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**Club Dives**  
**Weekends Away**

**Social Outings**  
**Wreck Diving**

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# South Pacific Divers Club

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## Wet Rag

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## EDITORS CORNER

Time is not on my side at the moment and this precludes my ability to attend to this wetrag in a timely fashion, but I have strict orders from Sue to get my butt in to gear. Therefore issue is going to be short and sweet.

I suggest that you all read carefully between the lines of this issue, as it will have a direct bearing upon us all and the Club's direction.

Duane  
Ed.

## PRESIDENTS POSSIE

Hello Members.

There has been much discussion re the Club's direction over the next couple of years in the previous few meetings and the next meeting on Monday night is going to put forward some concrete suggestions in regard to these discussions.

I strongly urge, all, financial members to attend this meeting on Monday night at the Sports Club in Bankstown to attend. After this meeting there will be notification to all meetings of specific changes to the Club's structure and possible constitutional changes, whereupon, after the prescribed time, such changes will be voted upon. For your input I would very much like you to be there.

See you at the next meeting.

**Bernd Kraul**



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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.

## Committee Members

Bernie Kraul	President	98232231
Susan Tate	Secretary	0428-241837
Mark Pinna	Treasurer	0414-227119
Duane Langley	Editor	0414-777778

## 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.

## Remember Members

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

**Ship Rock Dive**  
**6/155 Taren Pt Rd, Taren**  
**Point.**  
**02-95262664**

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

**Apologies:** Bernie, Duane, Peter F, Warren and Nick.

**Chair:** Glen Percy

**Incoming Correspondence:** Bank statement and Big M Invoice.

**Minutes** – Accepted by Phil, seconded by Matt, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark.

**Treasurer** - Mark advises the balance is \$300.00 less from this time last year, although he has some membership money to bank. He will look into an account with IAG – check on their rates etc. as the Credit Union has just increased the rates

**Dive Logs** agreed to purchase 8 for now, can extend later if we need too.

**Big M storage** - paid 3 months, hopefully by then Nick's place will be sorted. If that falls through Glen will allocate a spot in his business, only problem that it's at Penrith.

**Photographic Officer** – Sick/ unable to attend.

**Newsletter** – Still away - January/ February will be incorporated together.

DIVE REPORTS - Nil

INTERESTING MEMBER EVENTS

**Matt** bought a remote helicopter, still learning to fly it – has hit a few things and ducked plenty!

**Mark** – still flying. No leave due and had to work all through Christmas.

**Glen** – Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in his first aerial competition.

If you get a chance see the IMAX movie for Titanic in 3 D – well worth it.

**Phil** – West Coast Tassie, Cradle Mountain, Launceston, saw the Hobart Finish, Taste of Tassie.

GENERAL BUSINESS

**Memberships** are due NOW

**OCEAN TREK** – Anyone interested in a weekend away end February/ March – let Glen know as he is trying to put together a weekend.

Need to source the whereabouts of the George Roberts Trophy.

Need to collect the Scanner off Amanda. Have been having trouble contacting her by telephone.

May have to send her something in writing.

**OZTEK** – are holding a photographic competition – called 2<sup>nd</sup> OZTEK Australasian Underwater Photographic Competition. (SPD is the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year) Similar in name, but not exact. It is being run over the 12<sup>th</sup>/ 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2005.

**SCANS Combined Clubs weekend** – 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March – Solders Point, Port Stephens. Free BBQ Saturday night, suggested you book your cabins now.

We need to hold a committee meeting to discuss various items, AGM, Dept of Fair Trading etc. - Sue will let Bernie know.

**Dive Sale** – Need dive gear – see Glen Percy.

## **SPD MEETING 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2005**

**Apologies – Phil, Evelyn, Peter & Warren**

**Incoming Correspondence – Bank statement, BOC invoice and statement, Ryde Underwater newsletter, receipt from dive log subscription (Mountain Ocean & Travel Publication) Receipt Big M storage with letter stating increase after 3 months, Certificate of registration of business name.**

**Outgoing Correspondence – letter to Big M re paying 3 months.**

**Minutes – Accepted by Matt seconded by Mark**

**Treasurer – January's bills have been paid. BOC – Medical C Size – Duane to give them a call. Office of Fair Trading – explained re problems – said we could sort out at next AGM or next general meeting. Read out financial details, also said we can change constitution re membership year.**

**Duane put forward a motion to start the process to change the membership year to June/ July in line with our financial year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bernie. Unanimous vote.**

**Suggested/ agreed that current financial members get 6 months membership free – other people joining from April will be paid until June '06.**

**We will need to do up another Annexure to change this – cost \$35.00.**

**Re Bank account – if we change to an IAG business optimiser 5 ½ % interest. Need to have a base account then money via the computer can be transferred to the IAG account, and then transferred back when we need it in the working account. Mark will check into this to see if we can do it with the existing account we have.**

