) on general settings for most underwater cameras. Last time we summed up the basics with the fact that it's dim, monochromatic, and cloudy down there so you need a strobe for color fill-in and properly placed (and aimed) to avoid backscatter.

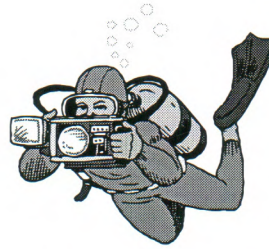
There are basically 3 camera settings: focus, aperture, and shutter speed. These three interplay quite a bit, so it's not as simple as it may sound. Although with amphibious cameras, focus must be set by "guessing" how far away the subject is, the depth of focus is affected by the aperture setting. Generally, we want the biggest depth of focus (also called depth of field) possible, so more of our scene will be in focus at the film plane - this means we need a small aperture size (bigger aperture number, like f/16 or f/22). This is because the smaller the aperture, the more planar (parallel to one another) the light waves are, and since the film plane is flat, the more planar the light waves coming off your subject, more of them will be in focus.

OK, easy; set the aperture to a high number. Oh wait, don't forget it's dark down there, so now we have to compensate by slowing down the shutter speed. I told you they were all connected! If you move to a smaller aperture size (like from f/8 to f/11) you'll need to go slower by one stop to keep

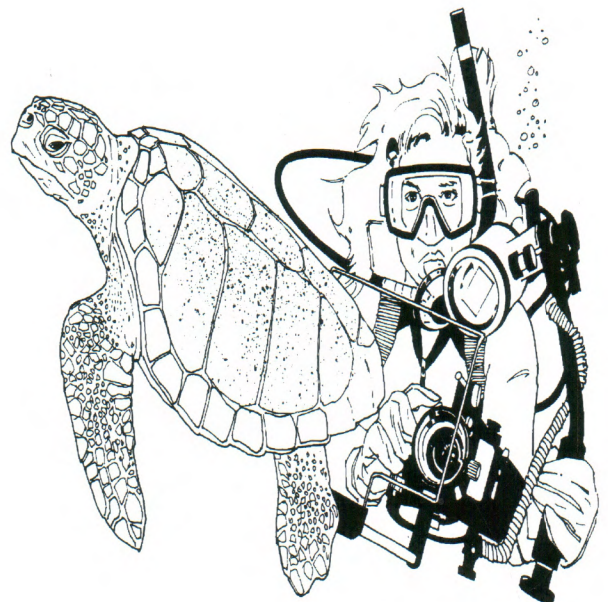
your light meter happy (like from 1/60 sec to 1/30 sec or from 1/30 to 1/15). Unfortunately now things which are moving (basically everything underwater) will be blurry from motion.

Fortunately, the strobe comes to the rescue again by freezing motion in the foreground, and a slightly blurry background is usually acceptable. The shutter speed only affects the amount of ambient light getting into the camera because the strobe light is much faster than the highest shutter speed. However, the aperture setting not only affects the depth of focus, but also the amount of strobe light getting to the film plane; the bigger the aperture size

(the smaller the aperture number) the more strobe light that gets in. So the strobe can save our photography- but how to meter the strobe? Fortunately for us there is a feature on most underwater cameras



available today referred to as TTL, which stands for Through The Lens. It refers to a light sensor located on the film plane, which stops the strobe once enough light has been absorbed. This mainly protects our photography from over exposure from the strobe, you still have to meter the background and have the settings adjusted to properly expose the background. But the foreground will be properly exposed, full of color, and not moving even if you've chosen a slow shutter speed to allow more ambient light for background illumination. Usually the only time we have to worry about all these elements is when we have a lot of background in wide angle photography, which is why it's such a trick to get right (strobe TTL doesn't work as well here either, but more on that later). For most fish portrait shots or macro and close up shots, when we rely primarily on the strobe, TTL works great and we get properly exposed shots. This is why close up and macro are usually the easiest way to start underwater photography, and this will be the topic of our next episode.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS the following members are on the committee for the 1999-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.

