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SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF SKINDIVING CLUBS



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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Everything takes a backseat to diving during these spring and summer months. The Argonauts and Aqua Jets' dives are history and what a great time we all had at both. Lake Murray is truly a lovely site for camping and diving. The Aqua Jet hospitality matches that of their present organization, American Airlines. There were more door prizes than at a dive in my recent memory and the trophies were spectacular. The Argonauts were great hosts also, and worked extra hard to see that the site change hassle didn't deter divers from enjoying PK's clear water. What a pile of fish at the weigh-in! All of the fish were donated to 2 churches, to be used at a "Social Supper".

The weather gave us fits for a while Saturday evening, but it didn't last long and Sunday dawned beautiful. There were some mighty nice carp shot, a few cats and a bunch of drum.

Your Council is effectively courting two more clubs at this time, hoping for their membership so that our numbers will swell to new highs. Both of them will be welcome additions to our competition and hopefully our photo contest.

The Parks and Wildlife Dept. have not yet announced their hearing on the proposed rule change affecting spearfishing game fish. Rest assured that when the hearing is set, your Executive Committee will be alerted. Then all who wish to go to Austin will have their "day in Court".

I am pleased to see some new advertisers in the last issue of the "Slate". I urge you divers to patronize them. I also urge that you patronize a non-advertising dive shop or marina, etc., and that you hint or ask for an ad. Show the proprietor a copy of the Slate and tell them how much business an ad will bring them. Sell, Sell, Sell!

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July 14-15	24 Hour Marathon	Snake Creek	Tenkiller
July 28-29	Thunderbirds/Oklahoma		Lost Bridge - Beaver
*August 4-5	Orca Tamers		Canyon Lake
			Near San Marcos
August 11-12	Okla. Scuba Club & Council	Grier Ferry	Arkansas
August 17-19	Gulf Coast Council	USA Convention	Hyatt Regency Hotel
			Houston, Texas
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

## PROGRAM CLEARINGHOUSE

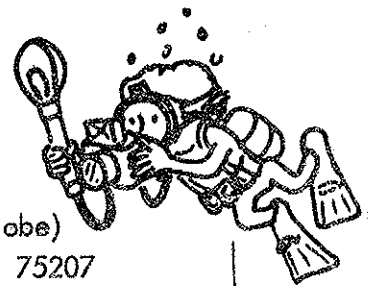
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MEN'S POINT STANDINGS:

1.	Ed Ralston	Lawton	34
2.	Bruce Mays	Lawton	32
3.	George Beach	Lawton	25
4.	Ronald Walters	IDA	18
5.	Matt Wiley	IDA	18
6.	Robert Swilley	Ark-La-Tex	17
7.	Jim McAnally	Lawton	14
8.	Dennis Corcoran	IDA	14
9.	J. D. Jackson	IDA	12
10.	Charles Crawford	Argo.	11
11.	Ron Hagle	Argo.	11
12.	Ben Sleigh	LHDM	11
13.	Charles Byrd	IDA	10
14.	Mike Kornegay	IDA	10
15.	James Permenter	IDA	10
16.	Wayne Williams	IDA	10
17.	Don Franklin	Sherman Novice	10
18.	Tommy Herrin	Sherman Novice	10
19.	Steve Burns	Texins	10
20.	Charles Wright	Lawton	9

WOMEN'S POINT STANDINGS:

1.	Cheryl Hubenak	IDA	21
2.	Carla Wilson	IDA	10
3.	Julie Walters	IDA	10
4.	Carol Franklin	Sherman	8
5.	Myrna Jorgensen	Sherman	6
6.	Kibby Jorgensen	Sherman	6

NOVICE POINT STANDINGS:

1.	Danny Moss	IDA	16
2.	Tommy Herrin	Sherman	13
3.	Russell Sullivan	Texins	11
4.	Don Franklin	Sherman	9
5.	Blaine West	Sherman	8
6.	Julie Walters	IDA	8
7.	Steve Burns	Texins	8
8.	Homer Baxley	Hell Diver	8
9.	R.E. Mahan	Midland	7
10.	Bret Brady	A.A.A.	6

