

Club Dives
Weekends Away

Social Outings
Wreck Diving

Reef Diving
Boat Diving

Shore Diving
Night Diving

South Pacific Divers Club

Established 1960

Wet Rag

November 2004

www.southpacificdivers.com

SPD is a great little Club
O'r the years it's ups and downs have been like a West End Pub
But now the future again looks bright as it is again now led by people with insight
It cannot be done by those alone
It is now your choice, you members.
Are you going to bite on the bone?



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And other associated flotsam



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EDITORS CORNER

I have to say that this year for me just seems to get worse.

This wet rag will be short and sweet. I do not like putting out such a short newsletter, but circumstances surrounding me do not allow for anything else.

Due to my time and health constraints I have neglected to include my constitutional column, of which will resume as soon as things get better my way and hopefully I get off all these drugs they keep feeding me, but I'm not on Prozac yet, so I will try to stay with this job a little longer, you'll just have to bear with me for a while.

Note; No tidal info this month, sorry.

Enjoy
Ed
Duane

Cover Photo

With Christmas almost upon us, I thought this might be appropriate in lieu of material from members.

Come on guys, grab a couple out of your stock and send them to me. Remember this Club has been going since the sixties, so your photo could be looked at in another 20 or 30 years hence.

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PRESIDENTS POSSIE

President's Possie

I hope everybody is feeling better than I am, but improvement is on the Horizon.

There was an informal meeting in regards to the coming AV night and discussions were held and tentative ideas and dates were reviewed. There will be discussion held re this issue at the next general meeting and at this meeting there will be some serious decisions made. Furthermore, for those who have accessed our web-site lately, will have noticed some significant changes. If anyone has additional input re this web-site, please bring your ideas (and yes criticisms) along to our general meetings, we will be only too happy to discuss and possibly take on board your thoughts and views.

The Club Xmas Party will be held this year at Chelsea's Cabaret Restaurant. This night comprises of dinner and a floor show and I have, through personal acquaintance, been able to secure a price for the night that is more than acceptable. See the story about this further on in the mag.

It's good to hear that quite a few people have booked into Port Stephens for the Club Weekend and it seems to me that it is going to be a great time. For those of you procrastinating about going, I would suggest that you don't loiter about too long.

Anyway, if I do not see you at the next meeting, I'll see you somewhere else.

See you at the next meeting.

Bernd Kraul
President

Remember Members

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a Club would not enjoy many of the things we do.*

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offers to all
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clean out your
by posting
advertisements
gear on our
And the best
all...it's free! (Try getting that from E-Bay).
For more information, contact the Editor.



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dive closet

for used
web site.
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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

**Membership fees are now due for 2005,
with the last date of full membership
being the 31st of December 2004.**

**Should dues not be received and
recognised as received by the
Committee on, or before the 31st
December 2004, members voting rights
will cease. Should fees not be received
by the 1st February 2005, membership
will cease upon this date.**



Committee Members

Bernie Kraul	President	98232231
Susan Tate	Secretary	0428-241837
Mark Pinna	Treasurer	0414-227119
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Vacant	Equipment Officer	
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Vacant	Web Page Officer	

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.

SPD Member's Weekend

**@
Port Stephens**

The first weekend in December (4th & 5th) is a weekend away at Port Stephens staying at the Halifax Caravan Park. Bookings for this weekend are to be done on an individual basis. In other words, if you wish to come along and enjoy the weekend, diving, or otherwise, then contact the Van Park on 4981-1522, or look at the website <http://www.beachsideholidays.com.au/halifax> and advise them that you are part of the SPD crew and make a booking to suit your needs. The Park is understanding of diver's needs and makes allowances for late exit on Sunday from the Park. By this booking method, we eliminate the cost impost to the Club should people decide not to attend at the last minute. Accommodation availability is o/k at the moment, but if you wish to attend I wouldn't leave it until the last minute.

Should you wish to try and join in accommodation with another member, contact Sue Tate 0428-241837 (Secretary) and she may be able to put you in contact with others attending that may be able to share with you.

An Addendum to the above, is that it appears that the cost of this accommodation actually is for the Monday as well and hence leaving Monday morning is an option for those that feel such a desire. Discuss this with the Park's staff at the time of booking to clarify.

Sue Tate.



Shiprock Dive



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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 October 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.

**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.

SPD's 2004 XMAS Party

**This year the Xmas party is to be held at
CHELSEAS Cabaret Restaurant
220 Railway Parade
Kogarah.**

**This is a dinner (International Cuisine) and
floor show (El Mundo) with an English
Latin Band. Patron participation is
acceptable if you are game. It will be a lot of
fun and a great night out.**

**The Date is the Friday the 10th December.
This being the Friday after our weekend
away at Port Stephens.
Dinner starts at 8pm, hence we would expect
to be arriving anytime after 7pm.**

**Our President has been able to obtain a
slightly reduced rate for the Club, per
person via personal relationship with the
proprietor. This being \$35.00 per head.
Those so desiring to attend will need to
advise either Bernie (President), or Sue
(Secretary), as a number of places have been
pre-booked at this time, but they have all but
been taken up. There is no problem with
additional bookings, but we do need to know
that you desire to attend.**

***Please keep in mind that should any member/s
make a booking and then not attend the function,
the Club reserves the right to claim from such
member/s any expense so incurred against the
Club for such a booking.***

Photographic Officers Report

Our Photographic Officer has been very busy over the past month and has not been in a position to bring us all up to speed at this point. He will enlighten us at the next General Meeting.

