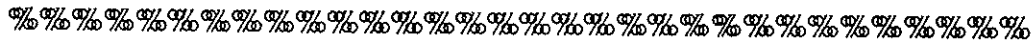


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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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By the way of introduction, I am Hank Silver of Dallas. My service to the council is a great challenge and a privilege. My hope for the year is above all, safety for all the diving fraternity. I believe "diving" is really "surfacing" when one gets down to the basics, and I pray all of you who dive this year, wherever it is, "surface safely".

In the last few years I have had the pleasure of being the President of the Dallas Divers dive club, and a greater pleasure I can't imagine. I hope that my administration is as pleasant in Council circles. This year begins with accord on all sides, due to the healthy convention just concluded. It will stay peaceful. We are a council of clubs, made up of adults with a common interest. Very few of us derive our living from diving; it serves as a leisure activity, a hobby, if you will. Therefore it behooves us to act adult at all times, keeping our diving activities in perspective. If dirty politics, spitefulness, and childishness prevails at our events and meetings, then I will have failed.

I didn't mean to get so serious, but I am dedicated to harmony this year in the Council. At the same time I'm going to ask each one of you to be on the alert for "shady practices" by instructors and dive shops in our area. I have an abiding yen to get unprofessional operators out of this activity for the good of all divers and prospective divers, for their naiveté can cause death to themselves.

My closing thought for this piece is most important to me. My phone is AC 214-358-5757 after 6 P.M. or 231-6561 before that if you have anything of any importance at all to call to the Council's attention, any gripe, any suggestion, any news, please call me or write c/o Silver Marine Sales, 634 S. Central Expressway, Richardson, Texas 75080. I want to hear from you.

This year I pledge that the Council will be concerned with Safety, Integrity, Harmony, and Communication. Your convention has elected a fine team to administer the Council for you. They are all volunteers in a sense. Help them do their job. Offer help or criticism to your Area VP, but be involved.

Hank Silver

NOTICE:

Please let me know, if you have not already done so, the following: I have no list of the 1973 Officers nor the dates or places of meetings for the following Clubs: Texins, LTV, Aquasports, Orca Tamers, Lone Star Divers, and Midland Dune Divers. Please forward these as soon as possible and I will try to make your meeting at least once a year.

Thanks,

Hank

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

<u>Contest Schedule</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Title/Location</u>	<u>Lake</u>
March 3-4	Ark-La-Tex Aquanauts -	Gar Hunt	Bistineau
* March 17-18	LHDM	Sandy Beach	Possum Kingdom
* April 7-8	IDA	Buffalo Blast	Possum Kingdom
* May 5-6	Texins	Sandy Beach LCRA Park	Travis
* May 26-27	Argonauts	Sandy Beach	Possum Kingdom
* June 16-17	Am. Airlines	Sandy Beach	Possum Kingdom
* August 4-5	Orca Tamers	Sandy Beach	Possum Kingdom
* Sept. 1-2	Lawton Divers	-----To Be Announced-----	
* Dec. 8-9	East Tex Aquanauts	Jim Clark Gar Rodeo	Caddo - Curleys Camp
* Council Sanctioned			

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TEXINS CLUB REPORT

The Texins Divers are well in the swing of things this year. Our President is Grady Sells, Vice President is Wayne Mathewson, Secretary Carolyn Weatherman, Treasurer Ken Snider. We had our annual dance in January and it was a smashing success. The band did a marvelous job to please our Judy Ogle. The Top Divers of the Texins this year are Larry Solmer, Ralph Pope, and Bob Lackey and Carolyn Weatherman.

We have several trips planned for the coming year but the one most talked about is the one planned for May to Grand Cayman. The annual training course is ready to start February 22, with Alan Luxem as Training Director. See you at the dives.

Texins Secretary
Carolyn Weatherman

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If each council member will follow the six simple suggestions, we'll have one of the best Newsletters going.

For those of you who didn't attend the convention in Lawton, I want to notify you that we are going to have two different kinds of mailings for the "Slate". Anyone wishing to receive the "Slate" via 1st class mail send \$1.00 and your name, address and zip code and your copy will go 1st class all year, saving you anywhere from 3 to 5 days delivery time.

