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South Pacific Divers Club

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If I was a hunter, looking for a wreck,
I'd dive beneath the ocean and risk my bloody neck,
And if I found a treasure, a booty oh so vast, I'd keep it a total secret, until the very last,
I know this is not very sporting a' tall, but a treasure is a treasure after all,
But a divers dream is to see the gleam of his Spanish Doubloons bulging
within his wetsuit seam.

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EDITORS CORNER

I have to start this issue with an apology to the Latimer family. It seems through an unfortunate oversight, basically from lack of knowledge, that I have failed to ensure that the Wet Rag was mailed to Rick's family. For this oversight on my behalf I am sorry and will have this matter rectified ASAP.

For those of you who do not know, Rick Latimer was a corner stone of the club for many years and hence, made a life member of SPDC. Sadly, Rick passed away, but the life membership has been perpetuated and was passed onto Rick's family.

There are only three members of SPDC with life membership bestowed upon them and these are Rick Latimer, Martin Candlis and Tom Byron. It is these people and the stalwarts like them from the early days of SPDC that have kept this club alive. This is not to take anything from us newcomers that are trying hard to do our bit, but this little article is about heritage and the culture that was built from this history. To this end, to all you long standing club members, we the new people say thanks.

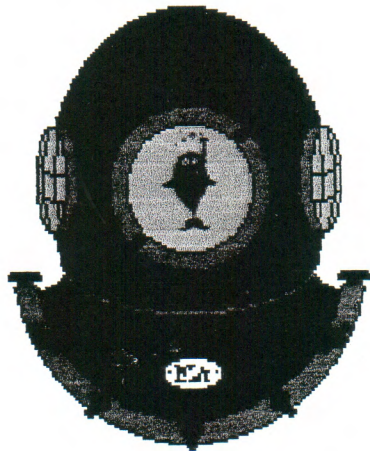
To the Latimer family, as the Editor, I once again apologise for my omission.

Where does the time go, no sooner is one wet rag out, than another is due.

Big thanks to Neil Vincent once again for a very interesting story indeed.

Enjoy
Ed

Duane



Cover Photo

*Vivien Grey and a Wrasse
Having a confab*

photo by
Grey McNeil

PRESIDENTS POSSIE

I apologise for being missing at the last meeting, but due to unforeseen circumstances, these things happen. Never the less, I understand you were well entertained.

The above brings me to a very important point. The elections for office bearers is only 3 months away. I have state at this time that it is impossible for me to hold the position of President for a fourth term, so please, consider your options. This is not negotiable. I know that there is plenty of talent available within the members and it is now the time for some one else to take their turn.

I am reliably informed by those in control of the up-coming AV night, that all is well on track and in order. At this time all is being done that needs to be done, but there may be a request for help in the future as the date draws near. If this request comes your way, please pitch in, as Noel and Grey have worked overtime once again to make this event another success.

I have heard that since the Commercial Fisherman have been banned from the estuaries, the fish stocks appear to be well on the increase. Even I was able to catch a fish and this is something that is astounding, as I am the worlds worst fisherman. If what I am seeing and hearing is correct, then the diving is going to only get better in the enclosed areas available to us. This in turn will lead to a greater range of subjects for the photographers, of course there is always the increase in the odd shark too, so some shots we may get in the future should be spectacular.

That's about all for
will see you all at

Your Presidente'
Bernie



this month, so I
the meeting.

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Simon's Corner

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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**.....

28th April
Tentative dive on the Birchgrove and the Valiant. Contact me
for confirmation and details.

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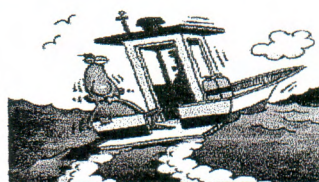
South Pacific Divers Club is a social scuba diving club whose
members have a common interest in scuba diving and in
particular underwater photography. Club dives are on our web
site. The club also organises weekends away at Jervis Bay and
Nelsons Bay as well as other dive areas. We also organise once
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.

