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SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF SKINDIVING CLUBS



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1. Copy of Clubs' constitution and/or Bylaws.
2. Membership list of club including names, addresses, and designated officers.
3. Membership fee (\$10.00 for the club and \$4.00 per individual).

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EDITORIAL

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Well, it is evident by looking through this issue that no one has been out selling ads for the "Slate", except me. I asked real nice last issue for everyone to cooperate and help offset the cost of printing by selling one ad. So far, no one has sent me even one ad. It amazes me that so many members expect so much from the Council but are willing to put out so little. If we don't get some advertising help to offset the cost, I don't see how we can continue to publish a Newsletter all year. Surely the clubs can afford an ad at $\frac{1}{2}$ the commercial rates. I know that some of you members are in business for yourself and could place a small ad. So how about it, do something for the Council and yourself by selling an ad so you can keep getting your Newsletter monthly.

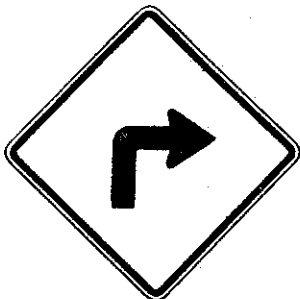
Looks as though other Council activities are on the upswing. The LHDM Club had a good turnout for their contest and IDA should have as good or better. Council president, Hank Silver, has started out his term with a bang and is really working hard on several new projects which will help us all enjoy diving much more. Let's all give him whatever support is needed and make his job a little easier.

We have initiated a new listing in the Newsletter - "Program Clearinghouse". We intend to run this monthly and would like to add to it each month. Anyone willing to travel and put on some type of program, send me the details and we'll add it to our list.

A point of information---out of the 544 copies of the Newsletter we mailed out last month, 96 have been returned. We requested address corrections and have made them; hopefully, we won't get back so many this time. As stated elsewhere, this is the last mailing on the 1972 mailing list. So if you haven't paid your dues to your club and your club officers haven't sent the members' dues into Carolyn Weatherman, you won't be getting a Newsletter next month.

Hope to see everyone at P.K., April 7 - 8.

Dick Wilgus, Editor



DIRECTIONS

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

It is very gratifying to visit club meetings, such as I have recently, and to be greeted with so much enthusiasm and warmth. At every meeting the attendance was gratifying. It seems that the interest in diving is high and building for a great season.

From all indications, Council sanctioned dives are shaping up for lots of fun, comradeship and competition. There may be several changes on dive locations as listed in the Slate as some clubs would rather hold their dives in different locations. So long as there is proper notice (3 to 4 weeks) and that publicity is used to notify all interested divers, I see no reason to hold a club to a location. Incidentally, the IDA Buffalo Blast in April will headquarter at their pavillion at Scuba Point, not Sandy Beach. IDA has at that location all of their club activities, it's easy to find, and air is available from Tom Davis' Goldfinger.

If anyone has scuba gear to sell or trade, let our editor know in brief so he can begin a classified section in the Slate. No charge to individuals, but any business wishing to list merchandise will be assessed a fee.

All of you who have movies or slides of underwater subjects will please list them in the Program Clearinghouse. This way, club Program Chairmen will be able to contact you for their clubs. It will be a great service and a welcome addition to the Council's services.

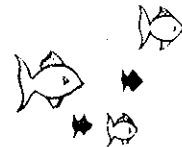
As this is being written on the eve of the LHDM Dive, I hope in advance that their Dive was well attended and that everyone had a safe, fun-filled weekend. I know that Phil, Ben, Earl, Tom, and Jean and all the members of Les Hommes de Mer thank you for attending and hope you will be back next year.

What have I been doing lately? Besides attending the LHDM dive last weekend, I have had the pleasure to visit the following club meetings: Texins, Dallas Divers, Aqua Sports, Les Hommes de Mer, East Texas Aquanauts, American Airlines, IDA and Grand Prairie Divers.

Will each Area Vice President and each member of the Executive Committee please send me a black and white photo of himself, preferably in Scuba gear. I have an idea and need these. Thanks in advance.

I still have no list of officers nor meeting dates for the following clubs: Knight divers, Lone Star Divers, Midland Divers, L.T.V. Will all the clubs' secretaries please put me on their Newsletter mailing list.

Hank Silver



"UNFAVORABLE LEGISLATION"

WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED OF SOME "UNFAVORABLE LEGISLATION" IN THE FORM OF THE NEW TEXAS PENAL CODE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO CARRY A FIXED BLADE KNIFE OF ANY KIND PUNISHABLE BY JAIL TERM, FINGERPRINTING, MUG SHOTS, ETC. THIS MEANS DIVER'S KNIFE, HUNTING KNIFE, FISHERMAN'S FILET KNIFE, ETC. ONCE ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION YOU MUST THEN PROVE YOU WERE USING IT FOR SPORTING PURPOSES.