NON-SPEARFISHING POINT STANDINGS

1.	Mike Kornegay	IDA	19
2.	Cheryl Hubenak	IDA	14
3.	Don Franklin	Sherman	13 Nov.
4.	Ronnie Walters	IDA	12
5.	Dennis Corcoran	IDA	10
6.	Robert Swilley	Arkla	9
7.	Elbert Jackson	A.A.A.	8
8.	Gorden Hubenak	IDA	8
9.	Tommy Herrin	Sherman	7
10.	Julie Walters	IDA	7

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

# EDITORIAL

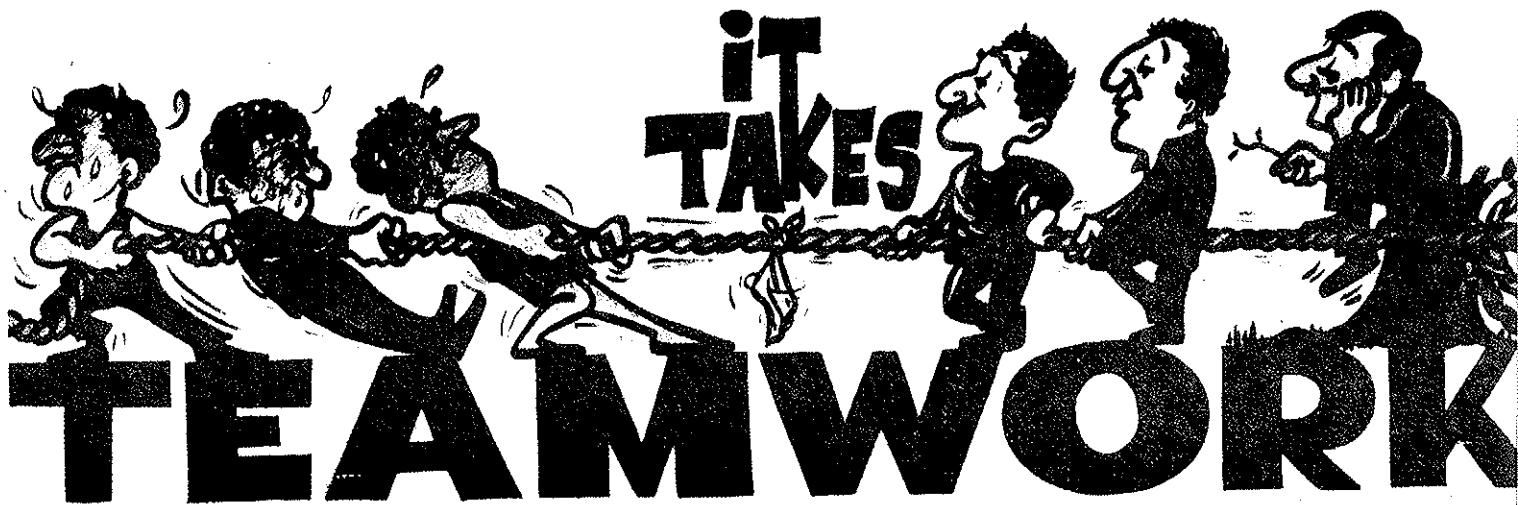
I want to congratulate all Council officers and area vice presidents for their help in making our Slate a success. By getting their reports in on time and securing ads, (as you can see in this issue) our newsletter has grown to something we can all be proud of. Keep up the good work.

My apologies to Ken Hodges of Area V for not having him listed as an area vice president. We had already printed covers and backs for the newsletter through this month. It will appear there starting with the August issue.

We still have room and need for some more ads. So don't let up and by all means patronize the people who are helping us by advertising.

The sport is growing and the Council is growing. We have another new club and they are sponsoring a non-spearfishing event (see details elsewhere in the Slate) - Let's all turn out and support their event.

Dick Wilgus



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# CEN-TEX DIVERS ASSN.

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JULY 21-22 LAKE TRAVIS

SANCTIONED  
LCRA PARK

By unanimous consent of the Executive Committee of the Council, and through consent of the top five individuals in current point standings, the Central Texas Diving Association's non spearfishing events will have official sanction.

Cen-Tex's dive is fundamentally an Ecology Dive (see their flyer elsewhere in the Slate), however, they are also sponsoring Saturday afternoon SCUBA skill events. In order to help our newest council club hypo the attendance the winners of the buddy breathing, SCUBA exchange, and compass run will be awarded Council points if the participant is a Council member. At year's end those compiling the largest point totals will be awarded trophies at the Southwest Council Convention.

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Contes Entries 295.50  
for two contests

Non-Spearfishing 37.00  
entries for two  
contests

SWC Patches 19.50

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Total Cash Receipts \$ 693.74

Cash Available \$3,512.63

Disbursements

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May Newsletter 10.00  
Postage

April Slate 335.17

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## THE UNDERWATER SOCIETY OF AMERICA & YOU -

by: C.A. "Chuck" Atchison,  
Intl. SCUBA Comp. Dir.

How often have you heard of the Underwater Society and wondered, "How do I join?" "What is it good for?" "What do they offer?" The answer to many of these questions and others could have been found in the first copy of the Slate if you didn't pass over it as just another ad. But to join, simply send to the SWC secretary the prescribed dues and she will forward them to the US of A. By joining, you give your Council extra voting strength on the National level, while you, as an individual, receive a life insurance policy

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But wait, that's not all, there will be 44 exhibit booths showing the equipment of every major manufacturer of diving equipment, related goods and services.

Yet, the most important thing will be the Board of Governor's meeting and election of officers.

Your individual support of the Southwest Council's representative is just as important as your attendance, for this will show you where it's at and what's happening in the Underwater Society of America, and all in your own backyard. I'd like to see the Southwest Council have the largest represented group in attendance.

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Bill Hutto landed a 100 lb. warsaw, some nice ling and red snapper. Dick Wilgus got a large ling. Capt. Blood says the largest ever brought aboard, however, before it could be weighed it managed to get back overboard and was swept away in a medium current. Dick was heart broken, however, he did get some pictures to prove his story. Dick also got a small jew fish, several red snapper from 12-15 lbs. and quite a few smaller ling. Skip Stoves also brought in some nice ling and snapper. A large shark was seen under the rig by several divers but as usual, he just swam around and left. Some of the divers did get sea sick but by Saturday evening, were up and cooking supper.

Bob Creamer of the Ark-La-Tex Divers was also along and speared a few small fish. Visibility was from 30 to 40' on the close rigs and was 80-100' on the deeper one after

about 20' of murky water on the surface.

We are all planning a return trip in August and September.

AREA II REPORT -

Activity is still a little light this month, except at Mike and Kay Kornegay's house where they are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Wendi Michelle. Congratulations to them.

Area II won five trophies in spearfishing and one fourth in the tri-ethalon.

Orca Tamers are busy gathering door prizes for their dive at Canyon Lake.

Inland Divers have secured some top notch professional film for their film festival this fall.

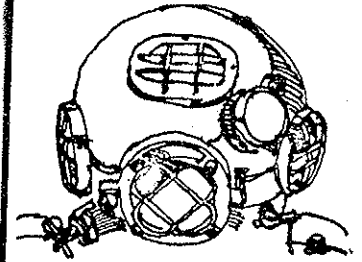
Members have several good trips for July. One to the Virgin Islands, one to Grand Isle and one to Texpan Mesico.

I.D.A. will also have their annual interclub dive June 23-24.

See everyone at Canyon Lake in August.

Dennis Corcoran  
Area II V.P.

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- 3rd Team Place
- 4th Team Place
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- 1st Largest Fish
- 2nd Largest Fish
- 3rd Largest Fish

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- 1st Most Fish

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Sun. 7:00 A.M. till 8:45 A.M.

