

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

SEA SPACE '74 OBSERVATIONS AND PERSPECTIVE

Hospitality, warm and friendly. It was nice to see so many divers from North Texas with representatives from Ft. Worth, Quitman, Longview as well as Dallas. I am especially glad to see so many SWC members enjoying and supporting such a worthwhile activity. The support that Sea Space gets from the Houston area dive shops, the South Texas divers and the general public at large, is very interesting. It contrasts with the overall lack of support that the North Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana dive shops and divers give to the Council. Our greatest challenge is to involve more divers in Council Activities. I will offer some proposals at the convention to change for the better our membership growth.

Notables among manufacturer's representing at Sea Space were Lou Nelson of U. S. Divers and Chuck Snyder of White Stag. Here are at least two men who know what grass roots can do for a manufacturer and where to be during an important local Seminar, Exhibition, and Film Festival.

The film show itself, while not on a par with last year's, was very good indeed. The most notable presentation was made by a ballet and underwater slides in combination, produced by Jan McGinnis (shades of Sol Hurok). The picture and ballet collage was woven together with music in a truly elegant show. Films by Ernie Brooks, Bill MacDonald and Cousteau highlighted the presentation, with Dr. George Benjamin sneaking in a block-buster few of us have ever seen: "The Blue Holes of Andros". No one knows these holes as does Dr. B. and through his lens we explored and explained these truly marvelous phenomenon, it was fascinating. If only Dr. B. had had a narrator tell the story, bless his heart, the broken English we were forced to listen to (his own) took so much energy to hear and understand that the visual effect suffers. If he could give our ears a break, our eyes would benefit.

It was nice to see Bill Elgin from Dallas take third place in Color Print division, and although ex-Dallasite Dixie Burnet took second, I thought Bill's photo was tops! Congrats, Bill and Dixie.

A survey was taken by Texas A&M on Gulf Diving. If any of you wish to respond to the survey for the benefit of all diving in the gulf, write me and I will send you a copy of the questionnaire. If you have never dived the Gulf, the survey will be meaningless to you.

To Ken Young, HUC's president, for yet another job superbly done by his club...our Kudus. The attendance was larger than last year's, I believe.

To Hal and Cindy Martin of International Divers Club...a thank you for their hospitality and to their club for moral and financial support for Sea Space.

The seminars were for the most part, interesting and informative. Carl Clausen was, I thought, head and shoulders above. This man is a sensitive scientist! A diving Savior! His work is his life and he makes it vital to the audience with an articulate look into what the Texas Antiquitas Commission is doing. His presentations are also a comedic respite as well from all the draught of speakers. Others presenting seminar programs were Ralph Shamilian of Farallan, with a look to diving instrumentation of the future; Cecil Reid of SCOT with a preview of what to expect in the future as pertains to artificial reefs and surplus liberty ship sinkings. Denny Bourman, Tink Manry, Gene Shinn were speakers

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and all this was tastefully rounded out by Jim Jones of HUC with musical finales to each session. Jim's poetry and melodies brought us all to the realization of what extreme beauty and sensitivity diving affords. Sea Space '74, in a word "WORTHWHILE".

See y'all at the Gar Rodeo, HAPPY DIVING....

Hank

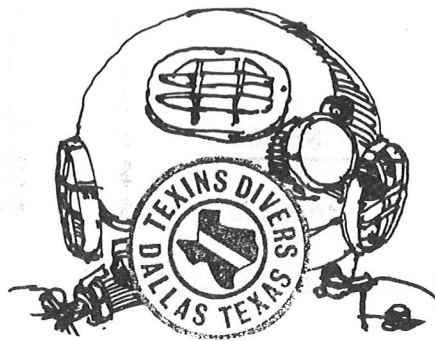
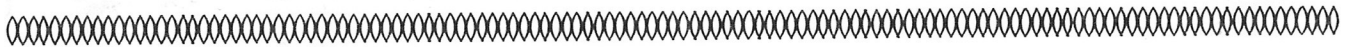
F.Y.I.*

The recent protest at the Lawton Divers "Catfish Roundup" at Ouichita. Disallowed; by executive committee majority polled and by virtue of Council By-Laws Article XII, Section d, which states "fish speared must conform to Fish and Game laws."

