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Social Outings
Wreck Diving

Reef Diving
Boat Diving

Shore Diving
Night Diving

South Pacific Divers Club

Established 1960

Wet Rag

January 2002

Well here we are another year, with Xmas past & lots of cheer
So lets get out with all those new toys
&
Get below where there is very little noise

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EDITORS CORNER

Well! Here we go for another year. Lets hope we all have a great one, both in and out of the water.

I just never seem to have enough time for this job and it always seems to catch up on me at the last minute. I hope this year will see quite a few more submissions coming my way in the form of stories and articles. The really good thing about this job is, that no one is game to critique my work in case they have to do the job themselves, but seriously, I am open to sensible and constructive criticism.

Don't forget, if you want to see your photograph grace the front cover of an issue of wet rag, you will have to (a) send it to me and (b) attach a 10,000 word note explaining what the photo depicts. Oh well, perhaps not 10,000.

I hope you all got through the fires safely and had a great time over the festive season.

I know Phil has had a great time in Tasmania with Sandra, so there is no excuse for us not to be reading a story about that jaunt in the next issue. Is there Phil?

Well that's all. Let's see what the new year brings us all in SPD eh!

Ed

Duane

Remember Members
If you have a need, then think
about our sponsors.

Max Western will get you out there on
Sea Tamer
&
Ship Rock Dive
&
Aqua Sports Yagoona

Will supply you with air and gear.
With out the generous support of our sponsors, we as a
Club would not enjoy many of the things we do.

Cover Photo

Another great shot by Grey McNeil of a colourful slug.

PRESIDENTS POSSIE

Well! Hello for the New Year. It is now 2002 and I bet a lot of you never thought you would see this.

As we are all getting over the silly season and nursing sore heads, there really is little for me to say at this time.

By now you will all, most likely be aware that there are new owners running Aqua Sports Yagoona. At the time of writing, I have not yet had an opportunity to have in depth discussions with Jansen and his lovely wife in regards to their intentions towards the Club, but I do hope to see them at the next meeting so as they can introduce themselves to us all.

It is also my belief that there is great interest by Don and Betty of Sydney Diver City (Kurnell) to come on board as a sponsor of SPD and join the list of generous sponsors that we have enjoyed over the past recent years. Namely Max Western of "Sea Tamer 11" fame and Leslie and Leo of Shiprock Dive and of course Glen Percy of Aqua Sports.

As you are all now aware that Simon is the new Dive Organiser for the club and if any of you wish to dive a specific location through the coming year, then it is he you should contact or talk to at meetings. Simon will co-ordinate dives and trips, so that they meet the needs of the club and also do not clash with the programme that he has set in place. So please, in the interest of the club and all of us, let Simon have the final say in regards to club dives and trips and accept that the decisions that he makes are to the benefit of all of us as divers.

Most important of all, it is that time of the year again. That is, membership renewal is now due and out treasurer is geared up to receive dues. Also whilst sub-mitting these dues, if you have any changes to your address etc, please notify us at the same time so that our records are kept tidy and up-to-date. We would love to see new members, so if you can get your diver friends and the like to join, all the better. You will see the renewal and membership form further on in this newsletter, please send this in with your remittance, Thank you.

The Ocean Trek trip on the Australia Day long weekend this month still has a few vacancies and the need to let Noel or Myself or any other committee member know your desire to attend on this trip is becoming rather urgent. Remember also, that on this trip is a mini photographic shootout with a substantial prize for such a small field of photographers and all photographers are limited to the same type of camera which will be supplied on board Ocean Trek. This trip is a boon for all budding photographers who at this point do not own their own camera gear and wish to get a feel for this style of diving activity with the opportunity of winning a great prize as well. As a diver that has enjoyed the hospitality of Ocean Trek on numerous occasions I can assure you that you will not come away from this trip disappointed, as the hosts, Lyn & Mick, do all they can to see that this is one of the best dive operations on the East Coast of Australia.

