

## **SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB MONDAY, 21st AUGUST 1995.**

Meeting opened and members and guests welcomed by Club President, Leo Bergagnin.

Apologies: Michael McFadyen, Ilona Kandilas, Geoff Cook.

Previous Club minutes distributed to all members with the "Wet Rag". Previous Minutes accepted at this meeting by Gordon McDonald and seconded by Craig Harwood.

**Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:** Other clubs' newsletters, AUPY Competition's sponsor confirmation letters.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Sweetman;

End of July: Bank balance is \$9,128.37, Investment A/c is \$11,000.46. Bank Statement for month: \$1,411.00 In / \$5,130.96 Out. Barbara gave a breakdown of expenditure.

Treasurer's report accepted by Peter Flockart and seconded by Eddy Labour.

**Social Organiser's Report:** Carina Gregory;

Carina gave a rundown on the great day spent by Club members at the Hunter Valley wine tasting event. Skirmish rematch to be organised for October/November.

AUPY Presentation Night tickets to be distributed at September meeting, which is agreed by members present to be scheduled 1 week later than normal meeting, due to large number of members being away on Vanuatu trips on the normal date. Next Club meeting is to be held on the 25th September, 1995.

**Dive Organiser's Report:** Scott Leimroth; Friday 25th August, Nightdive, location to be decided.

Saturday 26th August, morning dive, location to be advised.

Sunday 27th August, Club Dive day at Port Hacking.

Sunday 3rd Sept. 10am Dive with Max Western, Sea Tamer II.

Sunday 10th Sept. "The Kello" or "The Malabar" dive.

23/24 Sept. Seal Rocks weekend, diving "The Catterthun", "The Satara" etc.

**Photographic Officer's Report:** Peter Flockart;

Organisation of the AUPY Presentation Night is running well.

**Publicity Officer's Report:** Merridy Cairn-Duff;

Merridy has been busy with a lot of involvement in the "Metamorphosea" event and follow up, with Michael Aw. Merridy emphasised the importance of Club members' involvement in spreading the word and encouraging ticket sales for the AUPY Presentation Night. Articles to Dive mags, newspapers etc, drumming up interest at social/sporting events; any ideas that anyone may have in encouraging sales will be much appreciated.

### **Member's Dive Reports:**

Merridy Cairn-Duff braved the cold water on a Dive at Baron's Hut. Although there was lots of plankton, the vis was 50ft. Merridy described the "Metamorphosea" trip at the Great Barrier Reef, which was created by Michael Aw. The group had close contact with Minke Whales and Merridy got close enough to touch one. The vis was 100ft + and the trip was a huge success.

Malcolm dived "The Catterthun" under excellent conditions, 25 metre vis., no current and had "blue water deco" practice.

Wayne Bowden participated in the Jervis Bay Combined Clubs weekend and as well as great diving, saw a Whale and lots of Seals. John Chadd swam with a Sunfish and the dive at "The Arch" was great. The kids from "In search" Youth rehabilitation got to experience diving, which was a thrilling time for them.

John Swezcow dived Stoney Creek, Jervis Bay and had bad vis. as well as current. John and Rebecca dived "The Undola", a bit dirty but lots of life. Rebecca's account of "The Undola" - 12 degrees, mirky and all covered in algae. Rebecca dived Oak Park, Cronulla and had good vis., lots of 'stuff' to see, excellent dive.

Glenn Townsend attended the Club dive on "The Bombo", Wollongong. The boat owner couldn't pick in to the wreck as there was a huge swell. Finally on the bottom, all the group saw as they looked around for a sign of the wreck, was an anchor flying across the sand with Robyn Hewitt



hanging on to it. Glenn lost Robyn for 10 mins, while she was correcting inflation problems with her B.C.D. Suzanne Evans told of the great dive with the first group on "The Bombo" on the same day as above. 15 metre vis, huge curtain of fish at anchor, good swimthrough, propeller still intact - great pics, Giant Cuttlefish out on sand.

Bob May attended the Jervis Bay Combined Clubs weekend and did 4 dives. The Arch had lots of P.J. Sharks, also lots of red algae in the area. Great conditions for the dive on Spider Cave. Stoney Creek had bad vis. but lots of life to see, as well as a huge Sunfish. They took out 2 kids from "In Search" and saw 2 Whales. "The Whorehouse" had very good vis.

The Saturday night presentation by Max Gleeson and Ron & Val Taylor was a great night.

Bob also had a freshwater dive in the Colo River, nice clear vis; 7-8 metres, water was very cold.

Leo Bergagnin spoke of Max Gleeson's presentation at the Jervis Bay weekend. Max gave SPDC a good wrap and mentioned that his photography had been inspired by the Club.

Paul Howlett, told of his dive in Mahons Pool, good vis, although the end result upon exiting was a broken finger.

Leo Bergagnin gave a Marine Biology lesson on a Sea Star's anus.

Rick Latimer spoke of his episode at the Jervis Bay weekend, sharing a house at Huskisson with Leo and Russell in the same room. When trying to sleep, Rick was pretty disgusted and ended up on the lounge - for secret reasons! Rick dived Sth Bowen Island and classed it as 'braille' diving.

Leo Bergagnin mentioned Martin and Heather Atkins at Jervis Bay, always offering members to come and dive. They have a great boat and are really nice people to spend time with.

Leo also commended the actions of Martin Atkins and his friend Rod, at the scene of an accident on "The Spit" bridge where they pulled a lady out of her car and out of danger.

Rick Latimer commended the Club's Social Organisers on organising a great Prawn & Chardonnay Club day.

The Safety Sausages proved a valuable asset on that day, but do beware of the long line and the entanglement that can occur upon letting the line out.

Martin suggests to buy a hand caster reel and wrap the Safety Sausage cord around the reel and let the line out gradually.

#### **General Business:**

For Sale: Bumbags - \$10.00, T-shirts \$35.00, Peter Flockart has "The Myola" books - \$15.00 ea.

Scott Leimroth spoke on the Magnetometer purchase. They are rare to find in Australia. S.A. has one for \$4,500.00 and one for \$3,500.00. There is general information available and liaison is still in progress.

Dinner Report by Adrienne Hill: Very nice food and a good night at Salera's Restaurant, Newtown.

#### **Raffle:**

**1st Prize** of Dinner for 2 donated by **Bev's Restaurant**, Meagher St, Chippendale won by: Shirley Wolfenden.

**1st prize** of Dinner for 2 donated by **Thurles Castle Hotel**, Cleaveland St, Chippendale won by: Ian, SPDC's newest member !

**1st prize** of Dinner for 2 donated by **The Purple Grape**, Crescent Ave, Homebush won by: Craig Harwood.

**2nd Prize** of \$60.00 Aircard from **Miranda Dive Shop** donated by Steve & Lee won by: Wayne Bawden.

**3rd prize** of a Boat Dive on **Sea Tamer II** donated by Max Western won by: Wayne Bawden.

**4th prize** of 2 Airfills from **Shiprock Dive** donated by Leo & Lesley Hillyer won by: Gordon McDonald.

**5th prize** of 2 Airfills from **Sub Aquatic Training**, King Georges Rd, Beverly Hills won by: Merridy Cairn-Duff.

**Guest Speaker:** Peter Flockart, Club member and Club Photographic Officer gave a great slide show with informative commentary about life to be found around Sydney Harbour and the Coastline. Well done Pete, it was truly an entertaining and interesting session for all.