

Speleo Spiel

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eering Club. 1961
G.P.O. BOX 641 G, Hobart.

AN APOLOGY? NAY, TWO APOLOGIES.

First and foremost for the cancellation of the meeting which was to have been held on Wednesday 26th, July, but was not. It was impossible for us to notify everyone of the cancellation of this meeting as it was not until the last moment that it was cancelled. The absence of our president, on business at Devonport, and some urgent appointments of most of the rest of the committee made the whole thing an impossibility. Sorry if anyone who was not notified turned up, I haven't heard of anyone yet but some very nearly did.

Secondly the late arrival of this copy of Speleo Spiel. This is due to the pressure of work and so I have combined the months of July and August into one issue, this hasn't eased the work any but it does get the notices out.

WARNING -- POISONOUS GAS.

This is to notify all club members of the presence of poisonous gas in Kubla Khan cave. Tests will be carried out in December to see if the cave is clear again, and all will be notified of the results of the tests.

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Death of Foundation Member.

It is with sincere regret that we note the death of one of the Foundation Members of the club, Mr. F. C. Brown. Mr. Brown joined the club on 18th. October 1946, and his death has reduced to 12 the number of Originals who are still current members.

A keen caver, Mr. Brown's health prevented him from engaging in the club's activities in recent years.

SLIDES OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA. 16.8.'61.

Dr. Bob Chapman will be showing some 35mm. colour slides of Central Australia, including Ayer's Rock etc. at the Town Hall next Wednesday, 16th. August, at 8:00p.m.

The show will cost you 3/-, and it is in aid of the Miss Tasmania Entrant, Miss Edyth Langham for Handicapped

Children and the National Heart Campaign.

Perhaps if we attend this we might see Bob on a club trip, and even get him underground.

INSURANCE.

After an Australian Insurance firm found itself unable to quote us accident insurance rates, we got in touch with a firm with London connections. They too found themselves unable to quote anything apart from a paragraph of a letter from their London Office. This is quoted below

"Unfortunately, pot-holing, as it is termed in this country, has caused a great deal of publicity to persons who sustain injury, or in fact just never re-appear, after carrying out this rather hazardous sport. Under the circumstances London Underwriters are extremely reluctant, and, in fact, will not quote for this class of business."

Reading between the lines is not necessary here, we just aren't "A1" at Lloyd's.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"That the following be added to the Rules of the Club:
'CLUB TRIPS

12. Any trip undertaken by Club members to caves or cave areas, unless officially organized and under the authority of a properly constituted body outside of the Club, is a Club trip, all members of which are subject to the Rules, Byelaws and other regulations of the club."

14.7.'61: Moved: Richard L. Dowden
Seconded: D. F. Turner.

HAPPY EVENT, WE GIVE BIRTH.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the Club has given birth after a gestation period of 15 years. On Sunday 16th. July, at the Home of D.F.Turner, the Tasmanian Caverneering Club (Northern Branch), was created. The N. Branch will be guided by Bob Woolhouse, a new member to this club, but who has had considerable experience in England and in Europe. The Hon.Sec.N.Branch, is Bryan Duhig, and he may be contacted at the E. S. & A. Bar, or at home at 43 Punch Bowl Rd., Launceston. (Bob is at Launceston High School, or at home at 2 Canning St.,

Launceston. We hope to see the Branch grow "big and strong" and look just like its "dad".

ALLEY OOP'S PIFFLE PAGE.

* On a recent trip Dick Dowden cranked the handle of a field-telephone while Brian Harvey found how good a cave-mud earth-return is. Later Dick screwed up a 10/- note and tossed it into a rubbish tin.

* We have found a live bat! However it only lives in the hut at Mole Creek, and not in a cave.

* Joe Jennings was resident in the Mole Creek hut at the time of the census, and thus is entered as such on his form.

* On the W/E. 15/16 July Albert Goede and party (Joe Jennings, Edith Smith, Peter Smithies, and John Fairhall) at Florentine, visited Junee Cave, Cashion Creek Cave, and Frankcombe Cave. In this last one they discovered a large new section containing good formation.

* There is now a telephone cable from the tourist section at Hastings through the Binney tunnel to Mystery Cave.

* A.B.C. Channel 2 was graced by the presence of 6 club members for a $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. spot last Thursday, viewers are still complaining.

Forward (Ha!Ha!) Programme.

Aug. 23rd. Gen. Mtg. Uni. Tas. Geol. Dept.

Sept. 15th. Birthday Dinner. (D.F. Turner is C. in C.)

Sept. 23/24th. Reunion Trip! (Prof. S.W. Carey)

Trips are scheduled for Aug. 12/13, & 26/27. For full details ring D.F. Turner H.29443, B.33721, C. Clayton or J. Chick B.79445 (bet. 12 & 1p.m.), or buy a crystal ball.

BADGES ARE STILL OBTAINABLE AT THE SPECIAL PRICE OF 7/6
Get yours at the first opportunity***!!!!...

WHO'S WHO & WHERE.

Hon. Pres. Doug Turner, 79 Riawena Rd., Lind., B.33721, H29443

Vice-Pres. Frank Brown, 308 Lenah Vly. Rd., B.31424

Hon. Sec. John Chick, 5 Kirksway Pl. Hobt. B.79445.

Hon. Treas. Rene de Vries, 78 Lord St., S. By. B22421 H25247

Trip Sec. Carl Clayton, C/o Robt. Cosgrove High Sch. B79445

Q.M. Barry James, 139 Augusta Rd., Lenah Vly, B&H 82266.

AGAIN BE "SANOTROG!"

The poem below was sent in by a member after we let out the sad news that "Sanotrog" was a hoax.

A DINOSAUR'S LAMENT ON SANOTROG.

I hear Sanotrog was a bluff
This really must be pretty tough
To the avid supporter
Who for some reason thought a
Salesman was selling the stuff.

What a blessing if one of our firms
Could invent this fine army of germs
"Get your Sanotrog here"
Notices would appear
Obtainable on easiest of terms.

Ads. would read "For hygienic caving
Think of all the trouble you're saving
Buy our tonic for germs
To protect them from worms
And to keep their digestion behaving.

Johann Sebastian Trog.



"More green water! Just wait 'till we get those cave-neers."