

**South Pacific Divers Club meeting held on Monday 16th October, 1995 at  
Bankstown Sports Club.**

\* **Opening:** Club Secretary, Suzanne Evans opened meeting, welcomed members and visitors. Leo Bergagnin, Club President is not able to be present at the meeting, due to an urgent matter to attend overseas.

\* **Apologies:** Ilona Kandilas, Rick Latimer, Chris, Heather, Ross Hipwell.

\* Acceptance of **previous Club minutes**, delivered to all members with this month's issue of the 'Wet Rag'. Accepted: Martin Kandilas and seconded by: Eddie Labour.

\* Acceptance of **August Club minutes**, not acknowledged at last Club meeting. Accepted by: Barbara Sweetman and seconded by Paul Howlett.

\* Incoming **Correspondence:** Minutes of SCAN meeting held 31st August, 1995. Facts sheets from Aust. Marine Conservation Society. Mike Scotland's Scuba Diving School - outlining his Marine Biology course. Dept. Urban Affairs & Planning - detailing the Maritime Archaeology Program. Other Club's newsletters: Uni of NSW, URG, Know Doubts, Penrith Dive Club, Scuba Scope, Brisbane Water Aqualung Club & RUC.

Glen Townsend requested that all incoming correspondence be available on a separate table, for members in attendance of the meeting to read through. Suzanne agreed and will organise this for future meetings.

\* **Photographic Officer Report:** Peter Flockart;  
Peter discussed the AUPY Presentation Night, said that all the ingredients were there and all went OK, apart from a few technical problems.

Steve Dickenson runs a New Zealand magazine and has requested some AV pictures for an article he has ready to go into 'Ocean Action' magazine.

Brian Woodward from Aust. Camera magazine has also requested AV pics for an article to be printed.

Glen Townsend asked about the use of AV pics in regards to the rules.

Martin Kandilas stipulated 'Club or Competition' promotion of pics is OK, otherwise permission is needed for use.

Brian Colwell suggested a motion be passed in regards to all future articles to be proofread first by Club, before going to print.

\* **Treasurer Report:** Barbara Sweetman;  
Incoming for month: \$2424.00 / Outgoing: \$ 4576.66  
Bank Balance \$8184.47 / Investment A/C \$11000.46.

Acceptance of Report: Martin Kandilas, Seconded: Glen Townsend.

Barbara Sweetman will **supply** details of Profit/Loss Report for the AUPY Night, at the next Club meeting **to be held** in November.

**\* Dive Organisers' Report:** Geoff Cook & Scott Leimroth;

Scott L: **Nelson Bay** diving trip planned for 28 & 29 October.  
**Nightdive** planned for this coming Friday.

Geoff C: **"The Bombo"** wreck dive planned for Sunday 18 November.

Suzanne Evans invited members for a dive on Max Western's boat, **Sea Tamer II** on Sunday 22 October at 10:00 am.

Martin Kandilas suggested a Club nightdive be organised with Max Western on a regular basis, as was done in previous times.

**\* Members' Dive Reports:**

Scott Leimroth, on his Divemaster course, diving around Sydney's South Head in 'pea soup' vis. Saw a Slipper Cray and a Butterfly Cod.

On the second dive at South Head, found a 100m long wreck with no engine remaining. Saw a baby Loggerhead Turtle on the dive.

Rebecca Davis incurred bruised ribs aboard 'Barjumpa', when attempting to dive Port Hacking reef. Conditions were too rough with a huge swell.

The result was a drift dive at 'Shiprock' with Sea Horses and Nudibranchs.

Geoff Cook, owner of 'Barjumpa', said the swells were outrunning the boat, with the waves crashing over the top and putting the boat underwater.

Adrienne Hill took her raffle prize at Soldier's Point, Nelson Bay. Whilst enjoying her stay, had an island boat dive and a shore dive.

Robyn Hewitt dived 'Fish Rock Cave' in clear vis and found lobsters.

Paul Howlett dived North Bondi and saw lots of PJs, large wobbys, lots of fish and a large electric ray. Dived at Jervis Bay on the previous weekend.

Bob May gave details of the Jervis Bay trip, last weekend. Included was a dive at 'The Docks' and a drift dive at Boat Harbour. They also dived on a Seal colony at Wreck Bay. The vis was 25m and there was about 40 Seals.

