

**SPD CLUB MEETING**

**16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2003**

**8.15 - 10.30 pm**

**Apologies:** Nick and Dave.

**Guest:** John Summer

**Incoming Correspondence:** Bank statement, re-investment notice and certificate, BOC statement, Ryde Underwater newsletter, Doubtless & Diving newsletter, SCANS - emails re Barrier Reef Marine Park, Grey Nurse Sharks, Minutes of meeting 22/5/03, Club Public Liability Insurance has been paid, Dive Expo newsletter, Tech Dive Academy see [www.tech-dive-academy.com](http://www.tech-dive-academy.com)

**Minutes:** Accepted by Peter Flockart, seconded by John Olsen

**Treasurers Report:** All accounted for - will have full details next month for AGM. Please pay any outstanding memberships.

**Photographic Officer:** Dave away in Tassie, Peter F. advises AV night sponsors 16 confirmed, 8 we are waiting to hear back from. Have sent off some emails. A meeting will be held in next few weeks to see exactly where Dave is up to. May also need members to help out with sending off advertising etc to shops.

**Website:** Noel has updated Activity page. Members profile forms to be completed and returned to Noel.

**Newsletter Editor:** Thank you to a non-member for 2 excellent stories. Members!! what about your content.

### **DIVE REPORTS**

John - Dee Why Wide - (off Long Reef) 22 mtrs could see the anchor rope all the way up to the boat. 20 mtrs viz. Great boat dive - had it all to themselves. Container ship anchors, caves. 24 mtrs deep.

Mark - Magic Point - Sydney Divercity boat dive, south east swell, choppy, only 1 boat before them which was leaving. But No sharks at all. Was a good dive anyway.

Noel advised previous weekend they saw a couple of sharks and Don advised the following weekend there were 9 sharks and good viz.

Noel - Sea Tamer - Fish Reef Club Dive - Swell running, good fish and sponge life. Can swim around entire reef. Good macro dive. 24 mtrs deep.

Peter F - Fish Reef - swell too big for a Tuggerah Dive - Long low swell at dive site, 12 mtrs viz, no blue devil in cave, lots of sponges, school yellow tail.

Rick - Sea Tamer - Balcony - 40' clear hull, 75' you could still make out the hull.

J.B. Long Noise Point/ Boat Harbour, South Governor's Head - Weather looked miserable but had 3 of the best dives. 60' viz, lots of dish life. Great diving.

Grey - Forster - after rain - 1 mtr swell, Pinnacles - no current at all, 4 sharks, found lots of teeth, 12 mtr viz.

Little Seal Rock - 19 sharks, eagle ray - could hear whales in the water.

Matt - Dry Chamber Dive - through Sydney Divercity - embarrassment dive - Out of your head at 2 mtrs - equalising like crazy then they tell you that you are at 2 mtrs only!! Nice and warm on way down - At 15 mtrs you cannot whistle. Got to 30 mtrs for 25 minutes. Some dive computers failed or had wrong readings. Balloons were blown up, tied up then forgotten about. On way up the balloons started to 'go bust' and scared everyone. 11 degrees, very cold on the way up. Blankets for use. Was \$88.00 worth of fun. Trip lasted approx. 45 minutes.

-- just what would it be like at 60 mtrs??? --

**3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST - NEXT CHAMBER DIVE - 30 MTRS & 60 MTRS - CONTACT SYDNEY DIVERCITY.**

Amanda Hideaway Island - Sea and Sea Dive Festival and Dive Comp. Really geared towards novice photographer - Mini courses running all the time. Do the course, take a camera and use for the entire week, they download shots and people critique them - great learning experience. Thoroughly recommended. Came runner up in Open Section. Kevin Deacon was there all the time to help out and answer questions. etc  
Held 2<sup>nd</sup> last weekend in May. Double dives off a large triamaran, smaller boats quite happy to go where you want. Next year hope to get more members along.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Skirmish – 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2003. All welcome. I need names and “packages” BEFORE the next meeting, so contact me direct

All packages include all gear (including semi-automatic gun hire and lunch.

- (a) Standard \$60.00 per person 300 paintballs
- (b) Top Gun \$90.00 per person 500 paintballs
- © Ultimate \$130.00 per person 700 paintballs
- (d) SLY \$160.00 per person 900 paintballs
- (e) Arnie \$220.00 per person 1250 paintballs (includes the best Level 7 Auto-mag paint gun)

A.G.M. is held at the July Meeting. Will ask Martin to be the Returning Officer. Incentive to turn up will be some form of refreshments. Please turn up as we need you there!

North Haven Trip - has been arranged again as requested by 4 members. 30k south of Port Macquarie. 27/28 July, 2003 \$190.00 includes 2 x double boat dives and 2 night's accommodation. On Sunday any non-divers will hit the Markets and shop. Good time of the year for Whales.

Guest - John Summer - gave a bit of a talk on wreck research and will return to a future meeting for a proper talk

**George Roberts Competition** - Amanda to confirm winners and prizes

### **Raffle -**

Shiprock - 2 air fills - Duane  
Sydney Divercity - Booties - Matt  
Max Western Boat Dive - Tony Gray

Lucky Door Prize – Shiprock Dive - Noel

Donated Prize - Bottle of Red (thank you Peter Flockart) won by Duane

Thank you (again) to Peter Flockart for your slides (underwater and above) from his recent Solomon trip.