Tide Dates & Times

APRIL

Mon 1st	0503 0.3, 1108 1.5, 1700 0.4, 2325 1.8
Tues 2nd	0601 0.4, 1202 1.3, 1745 0.5
Wed 3rd	0017 1.7, 0705 0.4, 1302 1.2, 1834 0.7
Thur 4th	0114 1.6, 0815 0.5, 1412 1.1, 1934 0.7
Fri 5th	0218 1.5, 0926 0.8, 1532 1.1, 2049 0.8
Sat 6th	0330 1.5, 1030 0.8, 1643 1.2, 2205 0.8
Sun 7th	0434 1.5, 1124 0.5, 1734 1.2, 2308 0.7
Mon 8th	0528 1.5, 1206 0.5, 1815 1.3, 2359 0.6
Tue 9th	0613 1.5, 1243 0.5, 1850 1.4
Wed 10th	0041 0.6, 0651 1.6, 1315 0.4, 1923 1.5
Thur 11th	0118 0.5, 0726 1.6, 1344 0.4, 1953 1.5
Fri 12th	0154 0.5, 0800 1.5, 1412 0.4, 2023 1.6
Sat 13th	0230 0.4, 0834 1.5, 1440 0.4, 2054 1.6
Sun 14th	0306 0.4, 0910 1.5, 1509 0.4, 2126 1.7
Mon 15th	0345 0.4, 0946 1.4, 1539 0.5, 2200 1.7
Tues 16th	0426 0.4, 1026 1.4, 1612 0.5, 2237 1.7
Wed 17th	0511 0.5, 1110 1.3, 1648 0.6, 2318 1.6
Thur 18th	0600 0.5, 1200 1.2, 1732 0.7
Fri 19th	0007 1.6, 0700 0.5, 1300 1.2, 1828 0.7
Sat 20th	0107 1.6, 0809 0.5, 1530 1.2, 2100 0.7
Sun 21st	0217 1.6, 0920 0.5, 1530 1.2, 2100 0.7
Mon 22nd	0330 1.6, 1023 0.4, 1636 1.3, 2215 0.6
Tues 23rd	0437 1.7, 1117 0.3, 1731 1.4, 2319 0.5
Wed 24th	0536 1.7, 1206 0.3, 1820 1.6
Thur 25th	0018 0.4, 0630 1.8, 1252 0.2, 1907 1.7
Fri 26th	0114 0.3, 0722 1.8, 1336 0.2, 1953 1.8
Sat 27th	0208 0.2, 0814 1.7, 1418 0.3, 2039 1.9
Sun 28th	0301 0.2, 0906 1.6, 1501 0.3, 2125 1.9
Mon 29th	0356 0.2, 0959 1.5, 1544 0.4, 2211 1.9
Tues 30th	0450 0.3, 1052 1.4, 1628 0.5, 2258 1.8

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subtractions have to be applied. That's your job, I
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KEILAWARRA

By
Neil Vincent

I first heard about the Keilawarra many years ago talking with Max Gleeson about undiscovered wrecks on the NSW coast. The name came up again in conversation about 4 years ago with Chris from Dive Quest at Mullaway. Chris had a commercial fishing friend who thought he knew where the wreck was laying. Having heard lots of stories like this during my diving life, I normally wouldn't have given it much credence except for the close association and co operation between Chris and Darcy, the fisherman. Darcy was also known to me from my spear fishing days on the south coast of NSW. So I did believe that the where-abouts of this wreck could be a reality.

I asked on several occasions for Chris to see if it was possible for Darcy to show us where the wreck was. What worried me at the time was that he may and it may be too deep to dive.

Built in Scotland in 1878, Keilawarra was 61 metres long and 784 tons gross. On the night she sank, Keilawarra was heading north from Sydney on a regular passage to Brisbane and other Queensland ports. With smoke from their stacks obscuring vision, Helen Nicoll was south bound, at full steam, the master of the Keilawarra unwittingly ordered his ship across the path of the Helen Nicoll. The resulting collision and confusion which resulted, contributed to the deaths of forty people, many women and children.