Arkansas laws permit the taking of the fish which were weighed in, so they are absolutely legal.

Perhaps this is a section which needs clarification. Those of you who are interested, make note and prepare a better section to the convention.

*For your information.

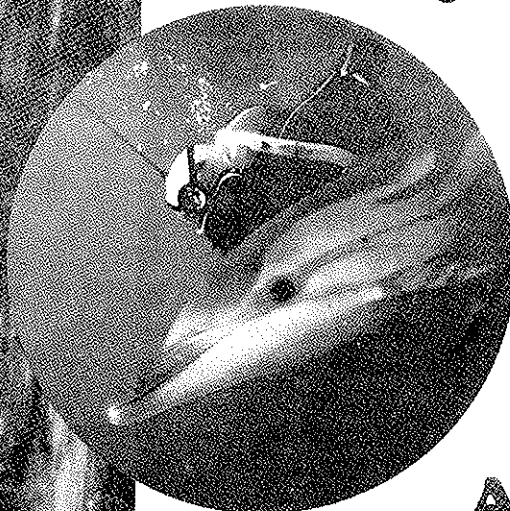


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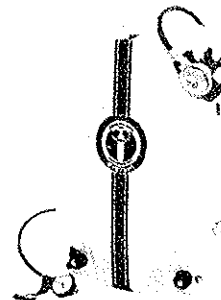
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CLUB REPORT

The Sherman Divers held their annual dive with the Dallas Texins at Lake Texoma. How about smoked turkey and ham for chow Saturday night. The Dallas studs walked away with the Overall Trophy again but we put up a better fight this time. As usual Texoma was at its best with one to two foot. Tommy Herrin came in first in the Obstacle Course. Ron Jorgensen came in second behind Tommy by 2 seconds and he also came in second in the compass run beating out his old lady (Myrna) but she walked away with a box full of those beautiful trophies Sunday. Third & Fourth largest fish, Women's Trophy, Most Fish and Third Team Trophy. Ask her at Caddo how big they were??? See you at the Lake Caddo Dive in December.

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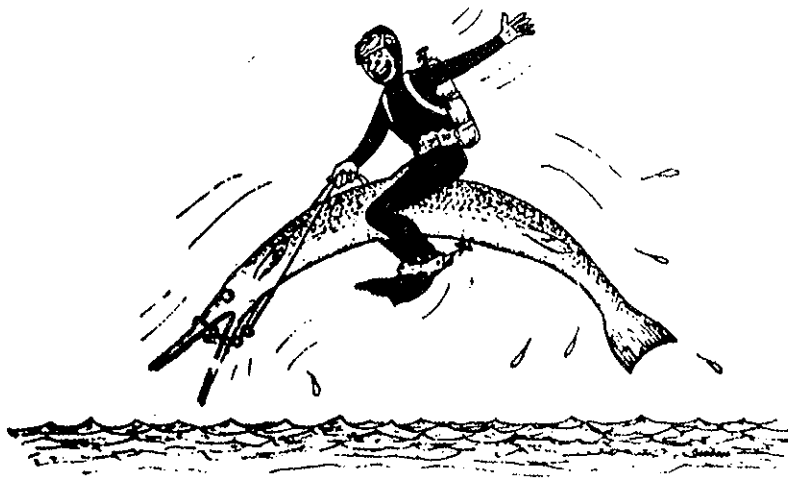
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* Dec. 7-8	E.T. Aquanauts	Jim Clark Memorial Gar Rodeo	Curleys Camp, Caddo Lake
* Jan. 11-12/75	Ark-La-Tex	Gar Rodeo	Bistineau
Feb. 1-2/75	Texins	Council Convention	Holiday Inn, Garland, Texas

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Team - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd aggregate weight.
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AREA II REPORT

West Side Divers have members Ron Miller and Jim Olhauen in California on assignment from there company but combining business with pleasure in the California Salt Water. What luck, a company paid vacation.

Congratulations to Ronnie and Julie Walters. They are proud parents of a 8 lb. 8 oz. bouncing boy born Oct. 8, 1974, his name is Jason Lee. Again, congratulations!

