

SPD MEETING 15TH MARCH, 2004

Duane pointed out a problem with the quorum re enough actual members to hold a meeting. Most of the committee did not re-new their membership prior to the 31st January, 2004 and as such, re the constitution, their membership is not current. Effectively any committee decisions since the 31st December, 2003 has no bearing on club decisions as they were made by unfinancial members.

Waited until 2030 hours – only 3 members present – therefore it was decided to run an informal meeting for tonight.

Apologies: Bernie

Incoming Correspondence: Bank statement, letter from Nick Nasr for club discussion, email from Tom stating he can no longer do the newsletter, couple of memberships received, Scubapro catalogue, URG Bulletin, Sport Guild Data update, email from Amanda re Club Secretary election.

Treasury - No treasurer's report as there was no Treasurer in attendance.

Photographic Officer – Peter read a report on digital cameras. Advised the Photographic and Imaging Show at Darling Harbour is on the 20th – 23rd May, 2004.

Newsletter – Tom can no longer produce the newsletter as he has started on a new book. Duane offered to help out as he has the old format still on his computer.

DIVE REPORTS

Phil and Nick – South West Rocs on a bucks party 3 weeks ago. Dived on the Cave, viz not the best, lots of fish around, water was warm.

Matt & Mark - Had an adventure to Mt Gambier – new light (aqua sea) survived, only managed to flood one light. 2 x Dives Little blue – found a pair of woman's sunnies which he gave away. 1 dive One Tree – lots of fly's and attacking magpies, 4 dives Piccadilly – crystal clear, 2 dives Shaft, 1 x Hells hole 40 mtr drop by abseil – found a bottle, 14 degree water - certainly something you have to do – an experience not to be missed!

John – Ocean Trek a few weeks ago – cold, needed a dry suit 18 degrees. 4 dives Saturday makes for a cool body core. Viz not great.

Peter – Sydney Diver City – Tabbagai 20' viz on surface, then viz deteriorated, Sunday Wanderers – saw a seal, water quite murky but very pretty. 38-45'
Sea Tamer II – Tuggerah – 2.5kn current – could not swim against it to the anchor line. Ended up at Marley Point – not a bad dive. Had last weekend off from diving.

Phil T (via Amanda) Teaching a school at Bushrangers Bay – students saw a grey nurse shark in the bay, appeared to join in on the line up underwater with the students – possibly something to do with a bag of pilchards they had with them.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Don – Sydney Diver City – Advises Magic Point – the grey nurses have not returned. Was a little sloppy on the water. Don and Betty will be away next weekend but shop will run as normal. They have a new instructor, a cute blonde. Are running a little competition of their own – March - they are looking for the best Sea Dragon picture taken, in digital format.

Digital Photographic Course - Craig Rodriguez is running one through Sydney Diver City on Ocean Trek – not product specific – will be on use of digital technology. More details to come.

SCANS – Combined Clubs Dive & BBQ day – 21st March – Yarra Bay. Dives available to Bare Island, free BBQ lunch.
Due to inclement weather, this day has been postponed until the 28th of March.

Scuba Expo - 15th-18th July, 2004 at the Sydney Entertainment Centre

AGM – Next months meeting

Thank You John for sharing your Bali slides

RAFFLE

Sydney Diver City – Gift Voucher – **Susan Tate**

Bottle of Wine (donated by Peter Flockart) Duane

Shiprock Dive – 2 x air fills – **Phil Dale**

Noel Taylor gave 2 weeks notice that he has goods belonging to SPD which need to be collected from his home or he will dispose of all of it - also Web page information needs to be obtained within 2 weeks or he will trash the website. Peter Flockart will work it out with Noel.

Receipt details also still required from Noel.