Geoff Cook gave details of a Liveaboard, 'The Victory', which is available for hire at a special Club price. 4 + people midweek = \$100 per person, all inclusive. 6 people minimum for a weekend + \$250 per person, A/Inclus.

Rebecca Davis and Martin Atkins dived Jervis Bay, saw a Sunfish & Seal.

Glenn Townsend dived in Jervis Bay on a Liveaboard, 'The Ocean Trek'.

A Cat, still in the process of refurbishment. Will eventually be rigged for courses and leisure. They moored in the 'Drum & Drumsticks' and dived many sites. Glenn has left brochures and info for anyone interested.



Jim Glass dived the wreck of the 'Annie Miller in very dirty water.

**\* Social Organiser Report:** Carina Gregory;  
The Club will purchase tickets for 'A Night To Remember', 10 November at the Centrepont Convention Centre in Sydney. Cost is \$10 per person.

The Skirmish match SPDC vs URG is to be held on 26 November at the previous location at Yarramundi. Deposit is required, \$25 per person.

Barbara Sweetman mentioned the 'Wine tasting' event has been cancelled.

**\* General Business:**

Peter Flockart has information on a 'Hard Hat, Deep Sea Diving' adventure that is being run from Manly's Ocean World wharf on weekends and public holidays at present.

Peter Flockart would like to organise a 'Think Tank' for the 1996 AUPY Competition and Presentation Night, either 28 October or November 4.

Peter also mentioned the cost of \$60,000.00 to use Photo CD for 1996.

Martin Kandilas said not enough lead-up promotion involved for 1995 Presentation Night - suggested reason for ticket sales failure this year. Also discussed the fact of Diveshops' constant support/ignorance re ticket sales.

Peter Flockart mentioned of quite a few Sponsors, who committed to, but did not show at the Presentation night.

Brian Colwell suggested to check out the old AV video formats, for any use they can be for the 1996 AV Awards night. Also made mention of the emphasis that is always put on promo slides/discussion with the Diveshops.

Suggestion that letters to finalists in the Competition may give too many false hopes. Previously, only winners abroad were notified of a prize won.

Mention of too many SPDC members presenting on the stage.

Recommendation to run it all by Corporate Theatre and discuss problems.

Peter Flockart apologised for his absence at next months Club meet.

Geoff Cook introduced Tim Whitely, being the newest member of the Club.

Michael McFadyen outlined the SCAN meeting; changes were made to the club constitution and will be draughted accordingly.

Bob May requested info on the status of the Magnetometer purchase.  
Scott Leimroth referred to one in WA available for \$4,500.00.

Scott Leimroth detailed Barbara Sweetman's Birthday celebration at a stripshow at

Canterbury Hotel and dinner at Selera's Restaurant. Afterwards at the Imperial Hotel, being 'Priscilla' territory, Barbara was dragged up on the stage and frisked by the 'Queens'.

Michael McFadyen and Eddie Labour dived the 'Titan' crane. Look out for their interesting story in the October edition of the 'Wet Rag'.

\* Break.

\*Raffle.

- ✓ **1st Prize:** Dinner for 2 at Selera's Malaysian Restaurant, Newtown. *Sent cert.*  
Won by: Scott Leimroth.
- ✓ **2nd Prize:** Dinner for 2 at Thurles Castle Hotel, Chippendale. *Sent cert.*  
Won by: Paul Howlett.
- ✓ **3rd Prize:** Tank Hydrostat & Fill compliments of Steve & Lee of Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla. *gave cert.*  
Won by: Brian Colwell.
- ✓ **4th Prize:** A dive on Max Western's boat 'Sea Tamer II'. *gave cert.*  
Won by: Gordon McDonald.
- ✓ **5th Prize:** 2 Airfills compliments of Leo & Leslie Hillyer of 'Shiprock' Dive Shop. Won by: Bob May. *gave cert.*
- ✓ **6th Prize:** 2 Airfills compliments of Sub Aquatics Dive Shop, Beverley Hills. Won by: Michael McFadyen. *SENT CERT.*

\***Guest Speaker:** Club member, John Szwecow showed us an impressive and colourful collection of personal slides. A lot were taken in and around Sydney's coastline. Thankyou John, we really enjoyed your great work.