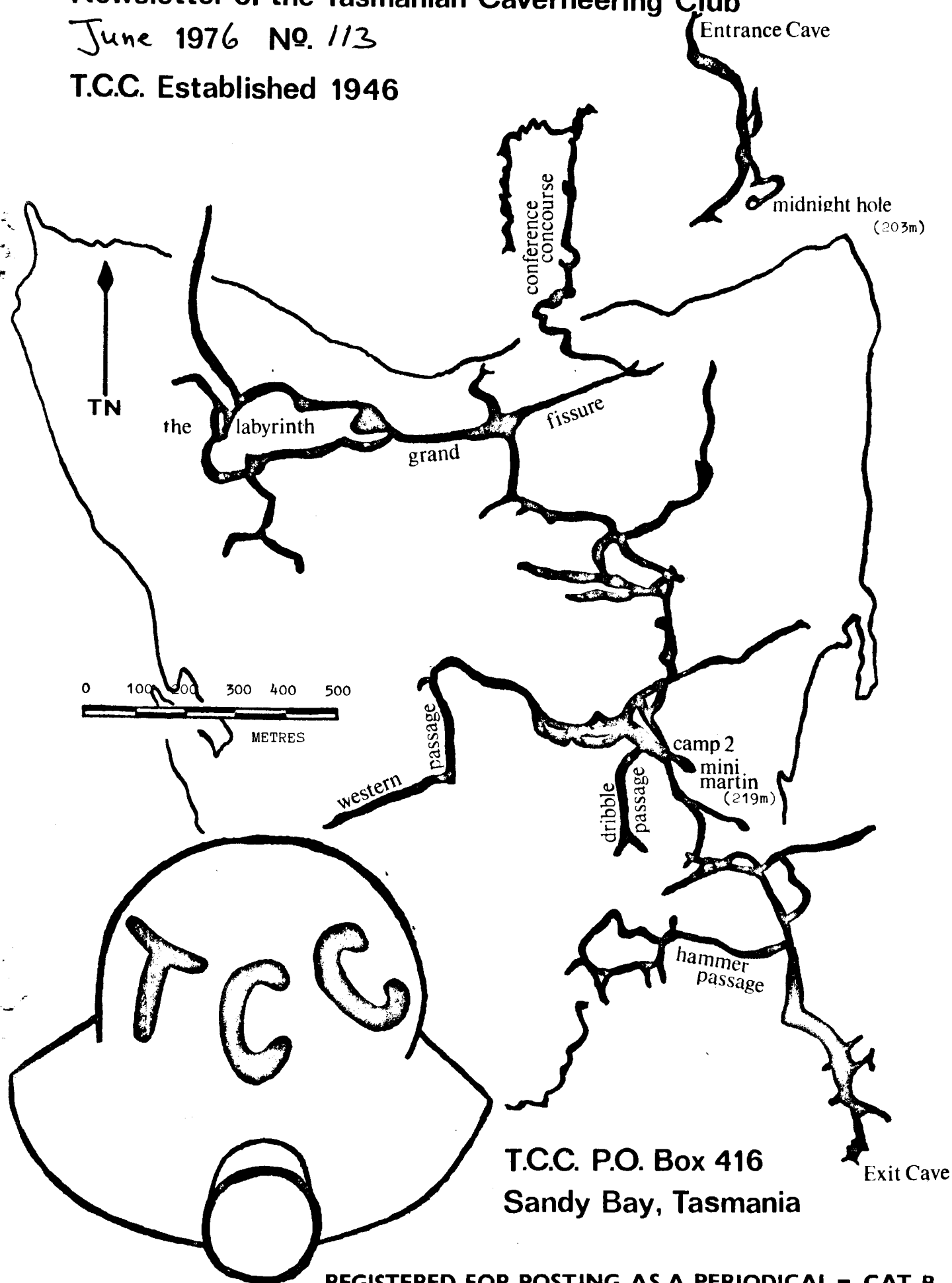


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#### FORWARD PROGRAMME

June 12-14 : Exit Cave:- Leader: Andrew Skinner & Tony Culberg.  
Long Weekend trip.  
June 19-20 : No trips listed for this weekend.  
June 26 : Junee-Florentine:- Leaders: Moody & Skinner.  
Numbering recent finds.  
July 3-4 : Mole Creek:- Leader: Andrew Skinner. More  
numbering in this area.  
July 7 : General Meeting: At Stuart Nicholas', 7 Rupert  
Avenue, New Town. Please try and attend this  
meeting as attendance has been poor again of late.  
September 18 : Annual Dinner. Carlyle Hotel - 30th year.