I also want to point out the revised new advertising rates on the next page (pg. 5). There was an error made on all the rates printed in the December issue.

As for the 15th deadline, it is somewhat flexible. Get any information in as close to the 15th as you can. If it is late, we'll do our best to get it in. It all depends on the state of printing we are in, number of pages we're set up for, size of the article, etc. Send it regardless of the date - it sure won't get printed if you don't mail it. We will appreciate things being typed as it cuts down on cost to the Council and eliminates errors in re-doing handwritten articles. Single space is preferred with 1" margins.

As we pledged at the convention, we are going to do our best to have an issue out within a few days of the 1st of each month.

Let's all get out and sell some ads and support the newsletter we all can be proud of. If anyone has any suggestions, be sure to let me know. If you have any pictures to be printed send black and white glossy prints, we can use some color pictures if they are bright and have good color contrast.

Dick Wilgus, Editor

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AREA 6 REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Aquanauts and the Ark-La-Tex Divers for voting me their Area Vice-President. I hope to serve them and the council in a way deserving of their confidence.

Area 6 had eight representatives to attend the Convention, and from all reports everyone was extremely pleased with the food, facilities, and "entertainment." So from all of us in Area 6, we would like to commend the Lawton Divers for a job well done. We hope to be able to return to Lawton again sometime soon.

The Ark-La-Tex Divers had their Annual Gar Rodeo on Caddo Lake, January 28. There weren't many fish taken and the water was cold, but everyone seemed to have a good time. Jay Zornes of the Texans took home 4 of the eleven trophies, including 1st and 2nd largest. So that goes to prove the OSGAR is up for grabs once again.

The Aquanauts and Ark-La-Tex Divers are again planning a gar dive between the two Area 6 clubs. This will be held on Lake Bistineau on the first weekend in March. We hope to have a good turn out from both clubs, with a lot of gar taken. This will be the last chance for us to spear gar before we start getting ready for the season of Sanctioned dives coming up this summer. We are hoping to have more participating from Area 6 this year in all the contest. We all need to support the council as much as possible. So we hope to see everyone at Possum Kingdom in March.

Robert Swilley
Area 6
Vice President

In a meeting today with representatives of the U.S. Bureau of Sportfishing and Wildlife, California Department of Fish and Game, and organized sports skindivers, Dr. Amin Zarur Menez, Officer in Charge of the San Diego office of the Mexican Government Fish Commission made the following announcements:

1. The Coronado Islands are again opened to skindiving, including SCUBA and snorkeling. Spearfishing and the taking of game by divers, however, is prohibited. This follows a nine month closure where all skindiving had been prohibited in the Islands.
2. Spearfishing and the taking of game in other Mexican waters is again allowed. Specific details regarding new bag limits are in work and will be announced in the near future. Dr. Zarur Menez stressed that divers as well as sports fishermen are prohibited from taking lobster, abalone, oysters, shrimp, turtle, pismo clams, totuava and cabrilla. These are reserved for the Mexican Cooperative fishermen.
3. Divers must have a valid Mexican fishing license to dive in Mexican water, including the Coronado Islands.

Dr. Zarur Menez has recently returned from Mexico City where officials have been considering the skindiving aspects of the new Mexican sportfishing regulations to be published soon. In May of 1972, the Commission placed a ban on all diving in the Coronado Islands and the taking of game in Mexican waters. This step was to allow officials time to evaluate problems involving the decline of game in Mexican waters.

The problem first came to light when Scripps Institution of Oceanography was denied its yearly permit to use the Coronado Islands for training exercises of its SCUBA classes. The San Diego Council of Diving Clubs supported by the local diving shops spearheaded a campaign of meetings and letterwriting intended to call attention to the Mexican restrictions, consider the reasoning for such action, and propose solutions which would assist in lifting the restrictions. Support in this area was widespread, involving the Conference of California Councils and the Underwater Society of America.

