

The Bottom Times

Newsletter of the Western Underwater Dive Club Incorporated

February 2008



Dive Quiz ... its so easy to win ...

The first 2 correct entries drawn at the Club Meeting on Wednesday 13th February, each win a free air card worth \$50 courtesy of Dive HQ -West Auckland.

We are trying to resurrect a great club weekend away up north along the lines of the previous highly successful weekend of yesteryear.

- 1) Where is this weekend being based?
- 2) What date is it being held?
- 3) Are you going?

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Club Rooms

Activities for February 2008
Club Meeting Wednesday 13th February
Guest Speaker: Garth McCulough
Topic: "Water Safety on West Coast Beaches."

Date	Opening Time	What's Happening
Friday 1 st February	7pm	Club Night
Wednesday 6 th February	7pm	Club Night
Thursday 7 th February	7pm	Manukau Sports Fishing Club
Friday 8 th February	7pm	Club Night
Wednesday 13 th February	7pm	Club Meeting – Guest Speaker Garth McCulough
Thursday 14 th February	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
Friday 15 th February	7pm	Club Night
Wednesday 20 th February	7pm	Club Night
Friday 22 nd February	7pm	Club Night
Tuesday 26 th February	7pm	Caving Club
Wednesday 27 th February	7pm	Club Night
Friday 29 th February	7pm	Club Night

Action - You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.

Rabindranath Tagore – Indian poet, playwright and essayist. Won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913. 1861 – 1941.

Independence - The strongest man in the world is he who stands most alone.

Henrik Ibsen – Major Norwegian playwright of the late 19th century. 1828 – 1906.

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Happy New Year one and all! What a fantastic Christmas spell of weather we have had here in Auckland. Like they said in the media “.. just like we remember in the old days ...”

So how many of you got to dive and what excuses do the rest of you have?? Mine is I was too busy doing nothing other than lying about the house. I hear the diving was a bit of a mixed bag. Although the sun was out in many areas, so was the wind in others. Hope you took your chances.

I was absent (for the second year in a row) from the Club Christmas Party. By all accounts it was a reasonably well attended affair and the band was very popular. Prizes were awarded over the night and some photos of the night are now on the notice board. The November Club draw – of the Dive HQ \$50 voucher – was won by a very deserving John Scott. Loll Duncan picked up the only 10 tank refill card – were the quiz questions that tough??

Trophies were also awarded and the full list of deserving recipients is on another page in this magazine. The trophies will be engraved over the next few weeks. And the winners of the photo categories will have prints made and be displayed on the Club walls shortly.

Unfortunately we have had a few committee changes. Chris Lynch has resigned as Secretary, like many of us, life just got too busy. Thanks for all your work and input Chris. Dave Sherry has stepped up to take over as Secretary – thanks Dave. We have also lost Lee Heath – again to other commitments. Lee has put in a lot of effort to try and drag the Committee and Club into modern times and set up the Club on the world-wide-web. We do appreciate your work Lee and over the next few weeks and months we hope to add tons of material and links onto our site.

The Club web site is under construction, Dave has agreed to be ‘web master’ to get things moving. Launch is scheduled for March 2008. PLEASE, if you have any content – dive stories, Club and diving photos, history you can share, links to other sites you think would appeal to other members, and so on let me or Dave have them. The web site address is www.dive-club-auckland.com Take a look (Not now but in a few weeks time). And remember this magazine is yours now – any contributions are welcome. Email them to me (sroberts@xnet.co.nz), to Paul, or drop them into the Shop.

It has been pointed out that the AGM minutes were not published in the Club Mag. This will be rectified shortly (If not in this mag) with an abridged copy. A full copy is on the notice board. And while on ‘notices’ Jo MacKinnon has some kittens to give away to a good home – please contact her directly. And I forgot to remind everyone last month that the Hector's Dolphin stuffed toy Mike showed us in November is available again. None in the Club just yet but do contact Mike if you want some.

There are still many trips available thru the shop over the coming weeks. Please look thru the ones in the magazine, and talk to Paul in the shop. And you might want to start thinking about that winter diving trip to the tropics somewhere! Some in the Club are talking about a trip to Australia to the Reef, and a return to the Coolidge in Vanuatu is also being kicked around.

