

Club Dives
Weekends Away

Social Outings
Wreck Diving

Reef Diving
Boat Diving

Shore Diving
Night Diving

South Pacific Divers Club

Established 1960

Wet Rag

September 2004

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Well Summer is damn well nearly here & I know you've all gone and serviced your gear
So all you have to do is refresh your skills & grab your towel
Get on the boat and in the water do plough
Once you're wet, you'll see below, the reason you're no longer down at the snow
A vista so wide, so clear and so neat
You'll wonder why it took you so long to wet your feet.



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EDITORS CORNER

I just do not know where the weeks disappear to, but they do at an ever increasing speed. Here we are again at the time where the wet rag needs to be put out again and it only seems like yesterday that I finished last month's.

Once again a very big thank you to our photographic officer, Peter Flockart, for his photographs for this issue.

Come on you guys, even if you don't get wet, you must have a decent photograph that you would like to see grace the pages of our illustrious magazine.

My Monday Chinese lessons have now ceased and this will give me more of an opportunity to get amongst this chore and attend a meeting, or two. Yes I am learning Mandarin, or trying to any way. No! do not ask me why, just because I can I suppose.

Note; The tidal information in the calendar is highs only for the weekend. Time is 24hour time.

Enjoy
Ed

Duane

Cover Photo's

A Pair of Ascidians

Photograph's submitted
by
Peter Flockart

Ascidian

Any minute marine invertebrate animal of the class "Ascidacea" such as the sea squirt, the adults of which are degenerate and sedentary. *Re Collin's Dictionary.*

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PRESIDENTS POSSIE

Well here we are, another month has gone by and still we are all having trouble getting wet.

It is an absolute pleasure to see that Peter Flockart is progressing forward with both the George Roberts Competition and the 2005 AV Night. Both of these events require a lot of work, the latter more so than the former and it is my wish to see the members get involved with the George Roberts in-house competition.

Preparations are well under way with getting the web site under control and it is hoped that this will be well in hand prior to Xmas. There is every expectation that the web site will play a large part in the up coming 2005 Av night.

It is pleasing to note that the membership for the Club is growing steadily, but I would like to see more of the general membership attend to the General Meetings.

Also guys, I would like you to keep in mind the damaging effects of the sun this summer. We have a small number of SPD caps available for the wee sum \$15.00. A purchase of one of these, not only protects you from the sun, but also helps the Club stay afloat.

See you Sunday at the Ryde Underwater Treasure Hunt, Long Bay. It starts at 10.00am, so do not be late. \$20.00 for the hunt and \$25.00 with food. Good value day no matter what.

Good safe diving,
See you all at the next meeting.

Bernd Kraul

President

Remember Members

*If you have a need, then think
about our regular loyal sponsors.*

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by posting
advertisements
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all...it's free! (Try getting that from E-Bay).
For more information, contact the Editor.



Divers Club
active
chance to
dive closet
for used
web site.
news of

Trivia

There is a move a foot by dweeds within Government to bring about legislation that every person on a vessel must wear a life jacket at all times. This is regardless of the size of the vessel, or the activity being performed. So when you are sunbaking nude, you will have to have a life jacket on. Victoria is the vanguard for this stupidity.

Have a say now before it is too late. Write to your local MP. Perhaps as a club we should enter the fray?

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CLUB T/SHIRTS

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.
The T Shirts are \$20.00 each.

Caps are also available. \$15.00 each

Also there is the availability of having your own garment embroidered with the Club logo.

Gear for Sale

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Blue & Green in colour with pocket on left
thigh
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Lanyard
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See Peter Flockart at the next meeting, or
contact him on telephone # 0409 304959.

*This is the second running of this ad, so I do not know
what is left here for sale. Contact Peter for details.*

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SPD CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
\$2.00 per ticket

Via the generosity of our members with the donation of various items for a Christmas Hamper - tickets are on sale from the September meeting, being drawn at our Christmas Party.

If you cannot attend a meeting between now and then, send us a cheque and we will be glad to reserve tickets in your name.

So why not support your Club and be in the running for a hamper containing various wines and small goods.

Community Notice

Dear Dive Shops, Clubs and Associations,

Marine pest species pose a serious threat to our beautiful marine and estuarine ecosystems. Some pest species you may be aware of include the invasive seaweed *Caulerpa taxifolia*, which has infected a number of NSW estuaries, and the Northern Pacific Seastar, which has not as yet reached NSW waters, but plagues Tasmanian and Victorian waterways. To protect our unique coastal environment, we're calling on the help of all divers to look out for and report any sightings of pest species. NSW Fisheries (now known as Department of Primary Industries) has produced a set of 8 laminated marine pest identification cards for divers around NSW. These cards help divers identify pests and give contact details for reporting pest sightings. If a pest population is

discovered early on, there is a greater chance it can be brought under control. If you are interested in receiving a (free!) set of these marine pest ID cards for use by your divers and clients, please send a return email with your postal address and I'll be happy to post them to you. Unfortunately, due to limitations on numbers only one set will be available for each shop/club/association, however if you come across any diver/client who is particularly interested, they can contact me to request their own set.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Jenny Fredrickson ><
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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 the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition, open to all underwater photographers in Australia and Overseas. 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.

SCAN MINUTES OF 10/8/04

Meeting commenced 7:50 pm at the St George Rowing club

Attending were; Wayne Hack (URG), Greg Blackburne (RUC), Peter Flockart (SPD), Les Caterson (St George SCUBA) and John Olsen (DOUTS).

Correspondence: No Letters received. via RUC PO Box. Thanks once again to RUC for letting us use that facility!

Treasurer's Rpt (by Les); Current balance of SCAN account is \$1525.47 which includes membership renewals from DOUTS, RUC, URG. Obviously fees are due for other clubs.

Les then went into his Recreational Vessel Advisory Group (RVAG) update as this meeting was held earlier that day! Major points of interest

- Waterways are having arguably the biggest reorganisation in their long and chequered history. The new name being NSW Maritime Authority consisting of 5 main divisions;
 - Ships
 - Recreational Boats
 - Commercial boats
 - Property
 - Corporate Services

There are also some other changes to be introduced in the future such as Boat Licenses being incorporated into a General License System (GLS) for administration ease. ie linked to road license payments etc.

For the next "summer" high season it is envisaged that RANDOM BREATH TESTING and on the spot fines for infringement breaches. The issues they are to target are wash speed and alcohol. Anticipated introduction for RBT and on the spot fines 1st September 2004. (John O suggested that all clubs with boats do a very thorough audit of safety equipment now as that will be an easy target re infringements. Also to pay particular attention to no wash zones.)

Les also advised that for the same period last year 16 deaths had occurred yet only 8 this year. Go figure!

Round the table update;

John confirmed that this agenda item (started last month) would be a standing feature/item for all SCAN meetings in the future. Also non Sydney CBD clubs are strongly encouraged to contribute to this item. (So email Les or me just prior to the next meeting OK) The aim was for clubs to let the group know of any interesting up coming events in their dive or social calendar which other clubs might like to join in or advise their members of for interest / inclusion.

For example some St George SCUBA Club members are running a trip to Chuck Lagoon in September (aka Truck Lagoon), which has a RUC compliment. DOUTS have the Undersea Explorer booked in late November and already some St George SCUBA Club folk are signed up! (Hmm all this club intermingling really is great from my perspective and makes SCAN even stronger. John O)

St George SCUBA Club : Les advised that they are surprisingly active at present with boat dives going out on Wednesdays Saturdays & Sundays. Night dives are scheduled now every second Thursday but often happen every Thursday. On a social note some are toying with the idea of seeing Debby Does Dallas (the musical!) apparently it is very funny.

