

SPD CLUB MEETING 19TH FEBRUARY, 2001

Commenced 8.05pm-1000pm

Apologies: Noel, Matt Reeves, Ben Rudd. (all away Cavern/ Sinkhole course in SA)

Guest Speakers: George Bender, Atlantis Dive Resort, Puerto Galera Philippines, Jayne Jenkins Dive Adventures.

Correspondence In: Waves Newsletter, membership application Bill Atherton, BOC Gases account, Starship Cruises letter, bank statement, Sport (tour and travel) guide, URG Bulletin, Doubtless & Diving Newsletter, sport Diving re directory listing, Ryde Underwater outing.

Correspondence Out: Telstra letter re cancelling white pages.

December Minutes: Accepted by Peter, Seconded Tony Grey.

Newsletter: Tom unavailable to produce newsletter for the next few months – Relief editor required .

Website: Up and running

Equipment Officer: All equipment accounted for. Magnetometer is being used!!!

Club Dive: February 25th Sea Tamer – see Tom.

SCANS Weekend: 23/ 24 and 25th March. See Duane.

Photographic Officers report:

- George Roberts starts tonight – next meeting will show the slides.
- Main comp is coming along nicely
- All info on web site (and other sites) is looking good!
- Colour add coming – thanks to Dive Log – will need bodies to distribute same to all the dive shops. Should be here by next meeting
- Have compiled a letter to send to previous audience/s taking the names and addresses off the lucky door prize tickets. Vivien has typed labels. Duane will envelope same. Lin will mail.

Members Dives:

Glen – Barrens Hut, school. Could see the bottom as soon as you dived in.

Nigel – Kurnell Saturday. Barrens Hut Sunday – great dive – what a buzz to see the bottom.

Australia Day – Malabar – crystal clear – terrific dive

Craig – Revesby Pool 2 weeks ago

Peter – Jervis Bay – North Bowen 2 mtr swell. 24 mtr viz. Crystal clear – weedy sea dragons. 2nd dive – nursery.

Wendy (new diver) Enjoying it! Night dive Balmoral Beach – huge number of sea horses.

George – 2 months ago in the Phillipines not yet in Sydney.

Vivien – Night dive Kurnell – dwarf pipe horses, nudis, eagle ray.

Grey did a letter to thank Diver City as they organised the dive for us.

Noel – Barrens hut with Glen's school.

Guess What!! New divers are diving – not the regulars!!!

General Business:

SCANS Weekend – 23/24 March Jervis Bay

Booked in 8 for cabin accommodation. 2 x cabins x 4 bodies. Approx \$22.00 per night, per person. Plus caravan campsites available. Need to know definite numbers. See Duane.

Saturday 10th March – Boat Dive Day – Long Bay – Malabar.

3 boats will be running back and fourth - \$10.00 for the day's dives. Take own lunch. Wreck at 8 mtrs. 8.30 am at Fishermans Road. Thanks to Craig.

Re Suzanne Evans – re raffle prize 2 years ago. SPD has offered to pay her ½ of a cavern diving course. The other ½ she will have to pay herself as the course is now run together with a sinkhole course –or- a cash sum to settle this matter. She has previously been offered alternative courses but we now need to have this matter resolved.

John B. is worried about setting a precedence re future comps. Grey is one step ahead with all prizes coming with a time limit – that way if they forget or cannot organise it, unfortunately they miss out. Suzanne has a time limit till August to decide as that's when the next course will be run.

White Pages – add has been cancelled as the phone as advertised is no longer in use.

Club T Shirts – next meeting manufacturer Warren will bring some samples and give details of his offer.

BOC Gases – Oxy Viva – SPD has 2 units and rent 1 cyclinder. This equipment is being used more than most of the other equipment put together. Glen has offered to use one of his bottles for this so we can cancel the BOC account.

ST Johns – has also offered to help out with other gear.

Ocean Trek – Truk Lagoon – 29th June – 8th July - There's a few spots left. Odyssey live aboard – pure luxury – unlimited diving, 5 star meals \$4,950.00 – special price. See Glen – would be a good trip. They are also offering a free weekend beforehand to get to know everyone.

Raffle (takings \$87.00)

1st prize – Aqua Sports Dive Torch PLUS \$50.00 gift voucher from Dive Adventures – Craig Mann

2nd prize - Max Weston – Sea Tamer boat dive – Paul Cootes

3rd prize – Shiprock Dive 2 x air fills – Noel Hogan

Big Thank you to George Bender, Atlantis Dive Resort, Puerto Galera and to Jayne Jenkins Dive Adventures for their informative talk and video, tempting us to dive the Philippines – See Glen Aqua Sports for more details.