

**MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING
HELD ON 4th MAY 1992
at BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

APOLOGIES: Ilona Kandilas, Karin Smith, Andy Galloway Sue and Peter O'Grady

VISITORS: Colin Apps and Family from Wagga;
Alan Stewart from St Johns First Aid; Peter Dark;
Brendan Halliburton; John Fowden.

Minutes from Last Meeting:

Read.

Accepted by Max Western

Seconded by Arthur Brown

Business arising from Minutes:

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

UnderWater Research Group "URG Bulletin", and Ryde Underwater Club "Surface Interval".

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT:

All major sponsors confirmed for AV night.

AV entry forms available. Entries open 30th March 1992, close 25th May 1992.

Tickets are in the process of being printed by Flav.

Ticket Sales will be handled by Graham Wakeling (Phone 603-4224)

Please indicate your ticket requirements at the next club meeting (3.5.92). The cost will be the same as last year \$18.00 per ticket. The date is the 25th July 1992 at Revesby Workers Club.

Seven judges have been confirmed for the slide competition and 2 judges for the video category. Two judges from each section still to be confirmed.

Volunteers will be required on the night, please see Martin. (see Committee member contact information).

Scuba Diver magazine has organised a stand at SCUBA EXPO, to be held at Darling Harbour 15-16th July. Ticket sales for the AV night will be available, along with club membership forms and displays of past photographic winners of the AV. Perhaps a video will be available. Help is required, please see Martin.

A photographic course will be conducted by Micheal Cufer, to be held at Peter Jermyn's place (6/60 Olive street, Condell Park 2200; Phone 708-2309) Contact Peter or Micheal if interested. Dates are Sundays 14th and 21st June at 9.30am.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A restaurant night will be arranged on the 18th June at the Indonesian Restaurant at Bankstown, A set menu is available, approximate costs around \$15 per head. Please let George know if you are interested. (see Committee member contact information)

The wine tasting night at Rick's place was a success. Many thanks to Ann and Rick Latimer for their efforts and offering their place for the night.

DIVE ORGANISER'S REPORT:

Upcoming club dives are the Tuggarah (17.5.92) and Thompson Bay (24.5.92) If you have some suggestions for dives or wish to dive a particular site see Arthur Brown. (Details under Committee member contact information)

See Social Calender for more details.

DIVE REPORTS:

Max Western and Arthur Brown dived the Satara (40m) and the Shark gutters at Seal Rocks last Monday, through Chris Norman at Nelsons Bay. It was a 70 minute run out to the site. It was a good day with great weather, the viability on the Satara was 70-80ft. About 8 - 12 Grey Nurse sharks were in the gutters, with 50 - 560 ft vis at 12m. On the Tuesday, they dived the McClay, also at Nelsons Bay, with a depth of 42m with only 12ft vis. Summed up as deep, dark and dirty. The dive operation was good value, the three dives cost \$80.

Paul and Michelle Breadner dived in Western Aust. The dive operators refused to go out in a 1.5 metre swell. They did a shore dive at Rottnest Island, which was very colourful with lots of fish life.

Fab dived at Foster for 4 days. Two days were spent on the Pinnacles. The diving was good 70 ft visibility and depths of 24 - 40 metres. The shore diving wasn't so good with poor visibility and a lot of weed.

Congratulations to Micheal Latimer, who is now a certified diver. Micheal and Rick dived JB. On the four days they dived; Bowen Island with 50ft vis at 120ft depth, the reef was colourful, with a large grouper in attendance. The next day they dived the other side of Bowen, the third day, the docks with 30-40ft vis and 60ft depth. The fourth day was spent at the Cabins, Hymes Beach.

Micheal McFadyen dived the Poor Knights in New Zealand (showed slides). He also had a great dive on the Pinnacles at Foster with sharks and lionfish.

Sheck Exley, one of the world's most experienced cave diver, along with Andrew and Liz Wright will describe their experiences, accompanied by slides and video footage.

VENUE: Five Dock RSL Club
66 Great North Rd
Five Dock
From 7.00pm.
Contact Richard Taylor for tickets if interested (Phone 693 95 10)

MEETING CLOSED 9.30 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS.

Welcome to Ida Morena, Leo Bergagnin and John Fowden.

RAFFLE.

Bottle of Port was won by Paul and Michelle Breadner (AGAIN)

SLIDES were shown after the formal meeting by

Rick Latimer - Wilsons Prom. Vic
Micheal McFadyen - Poor Knights NZ
Martin - Previous AV Slides

Thank You

FIRST AID COURSE FOR DIVERS

Alan Stewart (Senior Training Officer - St John Ambulance).

Alan gave a talk on the details of this course.

PRE-REQUISITE: Senior First Aid Course (Valid for 36 months)
(Peter Jermyn has offered to conduct this course if sufficient people are interested.)

COST: \$160

VENUE: Prefer to run it at their headquarters in Surrey Hills

COURSE CONTENT:

This is a participant orientated course with team demonstration and practice. Topic such as Hypothermia and clinical aspects of bites and stings will be covered. A better