URG : Also fairly active on the dive front despite middle of winter. Max Gleason been to present his new book. Max is an excellent guest speaker. (Any club not been contacted should do so as he gives a great presentation and sells his great wreck books at a discount to clubs! Max is at RUC 11/8/04)

DOUTS : Diving a little quiet with club at present. Will get Max to give a presentation seeing he is doing the rounds and after URG comments.

RUC : They are also fairly actively diving at present. The June long weekend at Nelson Bay was a cracker. Well attended and lots of diving done. Great viz did help.

SPD : They are rather quiet at present and looking to come to life with warmer weather.

Marine Parks Update by John O

The Draft Plan of Management is now out (6/8/04) for Cape Byron Marine Park. Closing date for submissions is 12th November 2004. So for once we do not have to kill ourselves overly to get a comment document together within time. As anticipated the recreational fishing lobby is very agitated about the proposed level / quantum of sanctuary zones being afforded under the current plan. So I strongly recommend that each club (and individuals) put in a submission. At the bear minimum submissions need to be supportive of the overall thrust of the plan ie level of sanctuary zones. In the next day or

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three I will be starting to put together a draft SCAN position (it will be fairly general), which I will mail out on the list. Specific discussion points can then take place between interested parties off list. A final draft will then be put out on the list for use by member clubs and their individual members to use in part or full. OK

To actually get a copy of the draft plan is impossible at present except off the MPA web site. As a Marine Park Advisory Council member yes you guessed it I have not been sent a copy yet. They say I will get one in about a week. So I suggest you hit the web site now to get a copy as they are impossible to come by at present!

The actual link is <http://www.mpa.nsw.gov.au/cbmp/cbmp-zoning-plan.htm>.

Up coming Weekend Away :

Ulladulla is the place and things are moving along. Accommodation at the camping ground (Headland in South St) is getting tight. Especially for cabins. Apparently there is going to be a touch football competition on in the area that weekend. So it will be prudent to move on cabin bookings in particular. If you have no luck with there, there is a good motel close by ie walking distance, which is most suitable. Obviously it is slightly more costly than cabins. This place is Motel Harbour Royal 02-44555444.

So get organised.

Other Stuff:

Greg our web guy is to put the Australian Marine Conservation Society web address on our links page. On that note all suggestions welcome re other suitable organisation addresses we should have on our links page. So post to the list your recommendations of links we should have (sorry Greg!). Wow that means you need to check out the SCAN site to see what links we currently have!

One thing I forgot to mention at the meeting is “the Brisbane” as a dive wreck in QLD. I have been in touch with some dive organisations (club based) seeking updates as the project progresses. There needs to be close scrutiny to ensure that public access is part of the management plan. By that I mean that access via permit (as permits will be necessary) are not restricted exclusively to commercial operators. Stay tuned on that one!

Benthic ripples-as we all know the recreational fishing lobby is very organised active vocal and has excellent media connections. They strongly resent their members being locked out of sanctuary zones in marine parks. What makes their stainless steel hooks really jingle is that SCUBA divers have access to these sanctuary zones. Why should they not be restricted? Hey we (fishos) pay fishing licence fees to be restricted. Not only that dives (well actually operators) are making money on the back of these places. The grey nurse shark protected aggregation sites are even more sensitive to this argument as dive shops really do hammer these sites. Magic Point is such a good example for them to quote. Saying diver pressure drove the sharks away! (fairly strong evidence this may well be the case!) So be mindful that we really do have to justify succinctly our position. Also in some locations diver pressure is an issue. Cattle truck dive sites like Julian rocks also immediately springs to mind!

A reminder that fees are now due and Les is looking forward to banking those vast sums of money. Seriously it is important for us to have a healthy membership given benthic ripples. Wollongong UNI is in the process of joining which will be good.

WALTER HOOD (1852-1870)

On the 27th August 1870, strong winds forced the clipper ship “Walter Hood” ashore at Wreck Bay, Ulladulla on the NSW coast. For more than eight days the 35 passengers and crew attempted to survive by clinging to the disintegrating wreck, or swimming ashore. Thirteen were drowned.