THESE BILLS ARE: HOUSE BILL # 514
SENATE BILL # 34

WE URGE THAT YOU WASTE NO TIME IN WRITING YOUR STATE SENATOR AND LEGISLATOR ASKING THAT THEY VOTE AGAINST THESE BILLS. I UNDERSTAND THAT SCOT (SPORTSMANS CLUBS OF TEXAS) ARE ALSO VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO THESE BILLS.

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DO IT NOW

G.A.L.A '73: TORONTO

by Judy Crouch

IQ-5 is six months away; now is the time to prepare for "The Event" of our diving year. Decide on your savings goal and then watch your travel fund grow as you anticipate the good times - the best times. Canada, here we come!

The International Conference on Underwater Education is a must for conscientious diving instructors. Where else can we actually meet up with that instructor from the other side of the U.S. who disagrees with our method of teaching underwater rescue? Here is our juicy opportunity to corner him at one of the hospitality parties and make him see things the way they really are - our way. And, of course, if he refuses, we can clobber him right there on the spot, efficiently!

When is a better time to meet personally the dynamic men who have improved our equipment and led the movement to upgrade our teaching methods? Where else can you see Dr. Glen Egstrom react to an experiment labeled "martini in the fly"? Yes, these things are only possible at IQ.

Toronto, due to location, is a prime draw for European devotees of the world's greatest sport. These people have valuable tried and true practices to share with us. There will be more distant divers at IQ-5 than we have ever welcomed before. Great! Can't wait to hear all those accents. Up in that part of the country, we too from this country (Texas) are going to display a noticeable accent, y'all.

Now, for the important facts - air fare from Dallas to Toronto is 205.20. The group rate offers us quite a savings. A group consists of fifteen people and the rate drops to 152.28. The group must go together, but can return separately. Reservations must be made one week in advance.

The time is NOW! The place is Toronto. If you are in doubt about attending, ask anyone who has ever been to IQ. See you at the airport!



L.H.D.M. DIVE OBSERVATIONS

The March sun was a big factor in the L.H.D.M. dive but the biggest factor was the club's preparation and enthusiasm. To a person, the people of Les Hommes de Mer strove with zeal to make everyone feel "at home" at Sandy Beach and did. They are to be thanked and congratulated. Each club who succeeds them in this year's schedule has a lot to live up to. The first compass run went off well I thought, although I know someone moved the stake when I made my run. Otherwise how could I miss by so much? And the fish just left the area where Shorty and I were looking.

On hand were some 97 divers from Midland to Shreveport and from Oklahoma City and Lawton to South Ft. Worth. A great turnout, which means simply that we divers all want to get wet. Hope to see you all soon.
Hank

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>
*April 7,8	Indiand Divers	Buffalo Blast	IDA Pavillion
Non-Spearfishing Event - Scuba-Exchange - Pool at Scuba Point			Possum Kingdom
April 21-22	Okla. Scuba Club & Council	Sandy Beach	Possum Kingdom
May 4,5,6	YMCA	Our World-Underwater	Sheraton Chicago
*May 5,6	Texins	Aqua-Safari	LCRA Park, Lake Travis
May 19-20	Aqua Stars/Oklahoma	Snake Creek	Tenkiller
*May 26,27	Argonauts		Sandy Beach
			Possum Kingdom
June 2-3	Okla. Scuba Club & Council	Soldier Creek	Texhoma
June 9-10	Tinker Divers/Oklahoma	Chicken Creek	Tenkiller
*June 16-17	American Airlines		Sandy Beach
			Possum Kingdom
June 23-24	Imperial Divers/Oklahoma	-----TO BE ANNOUNCED-----	
July 7-8	Okla. Scuba Club & Council	Rocky Branch	Beaver
July 14-15	24 Hour Marathon	Snake Creek	Tenkiller
July 28-29	Thunderbirds/Oklahoma	-----TO BE ANNOUNCED-----	
*August 4-5	Orca Tamers		Canyon Lake
			Near San Marcos
August 11-12	Okla. Scuba Club & Council	Grier Ferry	Arkansas
August 18-19	Bluegill/Oklahoma	Porum Landing	Eufaula
*Sept. 1,2	Lawton Divers	-----TO BE ANNOUNCED-----	
Sept. 7,8,9	NAUI	ICUE #5	Toronto Ontario, Canada
*Dec. 8-9	East Texas Aquanauts	Jim Clark Memorial	Curleys Camp
		Gar Rodeo	Caddo Lake

*Council Sanctioned Events

COUNCIL DUES WERE DUE
 JAN 1, 1973 - GRACE
 PERIOD EXPIRES MARCH 31st.
 GET YOUR DUES IN NOW
 IN ORDER TO CONTINUE
 RECEIVING THE "SLATE"

"NOTICE"
 THIS IS THE LAST "SLATE"
 MAILING MADE ON THE '72
 MEMBERSHIP LIST. THE APRIL
 ISSUE WILL ONLY GO TO
 THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THEIR
 1973 COUNCIL DUES TO
 CAROLYN WEATHERMAN.
BETTER DO IT!

