



# S L A T E



"VOICE OF THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL"

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## "SEASONS GREETINGS"

from all your Council Officers and the Staff  
of the Slate

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

I've heard some mixed reactions to my previous editorial, justifiably so. I wasn't saying that all Council Officers were negligent in their duties but if the shoe fits, wear it.

I feel that we are on the right track back to an active Council with good sportsmanship and more reliable communications.

REMEMBER - All V.P.'s get your reports in by the 15th of each month. Best wishes for a happy holiday season to you all.

Dick Wilgus  
804 N. High  
Longview, Texas

### ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

January 26, 27, 1973  
Gar Rodeo-non-sanctioned  
Caddo Lake  
Curleys Camp  
Ark-La-Tex Divers

February 2, 3, 1973  
SWC Convention  
Sponsored by Lawton  
Divers, Lawton,  
Oklahoma.  
Montego Bay Motel  
Details elsewhere  
in this issue.

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AREA 3 REPORT

The activities of Area 3 are similar to those of the Council. Non-existent--at least as far as I know. My area for the information of the whole - and slightly undefined - is that area in Dallas, west of Harry Hines Blvd. and east of Highway 820 in Ft. Worth. After considering the exceptions, I wound up with 3 clubs; Aqua Sports, Grand Prairie, and American Airlines.

I have received nothing, heard nothing, and thanks to our excellent communications system (past) know nothing. If you are a member, officer, or forgotten diver somewhere in this Area, and wish to contribute to my enlightenment and for the benefit and/or non-benefit of the Council - let's hear from you.

My address, 1645 Priscilla Dr., Irving, Texas 75061

Mr. Wilgus wants information--let's give him some.

Jim Kitterman  
Area 3 V.P.  
NAUI 2679

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL CONVENTION  
FEBRUARY 2nd and 3rd - LAWTON, OKLA.

Location: Montego Bay Motel

Prices:

Pre Registration \$23.00 couple  
12.00 single

Registration fee (at door) \$25.00 couple  
(Covers all activities) 12.50 single

Luncheon Only 10.00 couple  
5.00 single

Banquet & Dance only 15.00 couple  
7.50 single

Bingo & Brunch included in  
Registration Fee

Accommodations:

Montego Bay Motel

Rates: 14.00 single  
18.00 double  
25.00 suite

Other motels available  
within 1 mile 8.32 single  
10.40 double

Schedule of Events:

Friday night: Registration - 6:00-10:00 P.M.  
Mixer Party in Club Room - 8:00 P.M.

(drinks furnished)

Saturday: Finish up Regis-

tration 7:30-9:00 A.M.  
Business Meeting 9:00-12:00 A.M.

1:00-5:00 P.M.

Awards Banquet 7:00-9:00 P.M.  
Dance 9:00-2:00 P.M.

(BYOB, Set ups furnished)

LADIES

Brunch 9:00-10:30 A.M.

Bingo 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Any questions concerning time, registration fee or any other activities, please contact:  
Lawton Diving Club  
2409 N. 6th  
Lawton, Oklahoma

## LEGAL ASPECTS OF UNDERWATER INSTRUCTION

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The National Association of Underwater Instructors has released the second in a series of technical papers relating to diving and diving instruction. This 44 page booklet is entitled the "Legal Aspects of Underwater Instruction." Written by five noted attorneys, the 45,000 word publication contains five different articles dealing with areas of law such as: Liability Insurance, Waivers and Releases, Good Samaritan Statutes, Negligence, Aid in Emergencies, Defense of a Legal Action, Assumption of Risk, Products Liability, Contributory Negligence, Damages, Special Situations, Minors, Advance Legal Planning, and much more.

Four of the authors are certified NAUI Instructors. All speak from experience and with a broad background in terms divers can understand. If you are an underwater instructor, diving equipment retailer, officer of a club or council, dive master, swimming pool operator or administrator of underwater instruction programs, you will need this book.

