

ANU SCUBA DIVING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

October 1993

This newsletter is the big one you've all been waiting for! All the good summer diving, and the reports of the recent club AGM.

The ANUSC AGM was held on the 14th of October. Business was as follows:

•State of the club reports:

The outgoing President reported that the club had had a successful year, welcoming more new divers into its ranks, carrying out regular weekend trips away, and organizing a very successful Musgrave Island expedition. Our membership remains at ~80-90 members every year, and we have been able to keep club fees and gear charges constant for the last 3 years. Our gear has grown to 8 sets and we now have a number of 88cuft aluminium tanks for the specific use (where needed) of inexperienced divers, fresh from OW courses. The President went on to remind members that the reason the club exists is to promote SCUBA diving and to encourage new members to become more proficient. In this respect, we need to provide club members with the level of diving which they need, although this does not exclude undertaking advanced dive exploits after the needs of the less experienced members have been met.

The Treasurers report summarized club finances: we are in a healthy position with \$4000 invested in term deposits and ~\$1000 of uncommitted funds in the cheque account.

The Boat Officers report indicated that both boats had undergone major repairs this year. The new boat had major fibreglass repairs on structural cracks carried out under warranty. These cracks were possibly due to tanks being dropped in the cargo bay, or were due to excessive hull flexing during heavy seas. We were informed by the fibreglasser that the boat is "not a workboat" so we will have to treat it with due care when using it. The small boat required major repairs to the floor and one of the speed tubes. It is the opinion of the boat officer that the hull will need to be replaced next year, and that we should budget and prepare for this contingency. This replacement is not likely to occur until late next year and thus we will need to make use of the boat at Musgrave to "earn its retirement". The boat officer continued to report on the matter of boat storage. The ANUSC requested the Sports Union council to provide for secure storage of the boats, as club members were no longer in a position to do so. After much

discussion, Sports Council has approved and budgeted \$6,500 for the construction of a double garage on North Oval, with water and power. It is likely that this will be erected in March or early April 1994. This structure will provide storage for the club boats and eventually the club gear, and will provide much easier access for gear borrowers than the current gear room in the Sports Union. The President moved a vote of thanks to Mark Leonard for his work on the Sports Council sub-committee examining boat storage.

•Election of officers for 1994

President/secretary moved Schmid	Jeremy Weinman seconded Wenger
Treasurer moved Weinman	Kristina Sands seconded Schmid
Boat Maintenance Officer moved Weinman	Mark Leonard seconded Karas
Publicity Officer / Editor moved Wenger	Siegbert Schmid seconded Withell
Equipment maintenance Moved Leonard	Eric Wenger seconded Schram

Equipment Officers were appointed:

Siegbert Schmid
Kristina Sands
Marlene Davies

A "Party Officer" was seconded by the committee:
Marlene Davies

The meeting suggested that an Underwater Hockey Officer also be seconded. This was:

James Harris

The meeting then considered the tabled proposal to change the club name from the Australian National University Skindiving Club to the Australian National University SCUBA Diving club. Much spirited discussion ensued, not so much about the need or otherwise to change the club name, but about the proposed name and if another name such as the 'Australian National University Underwater Club' would be preferable. The President spoke to the motion, suggesting that the name adopted clearly and succinctly convey the major purpose of the club. Others spoke against the suggested name, making a number of suggestions. Eventually the tabled motion was put to a vote and passed narrowly, 9 votes to 8 with a number of abstentions. Accordingly, the club is now to be

called the Australian National University SCUBA Diving club.

**Now that we've an Underwater Hockey officer(!)
here is the first official UWH promo:**

Underwater Hockey News

If you want to improve your fitness, meet great people, become more comfortable underwater and particularly improve your snorkelling and finning techniques, or just play a unique and challenging sport, then Underwater Hockey is for you.

All sexes and age groups (10-50's) play in mixed competition (its a great leveller). You wear fins, mask, snorkel, cap, glove and carry a small stick. You then hold your breath get on the bottom of a pool and push a puck around. Teams have 6 players plus subs and is one of the fastest growing sports in the ACT. We are trying to put forward a club team for the next comp and need a few new players (the more the better) and you would be on a team with 4 ACT reps. Come and try any Friday (7:00 Civic pool), Sunday and Monday (9:15am & 6:30pm respectively Tuggeranong pool) and Wednesday (8:15pm AIS pool 20th and 27th Oct only). Come on down give it a try. Other Uni Dive clubs are big in this sport, particularly UNSW & UNE.

Contact:

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◦The Diving Calendar◦

October 30/31 Jervis Bay

JB is packed with great divesites, particularly those off the front cliffs. Apart from the big dives out the front there are a number of good dives within the bay (maybe this time we'll get to Middle Ground - Chuck has the magnetic variation corrected marks!). There are really four potential boat ramps (Currarong, Honeymoon bay, Murrays beach and Summercloud bay) so we can choose where to launch to suit the prevailing conditions. Steve hasn't decided yet where to camp (either Honeymoon Bay or Greenpatch) but he'll tell you when you call. This should be a great dive weekend. Make sure you come along.