There has been an informal meeting re the AV night and dates etc will have to be voted on at the next meeting

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Band**

20 Railway Pde
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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

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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 H 2 O.

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XMAS RAFFLE

The Club is holding a Xmas Raffle.

The prize will be a Hamper consisting of a selection of wines, gourmet small goods, cheeses and other goodies.

The drawing of this raffle will be at the Club Xmas party, this date and venue yet to be advised.

Those Club Members wishing to purchase tickets, but can't make it to the meetings, can send in a request for tickets in the raffle by filling in this section and returning it to the club by mail along with their ticket money in the form of a cheque. Tickets purchased in this manner can be collected at any meeting, or at the Club Xmas Party, or by sending in a self addressed and stamped envelope.

Tickets are \$2.00 each.

Number of Tickets requested

Name.....

Do not enclose cash please. Post all requests to P.O.Box 823 Bankstown 1885.

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:** _____

SPD MEETING 18th OCTOBER, 2004

Apologies: Phil, Martin, Glen, Mark and Nick.

Incoming Correspondence: Bank statement, Ryde Underwater newsletter.

Outgoing Correspondence: Newsletter and End of year report to Department of Fair Trading.

Minutes: Accepted by Peter, seconded by Bernie

Treasurer Report - Mark is away.

Photographic Officer – George Roberts – 4 entries. No letters have been sent out to AV Sponsors. 12th October was a SCANS meeting, SCANS weekend 13/14th November at Ulladulla, also SCANS Combined Club weekend proposed for 12th March, 2005. Ryde is running a 1st Aid Course \$175.00 over 2 days, contact them direct

Newsletter Editor – Still waiting for anyone wishing to supply photo's or articles.

DIVE REPORTS

Warren – Swan dive off a motorcycle down a cliff!! (He is back up and running/ limping)

Peter – Last weekend at Jervis Bay, regular crowd from Sea Tamer II, utilising Pro Dive. Sat 0800, sloppy sea, 1 mtr swell Pinnacle rock, viz 15mtrs to 24 mtrs depth, below that 5-8 mtrs – nice sponges – 34 mtr dive. Tom has a giant video housing in use. 2nd dive almost same spot.

Fresh Oysters – Husky Pub for dinner.

Sunday flat sea – Pinnacle Rock 34mtrs, behind tubes - sea thick with blue bottles. 2nd dive Bowen Wall 29mtrs – filthy.

Weekend highlight – saw a sea spider.

Hello!! To Penny Smith who bumped into Peter in the caravan park.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Web Site – Michael has been into the site, committee has been updated, some items have been re-arranged, George Roberts and AV will be updated. Work has just commenced, pictures to be watermarked and have the facility to enlarge by clicking on them. Has a lot of people to help with the next AV night.

A motion was raised by Bernie to make Michael an honourable member in lieu of him providing IT services. Peter accepted it, Duane seconded. Members voted unanimous.

Warwick O'Brien has written an autobiography "MY LADY THE SEA" currently selling \$33.00. Is prepared to be a sponsor at our AV night and do a talk on the last 30 years.

Port Stephens Weekend away, Friday 3rd December, Sat 4th and Sun 5th - Halifax Caravan Park. Bookings are to be done individually on 4981 1522. Different sorts of accommodation is available, see www.beachsideholidays.com.au/halifax

Christmas Raffle- tickets on sale now. \$2.00 per ticket, will be drawn at Christmas. 1st & 2nd prizes. In your newsletter is a tear off that can be sent to us with a cheque, for those that cannot make the meetings.

Christmas Party – Suggestions welcome – Bernie to check into a dinner/ show at Kogarah.

George Roberts Competition - October

Matthew Reeve 1st Novice

Susan Tate 2nd Novice

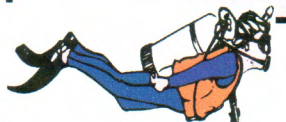

Susan Tate 1st Water Theme

Matthew Reeve 2nd Water Theme

November 2004

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Scans Combined	14 Club Weekend
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Club Meeting	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30 					

December 2004

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3 SPDC Dive &	4 Social Weekend @	5 Port Stephens
6	7	8	9	10 SPDC Xmas Party @ Chelseas	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Club Meeting	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30			

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB

P.O. BOX 823 BANKSTOWN 1885

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2005

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

NAME:

ADDRESS:

..... Post Code.....

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

E-Mail Address:

Diving Certification:..... Certification Number:.....

Are You a Boat Owner:..... Type of Boat:.....

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. South Pacific Divers Club Inc does not offer instruction, advise or supervise its members' divers. It is a condition of Club membership that members exercise their own judgement 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.....

Committee Use: Receipt No. Email/ Member List

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Bankstown or 99 Elizabeth Street in Sydney, NSW

THE NEXT
SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS
UNDERWATER
PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION
COMING
LATE
2005

**THIS EVENT WILL SET THE BENCH MARK FOR ALL OTHER UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHIC
COMPETITIONS.**

**THE FORMAT WILL BE FRESH, CRISP AND PLEASING,
THE SPONSORSHIP IS ALREADY STRONG,
THE WORK LOAD FOR OUR CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE DEMANDING,
SO GET READY TO SHOW THE WORLD WHY SPDC MEMBERS DO IT BETTER.**