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1. Copy of Clubs' constitution and/or Bylaws.
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Anyone wishing information about the council, its activities, etc., should send inquiries to the Public Relations Office, Mr. Matt Wiley (Rt. 9, Box 152B, Ft. Worth, Texas 76179) or the President whose address is listed above.

NEWSLETTER

The Southwest Slate is the official voice of the Southwest Council of Diving Clubs and is published monthly. Articles in the "Slate" may be reporduced in full or part (unless otherwise specified) as long as credit is given to the "Slate" and authors of the articles.

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Articles and pictures for publication in the "Slate" must be in by the 20th of each month as the publication date will be approximately the 1st of each month. Send all material to "Slate", 804 N. High, Longview, Texas 75601.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

What happened to the participation in the Scuba Skill events? At recent Dives held by LHDM and IDA the entry lists have been puny.

You people say to the Council through your representatives and to the Executive Committee that you want some events other than spearfishing at the Dives. Swell! Wonderful! Good idea! We will do it! It is done and what happens? Only a handful show up and enter.

The clubs that host these events are losing more than money....they are losing interest. I can tell you that this will be the last year Council will hold these events unless participation picks up. Show us you want these events by entering. They are fun and they round out your SCUBA enjoyment.

IDA's Dive last week was only moderately attended and all of us wonder why. The weather was pleasant, the hospitality super, and gasoline available even if the price was high. Matt's stew was superb. The water was chilly and the Buffalo are still down but there were lots of Carp shot.

Talk is that Lake Whitney is "loaded" with Carp. So some of you can sharpen your eyes and test your new guns at Whitney on the Bluffs and at the Points. Reports are the Carp are big and plentiful.

Please continue to solicit ads for "Slate". Every little bit helps greatly.

See you all at the Underwater Safari May 4th.

HANK

Divers' Dictionary

Narcosis - Liking one's self
Safety Vest - Safer than in the east
Current - a small berry
Dive - a crummy joint
Crab - an unhappy diver
Pressure - what wrinkled pants need
Convulsions - a large meeting of divers
Tanks - You're welcome
Cyanosis - Japanese goodbye

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT	LOCATION
*May 4-5	Texins	Contest	Travis
May 19	Aquanauts	Triathelon	Skippers Lake
*June 8-9	Lawton Divers	Contest	To be Announced
June 15-16	Arkansas Scuba	3rd Annual U.S. Freshwater Spearfishing Championships	Chrystal Spgs. Boat Dock, Lake Ouachita
*June 29-30	Orca Tamers	Contest	To be Announced
*July 20-21	Aqua Jets	Contest	To be Announced
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EDITORIAL

Well it seems as soon as the Convention is over and a few compliments are passed around everybody lets up on their job - the "Slate" has been running late - we had to use the same cover two months in a row because our Art Editor has fallen in love, the Area Vice President's are either late or are not sending reports at all, same goes for the other officers except for our faithful president Mr. Hank Silver - Keep setting an example for the rest of us. Let's all make an extra effort for next month and get in your reports as quick as you can so we can get back on a 1st of the month publication schedule.

Elsewhere in this issue you will notice an article about a 10% tax on diving and fishing equipment. Even though the tax is proposed to be levied at the manufacturers level you the consumer will pay it in the end. I urge all of you to write your federal representatives and senators in opposition to this bill and urge all your diving and fishing buddies to do the same. Some of the people to write are John Tower, Lloyd Bentsen, Ray Roberts, Wright Patman - to either the House Office Bldg, Washington, D. C. 20515 or the Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20510. There are other representatives besides these. You should know who they are - if not check with your local party headquarters for their names and addresses.

We are also short on advertisers - it seems as if everyone at the Convention was concerned about the cost of the Slate but very few seem to be doing anything about it. Only about 20% of the Council Clubs are supporting their newsletter. Oddly enough for the most part the smaller clubs are the ones carrying the biggest part of the load. The large clubs like IDA - TEXINS - LHDM - AAA JETS & LAWTON won't even spend \$40.00 for a 1/4 page ad all year - where we have the smaller clubs like ARK-LA-TEX - AQUANAUTS & AQUA SPORTS trying to do their share with the help of one of the larger clubs - good ole DALLAS DIVERS. Come on you Giants - flex your purse strap instead of your mouth. We need your help.

Incidentally looks as though the Post Office Dept. has slowed down again. It was exactly two weeks to the day from the date I mailed the "Slate" until mine was delivered - that's right here in Longview. I just wonder about Dallas, Ft. Worth, Okla. etc? For your information the March issue was mailed on March 18th.

Dick Wilgus

AREA I REPORT

As in the past meetings, the Texins have given door prizes. Last night Carolyn Weatherman won a 4 days, 3 night vacation for two at Dick Birches Small Hope Bay Lodge, Andros Island, Bahamas. The prize was given by Frank B. Ramey, Regional Manager of the Bahama Island Tourist Office. He presented a marvelous film on diving in the Bahamas. As in previous years The Texins help their underwater safari at Lake Travis. This year, it was looking very doubtful that they could hold their dive there. As it turned out it was just a scare and after seeing their flyer on the events, they are having a biggie! Hope to see all of you there.

The Dallas Divers had another great crowd at their meeting. They proudly displayed their new club flag which was designed and made by the Mathewsons, Jackie and Wayne. They did a superb job. Anita Miller just got back from spending 8 wonderful days in British Honduras. (Boy, I have a wonderful time just by dreaming about being there). Talking about British Honduras, on April 20 some more members are planning on going there. Some

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The C.H.D.M. has several upcoming outings in the making. The outing for April will be a dinner at the Western Sizzung Steaks. The outing for May will be a hamburger and hot dog picnic at North Lake. The Biggie will be in June. The outing then will be a weekend at Beavers Bend in Oklahoma. (That's not exactly British Honduras but it is out of state). The program was a film about Australia brought in by David McMurry. It was very enjoyable.

Misfortunately I was unable to attend the IDA Dive (Sorry, Dennis) and I didn't have the opportunity to converse with Tommy Herrin of the Sherman Divers about what is going on up there. I'll try to have something on them for next month.

Phillip Rodriguez
Area I-V.P.

AREA III REPORT

I don't have any contact with anyone from Texins Diving Club, so I can't give a report on them. Anyone from T.I. that receives the State could get in touch.

American Airlines Aqua jets at their last meeting elected to have their S.W.C. sanctioned dive at Lake Murray.

Elbert Jackson is the new president; Lee Bumpas is vice president; Carolyn Embree is secretary; Jim Gale is sergeant-at-arms.

AAA had 7 divers enter the dive at Possum Kingdom.
1st largest ~ Carolyn Embree

Aqua sports are keeping their old name, no changes. New officers are: Pat Tiffin-President; Charlie Lynch-Vice President; David McNeal-Secretary. Club is working for new members and hope to have more participation at the dives as the water warms up.

James Gale
Area III Vice President



"OH, NO - NOT SEAFOOD AGAIN."

From National Diver

AREA IV REPORT

The Midland Dune Divers were well represented at the First SWC Dive of the year. Those attending were: Leo and Bart McCollum, Janie and Ronnie Sims, Bill Goetz, Scot Standfere, John and Clark Lowery, Kelly Fish, John and Alan Love, Dan and Kathy Linebarger and Cody Bell Jr. The divers reported poor visibility but everyone had a lot of fun anyway.

Another winter class is finishing up this week in Midland. Checkout dives for this and the previous class are scheduled for the upcoming 2 weekends. So the Dune Divers hope to have some new members shortly.