Launched in January 1853, the “Walter Hood” was built by, and named after, a prominent ship builder. The owner was the famous Aberdeen White Star Line which dominated the Australia trade for many years. The “Walter Hood” was originally intended for the London—China tea trade, but by the time of the Clipper’s first voyage, had been diverted to Sydney by virtue of the 1850’s goldrush. Subsequently the Clipper completed more than 21 return voyages over 17 years. On board the first voyage was the first copy of the Illustrated Sydney News. The cargo of the last voyage included mosaics for the rebuilding of St Mary’s Cathedral in Sydney, which had been destroyed by fire in 1865.

SPDC's CONSTITUTIONAL
COLUMN
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The very first thing that must be stressed here, is that this column is written to enlighten those that are interested in understanding, but must not be considered a definitive legal view on the issue and any person wishing to gain such a legal understanding will have to seek such advice from a duly trained person in such legal matters.

Continuing with Office Bearers, we move on to the Secretary.

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- (a) It is the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes of;
- (i) All proceedings at formal Association Meetings, General Meetings, Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings.
- (b) It is the duty of the Secretary to keep records of;
- (i) All appointments of Office Bearers and Members of the Committee.
- (ii) All appointments to the Association.
- (c) Minutes of General meetings shall be presented for acceptance by Members present at the next arranged General Meeting.
- (d) These records and minutes shall be made available for inspection by any Member and shall be held in custody of the Secretary, or in a location approved by the Committee.
- (e) The Secretary is usually appointed Public Officer, unless this position is filled by another person. Refer to rule 27.
- (f) The Secretary is responsible for notifying the Corporate Affairs Commission of changes with regard to the details of the Public Officer. Refer to rule 27(f).
- (g) The Secretary's duties may include the preparation, photocopying and mailing out of the Club's newsletter and notices to Members.
- (h) The Secretary will hold all Club records and correspondence files. Copies of all correspondence from other Committee Members shall also be held on file by the Secretary.

The above is all very self explanatory and in reality should not need any clarification, other than to perhaps say that it is important that section (h) is adhered to implicitly and such records, or copies of be given to the Secretary expeditiously.

The failure to comply with this rule, be it intentional, or unintentional, could have all sorts of ramifications for the Club. Not to say the least, that section (d) could not be complied with as requested and hence those evoking this section are denied their due rights under the rules of the Club.

This section (d) is an important one for general Association Members to keep in mind, as it is written into our rules to allow such Members the ability to look into the Committee dealings of the Club that may not, in general terms, come to the notice of general Members.

The only condition of a Member evoking his/her right to

look at such records, must give the Secretary a reasonable time and place to carry out such scrutiny. Also keep in mind that most Club records are not brought to a meeting as a rule.

Having said this, there is no reason that a Member at a General Meeting could not request certain records, either current, or Historical, to be produced for Scrutiny at the next General Meeting to be held.

I would imagine that the only reason that this would not be applicable, would be if such records were of such a nature that it was impracticable to do so. Such as heavy and cumbersome records, in which case other arrangements would have to be made.

Here again, as in the President's obligations, I must point out that this is one of three positions within our Club that bestow certain powers in the interest of the well being of our Club. These powers are never bestowed for personal agendas, or self interest reasons and the people who elected those to such positions have a right to the highest expectations of this principal from those so elected.

Having said the above, the Secretary's position and duties, conversely carry the expectation that a high level of respect and reverence for such a person will be received from the General Membership and their Peers in office.

There are four positions within this Association that carry with such positions a serious amount of effort by those holding these positions and these are:

The Photographic Officer

The Secretary

The Treasurer

The News Letter Editor

All four of these position hold their own unique ability to either make the Club successful, or in fact work to the detriment of the Club. It is the General Memberships obligation to ensure that those that in fact hold the above positions and others, perform for the continuing betterment of the Club and pay the respect due to those that do so.