**Photographic Officer – away.**

**Newsletter – one will be put together, we will need to advise members re the constitution changes/ special resolution as well.**

**Website – AV 2003 has been put onto the site. You can now click onto the photo's to enlarge them. Need something for the front page – what's new/ happening listing as well.**

## **DIVE REPORTS**

**Matt – Old Mans Hat – night dive (1/2 ml suit) 23-24 degrees 45 minutes 20 mtrs. Had about 20 breaths left in the tank**

**Australia Day – Kurnell – Monument - no viz, water filthy and rough. Unknown to them deeper water had a viz of 15 mtrs.**

**Bushrangers Bay – 16 degrees (1/2 ml suit) small tank.**

**Camp Cove – night dive 70/80 mins, heaps numb rays (saucer size babies) stingrays, flathead, small cuttle fish, squid, huge numb rays, dead blue swimmer crab. 22 degrees.**

**Mark – Skydiving – tandem – Was Cool 13,000 feet, free fall till 5,000 when the parachute was opened.**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Oztek Underwater Competition – committee decided not to take any action at this point.**

**SPD's future – decided to defer upcoming AV night and competition – interested to see what response other clubs experience from their competitions.**

**Duane put forward a motion to defer AV night and competition and put on a back burner for 2 years and start diving again. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bernie. Unanimous vote.**

**Next Dive - Terrigal – 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2005. Shore dive BBQ**

**Weekend away in Tassie – when they have the \$79.00 flights on. Pub accommodation, dives. Let committee know if you are interested**

**Matt suggested running a dive car boot sale and possible movie night if it's held at the Drive In. Suggested winter/ spring. Mention to shops if they have old stock to flog off. Or even a smaller venue, maybe undercover so we are not weather dependant.**

**Diversity ex members have apparently formed a group and advertise their dives on Yahoo.**

**A suggestion has been put forward that for new people wanting to join SPD, start them off with an associate membership which costs nothing, then after a 8-9 month period Club members can decide whether to let them join as full members.**

**New members – Club decides – any member is entitled to put up an objection to the Committee, and if it cannot be decided it then goes to vote via club members to have their say. Could list same in newsletter – with a reply by a certain date. Print as an associate member. List names, and if no objections after a set period of time, they are accepted.**

## **SPD MEETING 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2005**

**Apologies – Phil, Glen, Evelyn, Nick, Peter & Warren**

**Incoming Correspondence – Bank statement, Ryde Underwater newsletter, Doubtless & Diving newsletter, Australia Post invoice for PO Box rental.**

**Minutes – Accepted by Robert seconded by Matt**

**Treasurer – Still looking into ING, will also have to check on a base account with no fees. Sue to check into St George**

**Photographic Officer – away.**

**Newsletter – Will have to get one out before the next meeting. Constitution change can be put in newsletter as acceptable advice to members.**

**If members provide input to the newsletter – that would guarantee a regular newsletter.**

### **DIVE REPORTS - nil**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Oztek Underwater Conference. Matt & Mark attended. Very interesting speakers – Neil Vincent, Neil Bishop (UK) Gordon Smith (re-breathers) etc etc etc. Photographic competition had approximately 50 entries, a few technical problems with the show meant that not all slides were shown. \$240.00 well spent. Lots of people attended, all conferences were full.**

**Re Constitutional change – suggested will use same wording as existing, with the changes to the date. To be voted on in May.**

**Members. Want to make your voice heard, turn up at a meeting – or put it in writing, or telephone the President.**

**BOC/ oxygen bottle. Thanks to Duane it has all been sorted. We again have an oxygen bottle.**

**Big M Storage – existing invoice runs out on the 13<sup>th</sup> April. Bernie to contact Glen re storage and to confirm the move.**

**Old treasury report – Sue to contact Lyn to see where the copy of previous reports are. We also need to chase the other years.**

**Dive Leaders – suggested anyone going for a dive, email details to other members so we can get together diving again.**

**Public Liability – contact AUF and advise them that our members numbers have dropped dramatically, which will need to be reflected in next years premium.**

**Membership fee's – suggested we put price up. Other Clubs are more expensive.**

- suggested we leave prices as is and build the club up. The rubbish has been all but sorted;
- freeze the thought for now and re visit at the end of the year
- do it now while member numbers are low

**To cover basic annual expenses – we need 37 members at \$30.00 to break even.**

**Suggested single membership \$40.00 and family membership \$60.00. We can show members the need for the increase – to cover basic costs.**



**Suggested – we go away, think about it and discuss it again at the next meeting.**

**Sponsorship – we cannot offer value for money at this time.**

# April 2005

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18 Meeting Sports Club	19	20	21	22	23	24
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# May 2005

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# **SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB**

**P.O. BOX 823 BANKSTOWN 1885**

## **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2005/06**

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 \$40.00 Family \$60.00

### **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 .....