

**MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING
HELD ON 20th January 1992
at BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

MEETING OPENED 8.20 pm by Peter Jermyn.

APOLOGIES: Ilona Kandilas, Rick Latimer

VISITORS: Peter and Margie Nicholas, Glen and Maria.

Minutes from Last Meeting:

Read.

Accepted by Mark Welsh

Seconded by Karen

Business arising from Minutes:

Previous problems causing the omission of the membership advertisement in "Dive Log" have now been rectified. The ad will definitely be appearing in the next issue for a 12 month period.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

UTS Dive Club "No Douts", UnderWater Research Group "URG Bulletin", Brisbane Water Aqualung Club "Demand Value Vibes" and Ryde Underwater Club "Surface Interval".

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURERS REPORT:

Read.

Accepted by Lyn Vincent .

Seconded by Ron Mines.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT:

Entries for the George Roberts Memorial Photographic Competition will be taken at the February meeting. The rules define that a minimum of one slide must be marco, a total of five slides are required. The photographic content must be underwater but can be taken in any location. The subject can not contain dead animals. There are two categories - Novice (have not won any major competitions) and Opens.. Submit slides to Martin Kandilas, individually labelled with name and category. Winners will be announced at the April meeting, prizes are to be announced.

Proceedings for the AV are going well, everything in place, hoping to organise 5 judges to judge the entries. Entries open 30th March 1992, close 25th May 1992. Contact Martin for entry forms.

The international category of the AV has been postpone until next year due to due the lack of time to promote the competition overseas, and problems in organising prizes.

A new club projector will be purchased soon.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The BBQ and fun day at Jamberoo Recreation Park was a success, a number of club members turned up for lunch and to participate in the rides along with lots of other people.

A Jervis Bay Weekend will be organised March.

A BBQ will be arranged at Rick Latimers place late March.

A clean up rubbish and bottle dive will organised for 1st March "Clean up Australia" Day.

A four-wheel drive weekend will be held on the 6-7th March. Two wheel drives are also suitable for certain parts. Accommodation can be either camping or hotel (for the faint hearted). Ron Mines has provided details and map, see later in this newsletter. Please let Ron or a committee member know if you are interested.

See the Social Calender for upcoming social events.

DIVE ORGANISER'S REPORT:

People interested in diving are to contact Peter Booth the Thursday night prior to weekend dive. A message on the answering machine will provide updates on the diving situation before the dive.

See Social Calender for more details.

DIVE REPORTS:

George dived the Birchgrove with clear water, plenty of fish, no currents. The wreck was located quickly with Martin and Rick help.

Neil Vincent was intending to dive the "Dee Why" with a north side shop, however, 1 hour and 10 minutes later found them still looking for it, the anchor hooked on to something promising, which turned out to be the "Meggol" or more aptly the "meg hole".

While the SW wind was destroying JB, Halsifax park was protected for Neil and Co's New Years dive. Due to a shortage of full tanks, Lyn stayed on the shore, watching a school of dolphins circling the divers, unfortunately they were out of sight of the divers underwater.

Brian dived Halifax in a howling NEaster, had a fantastic dive, observing a profusion of life, including a spotted moray and a hugh flathead.

Peter and Margie Nicholls dived in a spot near the pipeline line and breakwall at Nelson Bay. Sea Pens, decorator crabs are among the many things that can be seen. Dive on the high tide for best visibility. Rates as one of the 3 best shore dives in Aust.

Rick and Martin dived the "Kelo". 80ft visibility for the dive. Martin has some good marks for finding this wreck.

DIVE COURSES:

The dates for the next deep diver course are:

Thursday 19th March - Theory
Sat/Sun 21/22 nd March - Diving
Additional nights and/or weekends may be required.

The people in this course are:

Lyn Vincent
Neil Koos
Joan Ostergard
Martin Kandilas
Ross Hipwell
John Beddie
Sue O'Grady

There is one vacancy if someone from the May course would like to change or if anyone else is interested.

These people must pay at the next meeting \$73 (including certification) plus boat dives. Contact Pennie (ph: 759-4176) or Sue (ph: 528 4485).

GENERAL BUSINESS :

- Cassie Welsh has resigned from "Scuba Diver". Mark and her will be moving to Bryon Bay to establish a new business venture. We thank them for their help and contributions to the club and AV, and wish them the best of luck.

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A white "Jim Beam" sloppy joe, left at Karin Smith's place after Christmas Party.
Contact Karin (ph: 529 - 3818)

- Anyone with holiday slides or videos are very welcomed to bring them along to club meetings. They don't need to be competition standard, just normal everyday slides. Contact Martin before the meeting to make sure a projector is available.

- The date for the April meeting has been changed to 3rd May due to Easter and School holidays.

- As a matter of interest, tide time charts can be obtained from BP Service Stations.

- "Scuba Diver" has an article on "Immediate First Aid Care" in the Feb-Mar Edition.

MEETING CLOSED 10.30 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION: