



NEWSLETTER

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP of SOUTH AUSTRALIA

APRIL 1963

MEETINGS:

General Meeting 23rd January 1963: Phil Connard, joint leader of the Christmas trip, presented the trip report to the meeting. After this Peter Aitken reported on the Australian Speleological Federation conference at Kempsey. He told also of the hardships of the back roads, and of his work on the parasitic bat flies. He spent a week confined in a bat cave, by the rain forest and wet weather.

Annual General Meeting 27th February 1963: After the minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting had been read, the following officers were elected to the committee:

President	John Bishop	
Vice President & Treasurer	Noel Mollet	
Secretary	Bob Davies	
Museum Representative	Peter Aitken	
Committee	Bob Sexton	Library & Records
	Fred Sanders	Advisory
	Phil Connard	Membership, Search & Rescue
	Athol Jackson	Quartermaster
	Judd McLean Smith	Publications

Vic Linke, our ex-secretary and Ron Galbreath, our ex-treasurer must be thanked for the fine job they did for the Group during the last year. Cynthia Mollet must also be included in this list, for her marathon effort of preparing suppers for meetings.

MEMBERSHIP: Please note the following alterations and additions to the membership list:

Full Member: Gary Brown.

Associate: Kelton Dingle, 7 Lanark Ave Rosslyn Park 3-3929.
Nigel Duncan, 31 Clovelly Ave, Clarence Gardens.
Bill Rouse, 237 Military Rd, Henley South. 56-2220.
Malcom Walter, 6th Ave, St Peters. 63-1579.
Richard Wright, 12 Barnet Ave, Clovelly Pk 76-2259

SEARCH & RESCUE: Phil Connard is now in charge of Search and Rescue, and the new phone number 31-7935 should be noted. Phil will soon be wanting to compile a list of cars and owners available for search and rescue work. He will also want the names and phone numbers of members who are available for the same work. We are hoping that in future there will be a safety officer on all trips.

Search and Rescue - Phil Connard, 31-7935

ROCK CLIMBING COURSE: No longer risk your own and others' necks with poor rope handling technique and lax safety rules! Learn the art of safe belaying, correct rope handling and the fundamentals of good climbing from those who know! Attend the National Fitness Council's Rock Climbing Course for Beginners on the 27th-28th April and 4th-5th May. The course consists of two days practical training in the Adelaide Hills and several demonstration lectures. Participants receive a comprehensive booklet covering the course.

The cost is small and C.E.G.S.A. members who attended last year's course will readily proclaim its worth. For further details contact Phil Connard at 31 Tennyson Ave, Tranmere, tel.no. 31-7935.

SOCIAL: The Mollet's held a C.E.G. (note the spelling) party at 'Walpi' Hope Valley on Saturday 16th March. Hoards of old old members attended including Dean Mullin, David Lanyon and the Hills, plus thousands of new bods. All those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we would all like to thank Cynthia and Noel for a terrific evening.

TRIP REPORTS:

Field Day at National Park, 17th February, 1963: Noel Mollet instructed those present in belaying and ladder climbing techniques. It was found that climbing down the ladder gave ready access to a clump of blackberry bushes. Lack of time and members prevented practice in other useful rock climbing techniques.

Curramulka Weekend, 23rd-24th February, 1963: A small party found a new extension from the end of the Big Crevasse in the Ramshorns. This is entered by a dirt bottomed squeeze and consists of a sloping dirt bottomed crevasse. Another party rediscovered the passage that crosses over the top of the main track from the Rope to the Bushwalkers' Extension in the area of the Big Stalactite. Rubbish in Correll's Cave is now multiplying too fast. We ask all parties in this cave to gather all rubbish, including the steel wire, and make small heaps on the sides of the main tracks, so that it may be removed at a later date.

Naracoorte Weekend. 9th-10th March, 1963: During the weekend the party visited caves in the Reserve, as well as the Sand, Fox and Beekeepers Caves. A party of cavers from Victoria, including Elery Hamilton-Smith arrived on the Saturday night. They spent much of the night in the Bat Cave banding bats. Fred Sanders and John Bishop have discovered a cave on the Adelaide Road, 12 miles out of Naracoorte. Future parties to the Naracoorte area should be warned about the Adams Menace that has disastrous effects on the endurance and morale of trogging parties.