Bernie Kraul



What's Bubbling

- This position within the Club and I would imagine any other Club, is perhaps the most difficult of all, so as your President, I would ask you all to be part of as many of the events that are arranged this year as your time and desire allows, but most important of all, be definite in your decisions and reliable in your attendance please.
- Check the calendar for a dinner out on the 30th Jan
- Camping at Bouddi National Park in late February. This is a weekend for all and sundry, with camping, motor biking, swimming and diving, bush walking and best of all for you parents, kidding and for us raggers, drinking and eating. More details at the Jan meeting.

For Sale

2 X NIKONOS IV,s with 35mm lens, Aquasea 140 strobes, sync cables, base and arm.
\$850 dollars each.

PH Grey on 0418 255089

Long time Club member Peter Flockart now has his 2002 Calendars for sale at \$14.00 per unit, including GST. These Calendars have an array of Peter's best underwater shots and make a nice addition to any wall.

Peter can be contacted on 02-9371 0265

Or

Through the Club contacts and we will pass on your requests. Peter will also have some of these Calendars at the meetings.

AquaSports is Back

27 years ago man called Tom Byron started a Dive shop in Yagoona. 23 years ago one of Tom's students Glen Percy bought the AquaSports. 13 years ago a young yard hand at the caryard next door spent many a lunch hour browsing and dreaming of underwater adventures. In 2002 the tradition has been fulfilled and Glen's student, Janson Kane has taken over the helm at AquaSports.

Firstly a big thank you is extended to all those who have supported the store in recent years. Many things will continue same as usual. The store remains a PADI and SSI training facility with open water and specialty courses throughout the year. All servicing and hire gear is available. Also available is the Ezipay and Dive-by for your gear purchases.

So we hope to see you all at the shop or give us a call 9708 2826. You can also email on AquaSportsScuba@aol.com

See you at your next meeting!

Janson

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR CLUB MEETINGS AND DIVE OUTINGS

South Pacific Divers Club is a social scuba diving club whose members have a common interest in scuba diving and in particular underwater photography. Club dives are on our web site. The club also organises weekends away at Jervis Bay and Nelsons Bay as well as other dive areas. We also organise once a year the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition, open to all underwater photographers in Australia and Overseas. We also have a slide show after every meeting. South Pacific Divers Club holds monthly meetings at the Bankstown Sports Club on the third Monday of every month. Meetings start at 8:00 and generally a slide show follows.

Simon's Corner

Up & Coming Dive Events

1. 19/01/02 - Kurnell dive shop at 8.00pm for a night dive at Henrys Head, cost for the dive is \$25.00. There is 5 spots left.
2. 23/02/02 - With Max, first dive is Middle Ground departing 0700 from the wharf. 2nd dive with Max is at Fish Reef departing at 12.00. Cost for these dives is \$40.00 each. It would be good to see a good turn out as Max is a great sponsor of the club.
3. 16/03/02 - Is with Coast Wide Diving at Shellharbour. The first dive departs the wharf at 08.30 to dive the Pinnacles. 2nd dive is at 10.00 diving Lou's Reef. The cost is \$25.00 for a single and \$45.00 for a double dive. In addition to the dives there will be a club BBQ at Bass Point Reserve where non boat divers can enjoy a shore dive.
4. 13/04/02 - With Atlantis Divers at Barrenjoey boathouse, Palm Beach. The first dive departs 0800 for the Birchgrove Park wreck (50m) for a cost of \$40.00. 2nd dive departs 11.00 to dive the Valiant wreck (27m) at a cost of \$35.00.
Any thoughts of a club BBQ at this location.

If you would like to add some additional dives to the above calendar, please contact me so I can arrange the timings. **Divers will need to contact me 4 days in advance to cancel their dive so the vacancy can be filled. Divers giving less than 1 days notice to cancel their dive will still be charged.**

For a up to date information on the club dive activities for 2002, go to South Pacific Divers **web page.....**

www.southpacificdivers.com

Simon Gayler

Dive Boss

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South Pacific Divers Club

2002 GEORGE ROBERTS MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

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

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

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 and should encourage all club members to "dabble" in underwater photography.