If you offer services to the public through clubs, dive stores, schools, YMCA, or on your own, it is vital that you are aware of the legal implications. You need to know how you can plan your actions as well as to react in case of a law suit. If you are involved, it is vital that you are informed.

Because of NAUI's unique position in the field of diving, it is essential that these kinds of publications be made available to the diving public. Since NAUI was formed in 1960, it has become an international organization of instructor members in 18 countries. During the years, NAUI has earned a worldwide reputation for the highest quality diving instruction. NAUI is the largest diver education organization in the world. Over 2800 instructors have been certified and they in turn, are certifying more than 53,000 divers per year. NAUI is the *only* tax exempt, non-profit, educational organization of professional underwater instructors devoted solely to safe diving instruction.

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Colton, Ca. 92324

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE FEBRUARY 2nd & 3rd CONVENTION MUST BE IN BY JANUARY 1.**

Send to: Ben Sleight  
1621 Mayflower  
Irving, Texas 75060

## ACCIDENT REPORTING

DATELINE: Los Angeles, California

The National Association of Underwater Instructors, NAUI, has announced that it is launching an International Diving Accident Reporting System. Arthur Ullrich, NAUI General Manager, stated in an interview that their dedication to diving safety had prompted the move of this international, non-profit, tax-exempt, educational association of professional diving instructors into this field of accident reporting, investigation and dissemination of accident data.

Ullrich further stated this project will call on the assistance of the more than 2,000 NAUI Instructors as well as Instructors of other affiliation, dive boat operators, dive stores, local law enforcement officials, and many other groups. He further stated the project would be under the direction of Ralph Singer, who has been working on diving accident reporting and investigation in the Southern California area for the past two years.

It is believed that by using the information contained in these accident reports, NAUI will be able to inaugurate many safety improvements and refinements in the field of recreational diving.

Ullrich stated that NAUI, Under Project Director Singer, will publish an annual statistical analysis of these reports and would publish more frequently, those matters which are believed to be immediately necessary for diving safety.

For more information on the International Diving Accident Investigation Project, contact NAUI Headquarters, 22809 Barton Road, Grand Terrace (Colton), California 92324, phone (714) 783-1862.

FREE

A two-page "FACT SHEET FOR WOMEN DIVERS (AND MEN WHO ARE INTERESTED)" suitable for copying is available now to instructors. It is designed to answer questions that women hesitate to ask their instructor. Just write Judy Crouch, 4718 Maple Ave., Dallas, Texas 75219.

**TEXAS GAR RODEO - JIM CLARK  
MEMORIAL - December 10, 1972**

The 5th Jim Clark Memorial Texas Gar Rodeo hosted again by the ETA and sponsored by the SWC was just completed at Caddo Lake, Uncertain, Texas.

We are grateful for the good participation in this popular spearfishing event. Divers from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and even as far as Illinois gathered again to compete for trophies and points leading to the SWC championship. Where were the divers from Missouri? We missed you Bob Ovary, Jerry Belyew and Bennie Haskell.

The weather god was not too friendly with us because he chilled the water to 40°F and let it rain continuously. In spite of those uncomfortable circumstances, several divers proved they could overcome the difficulties and land a number of nice gar.

The new 1972 Jim Clark Memorial Champion is Ben Sleight with a 52 pound aggregate gar weight. The largest gar was brought in by Lonnie Shelton (33 lbs.) followed by Ben Sleight with a 32 pounder, Bruce Mays with a 28 pounder and Robert Swilley with a 21 pounder. The team trophies went to Ben Sleight and Wayne Mathewson (1st place - 71 lbs. of gar), Robert and James Swilley (2nd place - 56 lbs.) and George Beach and Bruce Mays (3rd place - 48 lbs.) The new novice champion is Charles Byrd with a 20 lb. gar.