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Sun. 8:45 A.M.

Contest Starts:

9:00 A.M.

Weigh-In:

1:00 P.M.

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**SUN. - JULY 15**

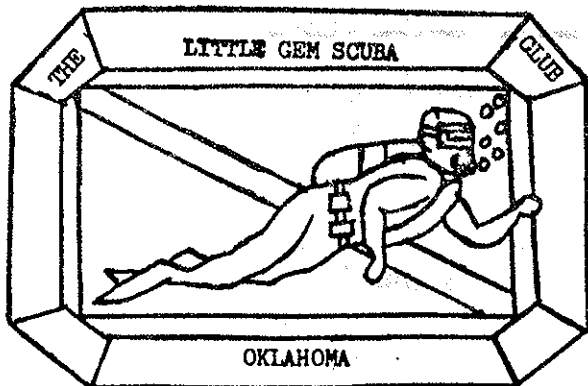
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AREA VI REPORT -

The divers in Area 6 have been pretty busy this past month. To start things off, we all had planned to be doing a lot of Gulf diving, but the weather didn't completely agree with us. The Aquanauts had 10 divers to go out on the Silver King on Memorial Day weekend. This trip proved to be a disappointment with most of the divers coming home a day early and sea sick to boot. However they are a hardy group, and they plan to try it again this weekend.

I was the only diver from the Area to make the dive at P.K. and I sure did enjoy it. It was worth the trip just to see Bruce Mayes' face when his fish missed 1st Largest by a few ounces. I guess someone had to be second Bruce. Oh well, enough rubbing in for now. I would like to thank the Argonauts for a fine effort put forth in their contest.

The Ark-La-Tex Divers held their regular monthly meeting June 5. They plan to have their monthly dive on Lake Greeson the last weekend of the month. The program for the night was a film made by Shell Oil Company called Under Sea Oasis. We really want to commend Gregg Despot for his fine job as program chairman this year.

The Aquanauts had their monthly meeting June 13 at Johnson's

Drive Inn in Longview. The club voted on its rules for their Salt Water Spearfisherman contest. They decided that only fish that would be dressed to eat could count in their contest. This prevents the shooting of fish just for the sake of getting points for the contest. After the business had been taken care of, Dick Wilgus showed a film called Conquering The Sea. This was truly a good film and Dick deserves a lot of thanks for his job as program Chairman.

I guess that is all of the news I have for now. Hope to see everyone at the Lake.

Robert Swilley  
Area 6 V.P.

OCEAN POLLUTED

The sea around Japan was contaminated by oil from ships on 2,283 occasions in 1972, according to a release by the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency.

SCIP BOARD CONVENES -

On Sunday, June 23, the Southwest Council Instructor Program's Board of Directors met at the home of Bill Flagg, treasurer of the program. Others in attendance were Executive Director, Bud Columbia; Secretary, Judy Crouch; Council Representative, Hank Silver; and Directors, Dick Wilgus, J. Hilton Quine, Thad Moore, Tom Hanley, John Common and Associate Director, Bob Bacon, and Dr. A.E. Blood by proxy.

The business covered included receiving the up-dated SCIP Manual, discussion as to additional changes that need to be made and additions that would cover special types of diving. A committee was appointed to study the possibility of making such changes and additions and marketing the manual on a national basis.

Also discussed were finances, our future role in promotion of diving safety, and a scholarship fund.

Bob Bacon presented a print out of all SCIP instructors certified, then present status and who had completed the cross-over to NAUI. Another very interesting print out showed certified diver statistical breakdown including total number certified, percentage of men & women, and age that most people became certified.

The meeting was concluded with unanimous vote to take a full page ad in the "Slate" to publicize the continued sale of the training manual.

