

**SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB 'INFORMAL' CLUB MEETING**  
**held at Bankstown Sports Club on 18 December 1995.**

Leo Bergagnin opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests.

**Incoming Correspondence;** Leo Bergagnin:

Club membership renewals and other Club's newsletters.

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

\$1061.00 Income and \$294.10 Expenses for the month.

Bank Balance: \$11,472.39 and Investment A/C: \$11,062.68.

Report accepted by Craig Harwood and seconded by Michael Foster.

**Member's Dive Reports:**

Scott Leimroth had a shore dive at Inscription Point, Kurnell.

The wreck of the 'Hilda' with Cookie who was real crook afterwards.

The wreck of the 'Woniora' where Scott heard a Whale underwater.

Michael McFadyen dived the wreck of the 'Tuggerah' and saw a dead Wobby in a net. Les Cathersun saw a Sunfish on the same dive.

Club nightdive at Parsley Bay, 11 divers had about a 1 hour dive and saw lots of Seahorses, Crabs and Cuttles.

Inscription Point, Kurnell, had very good vis and saw 16 Weedy Sea Dragons. The foreign green weed is extending and taking over the gardens.

The wreck of the 'Currajong' in Sydney Harbour, 18m - 26m under the stern. Illegal to anchor on the sight. The divers had a couple of bad airfills.

**The Club Christmas party video was shown by Glenn Townsend.**

Robyn Hewitt and other Club members dived in Eden for a weekend. They dived the wreck of the 'Tasman Hauler' and the 'Henry Bolte'.

Margaret Proven spoke of the pretty Jewel Anemones that were seen on the nightdive on the 'Tasman Hauler'. Margaret mentioned there was a lot more Fish and Sealife seen on the 'Tasman Hauler' than on the other wreck.

They visited a Museum which had a good replica of the 'Henry Bolte'.

Scott Leimroth mentioned the 1 week diving trip to Eden with John Beddie starting on 20 January 1996. Would like boat owners as well as divers.

John Fardoulis spoke of his recent diving in Turkey and Greece. Dived a 2000 year old wreck and recovered a fully intact Amphora with handles (ancient pottery artefact). Lots of pottery lodged in rocks & inaccessible.

Permits are needed in order to take underwater photographs in Greece. John did some freediving which is very popular, as well as Scuba. He will write some articles about his trip in the near future. John is now based at Woy Woy and will be getting some dives in on the 'Valient'.

**Glenn Townsend showed his video 'One Australia'** which won the SPDC 1995 AUPY Video section Encouragement award.

**David Bilbow presented a 'Topside' video of the Club's Vanuatu trip.**

**Raffle:**

1st prize- Dinner for 2 at **Salera's Restaurant** won by Daryl Gibbs.

1st prize- Dinner for 2 at **Bev's Restaurant** won by Roslyn Phillips.

2nd prize- Boatdive on '**Sea Tamer II**' donated by **Max Western** won by Leo Bergagnin.

3rd prize- 2 x airfills donated by **Shiprock Dive** won by Suzanne Evans.

4th prize- 2 x airfills donated by **Sub Aquatics Dive** won by Paul Howlett.

**Ian from BSAC** discussed the possibility of aligning SPDC with a BSAC branch. Members had quite a lot of discussion points to bring forward.

Suzanne Evans has a vacancy for 3 divers interested to dive the wreck of the 'Bombo' at Wollongong on Saturday 23 December, 10am leave wharf.

Meeting closed.



## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF INCORPORATION

A number of proposed amendments to the Club's Rules of Incorporation will be voted on at the January general meeting. Formal notice and details were supplied in the December *Wet Rag*.

The detailed proposed amendments are:

1. Change rule 5a as follows (deleted part struck through and new part in italics):

Membership shall cease upon resignation, expulsion or failure to pay outstanding fees within *one* ~~three (3)~~ months of due date, defined as *31 January* ~~1st April~~ of Membership year.

The reason for this proposed amendment is that the Club is forced to carry up to three months postage and copying costs for many members who have no intention of renewing membership. The normal grace period for most clubs is one month after the specified end of membership. The cost of sending out newsletters to non-renewing members can be as high as \$250 over the three months (based on last year).

2. The second amendment refers to rule 3 (c):

Insert 3 (c) (iv) as follows:

Where an application for membership is received after 1 October, the membership will be valid till 31 December of the year after the current year.

This proposed amendment is to ensure that people who join the Club towards the end of the normal membership year receive a fair period of membership before having to renew their membership.

The following changes are proposed to correct errors in the current rules where references to rules are wrongly numbered:

3. Rule 21 (g) delete "20" and insert "28".
4. Rule 21 (h) delete "34" and insert "35".
5. Rule 22 (d) delete "34" and insert "35".