We had 69 entries including two ladies. It is my pleasure to thank everybody who participated and to offer my congratulations to those who won. My special admiration goes to Linda Sohns and Cheryl Hubenak, the two ladies who preferred to dive in ice cold water instead of drinking coffee in Curley's Lodge.

See you next year.

Horst Seeger

**GAR RODEO RESULTS**

**LARGEST GAR:**

1. Lonnie Shelton	33 lbs.
2. Ben Sleight	32 lbs.
3. Bruce Mays	29 lbs.
4. Robert Swilley	21 lbs.
5. Charles Byrd	20 lbs.
6. Wayne Mathewson	11 lbs.

DIVERS ENTERED - 69

**TEAM STANDINGS**

1. Ben Sleight-Wayne Mathewson	71 lbs.
2. Robert Swilley-James Swilley	56 lbs.
3. George Beach-Bruce Mays	48 lbs.
4. Lonnie Shelton-David Walsworth	33 lbs.

TEAMS ENTERED - 38

**BIGGEST AGGREGATE WEIGHT  
(SINGLE DIVER)**

1. Ben Sleight-J.C.M. Champ	52 lbs.
2. Robert Swilley	47 lbs.
3. Bruce Mays	43 lbs.
4. Lonnie Shelton	33 lbs.

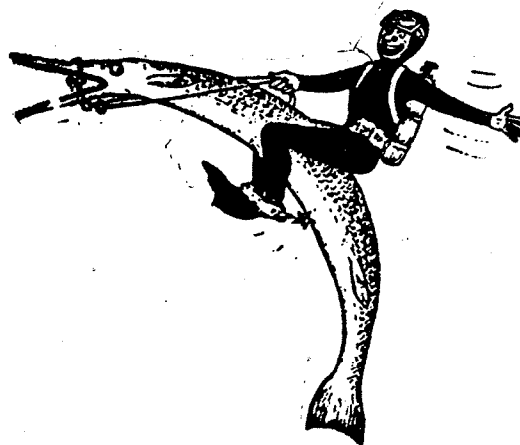
**NOVICE  
(LARGEST GAR)**

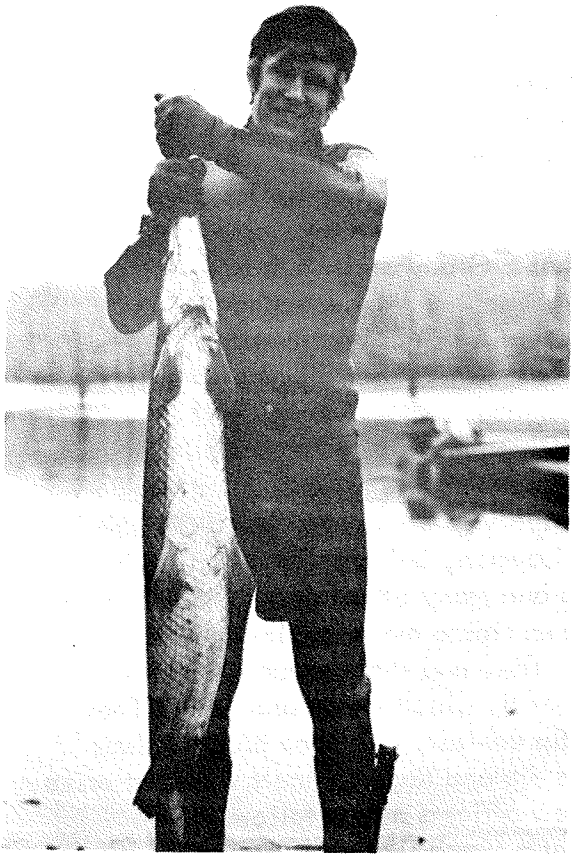
1. Charles Byrd-Novice Champ	20 lbs.
2. Steven Ogle	5 lbs.