PRESIDENT OF SOUTHWEST COUNCIL APPOINTS  
ED RALSTON AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
UNDERWATER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

As your new Representative to the Underwater Society of America, I would like to invite you to send me any suggestions you might have that would benefit our sport of scuba diving. The simplest suggestions may be of more benefit than you think but the main thing is that you present your views to the Underwater Society. The meeting is coming up in August at Houston and any proposals you might have must be on the agenda about 30 days prior to the meeting.

Also, I would like to suggest that you join the Underwater Society through your Council as the cost is only \$ 3.00 and the more members your Council turns into the Society, the more voting power we have and the benefits far exceed the cost in the \$ 500.00 insurance policy alone. You receive publications of the "Underwater Reporter" which keep you abreast of the national news on diving. Also there is a decompression sickness fund up to \$ 100.00 for a decompression chamber should you ever need such.

The Annual National Skin Diving Week this year is August 5 through 12th. I have ordered 200 bumper stickers from the Underwater Society promoting this week. When these are received they will be distributed to the officers of the Council. Would appreciate it if you would secure one and display it in support of our sport.

Would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the Underwater Society National Catch Records. There is a division for Skin Divers and a division for Scuba Divers with a division for the women also in each of these categories. When you take a good size fish, please check with me as it might be a recordable fish for these records. The forms are in my possession and the only cost is a \$ 1.00 filing fee. You have six months from the time of your catch to file this with the Society. You need the following information when filing:

Date of Capture:  
Name of Applicant & Address:  
Name of Witness & Address:  
Diving Category (Skin or Scuba):  
Type of Fish:

Common Name

Genus & Species

Total Weight of Fish:  
Weight, less stomach contents:  
Total Length:  
Precise Location of Catch:

This information submitted with a photograph, will entitle you to an appropriately engraved plaque from the Underwater Society (at a nominal cost.)

Please keep in touch as I am as close to you as your mail box and the only way you can truly be represented is for you to express your opinions.

Good diving,

*Ed Ralston*

Ed Ralston  
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# LOST PERSONS

BELOW IS A LIST OF PEOPLE WHOSE "SLATE" HAS BEEN RETURNED WITH NO FORWARDING ADDRESS OR AN INCORRECT ADDRESS. IF YOU KNOW THEM OR THEIR ADDRESS, PLEASE CONTACT THE "SLATE" EDITOR AND GIVE THE CORRECT ADDRESS

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JAMES SMITH

## AREA I REPORT -

The Dallas Divers had several guest at their June meeting. Boyce Petty was trip chairman for the Jamaica dive trip, and the club awarded him with a gift, made by Wayne Mathewson, for his time and effort. Everyone was talking about the fun that they had. Hank Silver, however, had something else to talk about. He went the other way and spent a four day adventure up, yes up the Colorado River. Six boats made this exciting and adventurous venture up the Colorado rapids and canyon and then back again. Entertainment for the evening consisted of a film from "Gallstone Productions" of their trip to Jamaica--a "Silverflick Production" of their trip up the rapids and a "Shorty Productions" which were slides of their Jamaica trip. All the films and slides were very good and exciting, thanks to all of them for an eventful evening.

GREAT NEWS... The L.H.D. M. club have been noted for sticking together but this is ridiculous...not really. On June 23, two of their members are going to be married -- yes married-- TOM ERWIN and BECKY SMITH -- congratulations to both of you and many hours of "happy diving". The June meeting was held in the Italian restaurant in Dallas. Everyone enjoyed their meal, but everyone went dutch--- not as good as last month--the

club handled that bill. Mrs. John Fuller is expecting in the near future. She will be expected to send him through SCUBA training as soon as he can swim. Good luck.

Wayne Mathewson started off his new office as Pres. of the Texins with a bang. Several people gave reports on the status of the club functions and all of the new trainees or new members were welcomed to the club and the diving world. They were all given their diving certificates as certified novice divers. Entertainment was provided by Brooks Flagg. He presented sections of his full length feature film--"SCUBA"--which is to be released in the near future in this area. When you see it advertised in your area be sure to go see it. What we saw was simply fantastic. A senior divers class is in the making by the club for those club members who wish advance in their training. The club is planning to have a float in the Richardson centennial parade. Mary Burns is responsible for setting this up - excellent idea and good luck.