Unfortunately we are still looking for a Club Manager (to help out with things around the club). If anyone would like to come forward to help out it would be appreciated. This is not an arduous role – just an hour or two every week or two doing a few odd jobs around the club.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer diving. See you in the water soon.

Steve Roberts
President WUDC.

Club Trophy Winners List Awarded at the December 2007 Meeting

Trophy:	Awarded for:	2007
Trevor Zenovich Trophy	Biggest Cray	Shane Bowler
Oxton Plate	Most Improved	Penghong Guo
Colin Chandler Trophy	Most interesting artefact	Joll Duncan
Sowry Family Trophy	Most Valuable Club Member	Deanne Oxton & Chris Lynch
Gary Bosson Memorial	Best Divemaster	Richard Tidbury
John Dickey Memorial	Most Supportive new Club Member	Andrew Ferguson
Murray Gallen Trophy	Club Diver of the Year	William Ritson
Sub Aqua Cup	Best Diving Related Photo	John Scott
Phil Bendle Trophy	Best Underwater Photo	Lee Findlay
Mike Batterton Trophy	Best Underwater Portfolio	Lee Findlay
Peter Collins Cup	President's Choice	Sandra Bogun
WURT Book Award	Research Team selection	Sandra Bogun
Colleen Mitchell Trophy	Most Active New Diver – Female	Tammy Jackson
Jack Barrott Trophy	Most Active New Diver – Male	Andrew Ferguson
Kyle memorial Trophy	Technical diver of the year	Simon Mitchell
Ladies Pool Trophy	Pool competition winner	Not awarded
Ladies Darts Trophy	Darts competition winner	Victoria Sherry
Men's Pool Trophy	Pool competition winner	Cameron Smirk
Men's Darts Trophy	Darts competition winner	Chris Dahl
Fishing Competition		-
Car Rally		-

Snippets

Club Draw

Be in to win the club draw, drawn at the monthly meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month. You do not have to be at the monthly meeting to win the draw. If your name is drawn and you are not present at the time of the draw, you are still a winner! Each time you come down to the clubrooms for a drink and support the club, be sure to register your name at the bar with the person on duty. The more times you are in the clubrooms, then the more chances you receive in the draw! The prize is a \$50 voucher each month to be redeemed at Dive HQ West Auckland. The Western Underwater Dive Club sponsors the voucher.

E-Mail Contact

If you wish to receive your magazine by e-mail, rather than having it posted, please send your e-mail address to paul@divehqwest.co.nz.

Purchase your own Club Glass

Purchasing your own club glass / handle at the bar in the clubrooms at a cost of \$10 per year, enables you to receive a discount on your drinks when using your glass. An example of the discount is a handle of beer becomes \$3.00 instead of the \$4.00 normally charged. We even give you your

first drink in the glass complimentary! Ask at the bar for details on either a wine, beer or spirit glass.

Club Pennant for Sale

Support you club and fly a club pennant. Choice of two available. Blue with white (small) \$20.00 each or Blue with Gold (large) \$35.00. Purchase from either the Clubrooms, or from the shop.

Bricks for sale

Another way you can support the club is by purchasing a brick on the clubrooms wall. \$10.00 gives you a brick bearing your name displayed on the wall of the clubrooms. You can purchase your brick from the bar in the clubrooms.

Club Reunion Polo Shirts for Sale: Some club shirts are still available for purchase following the 30th Reunion. See bar staff in the clubrooms if interested.

Welcome

New Members

Martin Grant	Hannah Reed	Richard Berger	Nicola Gardiner
Phil Pirie	Natalie James	Michael Wouters	Michael Nesbitt
Lachlan Justice	Alexander Justice	Devon Simpson	Cristiana Chiappini
Damos Albert	Stephen Baugh	Samantha Haydon	Daryl Bryant
Andrew Horsley	James Laughton	Pengyu Zhu	Warren Blackwood
Benjamin Thomas	Seanna Ata	Marcus McDonald	John Beaumont
Graham Comer	Peter Sears	Dennis Bumbesevic	Allan Driscoll
Michael Meisner	Mark Meisner	Cornel Fox	Aaron Medlock
Toinette Mill	Brian Jones	Sione Hale	Leila Benest
Ian Herring	Andrea Gyde	Stephen King	Haerengarangi Renata