NOVICE DIVERS ENTERED - 18

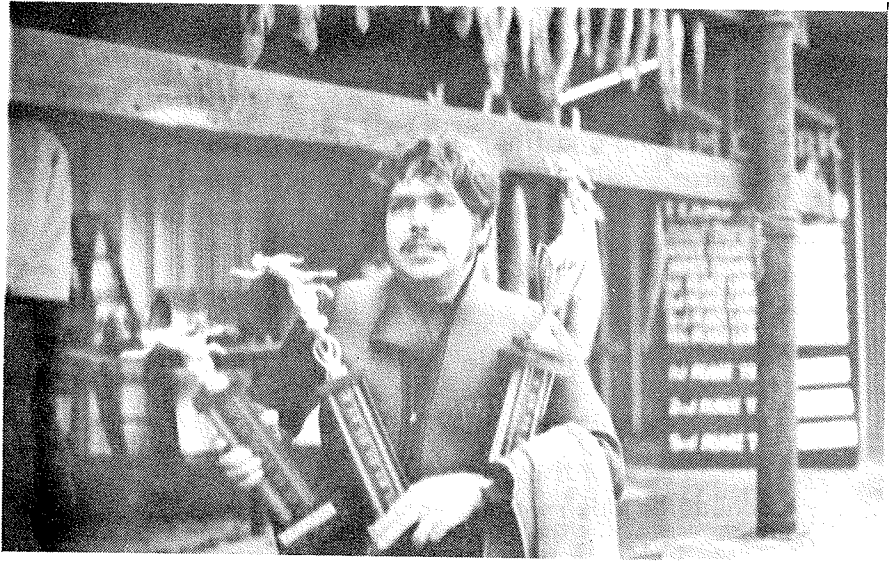
**MOST GAR**

1. Robert Swilley	12
2. James Swilley	6
3. Bruce Mays	6
4. George Beach	4





Lonnie Shelton, largest gar 33 lbs.



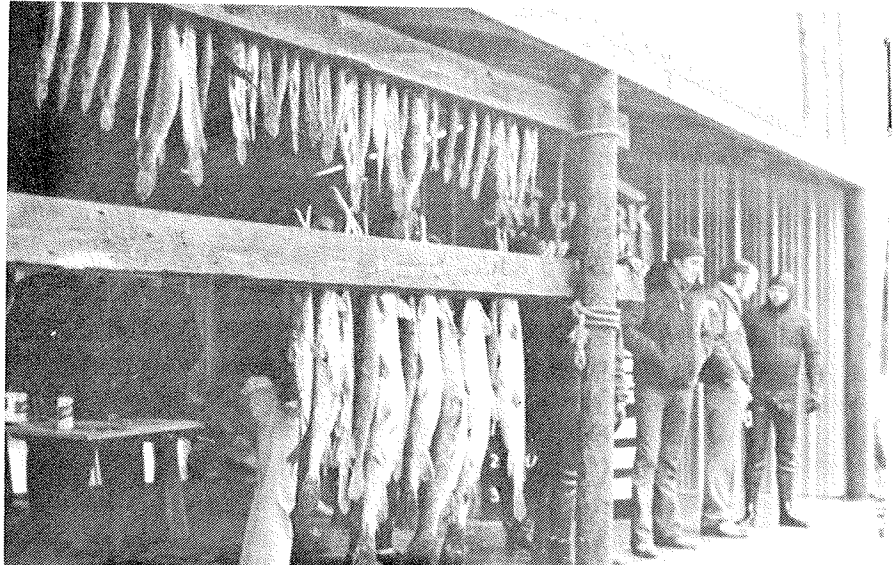
Ben Sleigh - 2nd lgst. - 1st Team - Jim Clark Mem. Champ  
(Damn it's cold)



All winners at Texas Gar Rodeo



Robert Swilley 4th lgt. & most gar - 12



Gar taken at Caddo during Jim Clark Memorial

FINAL SCIP/NAUI CROSSOVER COURSE

by: Judy Crouch

The second and final SCIP/NAUI Crossover Course was held in Houston on December 8, 9 and 10. Certifying NAUI officials were Larry Cushman and Bill Schroeder.