See "*Shipwrecks, Storms and Seamen*" by Max Gleeson for a great account of what happened.

Just after the Olympics in 2000, I heard that the Keilawarra had been located and dived. A team which included Darcy Wright, Chris Connell, Kevin Denlay and John Riley located the wreck using Darcy's GPS marks, a depth sounder and the experience of the wreck divers John and Kevin. Kevin dived the unconfirmed site first and confirmed that it was indeed the Keilawarra which lay 75 metres below.

It must be a great experience to be the first to see the wreck since it sank in 1886.

John Riley is a hands-on shipwreck historian, researching, discovering, mapping and documenting to further the knowledge of the vessels that once plied our coast. It is not his career, it's his hobby.

He wanted to dive the Keilawarra again to update his maps and to have photographs taken which could be used in articles to increase the public's awareness of the rich archaeological site that exists. Protecting the site from plundering through

public awareness is also the goal of both Chris and Darcy. So to this end Chris assisted the project by providing the dive boat and crew for the week for free. Darcy buoyed the site for us and provided daily weather and sea conditions from the site.

I received a phone call while driving home from Sydney on the January long weekend, it was Riley, he asked me if I would be interested in diving the Keilawarra. I had to pull off the road. Definitely!!!! That's how it all began. The team was John Riley, Mark Spencer, Tim Hyndes and myself. Tim flew from Tasmania especially to do the dives.

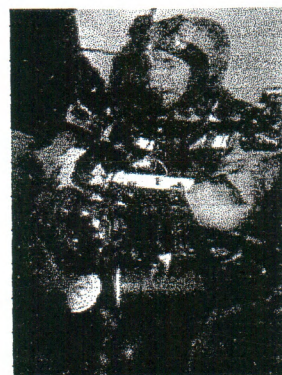
Arriving Sunday after lunch at Mullaway we disgorged a mass of equipment into the dive shop and began assembling it all into some semblance of order. Other divers who were staying for the week looked on in dismay. "You are going to wear four scuba cylinders!!!! How long will you stay on the dive???" When the answer came back as, fifteen minutes, the lady called us all mad!!! And walked off. I looked about and wondered if she may have been right.

Monday's weather report from Darcy was not good so we didn't go but the day improved and Tuesday was a goer. Laurance took us straight to the buoy on the surface, which should be considered a good omen, except there were supposed to be four buoys. Three were being pulled under by the current and the fourth occasionally surfaced. John

and I decided to dive. We geared up, four tanks with regulators, lights, camera housing with two strobes, come-home reels, falling into the water took the weight



from our legs which felt as though they would buckle under the weight of equipment.



Laurence positioned the boat so that we drifted easily back onto the buoy, grabbed the rope and began the long pull down the line to the wreck 75 metres below. The 26 degree, 30 metre visibility lasted to about 30 metres. The water then turned cooler and visibility reduced to 5 metres until we broke through into very clear water again at about 50 metres.

Like a moonless night, the wreck began to appear. White shapes on the black bottom became one and

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a half metre high Black Coral trees. Boilers appeared, then the wreck was laid out before me. After eight minutes I had reached the bottom, the mooring was in the bow. Anchor winches stood behind the chain locker which is now a solid mass. Sea Whips with Drifting Anemones, Plumed Gorgonian, Curled Sea Whips and tall trees of Black Coral cover the wreck, much to Riley's disgust, as he believes that wrecks should be just rust, real rust!!!!

What really caught my attention and was different to any other wreck that I have dived was the small items which were scattered about. Even wrecks that have been "protected" in like Truk Lagoon Solomon Islands have the small One at a time they been taken until



places and the don't items left. have none

remain. This wreck contains all the items with which it sank 126 years ago. Only items which have deteriorated are gone, nothing has been remove by man. Prized items which are often pilfered first, portholes, the ships telegraph and propellers are still to be seen along with china plates and cups bearing the name "Keilawarra".