If any Member feels that there is a problem with administration, voice your concerns sooner rather than later and allow our strong Constitution to solve a perceived problem in it's infancy. No member should ever ridicule, or remonstrate another Member for voicing a genuine concern and should this happen, then we should all perhaps look at those doing the remonstrating. This is your Club and you have a right to be heard and have your requests answered.

Duane Langley.

Remember, this is a forum, feel free to have your say.

The more everyone understands what the building blocks of our Club are, the less chance of anyone being able to damage it.

Remember this too. This Association/Club owns something that is unique, historical and commercially valuable

THE SPDC UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION rights.

It's a Club asset and one to be protected vigorously.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S
REPORT**
July/August 2004

Photographic Officers Report

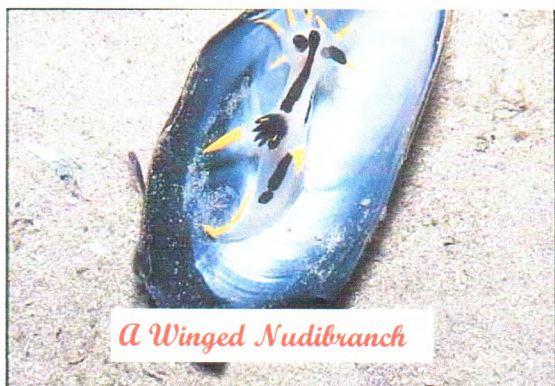
Well there hasn't been much happening of note on the diving front for a while as the water which has been flat on top has been very unpredictable below especially in the visibility stakes.

There have been reports up & down the coast saying the same thing with the algal bloom that plagued Sydney in 2003 returning to haunt us. With this is the cold water that most people have forgotten about unless you have travelled South in the last few months.

It is hoped though that a few of you have been able to find clear water and take some stunning photos that are going to enter in the up coming George Roberts Photo comp. REMEMBER: Round ONE is on at the September, (see the magazine for rules & entry form).

So hope to see a big roll up at the meeting to help judge the winning shots for this month.

*Regards,
Peter Flockart.*



Treasure Hunt Dive

On the 19th September SPDC is invited to attend Ryde Underwater Treasure hunt Day at Long Bay. The event starts at 10.00am and in the water at 11.00am. The cost to join on this event is \$20.00.

All those interested. Contact Peter Flockart on 9371 0265, or mobile # 0409 304959.

The NSW Heritage Act 1977

People who locate shipwrecks and other underwater heritage in the internal waters of NSW (i.e. rivers, harbours, lakes and enclosed bays), which are related to the colonisation of Australia and are more than 50 years old, are required by law to notify the Heritage Council of these relics.

The Heritage Council may then decide to recommend further statutory protection in the form of an interim and permanent conservation order. These orders can control demolition, development, or alteration to submerged relics (e.g. shipwrecks, or refuse deposits), works (e.g. remnants of jetties, or wharves), or land where such relics are situated.

**Heritage Branch
Department of Planning
175 Liverpool St, Sydney 2000
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Fax #; (02) 3912336**

SS CUMBERLAND

When the huge International Steam ship SS Cumberland hit a German mine field 18 nautical miles off Eden, on the NSW coast on July the 6th, 1917 and eventually sunk, it was the first wartime casualty in Australian waters.

Crippled in the blast, the Cumberland went down about 8 kilometres southeast of Green Cape Lighthouse. The long forgotten wreck was detected by chance during a CSIRO and National Oceans Office habitat survey in 2000.

The steel hulled, Scottish built four-masted Cumberland, a ponderous 144.4 m long, is officially the largest of almost 2000 known shipwrecks since European settlement, which litter the coastline of NSW. Nationally there are about 7000, of which one tenth have been located.

The sinking of the Cumberland shocked the Country when it was raised in parliament by the then Prime Minister, Billy Hughes.