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD
12-29-72 to 2-28-73

Cash On Hand 12-29-72 \$2,972.42

Cash Receipts

Slate Advertising \$ 10.00
for Dec. & Jan. 1973

SWC Dues 144.00

Patches 15.50

Total Cash Receipts
Cash Available

169.50
\$3,141.92

Disbursements

Printing of Slate \$ 85.57
Mailing, sorting,
banding, etc. = 497
pieces, Dec. issue

Publication of Slate 247.63
1650 sheets, 500 copies
2 plates and negatives
set up, assembly and
folding

Trophies - SWC Convention 252.00

Tapes for recorder used
at SWC Convention 10.48

Refund for loss on Gar Rodeo 57.50

100% Patches 84.19
114 @ \$.738 each

Ink, stencils, etc. for use 27.93
in producing Constitution
and By-Laws of SWC

Mailing of Slate, 515 pieces 23.50
including postage, affixing
labels, sorting, banding and
delivery to Post Office

Total Disbursements

\$ 788.80

Cash On Hand 2-28-73

\$2,353.12

AQUA SPORTS DIVERS

Results of the election of officers:

- President - Jim Kitterman
- Vice President - Pat Tiffin
- Secretary - Betty Reynolds
- Treasurer - Bill Rose

The meeting night was again confirmed to the 1st Thursday of every month. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 5th.

The outing for the month of March will be the LHDM Sanctioned contest at Sandy Beach P.K. I have been informed that the Non-Spear-fishing event will be a compass run using only hand held or wrist mounted compasses.

The new SWC President, Hank Silver, and the new SWC Vice President of Area 3, Elbert Jackson, were guests at our last meeting. We welcome these gentlemen to all of our meetings and are grateful for their comments and assistance.

Robert Reynolds has spoke up for the position of Program Chairman and needs all of the assistance he can get in obtaining programs. I would like to appoint Larry Sandel to assist Robert in obtaining these programs and to assure that one or the other be present during each meeting.


We have a new member that joined at our last meeting - Steve Benson -- certified SCIP and YMCA -- welcome Steve!

Jim Kitterman
President



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Representative



NOTICE TO CLUB PRESIDENTS

PLEASE SEND TO THE "SLATE" THE OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS OF YOUR CLUB SO WE CAN COMPILE A ROSTER OF MEMBER CLUBS TO RUN IN THE NEXT "SLATE".

The L.H.D.M. Dive was held on March 17th and 18th at Possum Kingdom Lake - Sandy Beach. It was a very successful dive. There were divers from almost every club in the SWC and some in the Oklahoma Council.

The Saturday event consisted of a compass run which had 21 contestants entered. The winners in that event were as follows.

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|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Mike Kornegay | 1'4" error |
| 2. Rob Pemberton | 1'5" error |
| 3. Robert Overy | 5'3" error |
| 4. Ben Sleigh | 5'10" error |

The Sunday dive was quite an event. The day was perfect, and water was just great. There were 85 men and 7 women entered in the spearfishing contest. Of those entered, 17 were novice divers. Very good turn out. Unfortunately there were no women or novice who connected with any fish so there were no women or novice trophies given out. Don't give up - the fish will be there next time. A turtle derby was held in conjunction with the contest. There were several turtles brought in, but only three prizes were given away. Jim Gale and Ron Hagel tied for the largest turtle with a 7 lb. 2 oz. turtle each. Bill Womack came in with a whopping (you won't believe this) 3-1/2 oz. turtle for smallest - I don't think they come any smaller than that.

The spearfishing results are as follows:

Largest fish:

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|------------------|---------------|-------|
| 1. Don Walters | 20 lbs 9 ozs | (SWC) |
| 2. Ben Sleigh | 19 lbs 14 ozs | (SWC) |
| 3. Robert Overy | 19 lbs 13 ozs | (SWC) |
| 4. David McMurry | 17 lbs 10 ozs | (SWC) |

Teams:

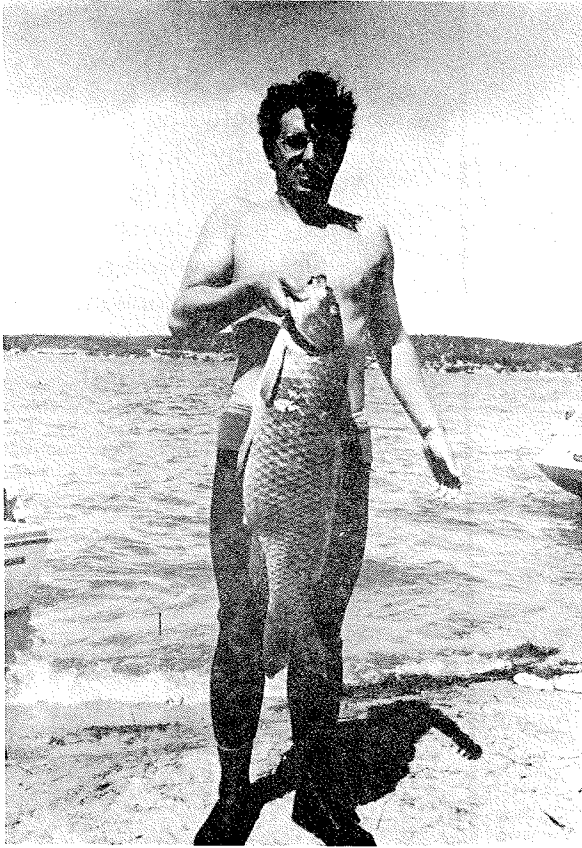
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| 1. Joe Landon - Jim Nievar | 107 lbs 15 ozs | (Okla) |
| 2. Robert Overy - Robert Swilley | 91 lbs 2 ozs | (SWC) |
| 3. Dennis Corcoran - Matt Wiley | 47 lbs 1 oz | (SWC) |
| 4. Ron Walters - Mike Kornegay | 31 lbs 11 ozs. | (SWC) |
| 5. Charley Wright - Ed Ralston | 30 lbs 3 ozs | (SWC) |

Most Fish (Individual):

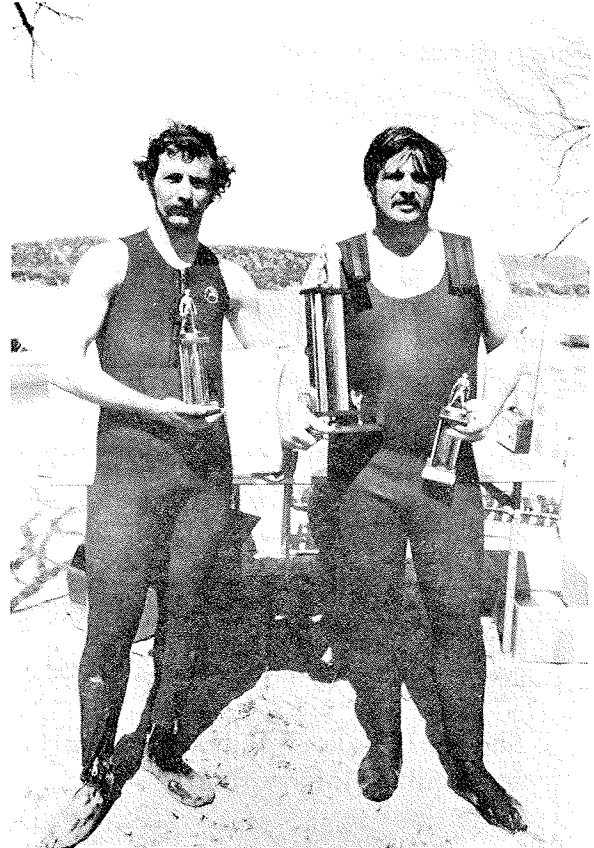
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| 1. Jim Nievar | 14 | (Okla) |
| 2. Ed Ralston | 9 | (SWC) |
| 3. Matt Wiley | 8 | (SWC) |
| 4. Joe Landon | 7 | (Okla.) |

Most Aggregate Weight (Individual):

- | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------|
| 1. Robert Overy | 76 lbs 3 ozs | (SWC) |
| 2. Jim Nievar | 75 lbs 6 ozs | (Okla.) |
| 3. Joe Landon | 32 lbs 9 ozs | (Okla.) |
| 4. Ron Walters | 31 lbs 11 ozs | (SWC) |



FIRST PLACE LARGEST FISH
20.9 LB. CARP - RON WALTERS



FIRST PLACE TEAM
JOE LANDON - JIM NIEVAR



MATT WILEY, JOE LANDON, JIM NIEVAR, BOB OVERY, ROBERT SWILLEY, JIM GALE, RONALD WALTERS, BEN SLEIGH, DENNIS CORCORAN and MIKE KORNEGAY - ALL TROPHY WINNERS AT L.H.D.M. DIVE AT POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE MARCH 17 - 18.

AS AQUANANTS - RICOH HiCOLOR-35

Advance prices (valid until midnight March 31, 1973)

for tickets to OUR WORLD - UNDERWATER are:

\$5.00 for the Friday Cocktail Party.

\$2.00 for the Special Interest Seminars.

\$5.00 for the afternoon and evening symposium & festival.

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\$6.00 for the Cocktail Party.