After the long hard swim down our bottom time was far to short. Maybe the lady at the dive shop was right. Ascending to our first decompression stop at 50 metres was easy as the current pushed us along but holding on the line at the stop for two minutes felt like being a flag in the wind. It wasn't a pleasant thought that we still had about 60 minutes fluttering to do. At 15 metres the four surface buoys had come down to meet us, as the current was so strong. Luckily we had attached an additional line and another buoy, which I proceeded to cut loose allowing us to drift free with the current. Seeing this happen the boat dropped our decompression lines into us 10 minutes early. During the next 50 minutes we drifted 1.4 nautical miles!!!!.

Over the three days the current abated, the sea remained calm and the weather fine. We each had 3 dives on the wreck, photographing, sketching, measuring and making mental pictures of this historical site.

Some of the technical aspects of the trip. It was BYO. We had to be self contained, everything we needed we had to supply ourselves. All we used from the dive shop was air to top off Nitrox. Each person was responsible for their own planning and the execution of the dives. Chris and the Dive Quest

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Most of you have had a chance to look at the Club T/shirt. If anyone wishes to put an order in for one, please see Sue at the next meeting, or e-mail one of the committee members. We need to order at least 10 in each lot. Also there is the availability of having your own garment embroidered with the Club logo.

Crew provided transport to the site and backup. To this end each of us used different gasses, decompression profiles and equipment set-ups.

My planning had parameters that constrained me so I designed my dives around those as did each of the other divers. Tim had to plan his diving around flying to and from Tasmania. I live on the central coast so going to Sydney to have a dive shop mix my gas was not an option. I am not set up to mix with Oxygen so I had to mix Heliair not Trimix.

I am a certified gas blender so I ordered a bottle of Helium and sat down with Abyss Decompression Software to calculate the best profile for me. I wanted a very clear head on the bottom (42 metres EAD at 75 meters) so I chose a mix high in Helium to reduce the Nitrogen, unfortunately this also reduces the Oxygen in Heliair. The final mix was Oxy=13%, N=49%, He=38%. The down side of Heliair is the fixed ratio between Nitrogen and Oxygen so my low Oxygen meant a longer deco. For travel gas I used Nitrox 32 and for Final deco Nitrox 70.

I mixed 6 x 100cf tanks of Heliair, 1 x 55cf Nitrox 32 and 3 x Nitrox 70. Each dive I used two Heliair on my back and one Nitrox 32 and one Nitrox 70 side slung. At the end of each day I used the remaining Nitrox 70 re-pumped with air to make a Nitrox 32 for the next dive.

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Bottom time was 15 minutes with runtime of 75 minutes. My first stop was at 50 metres. The most complicating piece of equipment I carried was my camera with two strobes. It takes all of the remaining space on my chest, making access to light heads and my fly difficult.

The wreck was buoyed but rather than do the major part of the deco on the fixed buoy line which was susceptible to current we had prearranged for our floating shot lines to be dropped to us at 40 minutes. On these we then drifted free for deco. Tim and Mark shot a marker buoy from near the bottom and deco-ed totally free drifting. When our shot was lowered so was a message slate to take lunch and drink orders and to attach my camera housing.

My only concern about the diving the wreck was the long compulsory deco and being harassed by sharks. Darcy's garage is full of big shark jaws and he is full of big shark tales. I had a sawn off broom handle with a spike in one end to use as a tooth pick. Luckily I did not have the opportunity to use my "shark prod".

The only incident of the trip was that both Mark and I imploded one strobe each on the first dive. From then on the remaining strobes worked perfectly. They were Ikelite SS200 rated to 90 metres. My Subal housing rated to 70 metres worked fine.

It was an exciting and rewarding week. Thanks must go to Chris, Darcy, Laurence, Rick and all the Dive Quest team for their generous contributions and support, backing up the dive team.