Eddie Kellihier is in the V.A. Hospital, Room 513 N, 1030 North Jefferson, Memphis, Tenn. 38104. He will be there three more weeks and would like some mail from other divers.

Orca Tamers are planning their Christmas Party already.

A trip to the V. A. Fogg planned by master weatherman, Mike Kornegay, alias "The Turtle" planned both trips in the middle of a hurricane. The last I heard he enrolled in the Acme Weather forecasting school.

I. D. A. has set the new date for their Film Festival for Jan. 25, 1975, at the Tarrant County, Convention Center Theater.

For details see the ad in this State.

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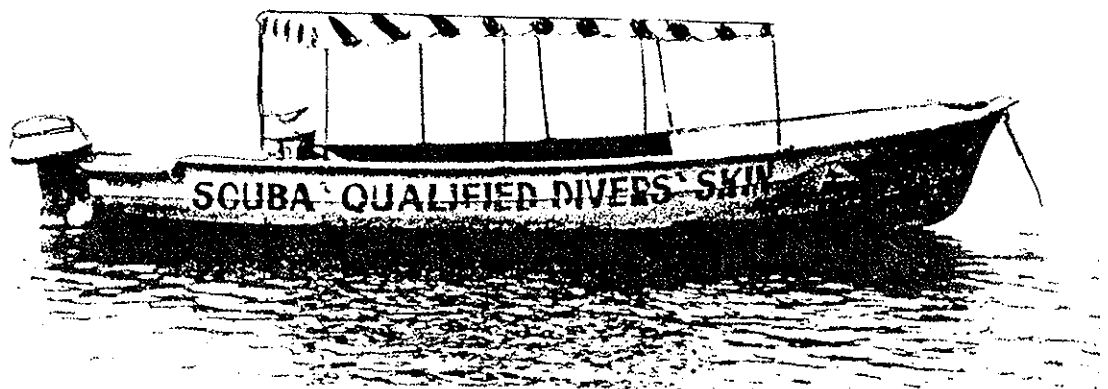
by John Good

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico is not usually thought of as a diving mecca, but it nonetheless has capable facilities and a fair amount of underwater scenery. There is a dive shop in the town and a branch office on Mismaloya beach. Scene of the filming of the movie "Night of the Iguana", Mismaloya is a very beautiful beach, but the reason is not immediately clear -- the sand isn't as white as some, the water isn't as clear as some, and the beach is small. Perhaps it's the small beach surrounded on three sides by thickly vegetated mountains that produce a feeling of protected seclusion that makes it so appealing. Bobbing at anchor just offshore is a gaily canopied outsize rowboat with outboard motor. On the side of the boat is painted in large letters "SCUBA QUALIFIED DIVERS SKIN". There is or was some punctuation to set off QUALIFIED DIVERS from SCUBA and SKIN, but it is minimal, and the first impression is what sticks. The usual diving procedure is as follows.

- a. Appear at dive shop in morning and help load tanks into truck.
- b. Head for the beach; stopping along the way at hotels to see if anyone else is coming.
- c. Arrive at beach; remove tanks and equipment from truck and load it into canoe.
- d. Swim out to SCUBA QUALIFIED DIVERS SKIN, unload tanks and equipment.
- e. Go to diving area, dive, go back to shore, load tanks and equipment from SCUBA QUALIFIED DIVERS SKIN into canoe.
- f. Swim to shore, load tanks and equipment from canoe into truck.
- g. Collapse.

The diving area is very interesting. There are four rock islands north of Mismaloya (but not visible from the beach due to the lay of the land). They range in size from big boulder to small island, and the two largest are pierced, forming natural arches, for which the group is named. Underwater, large boulders and rock outcroppings provide fertile fields for many feeding fish. Very little corral, sponges, and urchins were seen, being replaced, evidently, by sea slugs. Almost uncomfortably warm at the surface, the water was exhilarating at forty feet, and there wasn't much to see beyond seventy feet.