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For tickets write to:

OUR WORLD - UNDERWATER

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Blue Island, Illinois 60406

Please make checks payable to OUR WORLD - UNDERWATER

See April issue of Skindiver magazine, page 56
for detailed information.

Will each club sponsoring a SWC Dive consider including a "Turtle Derby" in their program. It will cost nothing, add interest for women, youngsters and non spearfishermen. Give a small prize for the largest and smallest turtle. The only rule, please, is that no one shoot the turtle. No turtles with holes in them will be judged or weighed.



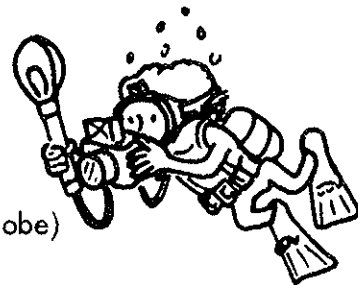
PROGRAM CLEARINGHOUSE

Gene Gall - "Gallstone Productions" - 7252 Stefani, Dallas, Texas 75225, 214 - 748-9451
Film Titles ("VA Fogg" "Curacao" "Cozumel" and others)

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Anyone else willing to present a program to area clubs, please send name of program to
Dick Wilgus, 804 North High, Longview, Texas 75601

On March 3 and 4, the Ark-La-Tex Divers and East Texas Aquanauts met on Lake Bistineau for their inner club Gar Hunt. Entertainment Saturday night consisted of a Pony Keg of Beer, a poker game and stories of the Boggie Creek monster. Everyone seemed to have a good time, but kept their heads together for the dive Sunday.

The dive started Sunday at 9:00 a.m., and ended at 1:00 p.m. The visibility wasn't too good, and the water wasn't very cold, causing very few fish to be brought in. However, in the end the Ark-La-Tex divers won the contest. We are all looking for another chance to hold another test of skills between the two clubs.

The Ark-La-Tex Divers held their regular monthly meeting March 5. During the meeting, plans were made for a dive trip to Destin, Florida on April 14th and 15th. The club had six divers to make the trip last year and eleven divers are scheduled to go this year. Also, we had a report on a trip planned for Grand Cayman in July. So it looks as if the Ark-La-Tex Divers plan to get wet at least twice this year.

The East Texas Aquanauts held their monthly meeting March 14. The speaker for the event was the President of the SWC, Hank Silver. Hank spoke on the new ideas he has for re-viving the Council. He explained the Tri-Ethlon events, and the photo contest the Council is sponsoring this year. After his talk, Hank showed three of the films he had made. Everyone enjoyed Hank's presence and welcome him back to Area #6 anytime.

Well, I guess that this is all for Area #6 for March. Hope to be well represented at the upcoming dives.

Robert E. Swilley
Area Vice President

Shark Recaptured 20 Years Later

A shark tagged in Port Phillip Bay, Victoria, Australia, in 1950, was caught 20 years later in waters north-east of King Island in Bass Strait. When tagged by Mr. A. M. Olsen of the South Australia Department of

Fisheries and Fauna Conservation, the shark was about 2 years old and 22¼ inches in length. When caught in 1970, the shark had reached a length of 57 inches, slightly less than the growth expected. (Sea Frontiers)



MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 1973
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The President of the Southwest Council, Hank Silver called the Ex-Committee meeting to order. Carolyn Weatherman was asked to call the roll. The following officers were present: Hank Silver, Wayne Mathewson, Carolyn Weatherman, Kay Kornegay, Area 2 Vice President Dennis Corcoran, Area 3 Vice President Elbert Jackson; Area 6-7-1 Vice Presidents were absent; Matt Wiley sent a written Proxie. All Area Clubs were well represented. Others present at the meeting were Jim Kitterman, Bud Columbia, Mrs. Corcoran, Jim Gale, Phillip Rodriguez, Mike Kornegay, Gene Gall, and Shorty Weatherman.

The first order of business was to talk about a yearbook consisting of the Constitution and By-Laws. It is to be accomplished this year. Hank is to appoint a committee to get this underway.

Number two on the agenda was to talk about Ed Ralston giving lectures to area clubs, such as a seminar type thing. We tossed this around and decided that the IDA Dive Contest week-end was the ideal time and place for this and so it is to be done.

Third, a Clearing House for Programs for the Area Clubs to be published in the Slate. This was approved and will be done with an assigned person by the President.

Next on the agenda was Decals. To see about ordering more and since we have to order more, to improve on what we have by getting a water proof type decal. This was approved.

Number five to approve expenditure for stationery. Approved.

Next, ads for the Slate. This didn't need much discussion except help your Slate Editor and get ads.

Number seven on the agenda was to think about resolving SCIP from SWC; as they will disband as of September 30, 1973. This was debated and tabled to take up at the next Ex-Committee meeting. A committee consisting of Jim Kitterman and Hank Silver, to investigate this matter and report their information at the next meeting.

