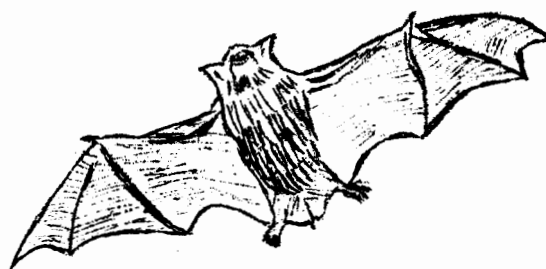
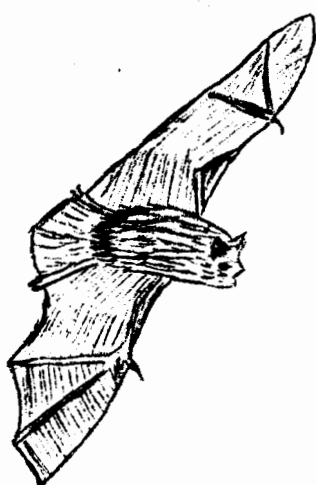


"Angels and ministers of grace defend us!
Be thou a spirit of health or goblin damn'd,
Bring with thee airs from heaven or blasts
from hell,
Be thy intents wicked or charitable,
Thou com'st in such a questionable shape
That I will speak to thee." (Hamlet.)



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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

- October 28 - Sat. Abseiling/prussiking trip to Khazad-dum. A through trip down the Serpentine and out the ordinary way or vice versa.
Leaders: Peter Shaw and Phil Robinson.
- November 1 - Wednesday: General meeting at 53 Lord Street, Sandy Bay. Slides and refreshments welcome. Mystery raffle prize donated by Henk Meerding. Meeting starts at 8 p.m.
- November 4/5 - Weekend: Exit Cave. Leader: Albert Goede.
- November 11 - Saturday: Abseiling/prussiking trip to Midnight Hole. A warm-up for JF 14. Leader: Phil Robinson.
- November 25 - Saturday: Adventure camp trip to Mystery Creek Cave. Acting Leader: Ross Mansfield.
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EDITORIAL.

It's been a quiet month. All the trips programmed last month did not take place because of lack of support. The pot-holers have been waiting for their jumars which have finally arrived. All we need now is the rope.

The desirability of the kernmantel, sheathed rope was emphasised on a practice session when the spinning of the rope caused a lot of distress for those taking part. Trips coming up to Khazad-dum and Midnight Hole are planned to prepare a team to tackle JF 14 in the near future. The next issue of Speleo Spiel will contain a lengthy article introducing prussiking techniques, rope care, etc.

Peter Shaw.

LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT (All by Arthur Clarke).

- Lost: - Waterproofed torch in Exit Cave, in creek at crossing up stream from log bridge.
- Lost: - On track below Kubla Khan - a briar pipe identified by a yellow dot on bowl attachment below stem.
- Found: - A stream exit from the DRIBBLE PASSAGE re-entering the main passage below Mini Martin.

NIBICON IS BREATHING HEAVILY !

The ninth biennial conference of A.S.F. will take place in Sydney from the afternoon of December 26th to the morning of December 30th. Conference sessions will take place on December 27, 28 and 29, with the Cavemans Dinner on December 29th. Accommodation will be at New College, University of N.S.W.

Major field activities will centre on Yarrangobilly, Bungonia and Jenolan.

The registration form is included in the June issue of the A.S.F. Newsletter. Symposia will consist of the presentation of papers in the categories listed on the registration form, and some others. It is hoped to circularise copies of the papers, or at least abstracts, before the Convention so that those attending can pre-read and prepare questions.

The seminars will have a different character. A seminar leader will prepare draft material which will be circulated to those expressing a particular interest in that seminar. Each person will then be expected to contribute actively to the seminar.

Costs: Resident members \$35.
Non-resident members \$12.
Subscribing members \$5.
Cavemans Dinner \$6.(additional to any of above).

For any further information, see Peter Shaw.

CLUB NEWS.

+ The rules for branches have been adopted as foreshadowed in the August Spiel. "Northern Branch" has applied to the Club to be formally recognised as a branch. This should occur at the November general meeting.