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#### EDITORIAL.

May was a fairly quiet month as far as caving was concerned. The only trips held were to the Florentine and Maria Island. Only three caves were numbered on Maria and it's extremely doubtful if any more than those already known, exist. You may have noticed that there has been a change of typewriter and this is due to the fact that the usual one is undergoing a well-deserved rest. As has been the custom of late, little caving is being done at this time of the year. Another custom which is also developing within the club is the regular lack of attendance at meetings, particularly general meetings. The uninformed are advised that the first Wednesday in every month bar January, is a general meeting. Too much is being left to too few! I realise that some members have succumbed to the dreaded 'flu' but if you can possibly attend a general meeting it would be appreciated. Enough of my ravings and on with the show.

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#### CLUB NEWS

TCC is in its 30th year in September and to celebrate this very important event, a special cake will be made for the Club Dinner. It is also proposed to publish the minutes of the 1st Meeting in the September issue of Speleo Spiel. Further details will be found concerning the Dinner in the July Spiel. Try and make this one the best yet. If you know of any past members who might be interested in attending, please get in touch with Roy Skinner.

A motion was foreshadowed at the last (May) meeting that Brian Collin and Frank Brown Sen. be voted in as life members of the club. This will be discussed at the July General Meeting.

The Editor would appreciate an article on the South-West National Park Proposals. Anyone care to comment?

AUSTRALIAN SPELEO ABSTRACTS

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PROTECTION OF TASMANIAN CAVE FAUNA

On the 27th April, several Tasmanian cave species were proclaimed as protected. A wildlife ammendment regulation under the National Parks and Wildlife Act (1970)(Statutory Rule No.88 of 1976) added the species to the totally protected list. The species involved were:-  
Beetles: Idacarabus, Goedetrechus mendumae, Goedetrechus parallelus,  
Tasmanotrechus cockerilli;

Cave Crickets: Micropathus, Cavernotettix, Parvotettix;

Glow worms: Arachnocampa tasmaniensis;

Harvestmen: Monoxyomma, Lomenella;

Pseudoscorpions: Pseudotyrannochthonius typhus, Pseudotyrannochthonius tasmanicus;

There are several implications:

- (i) to collect cave fauna from State Reserves, the collector requires authority from the Minister administering the Nat. Parks & Wildlife Act - this was needed before the ammendment anyway.
- (ii) to collect cave fauna from Conservation Areas, the collector requires permission of the managing authority, usually the Nat. Parks & Wildlife Service. (This was again needed before the ammendment.
- (iii) to collect the fauna specified in the ammendment from areas outside reserved land (e.g. Exit Cave), authority is needed from the Director of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. This is the main change and will allow control over unwise or unnecessary collecting.

These are the first invertebrates to be placed on the protected list.

Application for permits (written) should be directed to :-

The Director,  
National Parks & Wildlife Service,  
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CAVE NUMBERINGMaria Island.

- MI 1: Tearflesh Chasm (blowhole entrance) For description see Speleo Spiel, May 1973, No.79.  
MI 2: Pigface Cavern, Number assigned 1973 but was not tagged on latest visit due to high tides.  
MI 3: Tearflesh Chasm (back entrance at end of Pirahna Passage).  
MI 4: Un-named Cave near limestone quarry.

Florentine Valley.

- JF 88: Lower entrance to interesting system of passages; some good formation; surveyed to length of 377 metres; 7 metre pitch can be bypassed by tight squeeze. (F)  
JF 89: Top entrance to JF 88. (F)

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TRIP REPORTSCAULDRON POT - 28/2/76.

Party: Stuart Nicholas & Ross Bridges.

This was supposed to be a second chance for a possible K.D. trip to enable Ross to see the cave and for some exploration to be carried out - potential is small but there is still work to be done there. Owing to an unbelievable lack of interest in the trip, it never got off the ground (under the ground?). The end result was the greatest vertical bludge trip of all time, or, how to get sun-burnt on jumaras.