Number eight on the agenda was to abide with the Underwater Society of America concerning safety and accident reports. This was approved and forms, when received, will be sent to area clubs.

Then Wayne Mathewson presented the spearfishing form that he and Bob Lackey worked on to be used this year, and asked for approval that we accept it for the Council Sanctioned Contest. It was approved.

Number ten on the agenda was we will use the Underwater Society of America rules for the Non-Spearfishing events this year.

Number eleven on the agenda was that Hank write a letter to area clubs asking what non-spearfishing events that they are to have this year.

It was brought up as to what type spearguns were legal as there was some misunderstanding. This was cleared up.

Then, Dennis Corcoran asked for an appeal on the decision for the point standings at the Convention. The Executive Committee stated that this matter was finalized at the Convention and the appeal was not possible, as the matter died at the Convention.

Then Gene Gall stated that he would like to see Cat Fish legal in Texas. This was the feelings of all present and a committee consisting of Dennis Corcoran and Gene Gall and Hank Silver will try to make this possible.

This concluded our business meeting and Hank called for an adjournment.

Carolyn Weatherman
Secretary - SWC



AREA IV REPORT

The Midland Dune Divers elected officers at the January 11 meeting: Richard Stovall - President, Frank Harwell - Vice President, Tom Hollingsworth - Secretary-Treasurer, Henry Norton - Public Relations.

We have had some very good meetings and the response to the club has been very good. We have 25 members as of March 5, 1973. The Club will have a "Come and Try it Night", for anyone who is interested in diving and who would like to try it before making up their mind.

At our March 5 meeting we had a very good film called "Steel Reefs", furnished by Getty Oil Company. It explored the diving and fishing aspects around the offshore platforms in the Gulf.

We haven't done much diving so far, but hope we will have a good turn out for the March 18 dive at P.K. Hope to see all of you there.

Kenneth Hodges
Area IV Vice President

AUG. 17-19 UNDERWATER SOCIETY OF AMERICA CONVENTION, Hyatt Regency Hotel,
Houston, Texas, Texas Gulf Coast Council, 501 San Jacinto Building, Houston, Texas
77002. PH 713/222-0111

What is the Underwater Society of America?

The Society is the **largest** diving organization on the North American Continent.

The Society is a **democratic** organization governed by its members through the local (city) and regional (state) councils of which it is composed.

The Society is a **non-profit** organization, and all officers serve on a voluntary basis. All dues are used for propagating Society activities on your behalf.

The Society is universally recognized as the **official** voice of organized diving. To cite just a few examples, the Society is recognized as the Underwater Extension of such groups as: CMAS (World Federation of Diving, headed by Jacques Costeau), The National Safety Council, The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), and other organizations far too numerous to mention.

The Society is your organization, designed to give you, the average diver, a voice in all national diving affairs.



What do I get for my money?

The main advantages you receive lie in the intangibles, such as being your liaison with state and federal agencies, commercial diving manufacturing companies, etc. However, no national organization is without material benefits to its members. A few of the benefits Society members receive are:

MEMBERSHIP CARD — your passport to the national diving world.

SOCIETY DECAL — self-adhesive waterproof plastic, for use on your tank, auto, home, or luggage; an emblem to identify you as a knowledgeable and active diver.

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE UNDERWATER REPORTER — This is the Society's official publication, and brings you unbiased information on all diving items. Published four times a year, the REPORTER is entirely without ads and commercialism; and, as such, its editors are responsible only to you, the members.

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The Dallas Divers have done it again - they just can't slow down at all. If they are not in the clear, warm water of the ocean taking pictures - they are in the mountains snow skiing. Dorothy and Bill Flagg, Reggie Vriesenga, Linda and Barrett Jackson, Bill Sparks and club president Gene Gall won over half the awards in a recent Dallas Ski Club contest. How about that!! If it is something with water they're in it. They keep saying that they are going to try some spear-fishing in our area lakes, I guess we will wait and see.

Hank Silvers had quite a booth set up at the recent sports and vacation show in Dallas. He was busy talking to people and showing them his exhibits.

Judy Crouch and John Cannon attended the NAUI Advanced Physiology Course at Scuba Inc. in Houston, A&M (Dr. Fife's Lab.) and Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio. For your information and safety, Brooks has a hot line for their decompression chamber - call LEO-FAST.

The Knight Divers had a big month in February. Their meeting on the 19th of February was very interesting. Their guests for the evening were the Sea Wolf Divers, which provided the entertainment. They showed some film of an actual salvage dive, and a Navy film of Sea Lab I & II. The club also does some commercial teaching.

The banquet as mentioned in the last issue went off with great success on February 24th. The club made over \$40.00. W.A. Mayer Dive shop on Live Oak donated a 5000 gallon tank with a window to use as one of the attractions, it went over real well.