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	0145 400 403	

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

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Southern Cross Divers	Geoff at Stanmore 9568 1517	
South West Rocks Dive	Noel or Belinda	02 6566 6474
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CLUB GEAR

The Club has a variety of gear for the use of Members. This includes The Magnetometer, Two sets of Oxygen equipment, 2 BBQ's, a Marine Radio and more. Inquiries should be directed to the Equipment officer.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

14th & 15th August (This Weekend) Ulladulla Dive Trip

28th & 29th August Jervis Bay Dive Trip

4th September Club BBQ at Leo Bergagnin's House

29th November Club BBQ and Dive day at Frenchmans Bay.

This Months Raffle Prizes:

1st - 1 x Air card (10 fills) from Aqua Sports Yagoona

2nd - 1x Boat dive Sea-Tamer II from Max Western

3rd - two air fills from Shiprock Dive

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Deadline for articles is the last day of the month.

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Send material for the Wet Rag to the Committee c/o club PO Box as on front cover.



South Pacific Divers Club

George Roberts Memorial Photographic Competition

The club competition that all the divers in the club should enter. There will be prizes and certificates for all the monthly winners and the overall winner.

The following prizes have been arranged for each winner. The monthly prizes have yet to be allocated.

1. SOUTH WEST ROCKS DIVE CENTRE. Noel and Belinda have donated a weekend at South West Rocks for Two people. This includes four boat dives, two nights accommodation and air.
2. FISHERMANS WHARF FORSTER Ron Hunter has donated a weekend at Forster/Seal Rocks for one person. This includes four boat dives, two nights accommodation and air.
3. JERVIS BAY CHARTERS. Annie and Adrian Nute have donated a weekend aboard MV INDULGENCE, for one person. This includes all dives, full catering two nights accommodation and air.
4. DIVE QUEST PTY LTD. Chris and Gary have donated a trip to the Solitary Islands for one person. This includes ten dives, five nights accommodation and air. To be taken Monday to Friday. This is the prize for the Overall Winner.

Also, each monthly winner and the overall winner will receive the following:

- AQUALUNG - LOOK Silicon mask and AIR DRY snorkel
- SPORT DIVING MAGAZINE 12 Months subscription.
- DIVING SOLUTIONS KODAK slide film artd SEA &SEA peak caps.

As the competition is handicapped, any consistent underwater photographer has an excellent chance of winning.

Also please support and promote our sponsors wherever possible.

Remember, the aim of this competition is to upgrade the standard of photography by encouraging the novice photographer and by making the established photographer strive harder. The competition has already proven a success in the past and should encourage all club members to "dabble" in underwater photography. Any novice can gain a wealth of information from any established club photographer and may even wish to complete one of the underwater photography courses offered by Glen Percy and Noel Taylor.



ENTRY FORM.

GEORGE ROBERTS PERPETUAL TROPHY

1999

Name

Address..... P/Code.....

Contact No.

Slide Titles: 1

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I hereby state that I have read all the rules of the competition and acknowledge that failure to comply or give false information can lead to disqualification.

Dated/...../.....

Signature



South Pacific Divers Club

George Roberts Memorial Photographic Competition

Competition Rules

1. The competition will be conducted over three Months.

Each months competition will close at 10p.m. on the night of the Club meeting for that month:

- September
- October
- November

Late entries will be entered into the following months competition.

2. The competition is open only to members of South Pacific Divers Club (SPDC) who are currently financial.
3. September Competition is open only to those who have not gained 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any competition with the exception of past George Roberts Novice sections.

October Competition is open to any person except those people who have won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd open in past SPDC competitions.

November Competition is open to all SPDC members

4. Each entry may be up to five slides per month. They will be judged only the highest scoring slide will be counted.
5. There will be a prizewinner each month and an overall prizewinner.
6. The winner and enterants each month will receive a score for the place they achieve (different from their slide score). This score is cumulative through the competition. The highest cumulative score at the end of the competition will be declared the overall winner.

The scores each month will be:

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
1 st	6	5	15
2 nd	5	4	14
3 rd	4	3	13
4 th	3	2	10
5 th	3	2	9
6 th	3	2	8
7 th	3	2	7
8 th	3	2	6
9 th	3	2	5
10 th	3	2	4



South Pacific Divers Club

George Roberts Memorial Photographic Competition

7. The George Roberts Memorial Trophy will be presented to the overall winner. The George Roberts Memorial Novice Trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring enterant from the September and October competition only.
8. All entries must be transparencies.
9. All entries must have been taken in New South Wales or its Territories.
10. The enterant must have taken all entries.
11. Entries may be cropped or masked to achieve desired effects.
12. Slides may not be manipulated after the development of the original film other than cropping or masking as in Rule 11.
13. Slides taken in aquariums, bath tubs or similar or on land are not acceptable.
14. All entries will be returned at the following months meeting.
15. Results are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. Prizes will be presented at the Christmas Party.
17. Tom Byron and Martin Kandilas will be the judges.

**Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club
at Bankstown Sports Club
Monday 19th July 1999**

Meeting Opened: 8.10pm members & visitors welcomed by Jackie Rotenstien.

Apologies: Peter Mason, Mitch Radomir, Matthew Reed

Secretary: **Mark Spencer**

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by Gordon McDonald seconded by Darren Wright

Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:

CBA, One-Tel, URG, Douts, TUG, replies from sponsors for AUPY 2000, Heritage Office

Treasurers Report: May 1999 **Graham Oates**

Income: \$48.00 Expenses: \$62.35

For January to June 1999:

Income \$1533.04 Expenses: \$1874.88

Cheque account balance: \$ 240.11

Investment account \$7153.26

Petty Cash: \$ 83.60

Treasurers report accepted by Martin Kandilas Seconded by Peter Norris

Dive Organisers Report **Jackie Rotenstien**

August 8th Beef & Burgundy day at Frenchman's Bay, boats leave at 8.00 sharp, 5 to 6 boats organised with 20 plus divers, need to know exact numbers, small charge for lunch & boats. Family & friends welcome. 14th-15th August Ulladulla 8 divers possible dive at Brush Island, cost \$160. 28th-29th August Jervis Bay, cost \$160.00 staying at Aqua-shack, diving with Pro-dive, Cathedral, Seal colony, Stoney Creek, The Arch.

Social Organiser: Position Vacant

Photographic Officer: **Peter Flockart**

Entry forms for the "George Robert's Competition" are in the Wet Rag

Publicity Officer: **Leo Bergagnin**

Beef & Burgundy day, diving to suit all experience levels.

Equipment Officer: **Glen Percy**

All intact and accounted for.

Dive Reports:

Glen:- Spent 10 days in New Guinea diving Rabaul & . Had encounter with a pod of Short Finned Pilot Whales, watched shark feeding. Rabaul improving after eruption.

Phil Dale- dived tugs at Eden.

Jackie- dived "Bombo", wreck opening up, only about 25% of wreck left.

John Beddie:- dived Solitary Islands, video Grey Nurse shark with fins cut off.

Graham:- dived Sipidan, turtles, white tip reef sharks, 15 to 30 metre vis.

BREAK

General Business

Noel:- tabled pamphlets of slide scanner.

Geoff:- Wreck of the "Waratah" found off the east coast of Africa, sunk in 1909 on maiden voyage from England to Australia.

Glen:- Little tax on dive gear, suggest purchase before GST becomes effective.

Peter:- new Australian standard-open face valves have to be stamped with pressure rating. Unstamped has max. fill of 207 bar. Stamped valves has fill pressure of 225 bar.

Glen:- this change brings Australian standards in line with rest of the world.

Leo:- Prize winners of a dive on Sea-Tamer II must present their certificate within 6 weeks.

Raffle

1st Prize

Boat dive on Sea Tamer II

Mark Spencer

Raffle

1st Prize	Boat dive on Sea Tamer II	Mark Spencer
2nd Prize	1x Hydro test & fill from Aqua Sports	Rod Taylor
3rd Prize	Two air fills Shiprock Dive	Graham Oates

Jackie:- thanked committee for their assistance, vacated chair and meeting to Martin Kandilas as Returning Officer. Nominations for new committee as follows:

1. **President** Nominate: Bernd Kraul by Mitch (proxy) (accepted)
Seconded: Noel Taylor
Nominate: Leo Bergagnin by Scott Eggington (declined)
Nominate: Jackie Rotenstien by Scott Eggington (declined)
Bernd Kraul President
2. **Secretary** Nominate: Louise Wilson by Leo Bergagnin (accepted)
Seconded by Jackie Rotenstien
Nominate: Mark Spencer by (declined)
Louise Wilson Secretary
3. **Treasurer** Nominate: Graham Oates by Glen Percy(declined)
Nominate: Linh La by Duane Langley(accepted)
Seconded: Phil Dale
Linh La Treasurer
4. **Newsletter Editor** Nominate: Tom Byron by (declined)
Nominate: Noel Taylor by Phil Dale (declined)
Nominate: Darren Wright By Graham Oates (accepted)
Seconded: Noel Taylor
Darren Wright Newsletter Editor / Publicity Officer
5. **Dive Organisers:** Nominate: Jackie Rotenstien by John Beddie(accepted)
Seconded by Glen Percy
Nominate: Leo Bergagnin by Jackie Rotenstien(accepted)
Seconded by Gordon McDonald
Jackie & Leo Dive Organisers
6. **Equipment Officer** Nominate: Glen Percy by Phil Dale(accepted)
Seconded:
Nominate: Scott Eggington by Leo Bergagnin (accepted)
Seconded: Debbie Eggington
Glen Percy Equipment Officer
8. **Photographic Officer:** Nominate: Glen Percy by (accepted)
Seconded: Peter Norris
Glen Percy Photographic Officer
9. **Social Organiser** Nominate: Scott Eggington by Louise Wilson(accepted)
Seconded: Leo Bergagnin
Scott Eggington Social Organiser

New committee took chairs and Bernie Kraul thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the outgoing committee.
Meeting Closed 10.15pm

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB INC.
1999 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JAN 99 TO JUN 99
FOR JULY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

INCOME

Membership Fees	\$820.00
AUPY Photographic Comp	\$0.00
AV Night	\$0.00
Dive & Social Events	\$90.00
Fundraising	\$473.95
Miscellaneous	\$149.09

INCOME Total \$1,533.04

EXPENSES

Administration (Stationery, Postage, Printing, Telephone)	\$621.35
AUPY Photographic Comp	\$145.00
AV Night	\$100.00
Dive & Social Events	\$194.50
Miscellaneous	\$814.03

EXPENSES Total \$1,874.88

ASSETS

Cheque A/C Balance	\$875.33
Investment A/C Balance	\$7,153.26
Petty Cash	\$131.60
Magnetometer	\$3,000.00
Oxygen Equipment	\$900.00

LIABILITIES

None

<p>The financial statement given at the AGM on 19/7/99 contained two typing errors in the value recorded for Cheque A/C Balance (previously reported as \$240-11) and Petty Cash balance (previously reported as \$83-60). These figures have been corrected in this revised report.</p>
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Prepared by: G. E. Oates
Treasurer

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB INC.
FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN FOR JAN 99 TO JUN 99

INCOME													
	Member Fees	Dive Fees	Social Functions	Club Gear	Club Eqpt.	Raffle	George Roberts Comp.	AUPY Fees	AV Night Tickets	AV Night Raffle	Interest	Misc.	Income Monthly Total
Jan	\$185.00					\$50.50							\$235.50
Feb	\$220.00					\$68.00							\$288.00
Mar	\$270.00			\$98.00		\$56.20					\$11.09		\$435.29
Apr	\$95.00	\$90.00				\$164.00							\$349.00
May	\$50.00			\$40.00		\$87.25							\$177.25
Jun						\$48.00							\$48.00
Total	\$820.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$138.00	\$0.00	\$473.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.09	\$0.00	\$1,533.04

EXPENSES														
	Dive Costs	Social Functions	Club Gear	Club Eqpt.	Stationery	Postage	Printing	George Roberts	Telephone	AUPY Expenses	AV Night Expenses	Misc	Bank Charges	Expenses Monthly Total
Jan						\$56.65	\$5.95		\$26.00			\$20.00	\$1.00	\$109.60
Feb													\$0.03	\$0.03
Mar				\$49.80	\$25.50	\$133.75			\$71.80	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$82.00	\$1.85	\$589.70
Apr	\$194.50				\$41.45	\$65.90			\$33.65			\$627.13		\$962.63
May				\$30.00		\$52.75	\$5.95		\$39.65	\$20.00			\$2.22	\$150.57
Jun						\$56.60	\$5.75							\$62.35
Total	\$194.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79.80	\$66.95	\$365.65	\$17.65	\$0.00	\$171.10	\$145.00	\$100.00	\$729.13	\$5.10	\$1,874.88

NET INCOME(EXPENSE) FOR FIRST HALF 1999 (JAN to JUN)=

\$(341.84)

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