

## **SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB MONDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER 1995.**

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

Apologies: Suzanne Evans, Craig Harwood, Eddy Labour, BJ and Rhonda, Robyn Hewitt, Ilona Kandilas, Merridy Cairn-Duff.

Previous Club minutes distributed to all members with the "Wet Rag". Previous Mins were not accepted at this meeting (Oct Meet)

**Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:** Other clubs' newsletters, PADI letter (AUPY), Competition's sponsors confirmation letters and promo slides, monies for Presentation night.

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

Bank Statement for month: \$2206.00 In / \$1803.52 Out.

Barbara gave a breakdown of expenses for the month.

Bank Balance: \$9817.85, Investment A/C \$11000.46.

Treasurer's Report accepted by Martin Kandilas, seconded by Gordon McDonald.

George Moore could not do voicovers for Presentation Night.

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

Presentation Night tickets are available.

'Night To Remember' November 10; club has purchased 40 tickets.

Skirmish rematch is organised for November 26.

**Dive Organiser's Report:** Scott Leimroth;

Information from "The Undersea Explorer".

This Sunday on TV at 1:00pm will screen 'Blue Water Dreaming'.

October 15: Chicken and Coleslaw Club day, pick up for diving from Rose Bay boat ramp.

October 20: Night dive.

October 28-29: Nelson Bay, \$20. p/p per night accommodation.

Solomon Islands trip planned for December 1995.

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

Voice-overs for Presentation Night at Corporate Theatre this coming weekend. Guest Speaker is organised for the night.

Issue raised to change structure of next year's competition;

- \* keep individual category for purely basic novice entries.

- \* novice category structured to allow pure novice entries.

- \* introduce an intermediate section between novice and open entries - organise a think-tank to clarify criteria.

Rick Latimer suggests hold over for General Business discussion.

- \* discussion needed on selling 2 of 3 club-owned projectors.

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

Joe Ingegneri recounted the story of the wrestling match on the propeller of "The President Coolidge", stern in 68m.

At 50m Ross Hipwell's torch lanyard got caught in Gorilla's 1st stage, both struggled to untangle, eventually set free.

Michael McFadyen lost divers through heavy silt whilst diving "The President Coolidge", eventually Ross Hipwell popped his head through, to Michael's amusement.

John Beddie dived South West Rocks, 6 days and 16 dives.



Saw Queensland Groper, Jewfish and Turtle. 30m+ vis.

Night dive in Fish Rock cave, excellent conditions.

Noel and Belinda looked after them very well during the stay.

Michael McFadyen dived "The Tuggerah", 30m+ vis on the bottom and an excellent dive.

John Szwecow dived with Martin Atkins at Jervis Bay, had 20m+ vis. They dived Cathedral cave and a Steamer at Wreck Bay.

John also had a 'dry' dive on "The Catterthun", bad visibility. Lots of Bronze Whalers on the surface.

Leo Bergagnin spoke of the Shark feed dive in Vanuatu; 17 club members on 2 boats. Fish head tied to buoy enticed the sharks to feed, one shark got hooked but eventually broke free.

Scott Leimroth dived "The Kelloe" with John Szwecow and Bob May, had a good dive. Diving at Henry's Head they saw a huge Stingray. Rebecca Davis and Scott dived a reef at Tathra and "The Empire Gladstone". Diving at Nelson Bay they did 6 wrecks which we can read about in the next issue of 'Wet Rag'.

Michael McFadyen in Vanuatu dived a Qantas flying boat, had 2-3m vis but a good look over the plane wrecked in 41m.

Dived "The Star Of Russia", a sailing ship in 33m, good dive.

Dived a freighter which was deliberately sunk in 44m, a good dive 30m+ vis, the engine room was huge.

Mark Spencer and Ross Hipwell dived "The President Coolidge"

and had a good plod around the chain locker and porthole room.

#### **General Business:**

BJ and Rhonda were married on September 16, club to send card of congratulations.

Rick Latimer mentioned that John Fardoulis is in Turkey having a good time diving and Nila is still with him.

Bob May has a trip to Jervis Bay from this Thursday to Monday, staying at Leisurehaven caravan park, shallow reef diving if anyone is interested in going.

Yves Martin, our Guest speaker for tonight, lives in Bathurst and cannot make it due to bad weather and blocked roads.

Peter Flockart has "The Myola" books on sale for \$15.00.

Scott Leimroth is organising a 'Hellfire Club' night for Thursday week.

Break.

#### **Raffle:**

1st Prize of dinner for 2 at **Salera's Restaurant** won by:

Scott Leimroth.

2nd Prize of boat dive on '**Sea Tamer II**' donated by **Max Western** won by: Gordon McDonald.

3rd Prize of 2 Air fills donated by **Sub Aquatics** won by:

Ross Hipwell.

4th prize of 2 Air fills donated by **Leo and Lesley Hillyer of Shiprock Dive** won by: Paul Howlett.

Volunteers for 1995 Presentation Night, 7 October:

**Day / Night;** Russell Stoker, Ross Hipwell, Paul Aram, David Bilbow, Roslyn Phillips, Greg (Gorilla).

**Day only;** Mark Spencer and Debbie.

**Night only;** Margaret Provan, Rebecca Davis.

Comments on 1994 Presentation Night:

Rebecca Davis made mention that the music was a bit too loud.

Martin Kandilas suggested the announcement of winners be adjusted this year.

**The End**