Not much activity at Sherman this month except training, lots of classes. Their lake check out should happen on the 24 of June. Twelve people are taking this session. Their advanced SCUBA course will end in Aug. some time. There are ten divers in this class and trips are planned to most of the area lakes and also to the Gulf to fulfill their training requirements. -- Bob Lackey  
Area I V.P.

## AREA 7 REPORT -

Summer has finally arrived, and diving is really on the upswing in Area 7. This is always the most active time of the year, although this year we have been hindered somewhat by our favorite area lake being closed to camping and picnicing. We are still allowed to dive in Lake Elmer Thomas on the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, but all the camping and picnicing areas around the lake have been closed.

It seems without a lake close by that diving and camping is allowed, that a lot of our club activities have suffered, and the clubs as a whole are not as successful as they have in the past years.

On May 20, quite a few Area 7 divers went to a contest hosted by the Okla. council at Lake Murray at Ardmore Okla. I am proud to announce that the divers that were present from the Southwest Council made a real good showing, with the Lawton Argonauts taking First Aggregate weight, and 2nd Team, and the Lawton Divers taking 3rd Team. Plus one of our newest divers, Bobby Hunt, took largest skin fish. There was also a diver present from the Texins, that placed, although I failed to get his name.

May 20 was an exceptionally busy day. Upon returning from

from Lake Murray, all three of the Area 7 clubs, the Lawton Divers, the Argonauts, and the Helldivers, took part in a drowning recovery at Lake Elmer Thomas. This was the first time all three clubs were working together on anything of this sort, and it took a little while to get everything to where it was running smoothly. It pointed out to us that we need some sort of recovery team in the area that knows what to do and how to go about getting it done. I attended a meeting of the Helldivers on June 6 at which this was discussed, and a plan of action was formulated in getting a team formed.

The Lawton Divers will be holding their contest at Porum Landing, at Lake Eufala, on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1 and 2. We are hoping for a real fine contest and a really big turnout. We haven't gotten our flyers printed up yet, but I can tell you in advance that there will be plenty of food, and plenty of beer, although most of us drink nothing stronger than iced tea.

In case anyone was wondering why the Argonauts contest was not held at Sandy Beach, they were unable to obtain a permit from the Brazos River Authority, due to it being a Holiday Weekend. After obtaining permission from Tom Davis to hold the contest at SCUBA Point they received their permit. Also they were

not to molest the turtles in any way. This is why the Turtle Derby was cancelled.

There were a total of 9 entries for the compass run for a profit of 69¢. On the spearfishing contest there were 61 entries. The club lost a total of \$16.00 on the whole contest.

The Argonauts have informed me that they will not host the Annual Charity Dive at Possum Kingdom this year. It will be hosted by the Little Gems Club. The contest will be held at Sandy Beach on the 14th & 15th of July. There will be 20 trophies. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Largest Fish. Most Fish. 5 Mens Teams. 3 Novice trophies and Largest and Most Womens. The entry fee will be \$4.50, and the SWC Rules will be followed.

The Officers of the Little Gems club are as follows: Pres. Tim Pharris, V. Pres. Pudd Myrich, Sec. Treas. Helen Crawford, Asst. Sec. Treas. Jo Pharris, Public Relations, Mack Guthrie.

I'm going to put an end to this report and get my gear ready for Lake Murray and the Aqua Jets Contest. I hear tell there might be some beer there and I don't want to be late.

Area 7 Vice President  
Charley Wright



FILM EXPOSED -

Unprocessed photographic film contained in luggage and parcels will be exposed, to some extent, by x-ray fluoroscopic devices now being used by airlines, customs officials and postal authorities checking for weapons, bombs, drugs, and contraband, according to V.C. McIninch, research scientist for the Eastman Kodak Company.

Whether or not these x-ray inspection systems will expose the film sufficiently to make it useless depends on a number of variable factors.

However, technical, "It is improbable that a successful x-ray inspection can be conducted without building up some developable exposure on the film, regardless of the exposure," McIninch said.

Principal among the factors affecting the developable image are "the magnitude of the x-ray exposure, its image structure (pattern) relative to that of the camera-formed image, and the sensitivity of film to x-rays," he said.

"There is no question about the hazard of these units to photographic film," McIninch said. "They heavily expose almost any film subjected to them...making it useless for normal photography."

A number of x-ray fluoroscopic units are used in this country by military postal and courier

services as well as airlines, and some are believed to be in use abroad.

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### THE ARGONAUTS CONTEST REPORT -

As all of you know, we had a problem holding our Sanctioned dive. We could not get a permit for Sandy Beach because of the Memorial weekend. If Tom Davis at Scuba Point had not offered his property, the contest would have been cancelled. Many THANKS to Tom Davis for his needed help.

All clubs should consider not holding a contest on a Holiday weekend without applying for a permit three months prior to the contest.

On the Compass Run we had 9 entrys. We did make money though, a total of 69¢.

On the Spearfishing we lost \$16.00. We thank all 61 that attended for your support.

Compass Run: 1st, Don Franklin; 2nd, Robert Swilley.

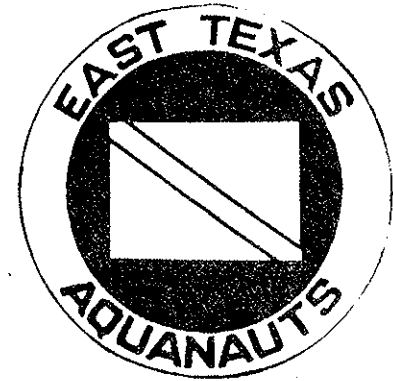
Spearfishing: Most fish, Bruce Mays with 26 fish; Largest fish, 1st, Robert Swilley with 20lb 11oz; 2nd, Bruce Mayes with 19 lb. 9 oz; 3rd, George Beach with 16 lb. 2 oz.; and 4th Matt Wiley with 13 lb. 4 oz.

Teams: 1st, Bruce Mayes and George Beach, 154 lb. 14 oz; 2nd, Ed Ralston and Jim Mc Anally, 97 lb. 4 oz; 3rd, Dennis Corcoran and Matt Wiley, 90 lb. 10 oz; and 4th James Wilson and Tommy Jordan 46 lb. 14 oz.

Women: Largest, Cheryl Hubenak, 1 fish, 1 lb. 2 oz.; Most Fish, Carla Wilson, 2 fish, 14 oz.

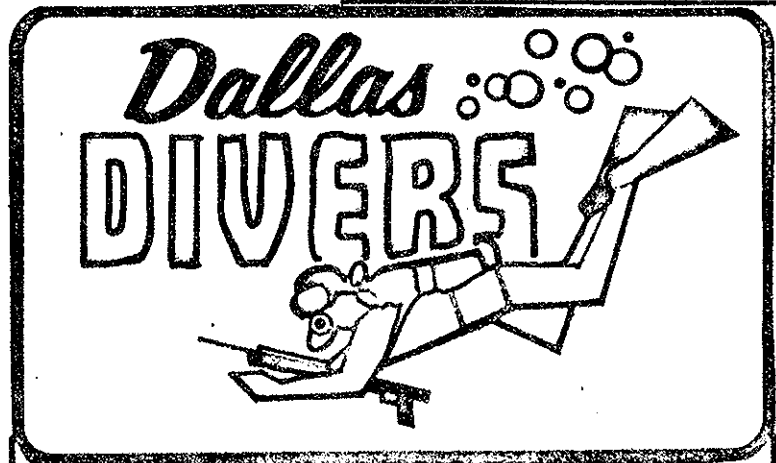
Novice: Bret Bradley, 14 lb. 12 oz.

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