The heated pool at Scuba, Inc., made the water work very comfortable in wet suits. However, the sleet and snow that fell on the brave instructors as they climbed the 40-ft. tank were ignored. The tank exercises were substituted for the scheduled open-water teaching experience.

The four standard NAUI ICC exams were included in the program. SCIP Instructors also gave two classroom lectures. The NAUI staff at this course matched the number of candidates present.

The eleven SCIP Instructors certified are A.E. Blood, Bill Bresett, Lynn Bresett, Judy Crouch, Hub Dungan, Nyle Everitt, Bill Faber, Elbert Jackson, Paul Oberle, Jim Syling and Richard Wilkins.

AREA 1 REPORT

Well after the little slam that all the officers received in the last Slate, I will apologize for my report if it will help. I wrote and sent in three different reports this year and I never got a report published in the Slate yet, so here I go again.

LHDM Diving Club has had a good year of diving with plenty of diving and parties. They had a Halloween party at Phillip Rodriguez's home and it was a big success with Geraldine as a guest. She had a ball too. They also had a pizza party at Shotgun Sam's.

The new officers for 1973 are as follows:  
President - Phillip Rodriguez  
Vice President - Tom Erwin  
Secretary - Jean Rodriguez  
Treasurer - Earl Rhodd

Area 1 Report Con't

Texins Divers have been real active in the dive contest and trips to the Gulf and places. Texins will have their X-mas party January 13 to give out year end club trophies. The club's new officers are as follows :

- President - Grady Sells
- Vice President - Wayne Mathewson
- Secretary - Carolyn Weatherman
- Treasurer - Ken Snider

Dallas Divers have already started plans for their trip to the Grand Cayman in May. Most of the club's divers have been to Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Belize, Cabo San Lucas and Panama and many other places. Some members have been riding motor cycles and some off skiing. They had their annual X-mas party December 8, which was a real ball. They had a dip contest, everyone brought their favorite dip and Roger Bennett won first prize. The new officers are as follows:

- President - Gene Gall
- Vice President - Frank Beatle
- Sec.-Treas. - Judy Crouch

Knight Divers are busy training new divers. Dan Fletcher is president.

I want to thank all my clubs for making my year very nice with a lot of parties and diving. Thank you all so much. So let's all work together and make the convention a big success and let's try and get more women involved in diving next year.

Thank you

Wayne Mathewson  
Area #1

ELECT  
Helen Crawford  
for  
S.W.C. Secretary  
1973

ELECT  
Charles Crawford  
for  
Editor of The S.W.C. Slate  
1973

I have been a S.W.C. member for two years, have not failed to miss a contest in four years, have served as Secretary of The Argonauts Diving Club the past two years and re-elected for 1973. I have kept the minutes of the Council on several occasions in the absence of the Secretary. I am more than willing to accept this responsibility and shall extend my capabilities to be as efficient as possible, if elected.

I would like to announce my candidacy for Editor of The Slate. As a member of The S.W.C. for the past four years, President of The Argonauts this past year, re-elected for 1973, have served as Area #7 V.P. this past year and an active diver, I have not failed to communicate with the Council. I realize the communications of The Council depend largely upon the management and publication of The Slate. I will exhaust all means available to me to publish and distribute The Slate, monthly, to each individual member.

We will appreciate your support.  
A paid Political advertisement.

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#### AREA #7 REPORT

#### SUPPORT OUR COUNCIL

We urge you to represent your Area by sending your Proxy delegate votes if unable to attend the Convention. All matters of the S.W.C. Council and Convention are your concern.

In the last issue of the Slate and Executive Board meeting the Executive Officers were the target of ridicule of which all were not at fault.

All of you should realize from your experiences in your own clubs, that in order for the officers to function they need the support of the membership. I would like to see the membership of our Council stand together with our Officers, let's revive the dignity of our Council.

