
CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP of SOUTH AUSTRALIA

NEWSLETTER [#37]

January - March 1965.

EDITORIAL:

It all started 10 years ago in Correll's Cave and from a small group of keen Rover Scouts it has developed into a closely-knit and flourishing organisation of 60-odd members. These original members have in the main left the Group, and with them has gone some of the original spirit gained through exploring an almost new horizon. Stories are still told of the early days and of the many incidents that have moulded and shaped the existing club. Take the Rules and Constitution and find one of the few original members. Instead of the Rules being just things to break, the pages become alive with the fun and comradeship that was very much alive in the early days. These, older members, the 'armchair' trogs, have guided the Group in the highest and brightest times of its existence, such as last year when membership was at its peak and through dull periods, for example three years ago when through the rallying of one man, an armchair trog now, the group was saved from disbandment.

Whatever is a fool in the Group, no matter how hair-brained or how sensible, there is always somebody from the armchair group who is willing to listen and to advise. Too many of the younger members only condemn, for to these hot-heads actual caving is everything. Remember these people also went through the growing phases, but we are more fortunate, we have advisors who know how, and are willing to help us. In the early days mistakes made were steps backward, and lost ground is not readily and rapidly recovered in a developing organization.

Don't think that active caving is everything. If there were only active cavers in the Group, what kind of organization would we have? It takes both types, the 'thinkers' and the 'workers' to make a functional group. With caving, family responsibilities gradually take precedence over weekends away and exploration underground, and eventually, as years go by, 'workers' are forced by society to become 'thinkers.' These people are not finished, they would enjoy a caving trip more than most of the active trogs, but they just can't. Don't condemn them, more than likely they are better cavers than you will ever be. Be tolerant - remember everybody in the Group has his place, and without armchair as well as active trogs, the Group would not have been there for you when you were interested.

DUPLICATING:

The Group has recently purchased a Gestetner Duplicating Machine and will duplicate material for other organizations at the following charges: 10 shillings per hundred (not including paper); 16 shillings per hundred (including paper); Stencils (cut) must be provided, as the Group is unable to provide a typing service.

GEAR:

The Quartermaster wishes to notify all members that all the Group's gear must be returned to him by the 1st February 1965 for the annual stocktaking. Members retaining gear will be penalized.

SUBS:

Members are reminded that subs for 1965-1966 fall due at the Annual General Meeting in February 1965.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, ETC.

Bob Sexton's new address is 95 Portrush Road, Payneham. He also has a new work phone number, which is 65-7711.

PAST CAVING TRIPS:

Bangor and Buckalowie, 12-13th September, 1964.

The caves at Bangor are rock shelters in quartzite in the walls of a gorge. The scenery was tremendous and the climb out tested the fitness of cavers. The rest of the weekend was spent at Buckalowie looking at Mairs and Clara St. Dora Caves. It is hoped by the next trip certain verandas in Wirraberra will be padded and centrally heated.

Mt. Gambier, 10-12th October, 1964.

The outstanding discoveries made on the trip were

1. it rains in the South-east - non stop,
2. the police in Mt. Gambier don't like salesmen disguised as respectable secretaries (especially if they have bodies in their cars),
3. cows that have been in caves for about a month, are not the most pleasant trogging companions (but remember "to resist is not to conquer").
4. the petrified flies and hexitites of Princess Margaret Rose Cave are TOO MUCH.

A cave with flowing water was discovered and everybody took off boots and socks and went to the end. The water was about a foot deep all the time, but the mud doubled its depth by the time the last person was out. The stream in the cave seemed to link with other blocked holes in the near vicinity. Several other caves and sinkholes were visited and these included Hells Hole, Carduie Sinkhole (Pawn Flat) and Englebrechts Cave. Fred Aslin caved with us on Saturday and proved valuable as a guide.

Avenue Range, 10-12th October, 1964

Three members visited Marcollet and found that the homestead is now called Panalatinga, the Walter family having moved and taken the name Marcollet with them. The rest of the party had been delayed by car trouble in Keith but they were moving by midday Saturday, and were joined by the last member of the party at Blackfellows Cave at Papineau Rocks.

