

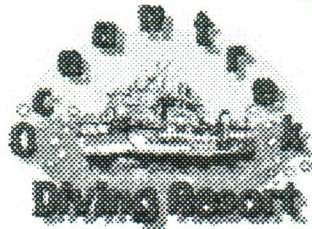
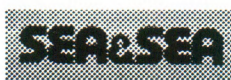
Well folks ,the George Roberts Memorial Competition is ready to roll, with our ever generous sponsors donating some fantastic prizes for the comp so make sure you are taking plenty of pics ready for the new year. Please make sure you support our sponsors where ever possible to thank them for generosity.

AQUA LUNG

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SCUBA MECHANICS

DIVE

COLOURWORKSFISHERMANS WHARF DIVE FORSTER

Prizes are :

Dive Quest Mullaway : 1 week diving & accom, 10 dives for 1 person (Mon-Fri)

Southwest Rocks Dive: Weekend Diving 4 dives & accom. for 2 people

Fishermans Wharf Forster: Weekend diving & accom for 1

Ocean Trek Jervis Bay: Weekend diving on liveaboard for 1

Seatec Aquasuits: 2 piece & semidry dive hoods

Dive Log Australasia: 4 x 12 month subscriptions

Scuba Mechanics: \$120 service voucher for regs or BC

Colourworks: \$100 voucher for film or developing

Apollo: 1 x pair of Bio Fins

Scuba solutions: Tee shirts & film

Aqualung: ??????????

The SPDC Australasian comp is going very well with trips to PNG, SOLOMONS, WEST AUSTRALIA, COD HOLE, JERVIS BAY, plus thousands of dollars worth of dive gear, photographic vouchers, repair vouchers etc so get those cameras and videos out of the cupboard and get your entries in next year and win yourself a prize!! Happy snapping.

Grey

SPD MEETING 16TH OCTOBER, 2000

Apologies: Tom, Lin, Martil and Ilona, Mitch.

Incoming Correspondence: GST start up info, Scuba Scope info, URG Bulletin, Genesis Catalogue, Bank Statement, C-Breeze Dive Centre information, Bankstown Theatre Restaurant brochure, Cavern & Sinkhole Diving Course info.

Outgoing Correspondence: Letter of Thanks to Dive Log for their continued support.

Photographic Officer: George Roberts Competition - Prizes, organising etc all running to schedule. February, March and April - results May. PLEASE ENTER!! Email Grey gmcneil@bigpond.net.au\

Equipment Officer: All present and accounted for.

Club Dive:

Shoalhaven - 8th October - Club BBQ Day. Poor turn out with divers for the boat dive. Dived The Pinnacle - dirty water. With clean water would have been a good dive. Shore dive had better viz.

Boat Dives - We must organise numbers better when we plan boat dives under SPD's name as a poor turn out reflects back on the club.

Club Outing & BBQ lunch - 15th October The Pitch Indoor Rock Climbing. 1000am \$20.00 includes lunch. All welcome.

Next Month - Glen - Aqua Sports - Dive Weekend away Foster 4th & 5th November, Merimbula Weekend Away 18th & 19th November - Call Aqua Sports 9708 2826 for bookings and further info.

Possible mid week dive - Ron Hunter, Foster has built a floatable type shark cage - mako's, big bulls - 6 on board approx \$240.00 for the day includes lunch - details sketchy at this stage as it's a new service.

Dive Reports:

Loi - Shiprock - clean water, lots of fish, strong current - but a good dive.

Vivien/ Grey - Jervis Bay long weekend - Nitrox Course - Spider cave viz 15 mtrs, blew up Saturday night - Docks day and night dives - counted 6 Red Indian fish of various sizes.

Matt - Oceantrek - 1 dive Wanderer, Docks, rough seas. Saw a shark but couldn't identify it. 1 big seal, 6 whales.

Glenn - Over the months of June, July and August - Shiprock - found a cluster of octopus eggs - over the months did 8-10 dives - couple of them night dives and watch the eggs form from pure white down to black - between 15-80 days for the

eggs to mature (depending on conditions) The mother octopus does not leave the eggs, does not eat (can actually starve to death protecting her young) You can see the mother deteriorating in the video footage that was taken. They lay their eggs in strands and only 1 in 10,000 eggs mature. Video footage will be shown at a future club meeting.