The Lawton Area now has four clubs, which are in the Council for 1973. The Lawton Divers, The Argonauts, The Helldivers (the Coot, a water fowl), The Little Gem Scuba Club (fine cut and highly polished).

The Lawton Divers have received the bid for the '73 Convention to be held in Lawton, Oklahoma at the Montego Bay Motel located at Gore Blvd. and the Pioneer Expressway west of Lawton. They have a fine schedule arranged which all of you will enjoy. Give them your support and attendance. The East Texas Aquanauts held the Jim Clark Memorial again this past weekend. There were not as many Gar brought in as last year but they had a good turnout and a fine contest. The Argonauts held their annual awards banquet Dec. 16th at Lew Johnsons' restaurant. The awards were given for working at club contests, attending S.W.C. contests, and acquiring new members. The awards were as follows:

1. Grover Barfield, \$20.00 - 2. Charles Crawford, \$10.00 - 3. Helen Crawford, \$10.00 -
4. Kirk Anthony, \$5.00. Trophies for club achievements were given as follows: 1. Roger Whitaker,
2. Kirk Anthony, 3. Bill Hagmier. The clubs in Area #7 wish you the best of New Years.

Charles Crawford, Area #7, V.P.

SUGGESTION FOR THE MEMBERSHIP  
by - A Concerned Member

This past year has again pointed out the need for greater control for our organization. We all are not above casting criticism on the individuals who do, or do not do, their jobs. We all have at one time or another tried to do our best only to be awakened at midnight to the gruff complaints of a late caller who could have waited a few more hours. However, to cast criticism, or be awakened has little to do with the overall actual need of this organization.

What do we as an organization need --- guaranteed communication - I think someone responsible for making sure that the advertisements are collected, news is gathered, and the newsletter is published is sorely needed. How do we go about obtaining this individual? Pay Them, few societies, businesses, or non-profit organizations can be successfully operated on a free basis. We should know---look how many years we've been hitting the same wall. We elect good people that are at least satisfactory to the majority -- then we turn on them -- demanding time, constantly criticizing, and seldom saying "thank you". Would you be an officer under these conditions?

Time limits many who would like to do a better job, and few are stout hearted enough for a second term - do you blame them - who's turn is it in "Hell" next year?

I suggest the membership consider the possibility of finding a small advertising firm, or individual, who for a nominal fee, accept the position of an Executive Secretary/Treasurer. This should be considered at the next convention.

This position would be a non-voting member of the Board and should be allowed a percentage, over and above an established salary, for the advertisement obtained for the Slate. Thru this method the Treasurers report, points standings, advertising, and interesting articles pertaining to Diving could be published with or without the club, or VP reports.

Add to this the possibility of a Classified Section which, for a nominal rate, would allow you to get rid of the unwanted diving gear, car, boat or camping equipment. What better market would you have. This would help in equating the profit/loss position of the Slate.

That's my idea --- consider it --- change it --- but look at the problem realistically --- we must do something to survive ---

What are your thoughts --- is it worth a try?

Editor's Note -

This idea or a similar plan has been discussed before, but was opposed for various reasons. Personally, I think it the only way the Council will ever make much headway and maintain its composure. Let's all consider it seriously and have it on the agenda for the February Convention.

Dick

## EXECUTIVE V.P. REPORT COUNCIL POINT STANDINGS

Another contest year has come to a close with the Caddo Contest at Uncertain, Texas, sponsored by The East Texas Aquanauts. Other than cold weather, the contest went well.

Hopefully, with the last Executive meeting and a new year coming up, many problems have been solved to give both harmony with a firm and less questionable understanding of rule. As for the Council spearfishing results, I hope with the Slate in new hands, I hope points standings can now be published each issue.