The future plans for the club is the clean-up dive at Grapevine Lake on the 29th of April. It will be located in the park on the south side of the dam. Refreshments and free air is expected to be available. Remember that's on the 29th of April. Put that on your calendar - see you there.

The L.H.D.M. Divers have only one thing on their minds at this time, and that is hosting a successful - fun filled dive at P.K., on the 17th and 18th. They are making their last minute checks and taking care of those just thought of items to make this look like a professional sponsored dive. Their dives have always been professional and successful dives. This one should be even better.

The Texins Divers are in the middle of their spring training classes. Every thing is going real great. There are approximately 80 new trainees this year, a very good turn out. They are holding their classroom sessions in the S-C Auditorium at Texas Instruments and their pool sessions at SMU Perkins Natatorium. Incidentally there are several women trainers this year - more than usual. Maybe they are tired of seeing the men have all the underwater fun. Welcome aboard to the underwater fantasy of scuba diving. I know you will all enjoy it.

It won't be long and the Texins will be hosting their annual Underwater Safari at Travis, May 6 and 7. More on that in the next issue.

The Sherman Divers are up to 24 members now, an increase over last year. They are planning to have a large turn out at the up coming dives. They do have a fund raising campaign in progress

right now. They are selling tickets to raffle off a Remington 700. Their goal is to raise money to purchase a barge for the club outings. Sounds great. The drawing will be held on March 31st. Good Luck.

Bob Lackey
Area I V.P.

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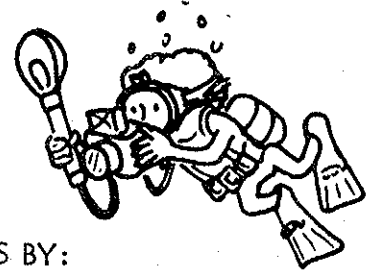
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AREA II REPORT

Activity in Area II is picking up. Since contest season is coming up, members of Inland Divers and Orca Tamers have been diving P.K. for the last 3 weekends, with older divers helping train new spearfisherman as well as having a good time. Divers say the fish seem to be showing themselves. James Permenter and Ronnie Walters went to Lake Travis for an early Buffalo run there.

Area II has also been visited by some of the Oklahoma divers for two weekends. The water at P.K. is very clear. Charles Crawford from Oklahoma shot a 12 pound carp while visiting in Area II. Matt Wiley shot a 13 pound Buffalo at Scuba Point. Orca Tamers are planning a change for their dive, possibly at Canyon Lake. Details will be published in proper time. I.D.A. plans are complete for the I.D.A. Buffalo Blast to be held at I.D.A. pavillion on April 7 and 8. The water is now 53 degrees at P.K. almost right for the 58 degrees needed for Buffalo. Several ladies in Area II are planning to enter competition in spearfishing and Tri Athalon this year, so say Julie Walters, Gaye Wiley, Kay Kornegay, Suzan Corcoran and Cheryl Hubenack. I attended the first S.W.C. executive meetings of the year and will report to Area II clubs at each club meeting.

Dennis Corcoran, President, Area II

AREA 3 V.P. REPORT

As your newly elected Area 3 V.P., it is my duty, among other things, to establish communications with each club in Area 3, to gather news items from each club, and forward these items on to the State for publication. So far I have contacted only two clubs, first my own club, "A.A. Aqua Jets" and second the "Aqua Sports Diving Club". There are other clubs in Area 3, both active and inactive which I have not been able to contact.

I need help! If you are a member of a diving club in Area 3, be it active or inactive, please call me after 5 P.M. any week day at (214) 358-4005. We can rap about your club, the SWC, diving or whatever.

Where is Area 3 you ask?

It's the mid-cities area between Dallas and Ft. Worth, taking in part of Dallas including Love Field, Northward to include Grapevine and Southward to Cleburne. Quite a large area and has the potential of becoming a big voice in the Southwest Council.

We need to establish lines of communication through which each and every club in Area 3 can have a voice in the SWC. Your area V.P. should be that voice, and to that end I dedicate myself. There are someways in which the SWC can be improved. We will, in the months ahead, see changes, some good and maybe some not so good. We would like to have your opinions.

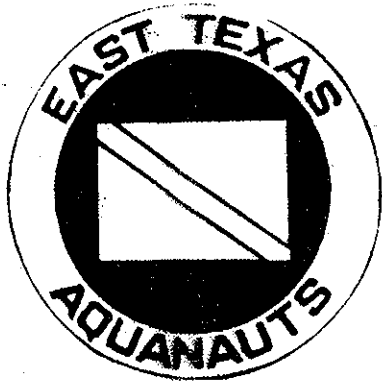
Let me get down off my soap box now and report the news of clubs in Area 3.

