

MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB
HELD ON MONDAY 16 JANUARY 1995 AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB

OPENING: Club president Leo Mayer opened the meeting at 8:15pm by presenting his letter of resignation to the committee and verbally advised all in attendance the reasons of his standdown from the position and withdrew his membership from the club, then left the meeting.
Our club's Publicity Officer, Merridy Cairn-Duff proceeded to chair the meeting.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING: Minutes of December meeting sent to all members in the "Wet Rag" were accepted by Leo Bergagnin and seconded by Russell Stoker.

INCOMING MAIL: Other club's newsletters, Christmas cards, "Minelab Excalibur" brochures and article, "Padi Australia" letter regarding August A.V. presentation night, "Aust. Underwater Federation" application form for Public Liability Insurance.

DIVE ORGANISER'S REPORT: Geoff Cook;

- * Scott Leimroth - Dive trips.
- * Chicken/Champagne dive day.
- * April trip - wrecks at Central Coast.

- * Discussion held on "Liability Insurance" for the club.
- A few opinions from members and committee were given.
- Recommendations from Solicitor were read.
- Conclusion: continuous legal opinions to be sought and discussed at future meeting.

- * Jervis Bay multi club dive weekend in March.
- Suggestion made to draw up a program for boats in attendance to avoid confusion on the day.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Fardoulis;

- * Request for suggestions on spending of club funds.
- Suggestion of a photocopier - John will approach "Sharp".

- * December statement - \$732.00 Incoming, \$1,234.00 Outgoing.

- * December Xmas party spent about \$500.00.

- * Reminder of Membership renewals due.

- * Request of interest in "Club Sloppy Joes" - will price.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT: Peter Flockart;

- * "George Robert's Trophy" photographic competition opened this meeting. Discussion of rules in general.

- * "South Pacific Underwater Photographer of the Year" competition **opens** 6 March 1995 and **closes** 26 May 1995.
- **Presentation night** is 12 August 1995.

SOCIAL ORGANISER'S REPORT: Barbara Sweetman;

- * February diving trip to Eden/Tathra.
- * Report on "Hellfire Club" social night.

MEMBERS' DIVE REPORTS:

- * Peter Flockart dived Barrenjoey with "Atlantis". He dived the wreck of "The Valient", which is 15m long and rests in 26m depth. The water was dirty with only 5m visibility.
- * Michael McFadyen and Eddy Labour attempted to dive "The Valient" but the "fisho" wouldn't move off the only mooring, so they dived on a bommie near Maitland Bay instead.
 - They dived on the wreck of "The Birchgrove "Park" through the week.
- * John Szwecow had 7 dives down the South Coast including "Long Nose Point" and "The Arch".
 - Whilst gearing up for a dive with Rick, John noticed a "decent sized" fin cruising through the water, but to his relief the owner didn't make it's presence known to them throughout the dive.
- * Gordon McDonald dived a weekend at Nelson Bay which included "Looking Glass" and "The Bubble Cave".
- * Rick Latimer and John Fardoulis enjoyed "10 shitty days in paradise" in the Solomon Islands through December/January. They did 17 dives on 7 different wrecks over 8 days in Honiara and had superb weather the whole trip.
 - Rick enjoyed his trip so much that he is planning another to the Solomon Islands in April.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- * Club Publicity Officer, Merridy Cairn-Duff declared the position for Club President as vacant and open to members and outlined the general requirements for the position.
- * Word from Peter Hall, says "Provincial Trader" still intact.
- * Seminar for "Prism" Re Breather - April 21 at The Concordia Club.
- * Copy available of "Scuba Yearbook" by Barry Andrewartha.
- * Suggested letter to all members declaring Club President position vacant and open.
- * Requested letter of thanks to Leo Mayer sent by the committee.

- * Details of dive trip to Vanuatu/President Coolidge available from Michael McFadyen.
- * John Sumner's books available to buy from Martin Kandilas.
- * Committee meeting closed at 9:20pm.
- * Monthly raffle adjourned this meeting due to Club President position vacation and unprepared committee.
- * **GUEST SPEAKER:**

- Bob Mansfield from **ANDI** (American Nitrox Divers Int.)
- Bob gave a very informative and detailed lecture on the mixture content blends, equipment needed and benefits of using Safe Air / Multiple Gas mix / Tri-Mix.
 - Bob also demonstrated the Closed Circuit Scuba Unit's unique gas management properties.

A big thankyou goes to Bob, his excellent instruction and education skills certainly pulled alot of us out of the dark about the subject!

THE END