Bill Goetz
Area IV V-P

Address:

Midland Dune Divers
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DANGEROUS LEGISLATION

A TAX ON DIVE GEAR

A bill has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Dingell et al as H.R. 11016, to provide a Fish Restoration Fund by putting a 10% tax on the sale of sport fishing and **underwater swimming equipment**. The equipment covered is defined as:

"(A) of any article of sport fishing equipment; and

(B) of any article of underwater sport swimming equipment, including, but not limited to, wet suits, underwater face masks, snorkels, swimming fins, air tanks, air tank regulators, and spear guns . . . "

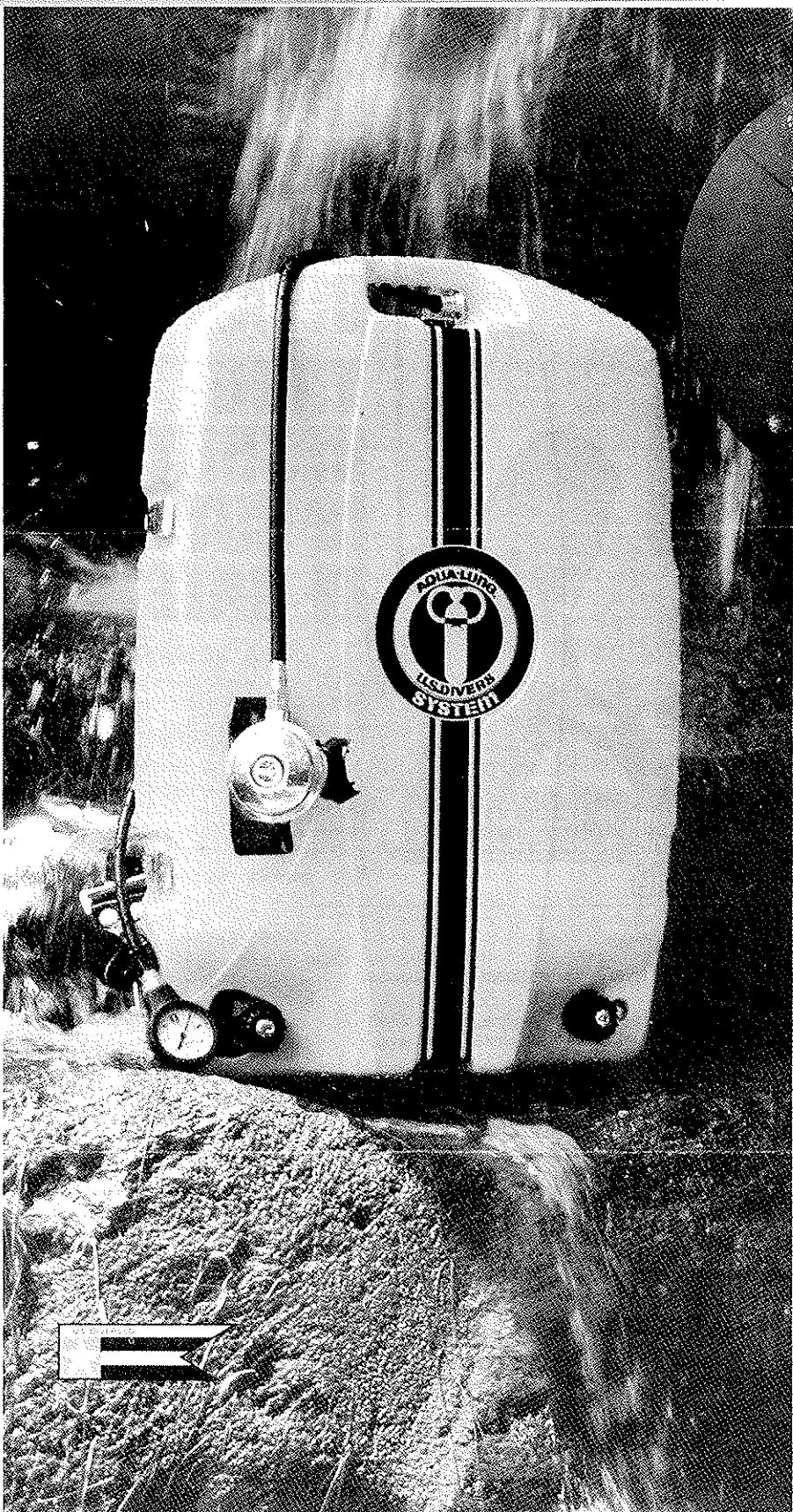
It is questionable whether this bill has any merit, but even if it does, the tax seems most unjust and discriminatory since it proposes to tax **all** skin and scuba gear, not just spears and spear guns! This equates all divers with fish taking, which is just not so. It would tax practically everything in your dive shop.

It is proposed that the tax be imposed at the manufacturer's level, but, of course, the costs will get passed on to the dealer, and through him to the consumer.

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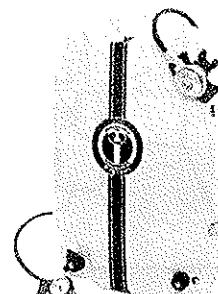
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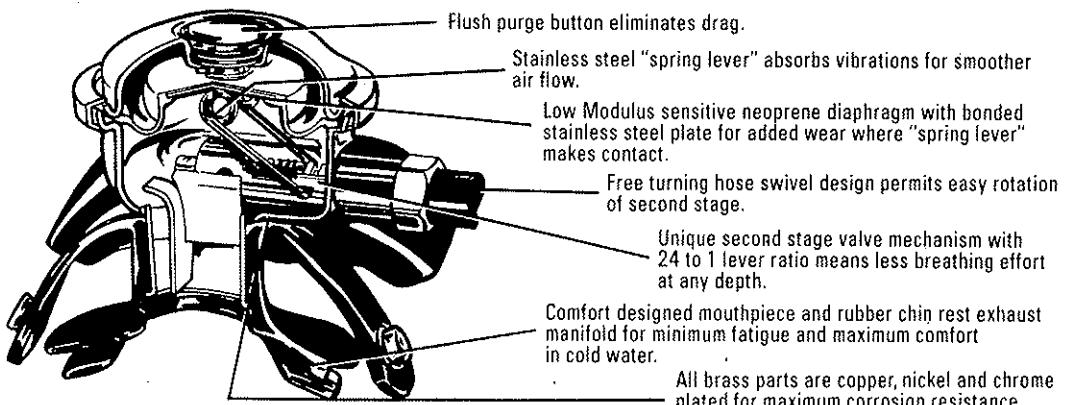
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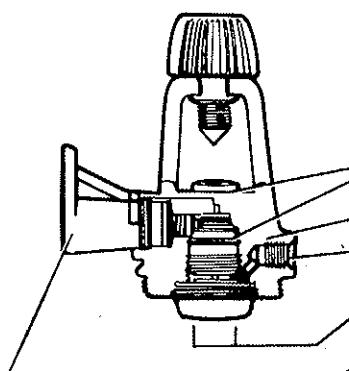
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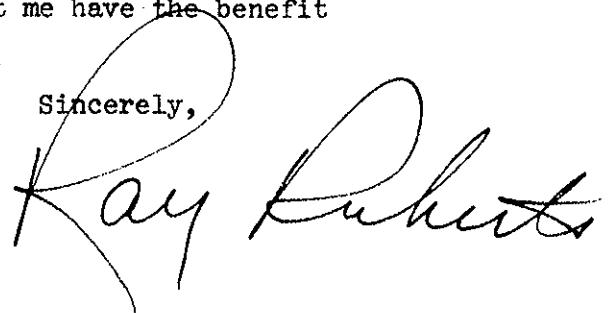
Dear Mr. Wilgus:

Reference is made to your letter of April 8, 1974, concerning H. R. 11016, the Fish Restoration Fund.

This bill is pending in the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, with no action scheduled. If and when this legislation comes to the House floor for a vote, I will keep your recommendations in mind.

Thank you for taking the time to let me have the benefit of your views.

