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FORWARD PROGRAM.

Sat. April 12 - Growling Swallet - Stuart Nicholas.

Wed. April 16 - COMMITTEE MEETING, 8 p.m. at 7 Rupert Avenue.

Wed. May 7 - General Meeting, 8 p.m. at 7 Rupert Avenue, New Town.
Bring your slides etc. for a good night's entertainment.

Wed. May 21 - COMMITTEE MEETING, 8 p.m. at 7 Rupert Avenue, New Town.

Tues.27 to Fri.30th May(incl.) - Scientific Programme of Australian Sports
Medicine Conference 1980. See inside for more details.

Wed. June 4 - General Meeting, 8 p.m. at 7 Rupert Avenue, New Town.

Sat.June 7 and Sun.June 8 - SARSYM 80 Beresford House, Pitt Street, Trevallyn.
See inside for more info. on this most important weekend.

TRIPS - as seems to be the trend at the moment we are not setting specific
dates for caving trips, just specific caves!

Possible trips include:

Khazad-dum - trip down to the end of horizontal streamway to entertain our
newer members.

Growling Swallet - more entertainment, maybe even some surveying!

The Chairman - so far we have Ditto, Mick Hume and Stuart(me). We need a fourth
bod - anyone interested? Date of trip depends on when Ditto
can make it.

Mini-Martin - just for the sport.

Trapdoor Swallet - clear blockage just inside the entrance which will hopefully
lead to vast unexplored caverns!

EDITORIAL

With the AGM come and gone for another year it appears that the new
committee is both responsive and flexible and hence should be able to handle the
club management with a minimum of fuss. Hopefully this year there will be no
drama and we can get on with caving as well as the management of club affairs.
Although a full list of who's who in TCC appears elsewhere, I would like to thank
two people who "saved the day" during the last twelve months when the club suffer-
ed from a couple of rather major traumas - Bruce McIntosh, who as president had
to steer us through the drama, and Albert Goede for so much behind-the-scenes work
and plenty of helpful ideas.

Congratulations(and good luck) to Geoff Fisher on being elected president
for 1980/81. Congratulations to all the other committee bods as well!

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T.C.C. COMMITTEE 1980/81.

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Typing and distribution: Is there anyone who would like to take on this job for the year? It involves typing the Spiel, getting it printed (currently being done at the Bathurst Street branch of Div, Rec.), collating it, addressing, wrapping, sorting into appropriate postcode order and mailing at GPO. ARE YOU INTERESTED?

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SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Inflation strikes again! To use a well worn cliché, rising costs of Spiel production have forced a subscription rise for 1980/81. This is the first rise for some years and is still a lot cheaper than many similar clubs.

New rates: Full membership \$10.00 Junior membership \$5.00
Associate membership \$5.00 Family membership \$15.00.
Speleo Spiel Subscription \$5.00.
Prospective membership \$3.00.

Full and Family subscriptions entitle you to the A.S.F. Newsletter (4 editions per year) as well as 11 editions of the Speleo Spiel.

Junior and Associate members may subscribe to the A.S.F. Newsletter by paying an extra \$3.50. Junior membership is for those under 18 years of age.

Prospective membership entitles you to 3 copies of the Speleo Spiel after which you join our ranks (upon completion of three qualifying trips) and pay the appropriate subscription.

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(yet another classified ad. from Stuart).

Hewlett-Packard HP-29C Programmable Calculator.

For those interested, it has such features as 98 lines of program space, merged key-codes, indirect addressing, up to three levels of sub-routines, 10 labels, statistical functions, 8 comparison tests, increment/decrement and skip-on-zero function, plus all the usual scientific functions.

If you're a caver I can supply two different survey data reduction programs, also some other esoteric programs which are probably of minority interest - Romberg integration, various numerical analysis programs, amplifier design and Bode plot program (not quite finished!).

All standard accessories supplied (including original packing!)

THE PRICE (negotiable) - \$150.

Contact: Stuart Nicholas, Ph. 002-283054 (H)

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1980 AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MEDICINE CONFERENCE

As mentioned in previous editions of this magazine the A.S.M.F. is conducting its 1980 Conference in Hobart with the theme "THE HAZARDS OF OUTDOOR SPORTS AND RECREATION".

