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Forward Programme.

- September 20 - Wednesday: Wine and cheese evening at Brian and Jeanette's, 66 Wentworth Street, South Hobart. Bring your own bottle!
- September 23 - Saturday: ANNUAL DINNER at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Hampden Road, Battery Point. Four dollars a head. Notification to Albert or Therese Goede by the 18th September. Phone Albert at University 23 0561 ext.415(9a.m.-5p.m.) Payment to be made preferably before the dinner. Dinner served at 7.30, pre-dinner drinks in lounge at 7.00p.m.
- Sept.30-Oct.1 - Weekend: Exploration at Mole Creek. Leader: Peter Shaw.
- October 4 - Wednesday: General meeting at 8 Bath Street, Battery Point. Slides and refreshments welcome. Mystery raffle prize donated by the Boulsters. Meeting starts 8 p.m.
- October 7,8 - Weekend: Maintenance trip in Exit Cave. Leader: Bill Lehmann.
- October 14 - Saturday: Florentine Valley. Either surface exploration or the hole near Trapdoor Swallet depending on starters. Leader: Peter Shaw.

Editorial.

The club must be in a bit of a trough at the moment with no great events in the offing. Trips have gone to Exit Cave, the Florentine and Mole Creek.

Practice with the jumars has been hampered by the non-arrival of the rest of the jumars but things should get moving when they arrive.

The club's first trip using abseiling and prussiking generated a great deal of enthusiasm in those taking part. It is easier than laddering but is definitely not a thing for the novice.

Peter Shaw.

Club News.

+ Congratulations to Albert and Therese Goede on the arrival of their first son and third child, Andrew Benjamin. Definitely a prospective T.C.C. member for 1990.

+ Bad luck for those who hoped to take the Southern Hemisphere depth record in Khazad-dum. News from New Guinea is that Bibima Cave at Kundiawa has been pushed to the depth of 1600 feet by a New Zealand party. Never mind it is still the deepest in Australia.

+ After Phil Robinson's article in the A.S.F. Newsletter, the Club has had several letters from groups interested in going to Khazad-dum next January. Should be quite a party.

Trip reports.

Exit Cave - 26,27/8/72.

Party: Peter Shaw, Bill Lehmann and Delia Maloney.

After a Saturday morning start, we had lunch at Mini Martin and then moved on up to the Western Fissure where we camped at 4.00. Armed with ladders, we set off to look at the downstream end of north-west creek. A brief pitch landed us in the stream which we trogged. Footprints indicated that we were not the first ones there, and when we followed the stream up, we reached the spot where we had previously been stopped by the high water.

On Sunday we looked at several passages in the right hand branch before the Acoustic Chamber. Small Passages Incorporated struck again with a measly few hundred feet of small, wet stream passage. We returned to camp via the Labyrinth and headed for home.

Peter Shaw.

Florentine - 2/9/72.

Party: Peter Shaw, Wes Carpenter and Judy Chambers.

After a prompt start at 7.00a.m., we reached the F9 road at 9.00 and set off along the Growling Swallet track. Part way along the

track, Judy developed foot trouble and returned to the car. At the fourth creek along the track, we dropped our packs and headed off down the creek. To our dismay, the creek refused to go underground and emerged in the cleared area near the F8 road. After returning to our packs we set off again for Trapdoor Swallet, our original objective. Quite a bit of water was sinking, and after some lunch we headed underground. The water was flowing down the trapdoor hole and after several tries I was unable to get my hips through. Banging with a piton hammer opened the hole slightly, enabling me to touch the floor with my toes, but I was still unwilling to progress further because of the friction. After resolving to return when the water would not be flowing down the hole and when armed with a chisel, we made an inglorious retreat.

After returning to the main Growling Swallet stream we headed northwards parallel to the track but quite higher up. After crossing the four streams which also cross the track, we reached a further creek and followed it down to where it sank in a large doline. Exploration in several small holes did not yield access to the stream, and we headed down towards the track finding another hole on the way, which we explored to the top of a ten foot pitch. Both of these holes were marked by yellow blazes, presumably by S.C.S. and are probably those described by Kevin Kiernan as un-named and un-numbered cave No.7 and 8. After covering a lot of territory with no new caves, we headed home at dusk.

Peter Shaw.

Mole Creek - 9,10/9/72.

Party: Phil Robinson, Ross Mansfield and Peter Shaw.

An exhilarating weekend in Herberts Pot and Kubla Khan. In Herberts Pot we located the by-pass at the top waterfall and explored the upstream area. On the way out, we prussicked the 70' pitch and emerged after only five hours underground.

On Sunday we absailed the entrance of Kubla Khan and floundered down the stream to the sump in wet suits. After a swim in the sump we continued through to the far end of the Forbidden City. In the wet suits we were quite hot and enjoyed a cooling splash-about in Sally's Folly on the way out. After swimming back up the stream passage we prussicked out after a pleasant three hour trip.

Peter Shaw.