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Your new committee:

In the Annual Report, the past President called for young blood and that is what he has got, the youngest committee for years.

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Quartermaster: Bill Hodge, 5 Bayley St., Glebe.

Committee: Sally Salier(Miss), 272 Bathurst St., Hobart.
Rodney Hughes, 79 Poets Rd., West Hobart.
John Plaister, 4 Central Avenue, Moonah.

We thank the members for electing us and hope we will be able to give you good service in the coming year.

TRIP REPORTS

Easter Trip to Mole Creek.

A party of eight, some of who seem to wish to remain anonymous, left for Mole Creek on Friday. Honeycombe was visited on Friday night and Maracoopa the next morning. A slight accident foiled an attempt to visit Cow Cave. It being evening and dark the wrong depression was found, and anxious party member, while looking for cave that was not there, fell down 20 feet over cliff, into the blackberries. Fortunately these saved him from falling lots further! Northern cavers were met and the Hobart party split up. On Sunday Hodge and Hughes went with Nth.bods to Execution, and Long Drop where Hodge managed to put one of the Northerners ladders out of use without to much effort. Meanwhile the remainder of the party visited Baldocks and managed to find and view Cow Cave. The Brabons arrived on Sunday and also visited Baldocks. Monday was spent wading through Lynds Cave and cleaning out the hut. Party returned to Hobart late on Monday.

(Trip report by Rodney Hughes.)

CHRISTMAS TRIP

We have started planning the next Christmas trip at this stage to ensure a good attendance. Inter-state visitors from other clubs are invited to join the trip and should contact the secretary. The committee has suggested a trip to the West Coast areas, (Bubbs Hill - Nelson River - Kelly Basin), but other suggestions are welcome at the next meeting.

TRIP FEES

Trip fees have been reduced to 10 cents per day, this amount should not be very hard to part with. If paid regularly the quartermaster will be able to supply carbide for club trips. Also an emergency supply of carbide will be left in Hastings and Mole Creek huts. This must only be used for a caving emergency!

FUTURE TRIPS.

- 23 - 25 April (Anzac Long Weekend) - Ida Bay - Leader: A.Goede.
- 7 - 8 May- Mole Creek (KUBLA KHAN) - Leader: Peter Brabon.
- 21 - 22 May - Florentine - Mike Jagoe leading all volunteers.
- 7 June, - General Meeting, University of Tasmania, Geology Dept.
at 8pm. promptly.

Item of Particular Interest.

On Tuesday, 3rd May, a lecture will be given by Dr. D. Megirian, on the causes of death due to exposure etc. and how to prevent them. Lecture commences at 8pm. in the Arts Lecture Theatre University of Tasmania.

REJOINING A.S.F.

The committee is strongly in favour of rejoining A.S.F. (Australian Speleological ~~XXXXXX~~ Federation) and we want to discuss this at the next General Meeting. A.S.F. is now a well established and organised body. Our objections on the Penman affair which caused us to resign have since been fully supported by the A.S.F. committee and C.E.G.S.A. (Cave Exploration Group, South Australia) which resigned at the same time has long since rejoined. Let us come out of isolation and put Tasmania back on the map with mainland cavers.

Subscriptions

Subs. are now due and it will help us greatly if these are paid in the very near future.

Full membership \$ 2.00

Junior membership \$ 1.00

Associate membership \$ 1.00

Amount owing ---PLENTY

Subs. may be sent to Mr. P. Brabon, Box 641G, G.P.O., Hobart, or 122 Augusta Road, Lenah Valley.

GENERAL MEETINGS

These will be held on the first Tuesday of every month, in the Geology Department of the University at 8pm. with the exception of

next month. This meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, 10th May. Members please bring latest slides and anything else of interest + friend as admittance fee.

FOR SALE

Two carbide helmet lights " Butterfly Brand ". Apply 54 St. George's Terrace, Battery Point, Hobart or Ph. 2 1406 (message only)

FAMOUS LAST WORDS - The Spiel must go on!

Following thought borrowed from C.S.S. and Vergil's Aeneid.

The descent to Hell is easy; the gates stand open
day and night;

But to reascend the slope and escape to the outer air,
This indeed is a task.

Daffy-nit-tions:-

Trogloxenes: an organism that accidentally wanders or is carried (forcibly or otherwise) into a cave (ie. novice caver or tourist).

abseil: a rather rapellant method of descending a single rope.

guano: an end product(found only in mainland caves -fortunate).

eccentric: any caver whose formation is of unusual shape.

cave helmet: room for thoughts?

VIVE LES TROUS.

Bats and rats inhabit caves,
And so do speleological knaves,

And once in a while their female slaves,

Go underground - surrounded by rats, bats and knaves.

A. Spate.

Quote; "..... the speleologist is an ideal blend of scientist and adventurer, and speleologists in general form a tight little group completely detached from the outside world. When they celebrate they do so in a cave Perhaps the potholers are the greatest romantics of all." Karl Lukan "The Alps".

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th May, 8pm. Geology Department, University.

..... a final word

YOUR CAVING CAREER WILL LAST A LIFETIME -

IF YOU ARE CARELESS.

(Apologies to C.S.S. You'll realise why.)

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