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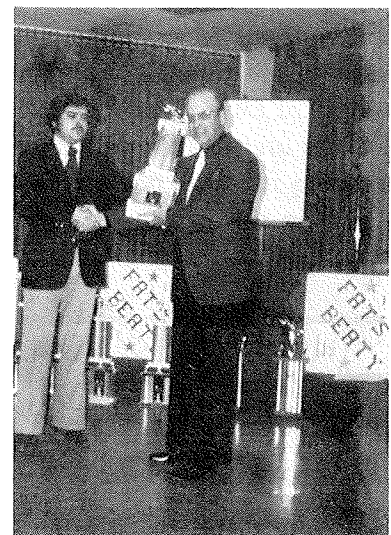
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OUR WORLD - UNDERWATER 1973

"The Deep Challenge"

by Joyce Markstahler

The announcement of the winners of the UNDERWATER SOCIETY OF AMERICA's coveted NOGI Awards and the winners of the Society's Underwater Photographic contest will be announced from the stage of the Third Annual OUR WORLD - UNDERWATER to be held in Chicago on May 4th, 5th and 6th.

OUR WORLD - UNDERWATER seminars, symposium, and film festival is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Metropolitan Council of YMCA Skin and Scuba Diving Clubs and has been designed this year to give all who attend

a "total concept" look at "The Deep Challenge". The entire week-end promises to be an exciting, informative, and entertaining experience.

Festivities begin Friday night, May 4th with a cocktail party-reception honoring this year's 34 outstanding and distinguished guests - among whom will be Dr. Glen Egstrom, Dr. Joseph MacInnis, Paul Tzimoulis, Al Giddings, Dr. William High, Dr. Lee Somers, Ken Brock, Kit and Brooks Fleig, Dick Anderson, Nick Icorn, Dr. Scott Johnson, and many more.

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First of all I would like to thank all of the past officers for a job well done in the S.W.C. I would also like to congratulate all of the new officers of the council. It looks like we have a very good slate of new officers and I am sure we will have an equally good year in diving. Area 1 was very well represented in the new slate of officers in that the President; Vice-President; and Secretary are all from Area 1. Let's get together and make this the best diving year ever.

The area Vice-President's office has been in existence now for two years. It is very helpful too in communication between the Council and the proper area's, whichever area it might be, also between all of the clubs within each area. I would like to thank Wayne Mathewson for the excellent job that has been done for the past two years to get the area Vice-President's where they are today. I feel honored to have been elected as your new Area 1 Vice-President. I am looking forward to attending and meeting all the clubs and club officers in Area 1. I know that Wayne has left me a pair of size 18 shoes to fill, but I think that with everyone's help, we will have another successful year. I know I will be trying.

At the risk of repetition and for the benefit of the new divers, there are five (5) clubs in Area 1. They are in alphabetical order: Dallas Divers; Knight Divers; LHDM Divers; Texins Dallas; and Texins Sherman Divers. I will be reporting to you on a monthly basis the activities and up-coming club events that each club will be hosting or participating in, during the following diving year.

The Dallas Divers are a very active club, more so in photography, and Ocean diving trips, rather than local spearfishing contest. They have some good spearfishermen and plan to participate in more of our contest in the future. Judy Crouch attended a photo seminar in Houston taught by the famous Church's. Although she won top honors in our recent photo contest, she is still trying to learn more. Entertainment was given by Ivy Garrett, a professional photographer from Spanish Honduras. He showed some film of his island in the South Carribean, both above and below water level - excellent - and for a side line while there, you can watch the native women go "skin" diving.

The Knight Divers have a few things going now. They are a small club but are doing big things. On February 24th, they have a booth at a fund raising banquet, if I may call it that. There are several booths and the purpose is to raise money to help support their clubs. Everyone is welcome. They also are starting plans for their annual clean-up dive - more on that in the next issue.

The LHDM Divers have all the plans laid out to host the first S.W.C. sanctioned dive of the year. Here are some particulars: March 17th and 18th at Possum Kingdom's Sandy Beach, 14 men trophies, 2 women trophies, free door prizes. Registration will be all day Saturday and from 7:00 to 8:45 Sunday. Roll call at 8:50 A.M. Dive will start at 9:00 A.M. and end at 1:00 P.M. The fee for the spearfishing contest will be \$4.00. Saturday there will

be a compass run from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. This fee will be \$1.00 per contestant. There will be two prizes awarded for this event. Saturday evening there will be a dinner from 6:00 P.M. on. It will be a sandwich plate plus drink. This will be 75¢ for the first serving and 25¢ for the second serving.