Renewing Members

John Heebink & Irene	Baudewijns	Don MacKinven	Michael Zehupfennig
Steve Trial	Nick Mahwinnney	Murray Christensen	Brett Christensen
Erin Christensen	Abby Earrey	Tim Snape	Libby Riosa
Zac Riosa	Ian Piddington	Dave Sherry	Victoria Sherry
Ross Cragie	Tammy Jackson	Mark Kraayenhof	Rob Boasman
Paul Aked	Damos Albert	Michele Jackson	Andrew Ferguson

Congratulations

PADI Open Water

Nicola Gardiner	Natalie James	Richard Berger	Hannah Reed
Lachlan Justice	Alexander Justice	Michael Nesbitt	Claire Yee
Daryl Bryant	Andrew Horsley	Devon Simpson	Marcus McDonald
John Beaumont	Graeme Comer	Derrick Davis	Warren Blackwood
Benjamin Thomas	Damos Albert	Samantha Haydon	Stephen Baugh
James Laughton	Cristiana Chiappini	Brian Jones	Sione Hale
Ian Herring	Andrea Gyde	Leila Benest	Toinette Mill

PADI Junior Open Water

Calem Olliver	Seanna Ata
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PADI Rescue Diver

Neil De Jong	Michelle Bishop	Andrew Ferguson
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SPEARFISHING OPEN EVENING



*Dive HQ West Auckland
Wednesday 20th February From 6PM*

Photo - Courtesy - Dive HQ, Whitianga.

- Training and technical advice on Spearfishing, techniques and rigging.
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Minutes of the Western Underwater Dive club AGM held in July 2007. The committee apologises for these not being published earlier. Full copies are on display in the clubrooms.

WESTERN UNDERWATER DIVE CLUB INCORPORATED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
11 JULY 2007

MEETING OPENED: 8.35pm

PRESENT: 23 members

APOLOGIES: Anne Shepherd, Albie Shepherd

ABSENT: Mike Percy

LAST MINUTES TABLED & TAKEN AS READ, TO BE PASSED:

Moved by Deanne Seconded by Sandra :Carried

Presidents Report:

- The Presidents report was summarised to the members. Steve moved this which was seconded by Bruce and carried.

Financial Report:

- Paul Collinson queried if accounts can be accepted as unaudited
- Sandra moved that the committee be asked to find an auditor for the financial accounts for the year 06/07 as soon as practicable but is to be no later than the end of this calendar year. This was seconded by David. Carried. George suggested that the club seek out a local practice. Paul indicated that he has customers who might be able to help out with this.
- A explanation of cleaning items was given
- Bruce moved that the accounts are correct this was seconded by Alan. Carried
- It was stated that the Research Team run independent accounts but are amalgamated with the WUDC

Election of Officers:

- Ballot papers were distributed to the floor to elect the new Office Bearers. Returning Officer Derek Railey, Bruce Ranby was chosen as Scrutineer. Votes were tabulated and results are as follows:
- President: Steve Roberts
Vice President: Sandra Bogun
Secretary: Chris Lynch
Treasurer: Cameron Smirk
- George moved that all nominations be accepted for committee members and Chris seconded. Carried. The results are as follows; David Sherry, Anne Shepherd, Deanne Oxtan, Jo McKinnon, Mike Macaulay, Lee Heath, Daniel Hayes, Paul Collinson.
- Thanks were given to Derek and Bruce for their assistance in the ballot.
- Derek Railey agreed to continue in his role as Honorary Solicitor for the next term. This was moved by Steve and seconded by Adiy West. Carried.