MAY

Wed 1st	0546 0.3, 1146 1.3, 1713 0.6, 2346 1.7
Thur 2nd	0645 0.5, 1244 1.2, 1802 0.7
Fri 3rd	0039 1.6, 0745 0.5, 1346 1.2, 1900 0.8
Sat 4th	0137 1.5, 0846 0.6, 1454 1.2, 2010 0.8
Sun 5th	0242 1.5, 0942 0.6, 1557 1.2, 2124 0.8
Mon 6th	0345 1.4, 1031 0.6, 1648 1.3, 2230 0.8
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Wed 8th	0529 1.5, 1152 0.5, 1810 1.5
Thur 9th	0013 0.6, 0611 1.5, 1226 0.5, 1845 1.5
Fri 10th	0054 0.6, 0649 1.5, 1257 0.5, 1917 1.6
Sat 11th	0132 0.5, 0728 1.5, 1328 0.5, 1949 1.7
Sun 12th	0210 0.5, 0805 1.4, 1359 0.5, 2022 1.7
Mon 13th	0248 0.4, 0845 1.4, 1431 0.5, 2058 1.8
Tue 14th	0330 0.4, 0927 1.4, 1507 0.5, 2135 1.8
Wed 15th	0413 0.4, 1011 1.3, 1545 0.6, 2216 1.8
Thur 16th	0500 0.4, 1100 1.3, 1629 0.6, 2301 1.7
Fri 17th	0552 0.5, 1153 1.2, 1718 0.7, 2352 1.7
Sat 18th	0650 0.5, 1254 1.2, 1818 0.7
Sun 19th	0051 1.7, 0752 0.5, 1400 1.2, 1928 0.7
Mon 20th	0157 1.6, 0854 0.4, 1508 1.3, 2044 0.7
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Wed 22nd	0411 1.6, 1043 0.3, 1703 1.5, 2304 0.5
Thur 23rd	0511 1.6, 1131 0.3, 1755 1.7
Fri 24th	0006 0.4, 0608 1.6, 1217 0.3, 1843 1.8
Sat 25th	0104 0.3, 0702 1.6, 1301 0.3, 1930 1.9
Sun 26th	0159 0.3, 0757 1.5, 1345 0.4, 2016 1.9
Mon 27th	0252 0.3, 0849 1.5, 1430 0.4, 2102 1.9
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Courses

April

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May

Open Water starts Monday the 6th 6 places available
Stress and Rescue starts Tuesday the 14th 4 places left
Night diver starts Monday 20th 5 place left

June

Deep Diver Starts Wednesday 12th only 3 places left
Wreck Diver Starts Wednesday 19th only 3 places left

Apologies: Bernie, Evelyn, Viv, Glen, Craig, Geoffrey and Nick.

Incoming Correspondence: Ryde Underwater newsletter, URG newsletter, Bank Statement, PO Box renewal, Dive Log Invoice, BOC Invoice, Doubtless & Diving newsletter, Asia Dive Expo info.

Outgoing Correspondence: Letter to the Australian Underwater Federation re Liability insurance cover.

Minutes of Last Meeting Acceptance: Accepted By: Grey Seconded by: Mim

Photographic Officers Position A.V. Night coming along nicely. Definitely needs someone to take up the position for next year. George Roberts comp for next month – entries are due tonight.

Equipment Officer: Not here. Believe equipment is safe and well at Aqua Sports.

Website: Front page has changed. SPD emblem then goes to history. Members input is welcome. Email to Noel for inclusion.

Social Organiser: Sat 20th April – Ice Skating/ Indian Restaurant. 25th May Go Karting/ Chinese Restaurant – requires a minimum of 16 drivers. \$41.00 per head. More than 16 drivers will be cheaper. 90 minutes of track time. Need 50% deposit paid by 10th May. Still in works horse riding, white water rafting and a Drive Inn movie.

Dive Reports:

Noel – Double Dive with Diver City – Sharks 12 grey nurses, viz 6-7 mtrs. Back to the Shop for lunch then off to Henry's Head – red Indian fish, ghost pike fish

Peter Flockart – Shiprock morning dive 15-16 mtr viz, 22 degrees, lots of fish life
Afternoon wharf dive found 2 mobile phones (used) couple knives, maglight torch (still works) Last weekend Bateman's Bay 6 dives 22-23 degrees, reef beautiful sponges, volcanic rock. \$66.00 double dive - great operation. Ulladulla a new dive shop has opened. Has a RIB 10 divers \$50.00 double dive.

