

# ANUSC CLUB CALENDAR MARCH/APRIL/MAY/JUNE, 1991

## **MEMBERSHIP 1991**      \$

Please remember that it is now time to pay your dues for this next year. \$5.00 per F/T student and \$10.00 per other Sports Union members. Pay at the next club meeting, at gear issue or during a dive weekend, or send it in c/- the Sports Union. We have to insist that \*ALL\* ANUSC members are Sports Union members, so please make sure your S.U. membership is also current.

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### **WHAT IS A CLUB DIVE?**

**Kristina Sands**

So, you've just finished your diving course and joined the club, or you've just joined the club, or you joined the club a long time ago but ever since you have been a name on a piece of paper but not not a face on a dive. And 'what now' you say. 'I should be entitled to more for my \$5.00 (or \$10.00) than just a newsletter, perhaps I should go on a club dive.' But what is a club dive? You've heard about 'dives' before. They're expensive. You pay \$300 for a weekend away and stay in a luxury hotel and get two 'lead-you-by-the-nose' dives. This you say is not for you. But that is a 'commercial dive', not a 'club dive'. A 'club dive' starts with an intro in the newsletter. You know, those things which give a date, a place, a name, a phone number and a description of all of the fantastic things that you are going to see. But should you, you ask yourself, really ring up that number and talk to a stranger and commit yourself to a weekend away with a whole group of strangers? Certainly you should! The first step of a 'club dive' is to ring up the contact person. They are simply a coordinator. They are there to make sure that everyone knows where they are going, and that everyone can get there. They make sure a boat will be there, so that you can go diving. They are not there to tell you what to do, but to help you to do what you want to do. To attend a dive you should usually ring the coordinator on the Tuesday or Wednesday before the dive so that they can have time to organize lifts etc. (Remember that they have other jobs to do/lives to lead so give them as much warning as possible!). If you don't have a car, that's OK. You won't need to bus to the coast, but tell the coordinator that you need a lift and usually there is someone who is going who has a spare spot. If you have a car and a spare seat to take someone, then let the coordinator know. It's pointless paying petrol costs all by yourself when you can share it. Just keep in mind that when diving, you need to fit more than just people into a car and no matter what the size of the car three divers is going to be a pretty tight squeeze (many cars will only be able to take two).

Having decided that you are going on a dive and have rung the coordinator and organized a lift you have to make sure you have all the gear you need. If you own it yourself then no problem. If you don't then you can take some of the club hardware (that is, reg and gauges, BCD, and tank) on a club trip free of charge. Simply ring the person on gear roster for the week before the dive prior to the Thursday and they will attend the gear store (behind the office in the Sports Union Hall) at 5:30 to sign out some gear for you. If you need wetsuit, masks, fins etc then there are three dive stores in Canberra where you can hire these items (Steve's shop "The SCUBA Store" in Belconnen, "Aqua Medium" in Phillip, and "Pro-Dive" in Braddon- ring around and you'll soon find who has the best prices). You should make sure you are fully equipped before you leave Canberra and not rely on hiring down at the coast (chancy and generally more expensive).

Once at the coast with all the gear the fun can start. A 'club dive' is not an organized diving trip where you are told what you have to dive. If you want to do an easy, shallow dive then tell the co-ordinator an one can be arranged. If you want to do a deeper dive there will surely be others who will wish to join you. The club owns one boat which will comfortably take



**May 10/11** We've yet to decide where this one will be and to find a volunteer to run it! So if you've somewhere you'd like to dive, or even if you'd like to run a dive yourself, then bring your ideas and enthusiasm to the club meeting on the 2nd. If nobody volunteers, then it might just be Jeremy's magical mystery dive weekend.

**May 19-28 POMPEY REEFS (QLD)**

This is an unique opportunity to see one of the most spectacular parts of the Great Barrier Reef, the Pompey Reef system north of the Swains, 150 km SE of Mackay. Steve has organized this trip through his shop, and a number of our club members are definitely going. You will cruise on the Undersea Explorer, Captain Macgreggors new floating hotel/dive boat (25 meter/air-conditioned!!). This will be a luxury adventure holiday into little dived areas. If you were too late to get your name onto the Musgrave list for this year, then this one may be a more than adequate consolation. Costs are \$975 ex Gladstone for all meals and as much nitrogen as you can get. (Counts as a club dive for gear issue.)

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**June 8/9/10 Queens Birthday Weekend**

Again we don't know where yet, but this will be a club weekend. Bring suggestions to the club meeting on the 2nd of May.

**NOTE**

**MUSGRAVE DEPOSITS ARE NOW NEEDED TO ENSURE YOUR PLACE**

**July 1-13 Musgrave Is. (Qld)**

So far we have got around 30 names on a list which will only stretch to 20. So, now is the time to ensure your place with a \$100.00 deposit. Jeremy will take deposits from the first 20 on the list until the 29th of April, and then the list will be open to the others, in order of their expression of interest.

Any and all queries to Jeremy h 2473173 w x5051

**Gear Issue**

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21-3-91	28-3-91	4-4-91	11-4-91
18-4-91	25-4-91	2-5-91	9-5-91
16-5-91	23-5-91	30-5-91	6-6-91
13-6-91	20-6-91	27-6-91	

Remember, people will only attend if you contact them beforehand for either gear issue or return.

Please don't forget about your 1991 membership dues. This is the last newsletter you will receive unless your name appears on the 1991 current members list!