

NEWSLETTER OF THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

8 p.m. at 7 Rupert Avenue, New Town.

Have your say in the running of the club - if you're not happy
this is the time you can influence the situation by voting for
people you want to run T.C.C. (maybe even yourself!).

Wed. 2nd April - Get to-gether type meeting at 7 Rupert Avenue, New Town.
Bring slides, movies or anything else of interest. Don't for-
get our new super-smooth, you-beaut slide projector!

Wed. 16th April - Committee Meeting, 8 p.m. 7 Rupert Avenue, New Town.

Wed. 7th May - GENERAL MEETING, 8 p.m. 7 Rupert Ave. Very short business
session with entertainment after.

Mon. 26th May - Australian Sports Medicine
to Fri. 30th May Conference, 1980

Sat. 31st May and SARSYN 80 - Involving speakers from ASMT Conference,

Sun. 1st June this should be the most successful Search and Rescue
Symposium yet - More details next month.

As mentioned last month trips to the following caves will definitely happen soon,
as well as some easier ones for all the new bods who are appearing.

JF 341 - Further exploration and surveying - does anyone know how to
cross a 6m wide crystal filled pool?

The Chairman(JF 99) - bring your own knee pads.

Mini Martin - a good SRT trip - I believe Diana Davies is organising
this one.

Trapdoor Swallet - clearing of jammed blocks just inside the entrance
which will hopefully lead to vast unexplored lumps of cave!

PLUS any other caves that need looking at or should be visited anyway.

EASTER April 4-7 - A group from VSA will be over here and I'm sure they'd
welcome any bods from our club who wished to participate in
their activities.

What are you doing for Easter? Let me know and I might join
you if it sounds interesting.

EDITORIAL.

Once again it is election time. During the past twelve months the committee of the TCC has not been without a certain amount of disruption owing to resignations and various other disturbing influences. We are only a small club with a specific purpose - to enable members to enjoy caves, participate in caving as a sport and speleology as a science in a way in which they find most satisfying. Surely in the next twelve months we can further these aims without having to worry about the future of the club itself. Running a small club such as TCC is basically simple, however, we do need a unified committee that is willing to make an effort to keep it simple and having a genuine interest in the club.

Think about it.

(Note: All committee positions become vacant at the Annual General Meeting).

PROPOSED SUBSCRIPTIONS

After much debate the committee has reluctantly agreed to propose new higher subscriptions for 1980. Most of our income is spent on producing this worthy publication(it has in fact not been covered by the subs. during the last year) so we had and/or still have a choice - to cut back on the number of Spiels produced or increase subs. Think about it and have your say at the A.G.M.

Proposed (not actual until approved at A.G.M.) subscriptions are:

- \$10 full membership
- \$ 5 junior membership
- \$15 family membership
- \$ 5 associate membership / or Sub. to Speleo Spiel.

NB This is still lower than most other sporting clubs. It should also be pointed out that of each senior membership the A.S.P. receives \$3.50 which at current rates leaves us with only \$4.00 - not much to produce and distribute eleven newsletters with!

Also on the subject of finance, some time ago our treasurer sent information(including financial statements) to the University for evaluation by a group of Accounting students. Recently copies of their reports were received - they all indicated that our accounting system appeared to be sound and ideally suited to a club of our size!

GEAR LIST

Normally a gear list should appear in this month's Spiel. However, owing to the Quartermaster having to do strange things such as work at weekends and spend up to three days per week in Launceston (also working!) the list will not appear until next month.

By the way, could any gear that you may have in your attic, under the bed, on the kitchen table or anywhere else for that matter be returned as soon as possible. How can I make up a complete gear list if half the gear is not here?

" KARST IN CHINA " - one copy only at \$12.

Available from Therese Greenhill, 8 Bath Street, Battery Point, 7000.

First come, first served. Would you please allow extra for postage(approx \$3 to mainland - any excess will be returned to you.)

CAVE CONVICT 1980 INFORMATION

The beautiful city of Melbourne, situated at the head of Port Phillip Bay at the mouth of the impressive Yarra River, has been chosen as the site for the thirteenth A.S.P. Conference.