Simon – Club Dive - sunny day, seas flat, 5-6 mtr viz. 3 boat load of divers. Loi cooked the BBQ.

Noel – Saturday Max (Sea Tamer II) Middleground 20 fishing boats, Max pulled up in the middle, 25 mtr viz, fish everywhere, kingies.

Des – Kiama – east shore dive, sea spiders

Phil – Camp Cove night dive.

Matt – Bottle hunting Henry's Head 750ml bottle big stone in neck.

Mim and John – Max (Sea Tamer II) Marley Gardens – Huge cuttlefish covered in pointy bumps, followed them around. Had a tug-o-war between it's tentacles and the camera.

GENERAL BUSINESS

April dives will be cancelled if not full. Will try and change to Sunday 14th April.

Public Liability – only option is through the Australian Underwater Federation who run a pool insurance. A letter was read out to the meeting and all members present were in favour to send off the letter.

Oxy Viva – is it ready for use? In test? Suggested oxygen therapy a better move as old system may not comply with the Australian standards. Motion moved by Des, 2nd by Grey – for Noel to take it away and get it fully checked, bringing back to the next meeting a written recommendation. Noel will also check to see if the Club needs a first aid kit.

Magnetometer - Phil raised a motion to sell the magnetometer. 2nd by Simon. 14 for the sale, 1 against, 4 members abstained.

Grey to check to see what it's worth; likelihood to sell it. Will bring details to next meeting.

BBQ needs a new hose and regulator. Simon passed a motion to purchase what needs replacing. 2nd by Phil. Matt has the BBQ and will rectify.

Treasurers Report: Was read out for January and February. Accepted by Peter. 2nd by Phil.

TRIP – South West Rocks weekend April \$210.00 dives and accommodation. 4 boat dives

RAFFLE

1st prize -Aqua Sports 5 fill card Mark Pinna and Mim & John

2nd prize - Sea Tamer II Max Western Simon

3rd prize - 2 x Air fills – Shiprock Dive Simon

GEORGE ROBERTS

1st prize ICE frameless mask

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2nd prize Dive Solutions torch

Simon (snoopy diver consultation prize)

3rd prize Aqua Lung T Shirt


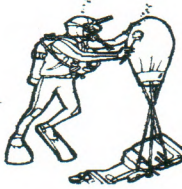
Matt

Night was concluded with a slide show of South West Rocks, Thank you Noel. And thanks to Grey for his assortment of slides.

May 2002

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Club Meeting	21	22	23	24	25 Karting & Chinese Restaurant	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June 2002

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Club Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 

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Since 1982 SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB has conducted each year an annual underwater photographic competition with prizes worth many thousands of dollars.

Now in the second year of a new millennium the club will hold the biggest and richest underwater photographic competition in Australia, with prizes worth more than \$40,000.

On behalf of South Pacific Divers Club all Underwater Photographers are invited to participate in this fantastic Photo competition, so dust off the cameras and videos and get your best selection into this years 2001 competition!!

Please read all conditions carefully, as failure to do so may result in disqualification!!

CATEGORIES:

MASTERS:

The Award Title: Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year 2002

Open to all past winners of the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Open Category only.

This is a new prestigious category for past open winners only, with a portfolio of six slides.

OPEN:

The Award Title: Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year 2002

Open to all underwater photographers whether amateur or professional. This category gives the winner a special standing in the field of underwater photography.

Outstanding winners of past years have been Pat Manly from New South Wales he won the award twice, 1982 and again in 1985. New Zealander Andy Belcher took out the title twice, 1987 and then in 1995. Gary Bell from Victoria won the prestige award three times, 1990, 1991 and then in 1992. The only person to win three times in a row. Michael Cufer from New South Wales won the title twice in a row, 1993 and then in 1994. The first woman in to win the prestige award was Katie Scotland in 1981.

NOVICE:

The Award Title: Australasian Novice Underwater Photographer of the Year 2002

The Novice section is open to all amateur underwater photographers. That is those divers who have not received more than 5% of their income from any underwater photographic work.