The results for the year are:

1. Matt Wiley	49	IDA	11. Grover Barfield	18	Argonauts
2. George Beach	49	Lawton	12. Wayne Williams	17	IDA
3. Bruce Mays	38	Lawton	13. Doyle Pennington	17	Lawton
4. Dennis Corcoran	34	IDA	14. Mike Beach	17	Lawton
5. Charles Crawford	31	Argonauts	15. James Permentie	16	IDA
6. Wayne Mathewson	27	Texins	16. Tommy Jourden	15	Orca Tamers
7. Ben Sleigh	26	LHDM	17. Mike Kornegay	15	Orca Tamers
8. Jim McAnally	22	Lawton	18. Robert Lochey	13	Texins
9. Ron Walters	20	IDA	19. Chuck Joyner	12	Lawton
10. Jack Eckhart.	19	LTV	20. Jim Sanders	11	Texins

Ladies Division:

1. Jane Hudgspeth	17	Orca Tamers
2. Carolyn Weatherman	15	Texins
3. Cheryl Hubenak	12	IDA
4. Carla Wilson	11	Orca Tamers

Novice of the Year:

1. Charles Byrd	18	IDA
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Hats off to novice Charlie Byrd who went into the Gar Rodeo in a three way tie with Tommy Jourden and Darrell Matthews who all fought a tough battle, but lost to Charlie's 20 lb. gar. I am glad to report the novice program seems to be a success.

There were seven novices with a 90% attendance record for the year with a small point spread of 18 to 10 points. This probably means more competition this year.

As I was reminded last year by the ladies at the convention, I would hope the council can afford to send a ladies team to the international competition. Ladies teams contribute about \$50.00 per year in entry fees and have not sent a team in the seven years I have been in the council. Can we help them??

After the dive, an executive meeting was held, where several well taken points were heard. One I consider most important that all executive minutes be published in the Slate or be furnished to each executive officer, not in attendance to pass on to members of his area. Also that each Executive officer be notified in advance of all scheduled meetings, with a request if not able to attend that they send their proxy to complete a forum. Don't forget to have your agenda in to the president by Jan. 1 for the convention. Support your council and the host club, attend the convention.

Dennis Corcoran, Executive V.P. - S.W.C.

## AREA #6 REPORT

The 1972 Gar Rodeo held at Caddo Lake, December 10th is history now, but it was a successful event. The details will appear in the Slate but much credit goes to Horst Seeger, the chairman of the contest and also to Dick Wilgus, Ernie Grider, Kenneth Williams and Bill Hutto. These divers helped weigh in, tabulate, and record the fish as they were brought in. The Ark-La-Tex Divers won their share of the Rodeo trophies as they took back to Louisiana about four awards including the largest Gar of the competition. Lonnie Shelton was the man who did that.

An Area #6 Dive is in the making. This will be a Gar Rodeo between the Ark-La-Tex Divers and the Aquanauts and it will be held at Lake Bistineau, Louisiana. The plans now call for it to take place on the second weekend in January. Bill Berger and Bill Hutto, the presidents of the two clubs involved, are working out the final details and will announce it to all members in the near future.

The Ark-La-Tex Divers will hold a Gar Rodeo at Caddo Lake, January 26. This will not be a sanctioned dive, but everyone is urged to make it as this is going to be a yearly event and next year it will be sanctioned. Much work has gone into the preparation of this event and we all want to see it come off well.

Cap Blood and Paul Oberle, SCIP instructors from Area #6, recently took the NAUI cross-over exams. They both tied for the highest class scores and received pins attesting to their ability.

Jack Elliott  
V.P. Area #6

### Fellow Divers & Council Members:

The Lawton Diving Club would like to express our sincere appreciation to all our good friends who supported our bid for the convention. We will look forward to having you in Lawton for a fine convention.

