

SPD MEETING 201204

Apologies: Phil & Sandra, Glen & Katrina

Incoming Correspondence: Bank statement, Doubtless & Diving newsletter, Dive Log Invoice, Marine & Coastal newsletter, Ryde Underwater newsletter, Application for business name renewal.

Minutes – Accepted by Peter, seconded by Matt

Treasury - Mark rang the Dept of Fair Trading, there's no immediate hurry to get the information they want together, but we need to check with previous treasurers to see if they remember providing the information and where they would have filed SPD's copy. Big M storage is paid until the end of December.

Photographic Officer – George Roberts's competition is over. Water Theme won by Susan Tate (3 x rolls of film) George Roberts Shield won by Mark Pinna (SPD T shirt & hat) with Matt Reeve being the overall winner (U/W torch, SPD T shirt & hat)

Newsletter – any additions or photos are welcome.

DIVE REPORTS

Bernie, (Peter and Sue) – SPD Weekend Port Stephens. Halifax Point - Bernie's first dive for 11 months, lots to see, plenty of fish, big nudi's, brevicadiun. 2nd dive reminded Bernie that he was mortal as he forgot to add enough lead and struggled to stay on the bottom whilst towing a dive flag. Found a huge boulder and hugged same throughout the dive. Most importantly he forgot just how much fun diving was!

Peter – Halifax Point – 2 shore dives, both at Halifax - viz 3-8 mtrs, 20 mtr depth sloping slides covered with sponges, lots nudi's, brevicadiun morays, fish etc. large sea hare. St George Underwater – Middle ground – flat seas, green water, dirty on bottom. 20 degrees top, 19 degrees on bottom and 30 degrees air temperature. Wobby's, cuttle fish, port jacksons, bayer shells laying eggs, couple anchors, sea whips, mowong. 10 minutes bottom time, 31 mtrs – flat reef eastern wall 3 mtr drop – caves and overhangs.

Matt – dives in a pool using his pony bottle – stinking hot day was trying to clear up his hayfever.

Robert – Ocean Trek a couple of months back.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Memberships are due NOW

Dive Logs – not purchasing dive logs this time around as the minimum amount are 30 dive logs and a lot are sent to recycling re members not turning up to meetings.

Re Memberships – Matthew suggested re the lack of memberships – we should forget the past and move on with the new year. He suggested sending a letter to ex-members saying that we have moved on.

- Discussed that some past problems were caused when issues were not being dealt with and members were fobbed off when they enquired as to what was happening, instead of solving the issues they tried to be swept under the table. We since have a new committee and now problems are being dealt with till sorted.
- Past members have been asked from time to time to rejoin but have declined to do so.
- Committee feels that membership will return in time.

Main point is that we must start diving again as a Club.

SCANS Combined Clubs weekend – 12th & 13th March – Solders Point, Port Stephens.
Free BBQ Saturday night, suggested you book your cabins now.

St George underwater – Australia Day Dive at Kurnell – shore dives all welcome.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

1 st prize – Hamper	Warren
2 nd & 3 rd prizes – 2 x 2 bottles wine	Phil and Mark
4 th & 5 th prizes - 2 x 2 half hams	Sue and Robert

Thank you to all who donated the prizes and participated in purchasing raffle tickets.

And most importantly – MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.