VIDEO:

The Award Title: Australasian Underwater Video Photographer of the Year 2002. This category is open to all amateur video photographers. That is those individuals who have received no monies for footage shot or receiving wages or commission for video footage.

Six points that make video footage flow smoothly and at the same time entertaining are Titling, Narration and Music, Good Camera Work, Continuity, Editing and Entertaining.

PHONE ENQUIRES: (02) 9624 5938 (Business Hours) E-MAIL: photocomp@southpacificdivers.com

Entry forms: www.southpacificdivers.com

Marine Archaeology Course

Forwarded via SCAN

-----Original Message-----

From: Nathan Richards [mailto:nathan.richards@flinders.edu.au]

Hi all -

The next Part 1 AIMA/NAS Course in Maritime Archaeology is looming on the horizon. For those that have not heard of this course please read the information at the bottom of this email or go to http://www.aima.iinet.net.au/frames_no/nas/aimanas.html

The dates for Part 1 courses scheduled in 2002 are:

- * Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 June
- * Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September
- * Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November

The dates for Part 2 courses scheduled in 2002 are:

- * at some stage during April break (15 - 28 April)**flexible**

Costs for a part 1 course are \$160.00

Costs for a part 2 course are \$100.00

Courses are internationally and nationally accredited and are taught by experienced professional maritime archaeologists.

Times are flexible and if people wish to organise times for their own courses (part 1 or 2 - with a minimum of 10 people) please contact me (courses can be divided into multiple night classes or during weekdays).

If any one wants to know more, or would like to reserve a place on a course in 2002 my contact details are included below.

Regards,

Nathan Richards

State AIMA/NAS Tutor - South Australia

PhD. Candidate, Flinders University.

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Check out the website for the Society for Underwater Historical Research(SUHR) at: www.suhr.asn.au

Check out the website for the Australian Association for Maritime History (AAMH) at: www.aamh.asn.au

AIMA/NAS Training courses

The Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (AIMA), in conjunction with the Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS - United Kingdom), is now teaching a 4 part course series on maritime archaeology. This internationally recognised course is being currently run in the UK, South Africa, Canada and the USA.

The Nautical Archaeology Society is an international society which based in the UK. One of the stated aims of the Nautical Archaeology Society is to advance education in maritime archaeology at all levels. The NAS has put this into practice by introducing a structured training scheme open to both divers and non-divers. It was designed and developed by archaeologists and recreational divers working together, and has proved to be an effective way to learn basic archaeological skills for use underwater.

The general aim of the course is to introduce the methods and procedures employed in underwater archaeology, as well as to

generate awareness regarding shipwreck preservation in our country.

On completion of each of the courses, students are awarded an AIMA/NAS certificate which is internationally recognised.

Part I

A 2 day introduction to maritime archaeology which includes at least 8 hours of classwork in addition to practical work underwater and on land.

The Part 1 course is a general introduction to maritime archaeology which focuses on aspects such as pre-disturbance, or in other words, non-intrusive surveys of shipwreck sites.

The course structure includes :

- * Archaeological principles
- * Archaeological sciences
- * materials conservation
- * ship construction
- * surveying
- * search techniques
- * shipwreck position fixing
- * remote sensing
- * State and Commonwealth legislation

The Part 1 course is generally run over a weekend, with a theoretical lecture component and with simulated land exercises. Underwater exercises can also be conducted with those who have diving experience. Being able to dive, however, is not a requirement for attending this course. The cost of Part I varies between \$120 - \$160 depending on the cost of venue hire. Those who complete Part I will receive AIMA Associate membership for one year.

This is normally backdated to 1st July but for courses after 1st April participants can opt for membership commencing in the following July.

Part II

The attendance of a Survey Day School, or lecture series, the equivalent of 2 days attendance at archaeology conferences and the completion of a short project.

The minimum requirement for the completion of Part II is the attendance of 7 approved lectures relevant to maritime archaeology, OR a Survey Day school which includes 2 lectures and practical survey work. Some of the Survey Day schools will be carried out above water to cater for non-divers. All participants are required to submit a satisfactory report on a short survey project undertaken by themselves. Participants are also required to attend the equivalent of a 2 day conference in order to gain a background knowledge of current work in the field of maritime archaeology.

