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EDITORS CORNER

Well, it'll be short and sweet this time too.

Duane
Ed.

PRESIDENTS POSSIE

Hello Members.

Further to my comments last Wetrag, I know would like you all to know that at the next meeting we will be having final discussion re the changes to our constitution/ model rules and then the appropriate notification will go out to all members.

I would urge those of you who wish to have some input on these issues to attend the next meeting.

The weather forecast Thursday and Friday, predicting possible storms, left us with the only option of canceling our Sunday dive. We were not keen to do so, but the idea of getting together as a Club is to have fun and enjoyment, not only of the dive, but the social interaction as well. The weather forecast is the major deciding factor as to whether to hold, or not to hold such events. In the interest of allowing members to re-arrange their time, the decision to either go ahead, or can an event, has to be made a little in advance, so I hope the weather forecasts as broadcast are correct for our decision made here.

There's always another day.

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

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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.

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.

Whilst moving our Club's effects out of the storage unit to Glen Percy's shop, it came to my notice that there were quite a number of historical videos and slide compilations.

So in the very near future we will be showing these after each meeting. Not only will we see some great photography, but we will get an insight into the Club's history which spans some 40 years.

We decided that the first aid equipment and the BBQ gear will stay with us in Guildford, as Penrith is too far for Members to go to collect these items as may be desired.

At present we have two round smaller BBQ's, but these do not have hoses and bottles, so we will have to acquire these in the near future. There is one bottle with a kettle burner attached that is full of gas at the moment, but this bottle is out of date and it is most likely not viable to have it tested as opposed to purchasing a new one.

There are two tarps of reasonable condition.

There is the oxygen system and bottle.

There is a large esky.

The large BBQ is in Bernie's control at the moment.

Any member wishing to use any of this equipment should contact Duane, or Sue on 0428241837

0414777778

Or

E-mail she@maxi.net.au

Sue Tate.

Secretary.

Duane put an idea forward for consideration that perhaps the purchase of a caravan for the club could be discussed.

The idea would be for a van that could be acquired cheap. Tear out the insides, just leaving the sink, fridge and stove. This could be used to store the clubs gear, provide shelter in inclement weather and changing facilities, Club advertising painted on the outside.

An awning would be an additional consideration.

Not too large that a six cylinder car would not be able to tow.

This type of purchase would be far more beneficial than a boat for numerous reasons.

The maintenance would be minimal,

The ongoing costs would also be minimal,

Insurance is an issue that would need to be looked at,

The benefits to members, both for Club events and individual use by Members are quite attractive.

Further more, Often is heard, what can the club do for me. Really it should be, what are you doing for the club. This style of idea is one of those things the Club can do for you.

Anyway it is an idea worth considering and discussing at our meetings.

Check out this web site and help the bush.

www.bushfires.net

We take great pleasure in wishing Sandra & Phil all the best in their move to Tasmania on a permanent basis. Now we have a Southern basis in the apple isle to work from.b

SPD MEETING 18TH APRIL, 2005

Apologies – Phil, Peter & Matt

Incoming Correspondence – Bank statement, Ryde Underwater newsletter, Waves newsletter, Big M invoice.

Outgoing correspondence – letter to Big M thanking them and canceling services

Minutes – Accepted by Duane seconded by Glen

Treasurer – PO Box rental paid, BOC Gases paid. Mark has old account book so we can get the details required to bring us up to date. Still to check into ING and a base account with no fees. Sue to check into St George

Photographic Officer – busy with work.

Newsletter – quick and easy one completed – desperately need input.

DIVE REPORTS –

Mark – Steps Kurnell – saw new car park area, forgot some diving gear. 70 mins. Didn't notice cold.

Valiant with Matt – viz 15-20 mtrs, flat seas, sunny day, good dive. Did a 2nd dive on the Valiant as well, bottom time 25 mins.

Glen & Bernie – Kurnell – checked out new car park. Picture this 2 wise men wobbled down to the water. Viz average 10 mtrs, water warm, lion fish, 2 x ocky's, cuttlefish, found a Tooheys keg bottle. Bernie had to load his pockets with fishing weights. Hard work walking back up the hill to the cars. Good fun dive.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Tassie Trip – suggested Tomahawk – N/E cnr. Phil will take his boat and get back to us once he has checked it out properly.

Big M Storage – Club gear is now stored at Penrith. Thank You to Glen for his space.

SCANS – Sue to chase John Olsen to get out onto SCANS mailing list, as Peter is too scarce at present. Will also check re club BBQ

Constitution Changes

By next meeting, work on wordings – to be decided at the May meeting. Appropriate notification to all Members will then follow. Voting will be conducted at the June meeting. Then submit asap to Office of Fair Trading for ratification before AGM is due.

All members browse through constitution and see if any other changes are required.

Ocean Trek – Glen to look into a weekend away – suggested 9/10 July. (50% deposit required, to be confirmed)

Club Dive – La Perouse Sunday 15th May. Meet between 0830-0900 at car park on eastern side. High tide 1330 hours. Weather permitting.

Scanner – apparently Martin has made arrangements with Amanda for use of the Club scanner. Will ask him to collect all SPD gear when he collects the scanner.

Club meetings – Glen advised there are no dive shops between Parramatta and Windsor and suggested we could hold meetings every alternative month at another club, advertise it well to try and attract some new members.

Glen proposed a motion that membership fee's be raised. Single membership to be \$40.00 and Family membership to be \$60.00. Duane seconded proposal. Motion passed in the affirmative.

Bernie to make a list of reasons for being a member.

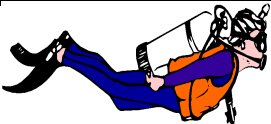
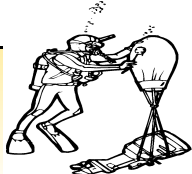
George Roberts Competition – suggested using same months as last year, September, October and November. Glen requests a copy of the previous details/ forms used.

Suggested anyone going for a dive, email details to other members so we can get used to using the internet as the means of communication inter-club.

May 2005

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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16 Meeting Bankstown Sports Club	17	18	19	20	21	22
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June 2005

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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20 Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26
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SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB

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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