Sincerely,



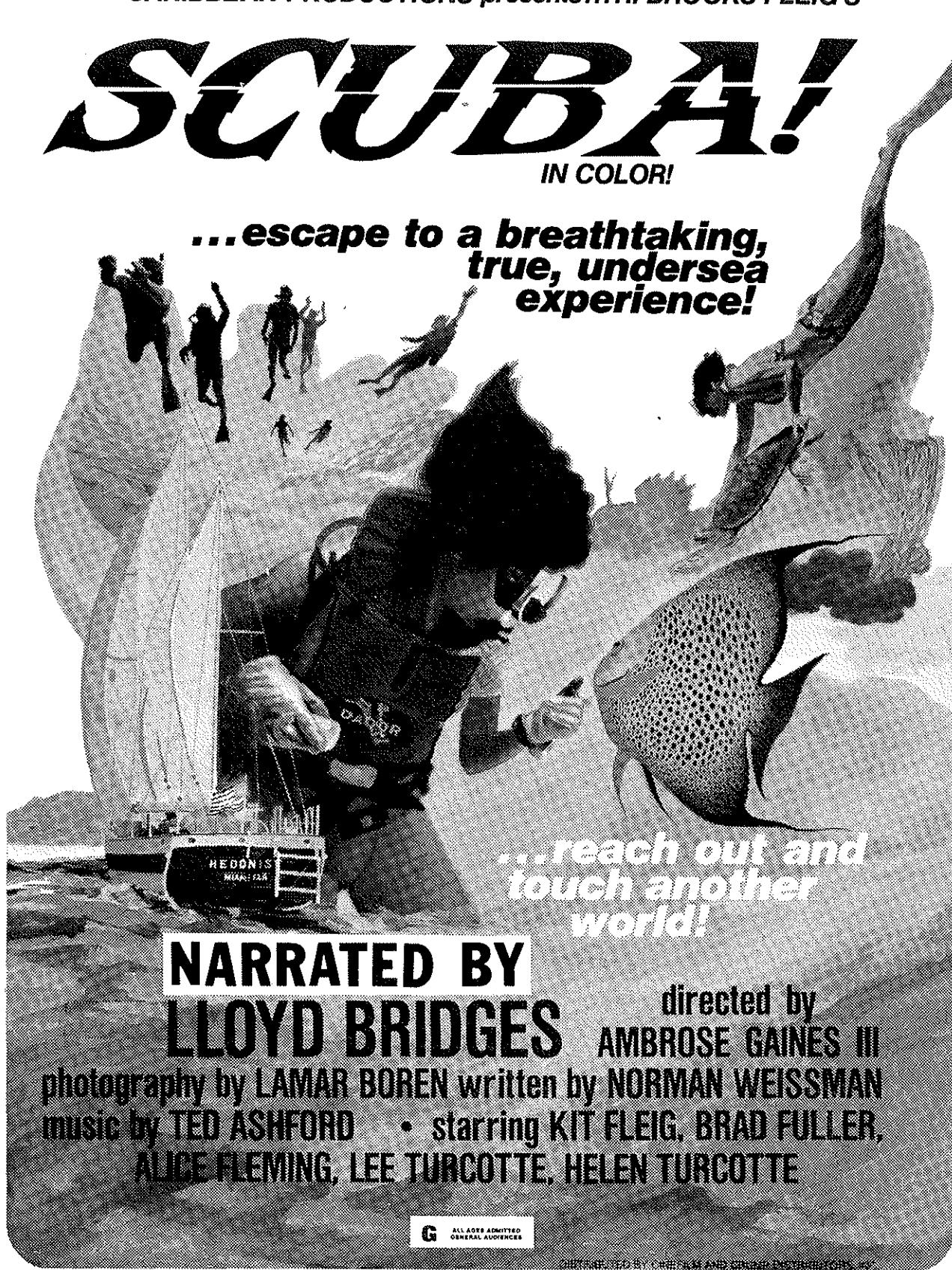
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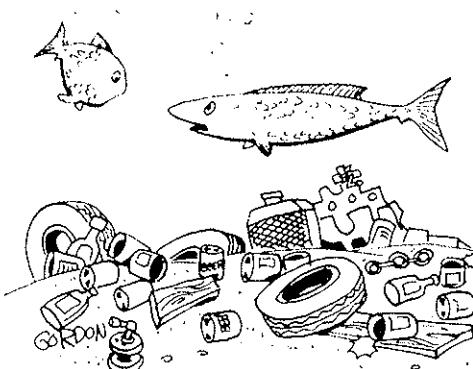
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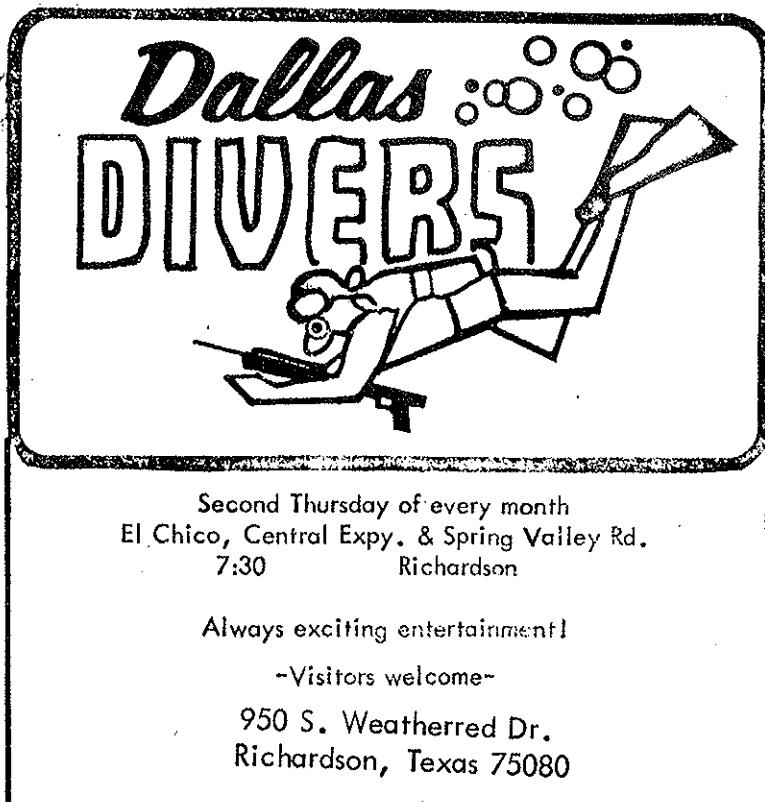
The meeting was called to order by the re-elected President Hank Silver. Roll call was given. The first thing on the agenda was revision of the last Convention's By-Laws and Constitution up-dated by Carolyn Weatherman this was tabled till a later date. (Since the meeting, after talking with Hank, it was decided to correct my mistakes and publish the Constitution and By-Laws in the Slate. If there are any objections let me know). On the agenda was some misunderstanding pertaining to the film contest and this was discussed and the parties involved were reviewed and made satisfactory. We then had final report on the finances by the Dallas Divers on the 1973 Convention. They were then reimbursed \$300.00 until at such time the club will be able to give a portion back to the Council.