COMPETITION RULES

1. The competition will be conducted over three months.
2. Each month's competition will close at 10.00 p.m. on the night of the Club meeting for that month:

1 FEBRUARY 2002

2 MARCH 2002

3 APRIL 2002

Late entries will be entered into the following month's competition.

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

March Competition is open to any person except those people who have won 1st, 2nd or 3rd open in past S.P.D. Competitions.

April Competition is open to all members.

5. Each entry may be up to five slides per month. They will be judged and only the highest scoring slide counted.
6. There will be a prize-winner each month and a major overall prize-winner.
7. The winner and entrants 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>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</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

8. The George Roberts Memorial Open Trophy will be presented to the overall winner. The George Roberts Memorial Novice Trophy will be presented to the highest scoring entrant from February and March competition only.

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CLUB SPONSERS: Support These Businesses.

SEA TAMER II Max Western. Dive Charters from Port Hacking. Phone: 95241818

SHIPROCK DIVE. Sales - Air - Service - Overseas Dive Trips. Phone: 95262664

AQUA SPORTS SERVICES. Sales - Service - Air - Dive Schools. Phone: 97082826

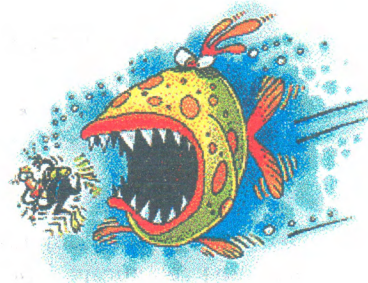


Shiprock Dive



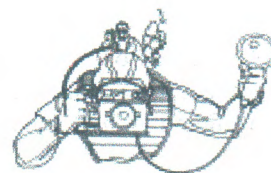
Committee Members

Bernie Kraul	96069731	President
Sue Tate	96813287	Secretary
Linh La	0418648265	Treasurer
To be advised	Photographic Officer	
Glen Percy	97082826	Equipment Officer
Duane Langley	96813287	Editor
Mim & John Ford	95872797	Social Organisers
Noel Taylor	0414592410	Publicity Officer
Simon Gayler	0418412235	Dive Co-Ordinator



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9. All entries must be transparencies.
10. All entries must have been taken in New South Wales or its Territories
11. The entrant must have taken all entries.
12. Entries may be cropped or masked to achieve desired effects.
13. Slides may not be manipulated after the development of the original film other than cropping as in Rule 11.
14. Slides taken in aquariums, bathtubs or similar or on land are not acceptable.
15. All entries will be returned at the following month's meeting.
16. Results are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
17. Winners will be announced in May.



The postal address is: South Pacific Divers Club PO Box 823 Bankstown 2200
If you have any queries please e-mail me on photographic@southpacificdivers.com
Or phone on: (02) 0414 592410

Happy snapping

Noel Taylor



SPD CLUB MEETING 17TH DECEMBER, 2001

Apologies: Linh, Duane, Mim & John and Glen

Correspondence in: URG Bulletin, Ryde Underwater newsletter, letter from Bonds Couriers, Bank Statement, SCANS correspondence.

Meeting Minutes – will be accepted next month. Web Site: Needs information.

Newsletter: Only finished and distributed yesterday (computer problems)

Treasurer: Linh tendered her treasurers report via Loi the boy.
Accepted By Peter Flockart Seconded By Noel Taylor

DIVES

Simon – Henry's Head – 20 mtr viz routine dive

Peter F – Sponge Gardens Marley 25+mtr viz 21 degree depth 26 mtrs, seal in water. King fish, unusual nudi's, cuttle fish, cat shark, sponges.

Phil – Oak Park – Nice and clean

Dive Roster for next year is empty!!

GENERAL BUSINESS

Dive Organiser: Simon has graciously agreed to organise Club dives, commencing February 2002. Dives will be advertised on web site, via emails and in the newsletter. Will accommodate both deep and casual dives. Simon will give the position a 3-4 month trial – So you must dive to keep him interested. Thank You Simon.

