
CLUB MINUTES

CLUB MEETING 17TH FEBRUARY, 2003 8.10 pm - 11.00 pm

Apologies: Peter T, Jansen, Nick, Jenny, Bernie.

Guest: Tim Bonner - Apollo - discussions re dry suits, wet suits, bio fins, sea life cameras and housings, masks, knives etc – also donated a T-REX knife towards our raffle prizes.

Incoming Correspondence: Storage shed invoice, bank statement, re-investment statement, letter re bank charges, SPD membership's, Waves newsletter, URG Bulletin, Doubtless & Diving newsletter, BOC invoice, Ryde Underwater newsletter, Netspace letter, SCANS - emails re Scan Meeting dates, Coral Sea Trip, Combined Club's Day 23/03/03, Occupational Diving Standards campaign request.

Minutes: November, December and January - Accepted by Phil Dale, seconded by Peter Flockart.

Treasurers Report: Term deposit is still being looked at. Trouble getting Banks to give good rates as we are not a business. Memberships are due.

Website: Anyone with anything to add??

Newsletter: Thank you to Duane for your great newsletters. Due to Duane's resignation we are looking for another Newsletter Editor.

DIVE REPORTS

Peter F - Barrens Hut 6" viz. Cold. Fish Reef Sea Tamer II 5-8 mtrs viz better but still dirty, 21 degrees serge on bottom, king fish, nudis, bastard trumpeter.

Matt - Minmi Trench - Top 5 mtrs murky below that 16 degrees cold and clear.

Southern Comfort dive - very murky

Manly Ferry wharf - unreal. Found a push bike, 1 bottle, part of a clay pipe, nozzle off a fireman's hose, wallet - 2-3 mtr viz. Shells, octopus, squid, excellent dive. Entry 1.15am. 7 mtrs depth. Good pizza shop open till 4.00 am

Tim B - 8 miles off coast, whilst blue water spearing - 2 black marlin swam up to his friend and swam away. No camera in the water (was in the boat) viz good a long way out.

John O - Ulladulla, rain overcast 6 mtr viz 14-16 degrees, next day cloudless sunny 25 mtr viz, next day overcast bad conditions again. Divers Lottery!

Dave - Kurnell drift dive 2 mtr viz - took club banner door and took a few photo's.

Noel - Club Boat Dive - Kurnell - 7 people. Minmi Trench - lots of nudis. Sponges, swimming, 22 mtrs - big boulders form a crevice/ trench blue devil fish, lots of anchors.

Drift dive Henry's Head - started with half a mtr viz - cleared in deeper water to a good dive.

Grey - Nelson Bay Day and night dives - sponges back on pipeline, rays mating everywhere, Fly Point - all purple and orange in colour, growth now on sand patch 10 mtrs viz. 17 different nudi species.

Phil N - Nelson Bay Christmas time - Night Dive Halifax across bottom spotted long tentacles of green everywhere, light sensitive - common name - snot monsters.

Double Boat dive - Jervis Bay 16 degrees, some clear currents.

Bass Point - Cold and dirty - surface current 4 kn., under that no current at all.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Thank you Bernie for the Australia Day BBQ & Club Dive - Phil T took a video of the dive and will bring it along to a meeting soon, was a good day. Approx. 25 people in attendance.

Taronga Wharf dive - check out Aqua Sports web page.

George Roberts Entries - hand in at break.

Raffle -

Tim from Apollo donated a T-Rex Knife - won by Angelo
Aqua Sports - 5 air fills - both won by Matt
Lucky Door Prize - Aqua Sports - John Olsen

Max Western Boat Dive - Sue
Shiprock - 2 air fills - Noel

Photographers Report - Finally received a reply from Sea & Sea re AV Competition. Still a few points to sort out.

First Aid Course - Noel will organise a talk on First Aid and a course later if required.

Noel suggested a Club Shoot out - on a Saturday prior to the club meeting - Club Dive day all using disposable cameras- equal playing field. The cameras get purchased off SPD. After taking the photos the cameras are returned to us for processing - photos- given back to the photographer to choose their 5 best photos and then put on display at the club meeting for members to vote on.

Phil suggested a White Water rafting day - Penrith - would be a good day \$62.50 90 minutes of fun. Phil to get info together for Noel to email out.

John O - President SCANS - Linkage to all independent dive clubs.

23rd March - Combined Clubs Dive Day - Kurnell high tide 1.20 pm BBQ Inscription Point boat dives available.
\$2.00 or \$3.00 for BBQ lunch. Will need SPD BBQ

SCANS - have also organised tank testing for \$16.50 including GST for lots of 20. 20 or more free pick up and delivery - but they will not be filled. Ryde Underwater are doing a run now if anyone is interested in taking onto their run.

Standards Australia - Occupational Diving Operations has just been completed. Next one refers to Underwater photography - suggested SPD view and make public comment. Dave Burns to look out for the Standards Aust. Information.

Suggested - another Club Skirmish Day.

Club Dive Date - Members decided on the Club Dive Day to be on the Sunday AFTER the Club Meeting as a standard 'put on your calendar day'

Noel - will have a boat dive going over the weekend - Contact him for further details.

Newsletter - we need to get one done. Dave suggested he may know of someone who would be able to help out. Will discuss further at next committee meeting.

At a future club meeting - Guest Speaker - Leo from Aqua Sea Products re: underwater strobes, video lights etc.