Heavily laden with a valuable cargo of copper and lead ingots, much needed supplies of Australian frozen meat and Red Cross "comforts", it was just beginning its voyage to hungry war-hit Britain when it ploughed into the mine field.

To be continued next issue.

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB
GEORGE ROBERTS MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The 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 scoring in 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 will encourage all club members to “dabble” in underwater photography. Novice’s can gain a wealth of information from any established club photographer and may even wish to complete a course in underwater photography.

COMPETITION RULES

1. The competition will be conducted over three months.

Each month’s competition will be held on the night of the Club meeting for that month:

— September

— October

— November

Entries will be sorted by the photographic officer. They will then be judged by all members present. (The photographic Officer will have the deciding vote, in the event of a tie.)

2. The competition is open only to members of South Pacific Divers Club who are currently financial.

3. a) September 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.

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

c) November Competition is open to all members.

4. Entries may be either prints or slides.

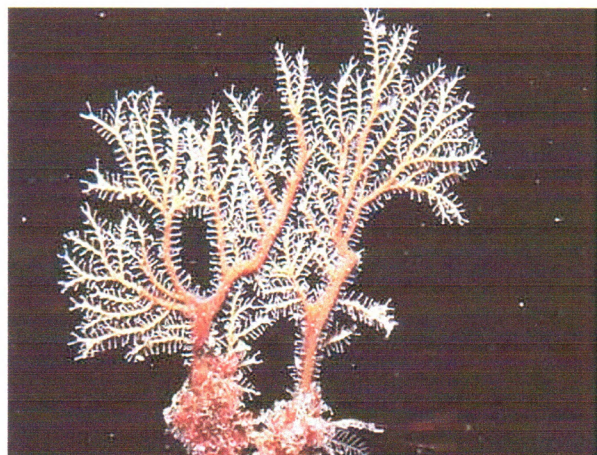
5. There will be a prizewinner each month and a major overall prizewinner.

6. The winner and entrants each month will receive a score for the place they achieve. Each entry will be judged on the basis of Five (5) technical points— 1) Impact, 2) Lighting, 3) Composition, 4) Creativity and 5) Technical Aspects.

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:

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



Southern Gorgonian

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7. The George Roberts Memorial Open Trophy will be presented to the open winner. The George Roberts Memorial Novice Trophy will be presented to the highest scoring entrant from September and October competition only.
8. Entries may be prints (max 20 x 25 cm) or transparencies.
9. All entries must have been taken in temperate waters (Defined as from Byron Bay to Perth and including Tasmania)
10. The entrant 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 as in Rule 11.
13. Slides taken in aquariums, bath tubs are not acceptable.
14. Prints/ Slides may be entered in One (1) category only.
15. Entrants must submit Three (3) prints or slides.
16. All entries will be returned at the following month's meeting.
17. Results are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
18. Prizes will be presented at the Christmas party.

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CATEGORIES

Open : Available to all members

Novice : is defined as an entrant who at the time of the comp hasn't received money for photographic work in Australia or has won a prize in a recognised photo comp.

Children : Open to all children of club members.

Best Wide Angle Shot

Best Macro

Funniest shot

Water Theme : This category is open to all. Entries for this category must have a water theme and may include above water, rivers, creeks or any subject as long as the underlying theme is H₂O.



SPITTING AEOLID→

Can find no such name in my dictionary, so someone will have to write to me for the next issue with details re this creature.

←WHAT TYPE OF FISH IS THIS?



SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB

ENTRY FORM

GEORGE ROBERTS PERPETUAL TROPHY

Name	
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Entry Category	\$5.00 enclosed	
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Please tick the category you wish to Enter.