MUSEUM: The Cave Exploration Group is affiliated with the South Australian Museum and should this affiliation become tenuous certain privileges might be stopped. The Constitution states that all specimens collected on caving trips are the property of the Museum. On recent trips members have been collecting furiously, but as yet no specimens have shown up at the Museum. This sort of thing could cause strained relationships and cutting of privileges.

It would be appreciated if the following points were observed on future trips:

1. Do not go caving alone.
2. Always trog with two sources of light.
3. Leave your steel helmets home.
4. Observe bushfire regulations.
5. No noise at night at Naracoorte.
6. No sampling of formations broken or otherwise.
7. No sleeping in the hut at Naracoorte.
8. Burn or bury all rubbish, including carbide from lamps.
9. No sand to be left in the showers at Naracoorte.
10. No rubbish to be left in any cave, this includes cigarette boxes, flash bulbs, lolly papers etc.

Thought for Troggs:

Cavers are not tourists so clean up after yourselves - everywhere.

Have YOU paid your membership fees yet, IF NOT, WHY NOT?

TAILEM BEND MOUNTAINS: Trippers to the southeast will note with interest the agitation that has been brought about through the demolition of the Tailem Bend Mountain Range long recognised as the dominating land mark of that growing and civic minded township on the last reach of the mighty Murray. We understood that the local councillors had approached the Highways Dept. who reiterate that while they are prepared to make a grant they could not be expected to fully restore the status quo as the township has now been linked with its rival by a brand new super highway. A proposal put forward is of especial interest to cavers that it would be inexpensive to quarry cankar on the opposite side of the road and if taken out in large sections a typical collapse cave formation could be formed in the core, the whole structure stabilized with high tensile chrome steel rods and bound with a weak cement slurry. To create conditions almost absent in South Australian caves an ornamental fountain could be erected on the summit Sheoaks planted and the surplus water would soon create that necessary state of humidity and dampness for good caverneering and promote rapid growth of pencil straws which under normal conditions take thousands of years to form. A modest fee for use of facilities and campsite combined would it is anticipated offset the maintenance and pumping charges and the project should have tremendous boost to the local morale on such a strategic sight.

The Muse.

(P.S. please punctuate to taste)

PERSONAL: It will also be noted that Joyce Peters is now known as Joyce Bakker again.

Athol Jackson Quartermaster - contact: 6 Hudson Ave, Rostrevor.
(Remember all gear taken out must be signed for)

Judd McLean Smith.
Publications Officer.

PROGRAMME, APRIL-JUNE, 1963.

APRIL:

12th-15th: Flinders Ranges Narrina Pound and Oraparinna,
(Easter Weekend) Leader, Phil Connard, 31 Tennyson Ave., Tranmere
31-7935.

16th: Committee Meeting - Mollet's Place ('Walpi',
Amber Road, Hope Valley).

24th: General Meeting, 8.00pm, National Fitness Rooms,
69-70 South Tce Adelaide. First Aid Night.

MAY:

18th-19th: Curramulka - Correll's Cave.
Leader, Judd McLean Smith, 23 Humber Road, Osborne
49-9256.

21st: Committee Meeting - McLean Smith's Place
(23 Humber Road, Osborne).

22nd: General Meeting, 8.00pm, National Fitness Rooms,
69-70 South Tce, Adelaide.
Insurance and the Group, slides.

JUNE:

8th-10th: Flinders Ranges Buckalowie and Arcoota.
(Long weekend) Leader, John Bishop, 11 Auburn Ave., Myrtle Bank.
79-5907, Work 45-4792.

Trip leaders should be notified at least seven days before the trip departs. Application after this will only be considered if there are transport vacancies

Athol Jackson, Quartermaster - contact:

6 Hudson Ave. Rostrevor.

(remember all gear taken out must be signed for)

Search & Rescue, Phil Connard, 31-7935 (preferably after midnight)

All correspondence re trips to the trip leader, all other correspondence to

Sec. C/- South Australian Museum, North Terrace, Adelaide.

CONTACT LIST:

President: John Bishop - phone work 45-4792 (don't phone at work unless an emergency as is dangerous when shaken from oblivion) phone home 79-5907

Secretary: Bob Davies - sometimes available at UX2047 otherwise 53 Cator Street, Glenside.