Contact **Steve Harding** w 2513134
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November 6-12 SW Rocks

Norm and Michelle tend to head off to the warm water on the Northern NSW coast every year at this time. The is great diving around here and this is the time to be there - before you get knee deep in tourists and holiday makers. A good day of

travelling each way means you will need to take a week to make it worthwhile.

Contact **Norm Schram** h 2411281
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November 20/21

**Treasure Hunt
Weekend**

Steve's Beldivers club has run a Treasure Hunt and Inflatable Boat Race at Bawley Point for 4-5 years. To strengthen the traditional links between our clubs we've gone down and tried to win all the booty, and have been determined to win the inflatable boat race. Two years ago we nearly won and then last year after purchasing our new *fast* inflatable Steve received divine intervention (in the form of a good storm) to call off the race. This year, however..... The Treasure Hunt has a \$5 entry fee for financial Beldivers, and \$15 for others which includes membership of the club: many of us are already dual club members, and we haven't been scared for life!

In addition to these activities for the Saturday morning, in the afternoon and on the Sunday we go diving, and there is a big BBQ on Saturday night. Camping will be in Ulladulla (where the BBQ will be). Come down and have some fun, and meet a larger crowd of divers.

Ring **Jeremy Weinman** h 2547502
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December 4/5

Brush Island

Camping at the lovely Racecourse Beach Caravan Park between Bawley Point and Kiola, we can access some terrific diving off Brush Island. Two favourites, naturally, are the Boiler (home of many large Tassie Trumpeter and the occasional Wobbygong) and the Current Drop Off (a great wall from 20-30 m covered in soft corals). You must have recovered from post exam hangovers by now so dust off your mask and snorkel and come down for a very relaxing weekend.

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2nd December

**Crissy Party
Dive**

Thursday

The end of yet another year is near
It's time for some Christmas cheer

A chance to find out all the goss
What happened when the lights went off
If there is something you've tried to forget
Public relations will remind you - I bet
So come along and dive into a Marguerita
At Montezuma's Mexican Restauraanta
7.30 pm

RVSP by 20th November to:

**Marlene 2464125(w)
or Sigg 2494190(w) 2471417(h)**

December 6-11th

The Tasmania Wilderness Games has an underwater component to be held around Bicheno. This is an IV like event open to registered university students only. Fairly cheap diving and a few social events. While the ANUSC isn't planning on going as a club, we'd be happy to provide club gear free for any club members wishing to attend. So far we have no takers, but if you are planning a trip down to Tassie or like the idea of a post exam holiday act now. This is in the late stages of planning so if you want to go you need to contact Jeremy immediately for more details.

**h) 2547502
w)2495051**

Xmas - New Year Two Possibilities

a) The South Coast Travelling Dive-Fest

During this difficult time of year with school holidays mucking up the good camp sites and lots of people with Christmas commitments, we thought we'd leave final plans for this period until the week before Christmas. Call Jeremy ASAP before the 20th of December with your plans and requests and then ring again on the 23rd to find out what he's planned. We'll try to get as many dives in as possible up and down the coast. Last year we moved from Montague Is to JB during this period so many people could get dives in. This year we'll have lots of dives again.

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OR

b) Somewhere Victorian

If there is sufficient interest in people wanting to dive down South, Phil has offered to drag a boat along. Places like Wilsons Prom could be a possibility.

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January 26-30 Greencape

Greencape is at the southern end of the large peninsular containing the south part of the Ben Boyd National Park. (south of Eden). This is terrific country for anyone who likes the outdoors, and it also offers some great diving. It's been a long time since we've been down to here, so it will be well worth going along to find out why this area is so well regarded. I suggest we talk about this

over the next few trips away, but I think it would be nice to camp at Bittangabee Bay and drag our old faithful club compressor along. We can launch the Black Duck there (carrying over logs etc...), and we may consider launching the Cherokee at Eden and motoring down the coast to a great mooring in the sheltered Bay. This is getting back to what diving on the south coast was like before it became overpopulated (ie a bit of an expedition). Of course to camp at Bittangabee we'll need to book a fair bit in advance, so talk this one over with our enthusiastic new committee before the end of November.

Contact **Chuck Young h 2902145
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February 23

O-WEEK

CLUB stand for Clubs and Societies Day

We need some volunteers to sign up the club's major influx of members. As always, the club must have new members to maintain its existence, and the Sports Union grant each year depends on the number of members we have on our books. Just an hour telling fresh young things how great diving is.....

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Wednesday March 2nd

Meeting

Sports Union meetings room 8pm

A club meeting to welcome the new members for 1994, and to plan their first weekend away. Do come along and help introduce new members to the club.