Category	NOVICE		CHILD		WATER THEME	
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SLIDE TITLES

1	
2	
3	



PRINT TITLES

1	
2	
3	

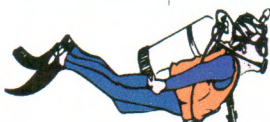

I state that I have read all the rules of the competition and acknowledge that failure to comply or give false information can lead to disqualification.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

September 2004

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4 1149-1.46	5 1232-1.43
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SPD MEETING 16th AUGUST, 2004

Apologies: Phil D, Evelyn and Duane

Incoming Correspondence: Bank statement, Reminder Big M Self Storage, URG Bulletin, Ryde Underwater newsletter, Hosting Info Aust reminder, SCANS membership, Details on accommodation re SCANS Weekend Ulladulla, email re Logo Update, AUF request for committee details re insurance.

Outgoing Correspondence: Newsletter.

Minutes: June and July – accepted by Peter, seconded by Mark.

Treasurer Report - Hosting Info Aust – are the same as Wincafe, still have not received our cheque so I will monitor that. Big M and SCANS both paid. Have compiled a list of fixed costs for the year which totals \$2,30.00. End of year financial reports all done will have to send off. Still have a problem with the BOC oxygen bottle – Martin advises he has a oxygen valve which will fit onto a divers tank which would need to have been scrubbed then filled – Club is welcome to this valve.

Photographic Officer – Rules for the George Roberts are in the newsletter, runs - September, October and November. Members present at each relevant meeting will judge the slides with the Photographic Officer having the ruling vote if warranted. Dive Log is full of interesting articles and trips. Dive Pacific has an interesting article on safety.

Newsletter Editor - Hope you like the newsletter, new articles as always are appreciated.

DIVE REPORTS

Rob, Mark and Peter – Ocean Trek (photographic course with Sydney Diver City) Very cold without a dry suit. Mark did an imitation of a human vibrator until he warmed up (therefore a dry suit has moved up on his list of ‘must haves’) Saw lots of wobbies, nudis, fish. 5 dives. Matt tried to warm up in a dive tub hot bath.

Secret Divers Business – little viz, bottom cold. Wet suit divers lasted 30-40 mins in 13 degree waters, Weedy Valley 24 mtrs rock/ 26 mtrs to sand. Viz better. Day dive and night dive at Nursery.

Drank a strange variety of drinks Russian Cocaine/ Jam Donut (with a kick).

Sun – Scallop Beds 10-12 degrees, 1 mtr viz, Spider Cave seals in water, too rough to get into cave. Water was clearer outside bay. Beautiful weather above water – blue sky and sun.

Peter – Swansea Bridge (with ST George Underwater) 15 degrees, 5-10 mtr viz, sponges, fish, ocky. Lots of broken shells on the bottom from the bridge works. They are rebuilding the bridge and underwater the thumping noise of the works was almost deafening.

Went 4WD along Stockton Bridge, camping in the sand dunes. Wind still up next day - no more dives, therefore plenty of recovery time from party the night before.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ryde Underwater –Treasure Hut/ Dive/ BBQ – will use this as a club outing. 19th September at Long Bay. Be there at 10.00, Briefing at 10.15, will commence at 10.30 am. \$20.00 with lunch, \$15.00 without lunch.

SCANS Combined Club Weekend – 13 & 14th November at Ulladulla. Accommodation is limited. Let Peter know asap if you are interested. Free BBQ Saturday night. Boat dives available, should be a good weekend.

Bank Account – Committee suggests the bank account be changed to the Bankstown City Credit Union as we can get 4.75% on our money on call, therefore we should start making some interest on our balance.

Christmas Raffle- Peter will donate 6 bottles of wine and Bernie will work on a meat/ hamper to help out the bank balance. \$2.00 per ticket, will be drawn at Christmas. Will start selling tickets next meeting.

Scrapped Ferry – Kooleen is almost ready for sinking off the Northern Beaches.

Web Site – a friend of Bernie's, Michael the computer wizard will have a look at our web site as we now, finally (we believe) have all the details we need to access the site. Michael will also look at future AV night slide shows. Martin suggested once in, we should change all the passwords etc.

Cub BBQ – is still with Dave Burns, Peter will see him.

Club SCANNER – Martin wants to borrow, Bernie will chase.

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