There was some discussion about the Southwest Council's finances. It looks like in the near future it would be wise to up the Southwest Council's dues. FOOD FOR THOUGHT***.

We also decided to have some time in the summer, hopefully July, to hold a fresh water film contest. This was voted to be done this year as a trial basis hopefully to be voted in at the next Convention. There was some discussion on the film rules and we decided they need some re-wording to read clearer.

We also gave the Slate some of our thoughts, and we do need ads badly to help defray the cost of the Slate. Remember, it is our only voice to the members. It was then discussed that we might need to hold a general meeting. Then the meeting of March 3, 1974 came to adjournment.

Carolyn Weatherman - Sec. of SWC



Men's Top 21 Spearfishing Divers

1.	Matt Wiley	IDA	18 Points
2.	Dennis Corcoran	IDA	12
3.	George Beach	Lawton	10
4.	Bruce Mays	Lawton	10
5.	Lee Bumpas	AAA	8
6.	Ben Sleigh	LHDM	7
7.	Wayne Williams	IDA	7
8.	Charles Byrd	IDA	7
9.	Jay Zornes	Texins	7
10.	Charles Crawford	Little Gem	6
11.	Ed Ralston	Dallas Divers	6
12.	Tommy Jourden	Orca Tamers	6
13.	James Pementer	IDA	6
14.	Mark Anderson	Lawton	6
15.	Bufford Love	Quitman Dol.	6
16.	Don Gross	Sherman	6
17.	Dale Kiser	Lawton	6
18.	Gary Simpkins	Quitman Dol.	6
19.	Clay Thorne	AAA	6
20.	Gorden Hubenack	IDA	5
21.	Charles Wright	Lawton	5

