

Club Dives
Weekends Away

Social Outings

Wreck Diving

Reef Diving

Boat Diving

Shore Diving
Night Diving

South Pacific Divers Club

Established 1960

Wet Rag

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President's Report

Another year in the driver's seat!!

Thank you all for your vote last meeting, and I am looking forward to a productive year filled with lots of diving and social events.

I must say that one year in office is not enough to fully appreciate and to learn the ins and outs of the club and its members.

As you might know that my father sadly passed away two weeks ago and most of my time was spent caring for him over the last 6 months. He struggled with cancer for the past 6 years, however he managed to come along to most of our social outings and although he really did not speak much at the time, afterwards would comment on how much of a wonderful time he had. Thank you for the flowers that were sent to me on behalf of the South Pac Dive Club, they were truly beautiful.

On a much lighter note, the South Pac Photo Competition is underway with lots of entries. I am now getting excited, and can't wait to see the entries scanned and judged.

I hope that the next 12 months are filled with lots of diving, great underwater photo opportunities and many club social events.

Here's to the next 12 months!
Happy diving!

Amanda Taylor

Editor's Report

Well what can I say again. This is going to be a real short newsletter this month due to the lack of support from YOU the club members for not sending anything for inclusion. I know a lot of people are busy with work or other activities but it doesn't take much to type a few words about a dive report or something you wish to air to other club members. On a lighter note I would like to congratulate the new committee for putting their hand up for a position.

Matt

Photographic officer's Report

Well this is the spot where the new Photographic officer usually writes a bit about whats going on. But guess whos forgotten! Welcome aboard Peter Flockart as this years tortured soul oops Photographic officer.

SPD CLUB MEETING

21ST JULY, 2003

Apologies: Phil North.

Incoming Correspondence: Bank statement, re-investment notice and certificate, BOC statement, Doubtless & Diving newsletter, SCANS - emails re Barrier Reef Marine Park, Busselton Jetty, PNG trip and membership renewal, Self storage invoice, Australia Post authority form, NSW Fisheries re abalone & GNS protection handouts. 1 x AV night entry received.

Minutes: Accepted by Peter Flockart, seconded by Phil Dale

Treasurers Report: All accounted for - all but finalised awaiting last few receipts.

Photographic Officer: All going as well as possible, awaiting entries.

Website: Noel has updated.

Newsletter Editor: Still looking for content.

DIVE REPORTS

Peter F - Middle Ground - Sea Tamer II - low swell, 10-15 mtr viz, slight bottom current.
Heaps P.J's, wobbies
8' long, sea whips

Matt - Barrens Hut - Sea Tamer II Club Dive - good dive, cold and clear, large ray, cave was clouded out by P.J's, stargazer.
Drift Dive - Monument - counted 70 weedies, bull ray, sea horse.

Peter - Kurnell - washing machine treatment, bounced off a few rocks.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Shirts - T Shifts for sale. Special on polar fleece jackets and pullovers. Still waiting on fancy club shirts.

Max Western - Sea Tamer II - great sponsor.

There was some confusion with the Lucky Door prizes that we purchased off Max, re validity of tickets. We bought enough for a years worth, but he only validated them originally for 6 months. Therefore tonight we will use up the rest of the certificates.

Max has sold his business - at this time the new owners are happy to take over Max's sponsorship.

**** Donations for a present for Max - Peter Flockart advises Peter Mason will collate donations and suggestions.**

SPD should send him a certificate of appreciation anyway.

Club Dinner - date to be advised

Saturday 23rd August - **Club Dive and BBQ** at Rick's Place. Dive Oak Park then BYO to 71 Brushwood Drive, Alfords Point.

Suggested a weekend before AV Night we meet at Rick's place and put together brochure packs for the tables for the AV Night.

Skirmish – 17th August, 2003.

Question raised re AV Entries – Peter advises slow at present, would be happy to get 70 entries.

A.G.M. ACTION

Returning Officer – Martin Kandilas

Old Committee stood down.

New committee elected as follows;

President – Amanda Taylor

Secretary – still to be filled. Sue will continue till after AV night.

Treasurer – Mark Pinna

Photographic Officer – Peter Flockart

Publicity Officer – Matt Reeve

Thank you to the Old committee, and Welcome the new committee.

Please Note – Re the Secretary's position, If you would like to do the job, see Sue. I would be happy to caretaker the position with you until after the AV night – so you wouldn't be thrown in the deep end.

Raffle -

Shiprock - 2 air fills - Mark Pinna

Sydney Divercity - \$50.00 Voucher – Linh La

Max Western Boat Dive - Tom Byron

Max Western Double Boat Dives - Ben Rudd

Max Western Double Boat Dives - John Rudd

Lucky Door Prize – John Olsen (Double boat dive – Max Western Sea Tamer II)

DIVE REPORT

Winter diving at Jervis Bay 1st August 2003

Jervis Bay in winter, calm sea's, good vis and as a local said "the water is a bit cool".

I arrived at the wharf at 7.30am and began to gear up for an 8.00 departure on Seascope. On board were a group of six students doing a Deep Diver Course, which meant going to somewhere different to the usual charter.

Dive 1 - was at the southeast Bowen island wall, depth ranged from 28 to 32 metres bottom time 30min. Did I mention the water was "cool", a refreshing 15 deg. Numerous Port Jackson sharks, Nudibranchs, Sea Whips and interesting shaped bowl sponges. On ascent the instructor removed a large hook from the mouth of a Port Jackson shark

Our surface interval was spent at the Nursery, there we watched a pod of dolphins feeding nearby.

Dive 2 - New Rock Fall Bowen island, situated on the north east corner of Bowen Island.

Depth here was 24mtr with a bottom time 26min, interesting site with large rocks scattered along bottom, Weedy Sea Dragon, Old Wives, Bleeker's Devilfish and schools of Whiting.

Seasports is under new management now , operated by Matt & Beccy the service and hospitality remain the same.

Mark S

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