+ ...?.... A few odd cavers headed by Kevin Kiernan have been reporting visits from the spirit world when camping alone at the Junee homestead. Rumour has it that someone hanged himself there in the past. I know that Kevin renounced the demon "drink" but perhaps the ghosts aren't the only spirits that are troubling him.

+ Roy Skinner is back from his world tour on a Churchill Fellowship to report that Tasmania has every reason to be proud of its caves. Roy was on a trip in Congo Caves, South Africa when a breakthrough was made into a beautiful new section of cave. He claims that if the breakthrough passage had been in Tasmania, cavers would have been up it "like a rat up a drainpipe" years ago.

+ Congratulations to Mike and Shirley Tarburton on the birth of their daughter. Mike and Shirley were members of T.C.C. for some time until they moved back to Western Australia some time ago.

+ Changes of address:-

Andrew Skinner, Kevin Kiernan and Joe Donnelly are now all residents of 36 Parliament Street, Sandy Bay, 7005. ... "Parliament House".

TRIP REPORTS.

Newdegate Cave - 16/9/72.

Party: Noel White, Peter Shaw, Ross Mansfield, Phil Robinson, Yvonne Collin, Mike Robinson and friend, Nick Cummings, Helen Cummings, Nancy and Ann, Clive and Dot Boulter.

A good days caving in the mud of Newdegate Cave. First to the Pophole where Noel lured some of the party into a blind hole. Lunch in the tourist section and then through the Binney Tunnel. Fun and games on the ladder pitch and then the creek which was flowing well. A visit was paid to the top waterfall in Hells Half Acre and then we headed out.

Peter Shaw.

"The Sunday After!?! ---- or 'Jumaring at Blackmans Bay.'
24 September, 1972.

The cavers dinner . . . wine, women and dancing would you believe it! (all except twinkle-toes Collin - the hard men weaken). An early start saw Philip around at Peter's planning a 200' prussik on the Pipes. Having perfected the 30' overhang at Rocky Tom, why not? "It is easy. Just rest in yer sit harness", someone said. Peter started to mow the lawn so Philip rang up Ross.. "The cloud is coming in ---" PIKER! "See you at Brian's in 20 mins." The cloud came in on the mountain. Philip, Peter and Laurel met at Brian's. Ross arrived 10 minutes later with enough chocks, slings and rope to crack any north wall worthy of mention. The rain came ... "Lets go to the beach." Oh no!!

There are cliffs at Blackmans Bay and a Blow Hole. A short drive and we were back in the sunshine looking over a cliff down into the surf. "Here is a good tree. Rope protector?" Ross' trousers were volunteered and served the purpose well. The first pitch was 60', 40' free. Quickly rigged up, Ross started bouncing and spinning skyward. "These nylon ropes are great". ... "What an aspect!" ... "Can you swim?? Philip followed feeling rather dizzy. Peter climbed 20' and psyched out. These caving club dinners "Wish it was dark." The rope was now rigged to give a better drop, 55' free hanging landing in the sea. Ever prussiked underwater? As no one felt like swimming a pendulum was necessary starting 10" above the ground. Ross swung over and shot up to find the final overhang quite a problem. Philip swung over, the rope stretched and a few waves came in. "It's wet." Overhang was interesting. Three C.C.T. members suddenly arrived from nowhere including a Lyle Closs. They had had a dinner too, (typical climbers club booze up). They looked ill. They must have been ill. Two stripped off (much to Laurel's delight) and jumped into the sea. We could not persuade them to prussik. "It looks dangerous". Brian, Jeanette and kids arrived. Typical comment, ... "Mmmmmmmmm... has possibilities." (Khazad-dum expedition might yet be on ropes.) Final comment from Brian ... "Lets go to Sally and Clive's for coffee ..." Final comment from P.R. He is fed up with being the only T.C.C. member with jumars. Take some action or use prussik knots in the future. K-D., JF 14, Niagara, JF 10, etc., etc. have been waiting for far too long.

Philip Robinson.

T.C.C. has a poet in its midst but he prefers to remain ANON.

Its Terrible Clambering in Caves,
Trembling Chills Coming in waves,
But we'll drink to the mainland parade,
With Tankards of Courage and Cascade.
Let the buggers go breaking their backs,
Find new ways and marking new tracks,
To our past glory, may it never fade,
Topping Tankards with Courage and Cascade.

