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ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER.

DON'T DELAY - DO IT TODAY !!!

Answer your dinner invitation. Please give name(s) of your guest(s) and how many billets required.

R.S.V.P. Joan Brabon, 122 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley, 7008.

or ring Peter Brabon at Canes(Hardware) 34 2733 ext. 38.

By the 12th October.

Club News.

+ Things have been rather quiet since the last Spiel. On the last trip to Mole Creek we had a look at a "new hole" at Dairy Plains. Even the most enthusiastic members lost heart when they set eyes on it - a hole about 3 feet across and 4 feet deep with a rather solid looking bottom. Still you can't win them all.

+ Brian and Albert have run a survey from Mystery Creek Cave (Entrance Cave) to Midnight Hole. See report. When plotted on the survey of Entrance Cave the entrance to Midnight Hole is ~~less~~ than 60 ft. away from station 38 in Entrance Cave. The prospects of connecting the two look pretty bright.

+ The quartermaster has set to work and marked all the club's gear with red paint so it shouldn't get lost!! Only man who is complaining is our "vice" who had his private ladder painted red. (Case of club pinching the members gear??!!)

+ We seem to have a lot of shifty members in our club lately. Here is another change of address:-

Kevin Kipling, 15 Loinah Road, Montague Bay.

+ Elery Hamilton-Smith gave a combined T.C.C. - S.C.S. slide evening at Albert's place. His slides of caves in many out of the way places - both in and out of Australia - were very popular. The chairs and generous quantities of beer supplied by S.C.S. members helped to make the evening a roaring success. Allan Keller's frequent comments of "dang me" were as good a indication of the quality of the slides as of the fact that he was attending his second party in a row.

+ By the way - did you know that Allan recently turned down a trip to Exit Cave in favour of a social weekend with the climbing club. Never thought he was a social climber!

TRIP REPORTS.

Entrance Cave(Matchbox Hunt) - September 7,8.

Party: Brian Collin, Peter Brabon, Ray Allsop, Bill Hodge, Kevin Kipling, Simon Stephens, Janet Hansen, Robin Booth, Judy Robinson, Bernard Howe, Allan Keller, Kees Sparreboom.

Saturday: Rain and wind, no caving. Much drowning of sorrows.

Sunday: Some of the above visited King George V Cave and Kevin collected some bugs and bones in same.

B.Collin.

Mole Creek. - 22,23 September.

Party: P.Brabon(leader), Joan Brabon, Judy Robinson, Robin Booth, Albert Goede, Kevin Kipling, Bernard Howe.

Joan and I arrived at the Needles at 10 a.m. on Sat. to find that Albert and Kevin had managed to get there in one piece, a few mins. later we were joined by Robin and Judy and Bernard.

We made our way to Mr. Chalmers' Farm at Dairy Plains to inspect a hole reported on the property, we were disappointed to find the hole had been filled in to protect the stock. Mr.Chalmers said he would dig it out later in the year if he got time, so we may have another look at it around Christmas.

On leaving the farm we embarked on a cryptic car trial, finishing at Caveside in time for lunch. After lunch Albert and Kevin departed for Scotts Cave wrecking the fireplace as the drove away. The rest of the party explored the small known caves around Pyramid, this took up the remainder of the afternoon.

After tea we settled around the fire with the usual thirst quenchers, mixed with the fumes of Albert's 70% metho. as he pickled his collection of specimens found in Scotts Cave.

Sunday morning Albert, Kevin, Judy, Robin and Bernard went to have

a look at Little Trimmer. (Collecting bugs and sightseeing.) Peter and Joan stayed at Caveside and did some exploring of their own. After lunch we packed up and had a leisurely trip back to Hobart. P.Brabon.

Ida Bay and Hastings - Saturday 5-10-68.

Party: Brian and Albert (Ida Bay), Therese and Jeanette (Hastings). We left Hobart at 8 a.m. and arrived at the Chalet at 10.15 a.m. After a brief chat with Pam we took Therese and Jeanette to the beginning of the track to King George V Cave to do some insect collecting. We were horrified to discover that neither of our wives could tie a bowline and a quick course of instruction followed. We then set off for Ida Bay to run the survey from Entrance Cave to Midnight Hole. We found the tree still across the forestry road and had to leave the car there. We started walking at 11.15 a.m. just after it began to rain. We reached Entrance Cave at 12.15 p.m. by which time it had stopped raining. We numbered the cave (No.10) and then surveyed back to the old quarry. Here we stopped for lunch and then off into the scrub. Brian decided to go east for a short distance to avoid the cliff country. We discovered plenty of cliffs anyway and finally found ourselves at the top of the Entrance Cave cliff - almost back from where we started but a little higher. Brian had to admit that we had gone somewhat further east than he intended so we streaked up the hill until we came to an old logging track running east-west. We then headed west until we struck the track going uphill towards Midnight Hole. Here we made quick progress although the going was steep. At 4.15 p.m. we reached Midnight Hole - a very modest entrance for what is probably the most severe pothole in Australia. We decided to give it No.11. Around the remains of a fire we found one wire header and Allan's rope sling - left behind in the midnight retreat from the pot two months ago. We went to the next hole about 100 ft. further west and gave it No.12. No, it was no superstition that we did not use the next number. There was just no time to look for another hole. We headed downhill and after a healthy dose of scrub -, railway - and road bashing arrived back at the car at 6 p.m. The survey has been plotted and we find that the entrance to Midnight Hole plots within 60 ft. of station 38 in Entrance Cave so there seems little doubt that the hole does link up with Entrance. Any volunteers to search for the matchbox.

Albert Goede.

The wives made it to King George all right although several more saplings and one large tree had fallen across the track. Once down the ladder we discovered the cave was even wetter and muddier than usual. Therese didn't catch all the nice bugs she had hoped for and succeeded in getting her feet wet while chasing a spider. We spent about 4 hours in the cave and decided that that was enough. Emerged at 4.00p.m. and arrived at Chalet at 4.15 to await husbands.

T.Goede.

#### Forward programme.

Oct. 12,13	-	Wolf Hole and Entrance Cave. Leader: R.Booth.
Oct. 19		Annual Dinner - see page 1.
Oct. 20	-	Ladder and prussik practice on Organ Pipes. This will sober you up. Leader: A.Keller.
Oct. 26,27	-	Ida Bay. Leader: B.Collin.
Nov. 2,3	-	<u>Sat.</u> Barbecue at Hastings.
		<u>Sun.</u> Day trip to Exit Cave. Track clearing and preparations for installation of gate.
Nov. 5	-	<u>Tuesday.</u> General meeting at 8 p.m. 66 Wentworth St.,
Nov. 9,10	-	Mole Creek. Leader: Peter Brabon.
Nov. 16,17	-	Exit Cave. Leader: Albert Goede.
Nov.30,Dec.1	-	Entrance Cave area. Leader: Allan Keller.
Dec. 3	-	<u>Tuesday.</u> General meeting at 8 p.m., 2 Nightingale Avenue, Taroon.

#### FAMOUS LAST WORDS.

"67°..... Dang me.....67°.....67!!!"