Members of our club have been asked time and again at every contest this year exactly what our beef with the executive committee and our representation to this committee was all about. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the incidents that have occurred this year. For those of you who attended the executive meeting at Caddo, I am sure you noticed the amount of support given us by the men elected to represent and aid us in these meetings. When the vote on the location of the convention was taken, our area vice-president would not vote in favor of us. He abstained! This is the shoddy type of representation the Lawton Diving Club has had to put up with all year long. Another point of interest is the so called executive meeting held at Possum Kingdom on the night before the Argonauts Charity Dive. The purpose of this meeting was to vote on the Women's Diving Club of Lawton to membership in the Southwest Council. The flagrant disregard of Article V, Section 9 of the Southwest Council Constitution was later to become so obvious to the Lawton Diving Club as to approach humor, were it not so sad that I actually have officers of this caliber serving the council. There was no written notice of the meeting as required, and in several cases, not even an oral notice. In truth, the only members of the committee who knew of the meeting were members against the Women's Diving Club of Lawton joining the council. At this meeting, the attempt of the Women's Diving Club of Lawton to join the council was called, and I quote, "a political move by the Lawton Diving Club to gain more power in the council." Now, ladies and gentlemen, comes the real kicker. At the executive committee meeting at Caddo, there were two other clubs from Lawton admitted to the council. One, the Helldivers, we knew of and are in full support of these military divers. The other, Little Gems Diving Club of Lawton, we were completely unaware of and caught totally by surprise by its very existence. It wasn't until we left Caddo that the full realization of this bit of skull duggery hit home. At this writing, all that we can find out about the Little Gems Diving Club of Lawton is that in reality, it is a phantom club of the Argonauts instituted for the sole purpose of voting strength. There were not submitted to the committee a list of ten names nor a full slate of officers. Yet, this phantom club was whole heartedly accepted

AREA TWO REPORT

and unquestioned by the very same officers who had the audacity to accuse the Lawton Diving Club of instituting a club for political power.

This my friends is only a small part of the proceedings this year which has so disgusted me with the officers of the Southwest Council.

I want to explain that this is not a criticism of the entire executive Committee, but rather an effort to bring to the attention of all members of the council what type of leadership the committee as well as the entire council has been submitted to. All of these things must be ironed out at the convention this year if the Southwest Council is to survive. I cannot stress enough the importance of each member's attendance at the convention this year.

Gene Daniel, Secretary  
Lawton Diving Club

All of the clubs in this area had a good and full year of diving activities. The Inland Divers and Orca Tamers Clubs were lucky to have a documentary film, slide show and lecture to end the year. The show was presented by George and Luana Marler. They are former members of the Inland Divers, and the Southwest Council. They live and own a dive shop on Peter Island and the Island of Tortola, in the British Virgin Islands. The 1973 year promises to be even better for diving. The Gulf State Divers Club started the first day of the new year with an enjoyable dive in Benbrook Lake. The Orca Tamers are organizing non-spearfishing activities in their club. These are a compass run, scuba exchange, and buddy breathing. The events coincide with the Underwater Society's competition in the nationals. This may lead to council wide competition. Chuck Attichison, of the Orca Tamers, and his family have moved to the British Virgin Islands. He is working on the island of Virgin Gorda and living on the island of Tortola. Let's have 100% turnout of all SWC members at the convention in Lawton Oklahoma. Matt Wiley, Area 2 V.P.

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TREASURER'S REPORT 8-31-72 to 10-31-72

Cash on Hand 8-31-72		\$2,712.42
<u>Deposits</u>		
1. Dues	\$ 60.00	
2. 52 Contest Entries (Orca Tamers Dive)	78.00	
Total Deposits	\$ 138.00	138.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$2,850.42
<u>Disbursements</u>		
1. Stamps for Sec. of SWC	\$ 2.00	
2. Debit-check returned	8.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 10.00	( 10.00)
Cash on Hand 10-31-72		\$2,840.42
Cash on Hand 10-31-72		\$2,840.42
Deposits - none		
Disbursements - none		
Cash on Hand 11-31-72		<u>\$2,840.42</u>

These reports are made in accordance with my bank statements.

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