Remits:

- The following Remits were discussed and voted upon and the results are as follows:
 - Rule 4 Membership change from Four (4) to Five (5)
 - CARRIED
 - ADD to d) Life Membership may be conferred *by the committee* upon a Member.....
 - CARRIED
 - DELETE LAST sentence in d) Life Membership.
Life Membership to be no more than 2% of financial at the time of the AGM.
REPLACE WITH: *Life Membership to be limited in numbers to a figure appropriate with membership numbers averaged out over the previous year.*
 - CARRIED
 - NEW CLAUSE e) *This class is a membership to the Western Underwater Dive Club Incorporated provided to members of other clubs & families thru affiliated members' rights extended to those other clubs.*
 - DEFEATED
 - After discussion to the wording in the above clause e) was changed to: *The committee may grant affiliate membership to members of other clubs and their families on terms and conditions as are then imposed by the committee.*
 - CARRIED
 - Change current section e) to f)
 - CARRIED
 - Rule 5 Subscriptions remove current rule and replace with:
 - a) *Subscriptions are payable to Portage Dive Ltd on behalf of the Western Underwater Dive Club Incorporated for ordinary members and family members.*
 - b) *Subscriptions are set by Committee and Management of the Portage Dive Ltd at a committee meeting.*
 - c) *Affiliated membership are payable to Western Underwater Dive Club Incorporated and set by the Committee of Western Underwater Dive Club Incorporated.*

d) *Committee members of the Western Underwater Dive Club and staff of Portage Dive Ltd are deemed to be financial for the term of their office.*

e) *Full membership of Six (6) months will be awarded to all persons completing an open water dive course with Portage Dive Ltd on completion of the Six (6) month period the member will have the option of renewing the Annual Subscription*

- CARRIED
- Rule 6 Discipline. Move existing clause No. 6 wording to 6b)
 - CARRIED
- Add new 6a) *The committee shall deal with all complaints at a committee meeting. A process shall be determined at a committee meeting & publish to all members.*
 - DEFEATED
- Steve read a procedures list that Derek Railey had prepared for the Western Underwater Dive Club to deal with complaints.
 - CARRIED
- It was suggested the clause 6a) be deleted.
 - CARRIED
- Add 2 words to last sentence in new 6b):
The decision to expel a member must be passed by a clear majority at a duly constituted *committee* meeting.
 - DEFEATED
- Rule 7. Section D take out Club executive & replace with *Duties of specific position holders.*
 - DEFEATED
- It was proposed that the wording of the above clause (Rule 7 Section D) read *Duties of specific Office Bearers.*
 - CARRIED
- President Section i). Replace Executive with Committee to say “to preside at all *committee* and general meetings”.
 - CARRIED
- Add to section d)
 - ii) *Vice President: To provide support to the President in his roll. Where the President is absent from any meeting the Vice President shall preside.*
 - CARRIED
- Change current section d) ii) to iii)
 - CARRIED
- Change current section d) iii) to iv)
 - CARRIED
- Remove from e) the word “Executive” in the first sentence
 - CARRIED
- Rule 9 Common Seal ADD *Vice President*
 - CARRIED
- Rule 10 Finance. Change amount to \$5000 ADD *must* be taken to either an AGM
 - CARRIED
- Rule 11. Take out ACA Accredited Accountant ADD. The accounts of the club shall be audited by an *Accountant, deemed to be suitably qualified by the Committee, who shall be appointed at an AGM, or by the Committee at a later date.*
 - CARRIED
- Rule 12. Delete Present clause a) and replace with: *The AGM of the club held at such time as nominated by the committee under the laws of the Incorporated Society.*
 - CARRIED
- Rule 13. Add one calendar *month* prior
 - CARRIED
- Rule 14 d). Delete this section and replace with
The mode of voting on all elections at the Annual General Meeting shall be by secret ballot for which a Returning Officer and Scrutineer(s) shall be elected by the meeting. Such Returning Officer and Scrutineer(s) must be a financial member and shall not be a candidate for any office.
 - CARRIED
- Rule 15 Quorums. Change committee meeting quorum at the end of paragraph to *Five (5)*
 - DEFEATED
- After Discussion from the floor it was suggested that the end of the paragraph in the above clause (Rule 15) be changed to *50% of the current committee.*
 - CARRIED
- Rule 21. Marine Special Interest Groups. Remove the word *Executive and/or* from last sentence
 - CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

It was proposed that the committee of the Western Underwater Dive Club revise and update the clubs constitution and present for ratification at the next Annual General Meeting. This was Moved by Steve, Seconded by George and carried. Bruce made a special thank you to the outgoing committee for their contributions over the last 12 months.

MEETING CLOSED: 10.58pm

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Dive Trips - If it is wet – Dive It!