Ocean Trek January Shootout – need 16 photographers.

All shots will be taken on cameras supplied - being 6 x Apollo Sealife and 6 x MX10 Dive Exclusion Cameras. 2 dives per camera. Will be developed Sunday afternoon. Tom Byron is the Judge. Winner will get a refund Cheque for the weekend. \$415.00 for the weekend. Peter Flockart has his 2002 Dive Calendars for sale \$14.00.

Aqua Sports – Glen has sold the shop. New owners will be taking over in January. Thank You to Glen for being our 1st Prize Sponsor for all those years and we look forward to keeping you on as a club member.

Noel is into discussions as he may have a replacement sponsor – more details to come.

Raffle

1 st Prize – Aqua Sports Mystery Prize	Matt Reeve
2 nd Prize – Sea Tamer II Boat Dive	Phil Dale
3 rd Prize – Shiprock Dive – 2 Air fills	Peter Flockart
Bernie donated 4 x half hams	Simon, Loi, Matt Reeve, Dave Burns.
Peter Flockart donated a Calendar	Amanda Taylor

Congratulations to all our winners \$101.00 was raised

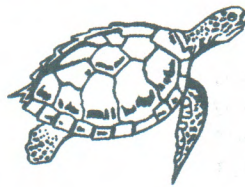
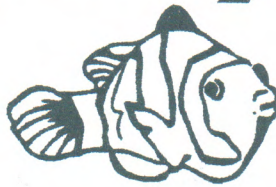
January 2002

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Sore Head Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Henry's Head Night Dive 8.00pm	20
21 Club Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 J.B. Shootout Long Weekend	27 J.B. Shootout Long Weekend
28 J.B. Shootout Long Weekend	29	30 Restaurant Night 7.30-8pm	31			

February 2002

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Camping Weekend. Middle Gnd & Fish reef	24 Camping Weekend. Bouddi Nat Park
25	26	27	28		13th April Birchgrove Park. Exp Divers Only	

Trips



SOLOMONS!

• WWII Wrecks • Big Fish • Coral Reefs • Beaches • Palm Trees

15 Days / 14 Nights Ex. Sydney
3 – 18 August 2002
60TH ANNIVERSARY

FOR BOOKINGS AND MORE
INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT;

Noel Taylor
0414 592 410

\$2100pp!



Want to spend a weekend diving at South
West Rocks and dive around Fish Rock and its
amazing cave dive \$457.00 per person.

Limited spots, so don't dawdle.

Contact Noel Taylor
0414 592 410

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ROCK**

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\$415pp!

OCEAN TREK
3 Days / 3 Nights
26 – 28 January 2002

In-Club Photo Shootout this trip
Jervis Bay is a short two hour drive
down the coast from Sydney
with excellent diving to be had.
More about the shootout in
future Wet Rags. There will
be prizes to be won. Photo
comp will be for
members only.



SOUTH WEST ROCKS!

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SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB

P.O. BOX 823 BANKSTOWN 2200

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP or RENEWAL

I wish to apply for membership/renewal for one (1) year (tick.)

NAME?S:.....
ADDRESS:.....
.....

Post Code.....

TELEPHONE: Work:.....Home:.....

Mobile:.....

E-Mail Address:.....

Diving Certification:.....

Certification Number:.....

Are You a Boat Owner:.....

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP FEES: Single \$30.00 Family \$40.00

DIVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

I/We..... hereby apply to join South Pacific Divers Club Inc. I/We understand the Club is non profit, non affiliated with any training organisation and is for certified divers and their families. South Pacific Divers Club Inc does not offer instruction, advice or supervise its members' divers. It is a condition of Club membership that members exercise their own judgment in accordance with their training in deciding whether and/or how to participate in any particular dive, the technique used, or choice of equipment and that any clarification in regard to these matters should be referred to a qualified instructor or my/our certifying agency.

I/We have read the above conditions and accept same as a condition of membership.

SIGNED.....

DATE.....