It was decided to look at holes that had been reported, but not explored on the Vandipier's property. The owner was very helpful and took the party by Landrover to look at several likely spots. At one of these some rocks were shifted to disclose two openings, and the bods quickly disappeared underground, and after some crawling around descended into a chamber, and there into more crawls and collapse chambers with some live formation, moon milk and cave crickets. Everyone was impressed but Joyce, who was wearing sunglasses to improve her night vision. Mr. Vandipiers kindly allowed the party to inhabit shearer's quarters, and all were soon comfortably installed.

On Sunday morning the party returned to the new cave, which had been the BB and after enlarging one section for Bill's benefit the party spent the rest of the day in the cave. It seems possible that after digging more silt from a 10 foot deep vertical hole into a small chamber, will go further. Some other crevasses under the rock shelves around the 'flat' might 'go' if dug out.

COMING CAVING TRIPS:

South-east, 25 December - 1st January.

Leader: Judd McLean Smith

There is a large amount of work to be continued in the area, and it is hoped that a little of it will be completed. Attending members are reminded to bring their bathers and sun-tan lotions.

Glenelg River, 30 January - 1st February 1965.

Leader: Fred Sanders

The Group has not had a trip to this area for at least 5 years, so this will be largely an orientation trip.

Naracoorte, 20-21st February 1965.

Leader: Bill Rouse

Continuation of all the work already in progress, and to look at some of the less well known caves.

Curramulka, 13-14th March 1965.

Leader: Judd McLean Smith

This will be a combined tourist and exploration run through the lesser known passages of the maze (i.e. Correll's Cave).

The Committee extends Seasons Greetings to all members, and the hope that the New Seasons caving will be the most enjoyable yet.

Judd McLean Smith
(For the Committee)

PROGRAMME: DECEMBER 1964 - MARCH 1965

DECEMBER, 1964

25th - 1st January. South-east departs Kintore Avenue 6.00 p.m.
Leader: Judd McLean Smith, Phone home 49-9475

JANUARY, 1965

Tues. 26th Committee Meeting
237 Military Road, Henley South.

Wed. 27th General Meeting
National Fitness Council Rooms 70 South Tce
8.00p.m. Speaker to be arranged.

30th - 1st February. Glenelg River, departs Kintore Avenue, 7.00pm
Leader: F. Sanders.

FEBRUARY, 1965

Tues. 16th Committee Hooting
6 Hudson Avenue, Rostrevor.

Wed. 24th Annual General Meeting
National Fitness Council Rooms 70 South Tce.
at 8.00 p.m.

20-21st. Members are reminded that all nominations for
members of the Now Committee must be lodged
before the start of the Meeting.
Naracoorte, departs Kintore Avenue, 7.00pm
Leader: Bill Rouse phone home. 56-2220

MARCH, 1965

13-14th Date etc. of General Meeting and Committee
Meeting to be decided by the new committee.
Curramulka, departs Kintore Avenue, 7.00 p.m.
Leader: Judd McLean Smith, Phone home 49-9475.

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NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION AND RULES

20th October 1964

CONSTITUTION:

As circularised proposed Constitution with the following changes.

SECTION 3.

Sub-section (b) clause (1)

Who are over 16 years of age and who conform to the ideals and rules of the group and who

SECTION 4.

Sub-section (b)

The Committee shall appoint

Sub-section (d)

..... form part of a quorum of committee.

SECTION 5.

Sub-section (c)

..... the nominees consent shall be obtained and nominations shall close before the commencement of the A.G.M.

SECTION 6.

Sub-section (e)

A Committee Meeting shall be held each month and at such times

SECTION 13.

SPECIMENS and RECORDS

Sub-section (b)

A copy of trip reports, special reports and maps produced by the Group shall be lodged with the South Australian Museum.

RULES:

As circularised proposed rules with the following changes.

SECTION 10.

..... hired or borrowed shall be treated as official trips and shall be subjected

These above amendments will be presented to the General Meeting of 27th January 1965 for voting.

A.R. Jackson
PRESIDENT