A total of four hours was spent underground in Cauldron, from 3p.m to 7p.m. Most of the time prior to this was spent sitting on the road at the beginning of the K.D. track, bemoaning the fact that K.D. is apparently a lost cause, drinking coffee and eating. A short time was spent checking on the location of Splash Pot(JF10) and the flow of the stream into K.D. - more moaning.

Stuart spent some time (considerable) hanging on the abseil rope in the entrance shaft of Cauldron while Ross took several spectacular photographs. After considerable effort we wriggled our way down Bills Bypass, reached the top of Chute Pitch and made our way out again.

An interesting sideline resulting from this trip and another a week later to Growling Swallet, is the effect of the large amount of rain last November - remember when Tarraleah Power Station was flooded and the Midlands Highway washed out? Water had been flowing down Bills Bypass in fair quantity and the stream has found a new course at the bottom of Growling Swallet. Could the same thing have happened in other caves and potholes in the Junece-Florentine area? Definitely worth thinking about and investigating.

Stuart Nicholas.

EXIT CAVE - Easter 1976.

Party: Andrew Skinner, Brent Nightingale (TCC), Rudi Frank, Adrian Davey, Miles Pierce, Darryl Carr, Marg James, Rhys Maddern-Wellington (VSA), and Ian Lewis with a group from CEGSA.

Brent and I left for the cave at mid-afternoon Friday, after being informed by Grahame Rushton that the Mainland contingent would be late due to airplane problems. We arrived at Camp I about tea-

TRIP REPORTS Cont;

time and slept until woken up at 11.00a.m. by Roy Skinner and party. After "breakfast" we went to the high level chambers to measure the pathways preparatory to the installation of additional track marking measures. Upon returning to camp, we were met by the Mainland "mob". They wandered off to look at the Hammer Passage whilst Brent and I packed up. We met up with most of the Vics and took them through the talus to Camp II. Rudi and I then retraced our steps back to the Hammer Passage to show Marg and Miles the way to camp. Ian Lewis and Co. left the cave soon after. (On Sunday they visited Entrance Cave, finding a large fish in the sump).

Meanwhile, back in Exit, Darryl was disguised as a sleeping bag, or was it a new duvet? On Sunday, we did the circuit through Kollers Squeeze and back via the Camp Pie circuit.

Passages were systematically searched near the Acoustic Fissure, but no new leads were found. We had a little route finding exercise - or was it soul searching? - On our way back to the Grand Fissure!

On Monday, Brent and I beat a retreat from the cave whilst the others visited the Western Passage and the Eastern Extension. A very pleasant, dry Easter's trogging - for a change.

Andrew Skinner.

MARIA ISLAND - 22-27 May, 1976.

Party: Andrew Skinner, Vincent Smith and Laurie Moody.

We arrived on the island on Sunday afternoon and after looking at the historic buildings, we explored a "cave" at Darlington. The hole has very regular passages and is quite clean. As the 550' long cave is one of the few in Tasmania built by convicts, we thought that the name "Penal Passage" would be quite appropriate.

On Monday we visited the fossil cliffs. Three entrances were then numbered, but it was not possible to reach Pigface Cavern because of high tide. We had a look at the top of the cliffs further to the east & decided that descending by rope would be impractical and further exploration should be by sea. (Anyway, there is no more limestone, only a silty mudstone).

Tuesday was spent walking to Chinamans Bay, a distance of 11 km. The Long Point Penal Station was inspected and Laurie attempted some fishing but only caught seaweed.

On Wednesday, we walked to the south of the south island and had lunch in the vicinity of Haunted Bay. Devonian granite outcrops on the foreshore and hence I do not expect that there are many sea-caves.

Thursday was spent walking back to Darlington and on Friday, Vincent and I climbed Mt. Maria. There are two small fissure caves near the summit in dolerite talus. It was a very pleasant few days walking - about 55 miles, even if unprofitable caving-wise. More sea caves may be found on Maria Island but they will not be extensive. I think all of the limestone has been investigated, but there could be more on the eastern coast of the north island.

Andrew Skinner.

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ARTICLES FOR SPIEL.

Articles are needed for Speleo Spiel. We will publish anything of interest, caving wise. If you can help us out - contact the Editor.

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Did you hear about the woman who was backing out of her garage? She hit the garage door, ran over her son's bicycle, drove across the lawn, tore up the roses and then lost control of the car!

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