The list of speakers reads like a world who's who of the recreational and outdoor sports medicine scene and is probably the most expert group of such people ever to be assembled in Hobart. Topics for discussion include various aspects of exhaustion and exposure as related to mountain and sea situations, diving medicine, hypothermia, medical kits, protective clothing and so on.

Although basically a scientific meeting, anyone with an interest in the medical and/or scientific aspects of outdoor sport would gain a tremendous amount of up to date information by attending the Conference.

Dates for the scientific programme are;

Tuesday May 27th to Friday May 30th(inclusive).

Daily registration is \$20 for Fed.of Tasmanian Bushwalking Club Members
and \$25 for non-members.

REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED.

For further information please write to:

Australian Sports Medicine Conference 1980,
P.O. Box 65,
Lindisfarne,
Tasmania, Australia. 7015.

Stuart Nicholas has an amount of general information including the programme as he will be attending the Conference but specific queries should be directed to the above address.

SARSYM 80

This strange acronym in its expanded form reads Search and Rescue Symposium 1980. Promising to be the most successful yet, this, the third annual SARSYM, will be held in Launceston over the weekend of June 7-8.

The organisers have obtained the services of Dr. Peter Hackett as principal guest speaker for the weekend. Dr. Hackett will be in Hobart as a principal visiting speaker of the ASMF Annual Conference mentioned elsewhere. He is a world authority on exposure, exhaustion, hypothermia and altitude problems associated with mountain environments and spends considerable periods of time in the Himalayas climbing for recreation and research.

As noted earlier this will be the third annual SARSYM. The first, in 1978, was held at Kingston and discussion topics covered a wide range of subjects from the use of helicopters in bush and mountain SAR operations to patient care during protracted cave rescues. Last year's SARSYM at Gowrie Park had a fairly small attendance but useful discussion, mainly centred around SAR's in bad snow conditions (among other topics), took place. A general aim of the SARSYM is to promote discussion of any topics concerning search and rescue in this state. Representatives of all interested clubs and organisations are invited to attend together with members of Police Search and Rescue, ambulance officers, NPWS officers and so on, and a relatively informal and down to earth discussion can take place.

Date: Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8(it is hoped most delegates can get to the venue on the Friday night).

Venue: Borosford House, Pitt Avenue, Trevallyn, Launceston.

Cost: Estimated at \$10 including two nights accomodation and meals(excluding Saturday evening meal), this would have to be the bargain of the year!!

Further info: Contact Stuart(I don't know a great deal more then is written here at the moment) or Bob Cockerill (Ph. 44 1836 (H))

More information will hopefully be available for next month's Spiel

- stay tuned!

TRIP REPORTS.

June-Florentine, Introductory Trip - 23/3/80, 30/3/80.

Stuart Nicholas, Di and Chris Davies, Sam, David and Philip Steane, Barry Ransley Dave Southgate, Nick Hume, Allison Thompson, Chris Thompson, and Ken Lance(30/3/80)

What do you do with 12 would be enthusiastic cavers when you find that due to fire problems you can not go caving? You throw them off a cliff! With one pitch rigged for SRP, an easy abseil pitch and a ladder pitch everyone had a fun day on it. Wellington brushing up on SRP with newer members and visitors learning the joys of laddering and belaying.

The following weekend we set out in force(a small convoy) for JP 6 - Cashions Creek Cave. The weather was typical Maydena sunshine - light drizzle and none too warm. After standing around for a while watching Stuart and Ken procrastinate, don large numbers of socks etc., we entered at the tagged end and proceeded down the stream passage. Ken concentrated on photography with assistance in flashing and others checked out the various formations. I crawled along the lower stream passage as far as possible without getting really soaked but failed to turn up anything new.

After lunch we were joined by Bruce McIntosh's party of EMC students for a short while(nineteen cavers at once!) Ken Lance absconded to their party in order to see Welcome Stranger. Stuart showed the way to JP 4 - Khazad-Dum and after admiring the stream come waterfall (stream level was quite high - ED.) pouring into the cave we entered via the Serpentine Passage and went to the first (28 m.- Ed.) pitch. One small rift with surprisingly few hand holds caused a few weak moments but was overcome with a human bridge. Having been thoroughly impressed by the roar of water through the cave and its size we called it a day and headed back to dry clothes.

Diana Davies.

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