Glenn also kept us amused with a true story of a 29 mtr dive on a new \$900.00 reg which was very hard to breathe – the front of it came off, only leaving the diaphragm. He also had problems with a leaky dry suit coming apart from the wrist seams. Anyone wanting gear tested – feel free to see him about it!! No guarantee's

Heinz – spent 1 week snorkeling around the wrecks at Tangalooma.

Phil – Welcome back from overseas – Europe 5 weeks – England, Ireland, Holland France, Switzerland Germany etc – lots of photo's will sort them out and bring them along to a meeting.

Next newsletter will be brief as Tom is away and it will be run by 'others'.

Sorry, no Dive Logs available as we forgot to collect them.

General Business:

Glen – Re: Suzanne Evans. Glen has spoken with Andrew Robertson who will be doing a course in February and is happy to have her claim her prize. Glen will provide her with Andrew's new contact details. Apparently he runs the courses for other dive shops and only runs one a year himself, this being in February.

Web Page – Tom has set up a blueprint on his computer re SPD Web Page – will take approximately 1 week to set up properly and will contain photo club info, advertising for our sponsors, buy and sell category with a perimeter of sales only in Australia and whatever else we feel we need. \$175.00 per year. It's up to members to help in any way with information etc – as it will be your Web Page and can be updated as required.

General consensus was "Just Do It!!".

Norah Head Boat Dive - \$30.00 - 5 spots left – see Noel.

Cavern & Sinkhole Diving Course – See Noel – theory in Sydney, diving in Mt Gambier SA.

SPD CHRISTMAS PARTY - Confirmation of SPD's Christmas party to be held at Bernie and Evelyn's place at Kemps Creek - no objections at all were raised. Saturday 2nd December, 2000.

Commencing 3.00–4.00pm. Food from 6.00pm. \$15.00 per head, children under 12 for free. BYO drinks and alcohol. Cans of soft drink will be available for sale at \$1.00 per can. There is room for you to pitch a tent and sleep over if you so desire.

PLEASE – let us know you are coming so we can cater properly, payment in advance required.
More detailed information forthcoming in the next newsletter.

SCAN – Meeting next Monday at the Rowing Club at Arncliffe. We will be represented by Duane, Glen and Tony.

Ice Skating – next Friday at Canterbury Ice Rink 8.00pm. All welcome – just turn up!

It's a pleasure to see 2 old members re-join. Welcome to Phil and Mandy Taylor.

Raffle: 1st prize Aqua Sports diving knife – Phil Dale

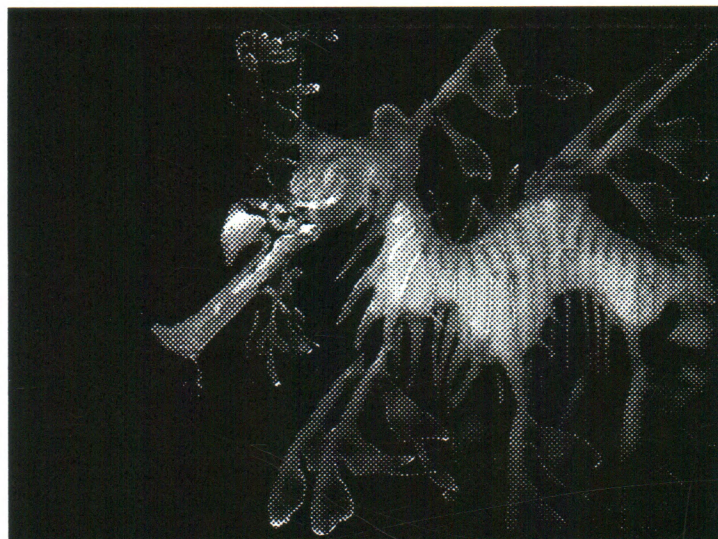
2nd prize Max Western sea Tamer II Boat

Dive – Paul Reyntjes

3rd prize 2 x Air Fills or a T Shirt Shiprock

Dive – Matthew Reeve

Thanks to Grey for the entertaining Slide Show of SPD 1988-1990 post entrants of our photographic comps. Various slides, some novice, some winning. My! How some dive sites have changed over the years.



The Leafy photo was taken by Peter Norris. Thanks Pete!!



Pigmy Sea Horse photo was taken by GreyMcNeil