Last year the largest fish was approximately 17 lbs. weighed in at this dive, so it is not too early to find those big ones. Let's everyone make plans to attend this dive.

The Texins are preparing for their annual training program. It is scheduled to start on February 22 and will last about nine weeks. Al Luxem is their new training director, and he is putting the final touches on the program. They are expecting a very good turn out. Ken Snyder had entertainment for February. He showed some slides of a trip that he, Al Luxem and Larry Strickland made to the Florida Keys. They spent five enjoyable days there and had many hours of good diving.

The Sherman Divers are the only club that is of distance from Dallas. I regret to say that I have not made contact with them at this time. I did learn that Bill Favor is teaching about four different classes in the Sherman area. Boy, that sounds like a full time job. Good luck Bill.

Bob Lackey
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AREA II VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since only being elected two weeks ago, I can't report much from Area II. Inland Divers are planning a film festival later in the year. With the permission of the executive board, Inland Divers hope to hold an underwater Scuba Exchange event at the Buffalo Blast at P.K. I hope to meet with Orca Tamers at their next meeting. I would like to give credit to Lawton Divers for a well planned convention this year. As for the business meeting, I think the members could be better informed on their constitution, such as Article XI regarding appeal committee and appeals. I hope to see everyone in March at LHDM Dive.

Dennis Corcoran
Area II, V.P.

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ARK-LA-TEX
GAR RODEO REPORT
HELD JANUARY 28 - CADDO LAKE

The Ark-La-Tex Divers wish to express their sincere thanks to those businesses who contributed merchandise for our door prizes at the rodeo.

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Columbia Distributing _____	Fifth Scotch

Total Number of Divers	54
Total Number of Teams	27
Divers Not Certified	6
Total Number of Clubs Represented	12
Total Number of Fish	17
Total Number of Pounds	21 lbs. 15 oz.

Clubs Represented	
Ark-La-Tex Divers	20 Divers
Hammerhead Divers Club	4 Divers
East Texas Aquanauts	3 Divers
Monroe Scuba Club	4 Divers
Lawton Divers	2 Divers
LHDM	2 Divers
Texins	2 Divers
Thunder Birds	2 Divers
Hell Divers	6 Divers
Okla. Hydronauts	1 Diver
Imperial Divers	4 Divers
Young Men of the Sea	2 Divers
Non Affiliated Divers	2 Divers
Total	54 Divers

Contest Winners	
<u>Largest Gar</u>	
1st Largest	Jay Zornes 2 lbs. 11 oz.
2nd Largest	Jay Zornes 2 lbs. 3 oz.
3rd Largest	David Walsworth 1 lb. 10 oz.
<u>Smallest Gar</u>	Jay Zornes 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.
<u>Team Aggregate</u>	
1st	Jay Zornes Steve Burns 16 lbs. 9 oz.
2nd	David Walsworth Lonnie Shelton 3 lbs. 7-3/4 oz.
3rd	Clint Roseborough Gary Swearengin 1 lb. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

LAWTON, OK.

The annual convention of the Southwest Council of Skin Diving Clubs for 1972 took place February 3-4, 1972 in Lawton, Ok. Hosted by the Lawton Diving Club.

At 9:00 A.M. the meeting was called to order by President Ben Sleigh, who proceeded with the roll call of the Member Clubs. At this time clubs were informed of their number of votes in Southwest Council. There were 15 clubs present with one proxie, that gave a total of 57 votes.

Next on the agenda was the proposed changes to the 1972 Constitution and By-laws. Approved changes to the By-Laws are as follows: ARTICLE VI BASIC DIVING RULES Section (C)

There shall be no electronic devices or any chemical for stunning fish used in any contest. If any contestant has any of the above in his or her possession during the hours of the contest he or she shall be automatically disqualified, regardless of whether or not they have been in use. Submitted by Charles Crawford

Approved to be added to the By-Laws that any divers being under the age of eighteen (18) must be certified to participate in SWC sanctioned contest. Submitted by Wayne Mathewson