March 5/6

Burrewarra

Some of the easier diving locations around Burrewarra Pt., Black Rock, Broulee etc.. This is an introductory weekend for new club members. I would request that those with an interest in welcoming new members into the club to come along and buddy either novice or rusty new members.

Probably camping at Broulee C'van Park.

Contact **Norm Schram h 2411281
w 2492764**

Canberra Day weekend**March 19/20/21****Tathra**

This is largely unexplored territory for many of us although these are some great dives to be had. Come and discover something new. Depending on the weather and numbers, we might make a small trip further south to Mimosa Rocks N.P.

Contact **Phil Herrald****w 2976031****h 2887482****Easter****April 1/2/3/4****Seal Rocks**

We need this 4 day weekend to make this trip North worthwhile. Seal Rocks has some great Grey Nurse Sharks and great bommies smothered in fish and growth. Michelle knows a place up there we can book for accommodation so this won't involve

battling a million Sydneyites for a small scrap of campground. Pencil this one in!

Contact **Michelle Karas****h 2411281****ANZAAC day weekend****April 23/24/25****Eden**

What's at Eden you ask? Two sunken tugs (great dives), an underwater tunnel, some great shore dives from Green Cape, and all of Twofold Bay (lots of seedy weed dragons). Eden will never be warmer, so try it now. Last year we dived here and carried out a great night dive on the Tasman Hauler. This year we'll make sure no charter boats push us off the moorings! Come along and find out the elusive marks (*which* green patch in Eden?) for the tugs.

Contact **Jeremy Weinman** **h 2547502****w 2495051**

Dr. Schmid has trouble relating his
heroic attempt to have thirds on
Musgrave.

EQUIPMENT RULES

TANKS - VESTS - REGULATORS

The ANU SCUBA Diving Club has several sets of SCUBA equipment, purchased and maintained with a combination of Sports Union grants and Club generated funds. This equipment, stored in the **relocated** ANUSC gear store next to the Sports Union recreation office, is subject to constant and demanding use so the following rules have been formulated in the interests of all club members, of the Sports Union, and of the issuing and maintenance officers.

•1) One set of gear is provided only to qualified divers who are current members of both the ANU SCUBA Diving Club and the Sports Union. Persons not known to the issuing officer may be asked to show their Sports Union card and may be checked against the list of current members.

•2) Gear is available free of charge on club dives - subject to a deposit (currently \$10), refundable when the equipment is returned on time, complete and unabused, clean and with the **tanks full**. Borrowers are not guaranteed exclusive use and may be required to share with other club members on a dive.

•3) When not required for club purposes, equipment may be hired for private use at a fee of \$20 per set, plus the usual deposit. Equipment is for the support of diving as a club, and is not available for private use when a club outing is scheduled, regardless of however many sets appear to be spare. The club does not accept advance bookings for the use of equipment.

•4) **Note that Sports Union staff do not have a key to the club storage room and do not accept gear for return.** If you leave returned gear at the office you must expect to lose your deposit.

Equipment may be borrowed and returned around 5:30 pm on Thursdays, via the rostered issuing officer, **who attends only on request**. In order to allow everybody fair access, gear **must** be returned by the Thursday following the week of issue.

•5) The member signing for gear remains fully responsible for it until it is signed back in. Negligent loss or damage will be treated in accordance with current policy of the Club and the Sports Union, which retains ownership of all club equipment. Borrowers are expected to keep track of all gear issued to them, particularly on dives where it is shared.

•6) **To avoid damage, please remove jacket vests from tanks before transport.** After use wash ALL gear in fresh water, rinse out vests internally, and return them half-inflated. Hose down your tanks and tank boot. **Ensure that the dust cap is tightly fitted to the reg before soaking. Water in the reg will damage it and can result in total failure of your reg or gauges.** Apart from the danger to you or other users, this costs us lots of money to replace.

•7) **NEVER EVER leave tanks or hoses or vests in your car in the hot sun.**

In the interests of safety and to avoid inadvertent re-issue, all faulty gear must be labelled as such on return, AND reported personally to the gear maintenance officer.

Gear Maintenance Officer: Eric Wenger - phone 2493641 (w) 2546874 (h)

GEAR ISSUE AND RETURN

(Thursdays only unless you arrange otherwise)

*****Remember, people will only attend if you contact them beforehand*****

Also, try to contact people at home. They need to work during the day to support their diving.

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28/10/93	4/11/93	11/11/93	18/11/93
25/11/93	9/12/93	16/12/93	23/12/93
6/1/94	13/1/94	20/1/94	27/1/94
3/2/94	10/2/94	17/2/94	24/2/94
3/3/94	10/3/94	17/3/94	24/3/94
31/3/93	7/4/94	14/4/94	21/4/94

In an emergency (only) call Jeremy (h) 2547502, (bh) 2495051.