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The summer season tis upon us! We can get you diving at the Aldermans, Northland / Bay of Islands, Poor Knights and Twin Wrecks every weekend! Mid week options available as well!! Ring Shop to book.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Fri 1 st	Gt Barrier	Apollo	Leigh	\$125
Sat 2 nd	Hen & Chicks	Apollo	Leigh	\$125
Sun 3 rd	Gt Barrier	Apollo	Leigh	\$125
Wed 6 th NZ Day	Mokohinaus	Apollo	Leigh	\$125
Thu 7 th	Hen & Chicks	Apollo	Leigh	\$125
Fri 8 th	Sail Rock/Hen Is	Apollo	Leigh	\$105
*W/End 9th & 10th	Bay of Islands	Northland Dive	Cowshed	\$244
Fri 22 nd	Night Dive	Apollo	Leigh	\$75
Sat 23 rd	Gt Barrier (3 Dives)	Apollo	Leigh	\$150
Sun 24 th	Hen & Chicks	Apollo	Leigh	\$125
Fri 29 th / Sat 30 th	Gt Barrier (2 Days)	Apollo	Leigh	POA

Club weekend At the Cowshed – Northland Dive. April 19th and 20th.

Two nights dorm style accommodation, 2 x breakfasts, 2 x lunches, 1 x dinner, 2 x air fills and 4 dives cost \$244.00. A great value weekend and extra dives, meals and another night accommodation can be added if you wish to stay over on the Sunday night or go earlier and dive on Anzac day as well. Tent sites at a cheaper rate are also available.

The club has booked the entire accommodation for the weekend and can cater for 26 Divers. We need to pay a deposit to hold the accommodation etc and have until late March to confirm numbers going. So don't muck about, book and pay a deposit now to confirm your spot. First in first served. Your deposit is non refundable if you pull out at the last minute unless you arrange another diver to take your place.

❖ Blue Indicates Club Trips.

NB. Each weekend, most of the charter boats operate on a daily basis. Bookings can be taken for singles or groups. (Minimum numbers apply). You can book any of these trips through Dive HQ West Auckland (09 – 8277008) or paul@divehqwest.co.nz or call in and see us at 5 Portage Rd, New Lynn. The trip is the same price regardless of booking through us or by booking direct.

Diver Training

PADI Open Water Dive Course

Structured Price Schedule - Open water Course priced from as little as \$150.00!!!

Evening Class starts Monday 11th February

Evening Class Starts Tuesday 4th March

Weekend Class Starts Friday 15th February

PADI Advanced Open Water Course – Running over one weekend at Northland Dive including accommodation, meals, air fills, boat diving, Padi advanced manuals, tuition and certification. Weekend of 9th & 10th February 2008. Price \$550.00.

TDI Nitrox Course

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PADI Rescue Diver Course

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- ❖ Dive HQ West Auckland is an approved delivery site of EMP NZ ltd – The Academy.

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Committee Contacts and Club Rules

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General Rules:

1. No club member shall put the Club's name in disrepute.
2. The Committee reserves the right to terminate the membership of any Club Member who does not conform to Club standards.

Club Trip Rules:

1. Dive Masters / Dive Controllers must be obeyed at all times by all persons on a Club Trip.
2. Divers diving on a Club trip must be qualified through a recognised diver-training program.
3. Maximum dive depth allowed on Club Trips is 30 metres unless prior arrangement is made with the Dive Master / Dive Controller. Maximum with Dive Masters / Dive Controllers permission with proper safety equipment is 39 metres.
4. All persons must abide by Fisheries regulations when on Club trips.
5. Payment on Club dive trips:
Day trips to be paid in full at time of booking
Weekend or extended trips require a 25% deposit at the time of booking with the balance to be paid at least 2 days prior to departure.
Refunds will only be made if the trip is cancelled.

House Rules:

1. All persons entering the Clubrooms shall be card-holding members.
2. A current card-holding club member must sign in guests coming into the Clubrooms. The club member then accepts responsibility for the behaviour of their guest(s).
3. Under licensing regulations, the Duty Manager must be obeyed.
4. There is to be no alcohol brought into the Clubrooms.

The committee reserves the rights to amend these rules as necessary.

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SATURDAY	9:00AM - 5:00PM
SUNDAY	9:00AM - 12:00 NOON

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