

SPELEO SPIEL

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FORWARD PROGRAM

Wednesday May 5 Slides of a sea canoeing trip along the coast of Alaska mid last year
by Mike & Chris Edwards (ex TCC members).

Wednesday May 19 The next business meeting of TCC.

Oct or Nov Rescue exercise - probably in Growling Swallet.

NOTE: All meetings of TCC occur at the Wheatsheaf Hotel in Davey Street, South Hobart and start at around 8.15pm.

EDITORIAL INFO

No doubt you have noticed the new format of the Speleo Spiel, like its size, lack of cover and so on. Owing to the remarkable lack of underground action at this time, and the remarkable lack of spare time on the part of the editor, it was decided at the AGM to change to a "news sheet" type production. The change of Australia Post rules also had some bearing on the decision.

Hopefully this will keep people in touch with TCC and enable a reasonably regular production. Please send any news stuffs to the editor per above address, or better still come along to a meeting. Perhaps once or twice a year, a rather bigger issue will be produced, along the lines of the Speleo Spiel of old - trip reports, articles and so on.

Stuart Nicholas

April, 1993

A New Year... New Discoveries... New Enthusiasm?!

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Wednesday March 31 at the usual venue. A good turn up made for some healthy discussion and I think one or two of the office positions actually went to election! The office bearers for the next financial year are as shown above.

TCC is going through what might be described as a "lean patch" - very few trips, very few members and generally a fairly lethargic existence. The halcyon days of big discoveries in the 80's have gone. Prolonged, vigorous and productive discussion at the AGM together with some introspective thinking (navel gazing?) brought us to the conclusion that we had to change our attitude, (become less of a clique) particularly towards potential new members. Specific dates will be set for beginners trips and not so beginners trips - see the next info sheet or two for this info.

Thus far it looks to be working! At the last meeting a week or so ago, two possible new bods appeared and were actually welcomed by our existing members!! Rolan showed a pot pourri of slides, producing some good nostalgic laughs from the older members and bemused looks from the new people. The odd stabbing piece of wit told of the good years depicted by Rolan's slides.

TCC is the oldest caving club in Australia and must survive. The work done by its members over many years has seen some of the biggest discoveries ever made in this country and some of the hardest trips ever done. Most have been tinged with drama in some form - facts usually only gleaned by reading between the lines of the Speleo Spiel trip reports.

TCC RULES! (& MUST CONTINUE TO DO SO).

The ASF Conference was held at Launceston during the first week of January this year. The event was very well organised, the papers presented were interesting and varied and everyone had a good time. TCC was represented by Arthur Clarke, Trevor Wailes and Stuart Nicholas. Our Journal sold very well, albeit in a slightly sleazy manner from the back of Stu's car during the conference sessions! If you want to know more, see the latest Australian Caver # 133. Better still, join the ASF as an individual member and you will receive your very own copy - see Stu for details.

At the Conference Dinner, Trevor Wailes and Arthur Clarke were each presented with an ASF Certificate of Merit for services rendered to exploration and documentation of caves and karst in the Florentine Valley, and services to conservation and documentation in the Ida Bay area, respectively. Both awards are very well deserved and congratulations are in order for both recipients.

FOR SALE

Premier carbide lamp - plus heaps of spares (eg 3 brand new reflectors) and 2kg of carbide - \$50.00 the lot.

Rechargeable gel cell caving lights - quartz halogen bulbs - \$100.00 each.

Caving oversuit (tall medium size) - unused - \$100.00

Caving undersuit - stretchy fibrepile "furry suit" with knee pads - \$50.00.

Petzl ascenders - chest type, near new - \$40.00 each.

Rappel rack - small size - \$20.00.

Spits - self drilling 8mm rock anchors, heaps of them - \$3.00 each.

Wire headers - with triangular maillon rapides - \$20.00 each.

Peter Storm thermal top - \$5.00.

Stereo viewer - for aerial photographs - \$15.00.

Letraset - wide variety of font sizes - \$1.00 per sheet.

Headlight bulbs - \$1.00 each.

US Navy Diving Manual - tech reading for pressure heads - \$10.00.

Change Bag - for extracting film end, film jammed in camera, etc - \$5.00.

Pitons and carabiners - oddments - \$1.00 each.

Contact: NICK HUME phone 310348 for all the above bargains and goodies.

TCC Explorations Journal - buy your copy now while stocks last. Only \$15.00 locally and definitely the caving read of the year! Contains all the down and dirty stuff from the early eighties, as well as some considerable heartache from the last year or so during the production of it.

SEE TREVOR WAILES for your copy - buy one for now and one for later, plus a spare for the kids!

Any news stuff for the next Speleo Spiel newsheet - send to Stu, per above contacts.