Approved to be added to the By-Laws that add the film contest rules to the By-Laws and charge a nominal entry fee for the contest to provide better trophies. The fee being \$2.00 per category. Submitted by Dallas Divers and LHDM

Withdrawn was the proposal, add second place points to the Novice Division because it was already in the By-Laws. Submitted by Wayne Williams IDA

Approved changes to the constitution are as follows:

Approved ARTICLE VIII Section 5 Contest Rules and Events

Each sanctioned contest have a required non-spearfishing event. This event should conform to those events held in National competition, and should be held in a different time frame than the spearfishing. All rules, regulations and requirements regarding safety would also apply. Submitted by James R. Kitterman

Approved ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP SECTION D

Each person holding membership in the SWC cannot hold dual membership in more than one club in the SWC Council during the same time period. Points can only be received thru

one club and one council, towards national points. Entry blank must reflect entrants choice. Submitted by James R. Kitterman

Approved ARTICLE V DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section 9

(B) The executive board meetings consisting of the president, Ex. Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, all Area Vice Presidents, Slate Editor, and Directors shall be closed to the general membership with the exception of one delegate representing each club. (Without Voting) Submitted by Charles Crawford

Approved from the floor that the Editor of the Slate get a \$250 bonus if he publishes 12 issues of the Slate that being from March to March.

Approved from the floor that the minutes of the executive committee be sent to the editor of the Slate within two weeks after a meeting.

Failed was that the ballots cast at any business meeting of the Southwest Council shall be closed ballot, if requested by any one member eligible to cast a vote. Submitted by Charles Crawford

Also to fail was No Southwest Council Member, If being a member of any other Council shall have a vote, delegate vote, or be counted towards a delegate vote in the Southwest Council. Submitted by Charles Crawford

To Fail, That all new members be certified as 1973 participating in SWC Sanctioned Contest. Five Clubs were against. This was brought up from the floor.

There was an appeal brought to the floor by Ed Ralston about points standings for this past year. So after the business meeting this was to be settled and corrected by a committee and corrected by banquet time.

Also discussed in great length was the Slate with hopes that it will be improved greatly this next coming year.

Then nominations for election of officers were in order. Nominated for President was Dennis Corcoran, and Hank Silver. Hank Silver is the new President. Nominated for Ex-Vice President was Dennis Corcoran and Wayne Mathewson. Wayne is the New Ex-Vice President. Nominated for Secretary was Carolyn Weatherman and Helen Crawford. Carolyn is the Secretary. Nominated for Treasurer was Kay Kornegay, she won by acclamation. Nominated for Slate Editor was Dick Wilgus and Charles Crawford and Dick Wilgus won. Matt Wiley was nominated Public Relations and won by acclamation. The Area Clubs got together and voted on their new area Vice Presidents and they are as follows: Area I Bob Lackey, Area II Dennis Corcoran, Area III Elbert Jackson, Area VI Robert Swiley, Area VII Charles Wright.

Next on the agenda was to nominate and vote by secret ballot The Diver of the year award. Jim Kitterman nominated Carolyn Weatherman. It was seconded and the nominations ceased and she was the Diver of the year. Then the Service Award. Nominated for this was Dennis Corcoran and Wayne Mathewson, this was a secret ballot and it was announced at the banquet that Dennis Corcoran won the award. We then set the dates on the contest for the up coming year.

Then the annual business meeting came to an adjournment.

SWC SECRETARY,

Carolyn Weatherman

I want to express my thanks to the Lawton Divers for a most successful Convention, maybe not money wise to their club but it was a success. The cocktail party was one of the best I have ever attended and the drinks were good and plentiful. The Hosts were great. The business meeting facilities were adequate and the banquet was enjoyable. The band was one of the best I have ever danced to. You know they say the Okies really know how to please, I believe it.

I'm real proud of our spearfishing champs, men and women. The women really did well this year, keep it up. The photography group did an excellent job, the movies and films and prints were outstanding.

I want you to know I enjoyed being your secretary last year and you thanked me by giving me the pleasure to serve you again. If you have any questions please contact me personally. If you have not, you will soon be getting your new membership applications. Fill them out and return them and money to me as soon as possible.

I'm really happy that I received the Diver of the Year, words can never express how proud I'm to receive such an honor.

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