

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING HELD AT BANKSTOWN
SPORTS CLUB TUESDAY 18 APRIL 1995.

President, Leo Bergagnin opened, welcomed members and guests.
Apologies: Scott Leimroth, Rebecca Davis, Nila Surjan, John Cassidy, Ilona Kandilas.

Previous minutes acceptance by Rick Latimer, seconded by Michael McFadyen.

Incoming Correspondence: AUPY judges acceptance letter, other clubs newsletters, membership renewals, Clean Up certs. Fish Rock Dive Centre promo folder.

Outgoing Correspondence: Articles to Dive Log.

Treasurer's Report: John Fardoulis;
\$414.00 In, \$838.00 Out (incl. \$600 for Bed Race) for month.

Report accepted by Russell Stoker, seconded by Craig Harwood.

Social Organiser's Report: Carina Gregory;
Skirmish 23 July against Ryde U'water Club. Cost \$55.00 p/p.
Location to be decided.

Rock 'n Roll night, combined dive clubs.

AUPY presentation night date change to 7 October 1995 due to 3 reasons: Publication in Oct. issue of Sportdiving Mag.,
2 extra months to sell tickets,
2 extra months for sponsor advertising.
40 seats reserved for SPDC members and guests.

Treasure Hunt 13 May, \$15.00 to register at Manly Dive Centre.

Leo Bergagnin: "Prism Rebreather" seminar at Concordia Club
Thurs 20 April. No charge. Sat 22 April trial session \$99.00.

Dive Organiser's report: Geoff Cook;
Anzac Day - Beef & Burgundy dive day. Boats leave from Dolan's Bay boat ramp 10:30am.

Sun 30 April - Port Hacking dive + BBQ at Geoff Cook's place.

Sat 13 May - Rose Bay, dive "The Duckenfield" and "The Myola"

26-28 May weekend altered from Nelson Bay to Seal Rocks.

Photographic Officer's Report: Peter Flockart;

George Roberts photo comp. only drew 6 entries in comparison to 1994 drew 14. Open section only 2 entries.
Encouragement Award added.

AUPY change of date allows guests longer to finance.

Sea & Sea secured as a sponsor re camera housing, 1 port + lens.
Catalogue & price list available for interest.

New Neville Coleman magazine combined with PADI Project aware,
book review "How to take u'water photos". Article on the marina
at Bass Point.

Publicity Officer's Report: Merridy Cairn-Duff;
Poster "Dive into Paradise" PNG photo comp. Photos must be taken
in PNG area. \$US45,000 in prizes. Entry fee details.

Still chasing AUPY final sponsors.

Members' Dive Reports:

Geoff Cook launched at Silverwater to find his sounder had blown
up. Dived "The Centurian" and came up to find his boat sinking.
Beached at the Quarantine Station and bilged out. Upon his
return the trailer sunk in mud at the boat ramp, ended up taking
the boat off and digging the trailer out.

John Beddie had 6 days at Eden with Peter & Lorna of Twofold
Dive. Dived 4 Tugs including "City of Sydney", "New Guinea",
"Empire Gladstone". Hit a couple of sandbars on the way out.

Michael McFadyen dived "The Undola" in 20m vis.
Also dived "The Tuggerah" in 25m vis.

Leo Bergagnin dived the "Solomon Islands". 11 dives, 9 flights
in 8 days, 300 ft vis and 30 degree temp.
Dives included the "Tao Maru" in Gizo, reef and drift dives.
Highlight of the trip saw 2 x 8ft Hammerhead Sharks in UEPI.

John Fardoulis, Scott, Rebecca, Geoff dived "The Catterthun".
Scott and Rebecca heard 'Killer' whale cries underwater.

Scott Leimroth had a 'near death' experience on "The Dunbar",
when he found himself wedged on the bottom.

General Business:

Geoff Cook and Rick Latimer are reactivating the search for "The
Nemesis". Will discuss at 30 April BBQ.

Merridy Cairn-Duff has Michael Aw books on "Tropical Reef Fish",
\$18, members \$12. "Coral Reef Guide" 1800 pics, \$50, members
\$40. "Beneath Bunaken" reduced from \$120 to \$85.

Leo Bergagnin mentioned SPDC pic on front page of Dive Log.
Tonight's raffle tickets \$2 ea for great prizes.
Leo presented Russell Stoker with the "Club Member of the Year"
plaque.

Geoff Cook re Oxy Equipment investment can hire 50c/ft cylinder from CIG for \$53 per year. \$17 refill. 3 regs needed to attach may be donated by a club member. To be continued.

BJ proposed a motion pass to have the Guest Speaker on first at club meetings. Mark Spencer seconded, majority in attendance agree - vote passed.

Break

Raffle:

- 1st prizes: Dinner x 2 at Selera's Malaysian Rest, Newtown
 Won by: Robyn Hewitt
- Dinner x 2 at Thurles Castle Hotel, Chippendale
 Won by: Eddie Labour
- 2nd prize: Boat dive - Sea Tamer II donated by Max Western
 Won by: Mike Foster
- 3rd prize: Bottle of Scotch donated by Chris Ladd of
 Chippendale Cellars
 Won by: Mike Foster
- 4th Prize: 2 Airfills donated by Leo & Lesley Hillier from
 Shiprock Dive
 Won by: Barbara Sweetman

Presentation of the George Roberts Underwater Photography Club Competition.

Novice Section portfolios:

Encouragement Award: Leo Bergagnin received a certificate

- 3rd place: Ben Butcher received a certificate
- 2nd place: Suzanne Evans received \$120 x film
- 1st Place: BJ received 5 nights accommodation
 and 6 boat dives at South West Rocks,
 donated by SOUTH WEST ROCKS DIVE
 CENTRE.

Open Section portfolios:

- 2nd place: John Swezcow received a Shark Diving
 Course donated by PRO DIVE.
- 1st place: Merridy Cairn-Duff received 5 nights
 accommodation & 6 boat dives at the
 Nth Solitary Islands donated by DIVE
 QUEST at MULLAWAY.

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