Non-Spearfishing Top 10

1.	Tommy Herrin	Sherman	13
2.	Ben Sleigh	LHDM	
3.	Gordon Hubenack	IDA	7
4.	Larry Wiley	IDA	7
5.	Mike Kornegay	IDA	6
6.	Homer Baxley	Orca Tamers	5
7.	Jane Hudsepeth	IDA	5
8.	Ray Hudsepeth	IDA	5
9.	John Graff	AAA	4
10.	Jim Gale	AAA	3

Women's Top 5 Spearfishing Divers

1.	Carolyn Embree	AAA	13
2.	Jannett	AAA	11
3.	Jane Hudsepeth	IDA	2
4.	Sandra Mathews	Orca Tamers	2
5.	Kay Kornegay	IDA	2

Novice Top 5 Spearfishing Divers

1.	Don Gross	Sherman	4
2.	Dale Kiser	Lawton	4
3.	Buford Love	Quitman Dol.	4
4.	Gary Simpkins	Quitman Dol.	4
5.	Clay Thorne	AAA	4

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Second Wednesday each month. Tiki Restaurant in Longview, 7:30 P.M.

ARK-LA-TEX DIVERS

First Tuesday each month. 6:30 P.M. Downtown YMCA.

QUITMAN DOLPHINS

Fourth Wednesday each month. Clear Lakes Cafe, 7:30 P.M.

NOTICE

THIS IS YOUR LAST SLATE IF YOUR
1974 DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID
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--- BETTER HURRY ---

Monitor Inspection Ends With No Part Recovered

DURHAM, N.C. (AP)— Duke University researchers have finished inspecting the sunken Civil War ironclad Monitor off Cape Hatteras without recovering any major artifacts.

The Sea Probe, a specially equipped vessel on loan from the Navy, docked at Morehead City, N.C., to signal the end to the expedition that had been hampered by bad weather.

Don Seaver of the university news bureau said the Sea Probe was returning to Norfolk, Va.

Seaver said the researcher team used a large Army Reserve landing craft to dredge up some coal and clinkers, believed to have come from under the famous Union battleship. The team had hoped to recover the anchor, anchor chain or rudder from the ship.

They also made a composite photograph of the ship, one of the major objectives of the operation. The composite shows that the Monitor is upside down in 220 feet of water, Seaver said.

He said he knows of no plans for another expedition to the site, 15 miles south of Cape Hatteras.

The Monitor is famous for its 4-hour, close-range Civil War duel with the Confeder-

ate ironclad Merrimac. The March 9, 1862, battle, the first between ironclads, ended in a draw.

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PATIENT BREAKS OUT IN A RASH OF EXCUSES FOR NOT WORKING. LEAVES WORK EARLY ON WARM DAYS. DOES NOT RESPOND TO FAMILY OR FRIENDS. COMPLEXION ASSUMES INDOOR PALLOR. HABITUALLY VISITS LOCAL SKIN DIVING PROFESSIONAL SHOP AND SECRETLY INSPECTS NEW BRANDS OF EQUIPMENT. MAKES SWIMMING MOTIONS IN HIS SLEEP. EYES GLASSY, REFLECTING EXPANSES OF WATER.

TREATMENT

DON'T MENTION SNOW, WINTER, OR ROUGH WATER, SURROUND PATIENT WITH PLENTY OF FRESH AIR, SUN, AND CLEAR WATER. TAKE THE **DIVERS INTERNATIONAL** PRESCRIPTION TO YOUR LOCAL PROFESSIONAL DIVE SHOP. DISEASE HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS BUT NEVER FATAL.

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Dallas, Texas 75209

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Ft. Worth, Texas 76135

Orca Tamers
116 Charlene
Hurst, Texas 76053

Aqua Sports
300 Chisholm Trail
Garland, Texas 75042

Lawton Diving Club
903 SW 49th
Lawton, Okla. 73501

Quitman Dolphins
P. O. Box 663
Quitman, Texas 75783

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Sherman Divers
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Plano, Texas 75074

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Plano, Texas 75074

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