Commencing on Saturday 27th December and continuing to Wednesday 31st, the conference will be conducted at the Pharmacy College, Parkville. The accomodation is at International House and Spelcosports will be held at Princes Park, all venues being within close walking distance of each other. Living-in at the conference should be considered a vital part of the conference as it means meeting other cavers in an informal atmosphere, and freely participating in the various night-time social activities.

The photographic competition will be conducted along similar lines to preceeding conferences, and the photos or slides will be limited to those taken since VACCON. Start preparing your entries NOW for the best contest ever held. Black and white prints must be a minimum of 20 x 25 cm mounted, and colour prints a minimum 12.5 x 17.5 cm mounted. Slides should preferably (but not necessarily) be mounted in glass.

Printing costs are high, and to minimize the price of publications to buyers the committee is interested in soliciting advertisers for: (a) the guidebook, (b) the abstracts, and (c) the proceedings. If you, or anyone that you know of, are interested in placing an advertisement in any of these publications, please contact the committee for details of costs etc.

The committee is now issuing a preliminary CALL FOR PAPERS to be presented at the conference. If you have been engaged in some activity that you feel would make a worthwhile topic for presentation, please inform the committee promptly to assist us in the task of scheduling the lectures and seminars. Alternatively, if you would rather be an active participant in a seminar on various speleological activities such as SRE, photography, new equipment etc., let us know what contribution you could make, and what topics you would like to see covered.

Cave Convict stickers, at \$1 each, are available through your club now, or in the near future. Registration forms will be available in a few months time through a variety of sources e.g. A.S.P. mailing list, clubs and societies, and some retailers.

Please assist the Cave Convict committee by promptly returning information, as this will greatly help in planning for the conference. The time and cost of posting a letter is not excessive!

Further publicity releases will be via the A.S.P. newsletter and supplements to this magazine.

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Chairman Cave Convict Committee

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CHECK-LIST ON AUSTRALIAN CAVES AND KARST.

All those club members who assisted in abstracting the necessary information for the Tasmanian section of this publication from the A.S.P. Summary Forms last year will be pleased to know that their work was not in vain. The check-list, edited by Peter Matthews, has now been published. It consists of 73 pages and lists all recorded caves in Australia. The Tasmanian Section takes up pp. 47 to 58. The first Tasmanian page includes a summary of area codes, greatly expanded to include all the Karst areas in the South West listed in a recent article

by Kevin Kiernan.

Copies are available from Peter Matthews, 66 Frognore Crescent, Park Orchards, Victoria, 3114.

Cost to A.S.F. members is \$6.00 plus 45 cents for postage.

The cost to non-ASF members and outside institutions is \$10.00 per copy.

A.Goede.

NUCC TRIP TO TASMANIA

At the beginning of this year a group of three from NUCC (ANU Canberra), Gordon Taylor, Tim Rudman and John Briggs came over here for an extensive caving trip during the summer vacation. Below is a brief summary of their trip from Gordon.

" Four main caving areas were visited: Junee-Florentine, Cracroft, Ida Bay and Mole Creek. The highlight of our time at the Junee-Florentine was the continued exploration of JF 341. The 200 ft. pitch was descended and a spacious and beautiful cave revealed itself. The exploration was left unfinished and a rough survey done. As well we did some surveying in The Chairman with Stuart Nicholas and descended Khazad-dum via Dwarrowdelf. We went to the Cracroft with TCC and so this will be covered elsewhere in the Spiel.

At Ida Bay we cut the track to Mini Martin, and did the second only descent of Mini Martin using SRT. Another nearby cave, Big Tree Pot, was descended for 300 ft. to the top of a 200 ft. pitch, which almost certainly connects with Exit. Several entrances were also tagged on the hill. A couple of days were spent in Exit, and Entrance was also visited. Finally at Mole Creek we spent a considerable amount of time drinking 15 cent milkshakes but also found time to visit Lynds, Croesus, Scotts, Wet and Honeycomb Caves. The trip was admirably finished off by a trip through Kubla Khan.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING !!

8 P.M.

7 Rupert Avenue,
New Town.

Please come along and support YOUR club.