Aqua Jets Club President Jim Gale, reports a committee is hard at work on plans for their SWC sanctioned dive June 16 and 17. This will be their first SWC dive sponsorship, and everyone is excited about it. There may be a change in the location of the dive site. It seems like P.K. is getting too much of the action this year. Another thing the Aqua Jets are doing this year is a week day dive at least once a month. Those airline people work on the weekends. Maybe some other club would like to join them on some of these mid-week dives. If so, let me know.

The Aqua Sports Dive Club started their new year off with election of officers. Jim Kitterman was elected President, and when this was made known Doris, his wife, shouted "Hurrah". Now let me explain before you get the wrong idea. It seems there is a provision in the Aqua Sports by-laws which states that no two people in the same family can hold an office at the same time. So by Jim being elected President she could not be re-elected to secretary.

The Aqua Sports Club is looking forward to a great year of membership growth and diving activity. Don't be surprised if Larry Cleghorn twists your arm just a little trying to get you to join their club when you visit the Aqua Sports Dive Shop at 11116 Harry Hines Blvd. in Dallas.

Elbert Jackson
Area 3 V.P.



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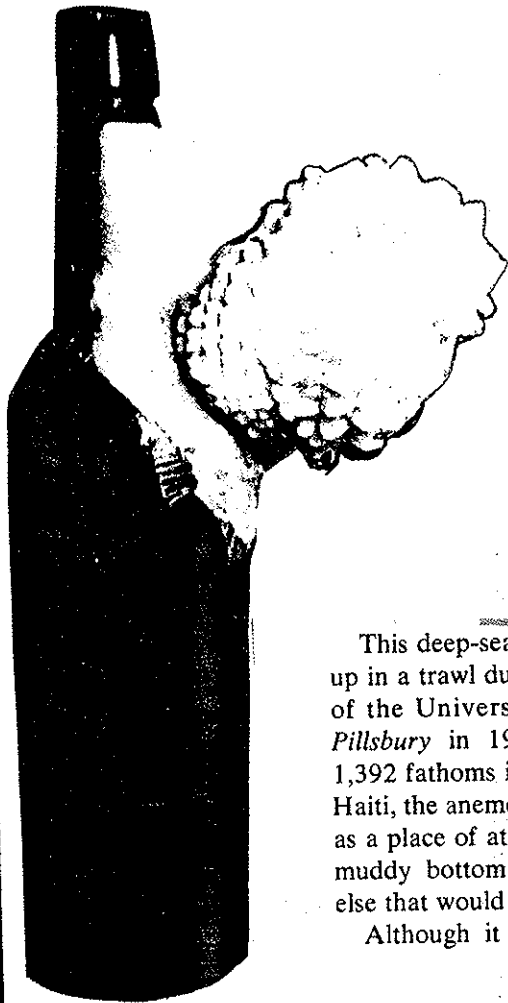
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Although it is difficult to tell the

age of the anemone or how long it may have been attached, the bottle can be dated. It was made in the late 1800's. It was formed in a three-piece mold and has an applied lip. The striking black color, the bane of bottle makers of that period, is the result of the heavy iron content of the glass.

Sea floor pollution from nondegradable waste is nothing new!

(Sea Frontiers)

AREA 7 REPORT

Everything is still pretty quiet in area 7. Everyone is in the process of getting ready for the upcoming First Dive of the year at Possum Kingdom.

It looks as if this area will have a real good turn out at the dive. There will not be as many Helldivers there as I know want to be there, as many of them will be in the field on that weekend. But all that can attend will be there. The Lawton Diving Club will, of course, have most of its members there including many new Novice divers who will be getting a good start on the upcoming year by starting at the first contest. I am also sure that the Argonauts will have many of their members present. Here's hoping that the new people have a good time and enough fun at this first dive to stick around for the rest of the year and make all the dives. The Lawton Divers are challenging all clubs in the council to have more 100% Attendance Awards at next year's convention, as they will.

The Lawton Diving Club is still in the process of making its mind (or rather many minds) up as to where to hold their dive this year. We would like to hear from anyone in the council if they have any ideas or have heard any rumors about any lake where there are so many carp that they are flopping out on the banks. Everyone will probably already have discussed this matter, as I am sure that all our members will be trying to get everyone's ideas and their preferences at this first dive. Here's hoping that we can soon announce a location that will be everyone's favorite. We will probably also be announcing that our extra activity will be sponsored by the Helldivers of Lawton, as we have asked them if they would like to take this responsibility. We have not received a firm answer yet but it looks pretty certain that they will. This may be a good idea for other clubs in the council also, as a newer club that may not have its treasury built up enough to sponsor a complete dive would be able to host this event without too much expense. They will also gain the experience that may be helpful in the future in putting on dives.

I would also like to ask that anyone in my area that has any news or pictures, to please get them to me. It's harder than hell to write an article without news.

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