Part III

The accumulation of 100 contact hours of tuition in six or seven subject areas.

The 100 contact hours can be accrued through special field schools of one or more weeks and/or through a number of weekend workshops.

Part IV

The presentation of an extended portfolio of work on an approved subject/project, including a report to publication standard.

The Part IV graduate will also have to have done a minimum of 12 weeks total on at least three sites since beginning Part II.

SATURDAY, 25TH MAY 2002



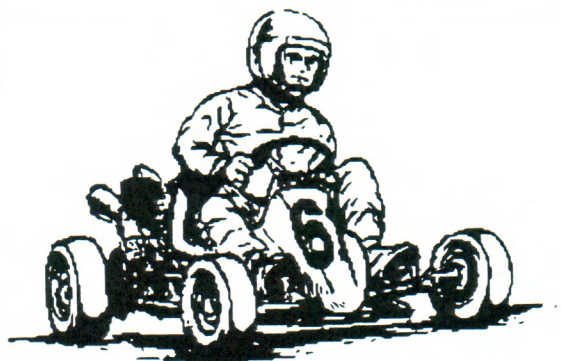
We need a minimum of 16 people for this event to go ahead . . .

50% deposit **MUST** be paid 2 weeks prior to the event . . .

Fast Lane Go Karting Centre
20 Swettenham Road
Minto

5:30pm – 7:00pm

approx \$41.00 per head
(cheaper if more than 16 people attend)
plus \$4 per person – licence fee



RSVP and 50% Deposit . . .

Mim (0408) 614 401

John (0418) 290 603

mjf97@hotmail.com

. . . by 10th May

AND / OR



House of Bamboo Chinese Restaurant

59 Queen Street
Campbelltown

7:30pm

Set Menus \$19, \$21 and \$24

RSVP by 23th May



Restaurant Night will go ahead, even if the Go-Karting has to be cancelled . . .

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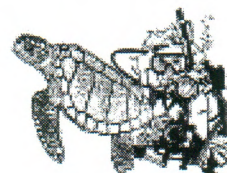
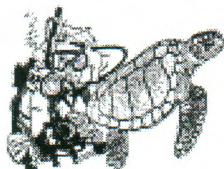


SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB



The presentation night for

THE AUSTRALASIAN UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2002



AT THE

GREYHOUND SOCIAL CLUB YAGOONA

140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

13th July 2002

7.00pm

The evening show will start at 7.00pm with some fantastic video and slides and then move into the serious stuff of presenting the slides and videos of the entrants, and then the prize giving and presentations!!

There are some top prizes for contestants this year with Overseas Trips, Australian Trips, Dive gear, Subscriptions Etc and of course excellent door prizes and raffles!!

Tickets are \$25.00 and there is full bar service available. If you wish to book tables please do so early as it will be first in first served! For table bookings a 20% deposit will be required at time of booking.

So get your friend's social organiser, grandparents, and lovers rounded up and mark the 13th July 2002 on your calendar and come and see some world class photos and videos.

Come For Dinner

Smorgasboard available
from

5.00pm – 6.30pm

\$30.00 per person



SMORGASBOARD

Dips, biscuits and nuts served on the tables

ENTRÉE

Prawn Cocktail

BUFFET

Leg Ham – Pineapple
Pressed Turkey
Corn Beef
Garden Salad
Coleslaw
Beetroots
Potato Salad
Roast Beef
Roast Chicken
Beef Stroganoff
Curried Chicken
Fried Rice
Rice

DESSERTS

Assorted Cakes
Fresh Fruit in season

Bread rolls, butter, tea, coffee and
after dinner mints included.

\$25.00 per ticket



For bookings you can E-mail us on:
photocomp@southpacificdivers.com

Or postal address is:

PO BOX 823 BANKSTOWN NSW 2220
AUSTRALIA

We look forward to hearing from you!!