Two NAUI certified instructors conduct two dive trips to this area every day, and the trips are run with the usual split-second, hair-trigger timing accuracy that characterizes most operations in Mexico. On Saturdays a diving trip is made to the Mariettas Islands in the Pacific Ocean at the mouth of Banderas Bay.



CONTEST UP-DATE AS OF 9-1-74 -- LAWTON DIVE

TOP NON-SPEARFISHING

1.	Tommy Herrin	Sherman	20
2.	Ben Sleigh	L.H.D.M.	19
3.	Robert Swilley	Ark-La-Tex	13
4.	Myrna Jorgenson	Sherman	12
5.	John Graff	A.A.A.	12
6.	Roy Hudseph	I.D.A.	12

NOVICE SPEARFISHING

1.	Clay Thorne	A.A.A.	30
2.	Greg Gross	A.A.A.	22
3.	Gary Hutchins	B.I.	16
4.	Bufford Love	Q. D.	16
5.	Mike Timo	Ark-La-Tex	11
6.	Gary Simpkins	Q.D.	6
7.	Jamie Stafford	A.A.A.	6

WOMEN'S SPEARFISHING

1.	Carolyn Embree	A.A.A.	32
2.	Sandra Mathews	Orca T.	15
3.	Jannett Chermely	A.A.A.	13
4.	Myrna Jorgenson	Sherman	8
5.	Jane Hudseph	I.D.A.	6

MEN'S SPEARFISHING

1.	Matt Wiley	I.D.A.	32
2.	Charles Crawford	Little Gem	27
3.	James Permenter	I.D.A.	27
4.	Bruce Mays	Lawton	25
5.	Dennis Corcoran	I.D.A.	24
6.	Gordon Hubenack	I.D.A.	23
7.	Robert Swilley	Ark-La-Tex	22
8.	Tommy Jourden	Orca Tamers	19
9.	Jay Zornes	Texins	19
10.	Jim Gale	A. A. A.	17
11.	Robert Lackey	Texins	17
12.	Lee Bumpas	A.A.A.	16
13.	John Graff	A.A.A.	16
14.	Wayne Williams	I.D.A.	15
15.	Bufford Love	Q. D.	14
16.	Charles Byrd	I.D.A.	14
17.	Jack Echart	LTV	14
18.	Wayne Mathewson	Texins	14
19.	Clay Thorne	A.A.A.	14
20.	Wayne Brewer	LTV	13
21.	Ben Sleigh	L.H.D.M.	13
22.	Charles Wright	Lawton	13

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- Most Fish - Charles Crawford - 6 Fish



- 21# 15 oz. 1st Team - Mike Beach & Bruce Mayes
 - 10# 8½ oz. 2nd Team - Charles Crawford & Robert Swilley
 - 4# 14½ oz. 3rd Team - John Graffe & James Gale
 - 4# 3½ oz. 4th Team - Gordon Hubenak & James Permenter
- 3# 4½ oz. Novice - Gary Hutchins



No Ladies Trophy Given (Lack of Fish)

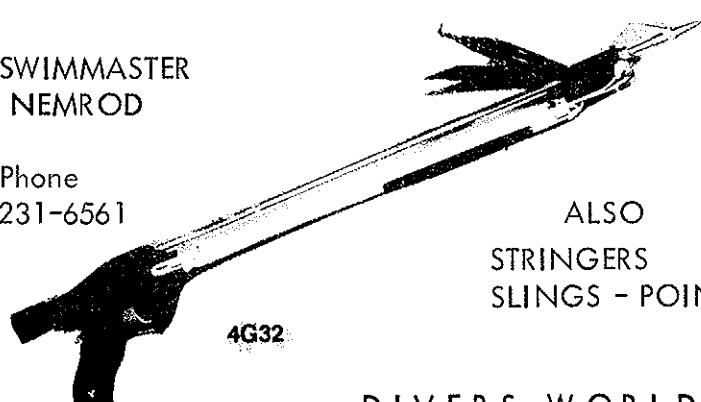
Compass Run

- 1st Place - Robert Swilley - 4 ft. 2 inches
- 2nd Place - Don McNulty - 4 ft. 10 inches
- 3rd Place - Tommy Herron - 12 ft. 7 inches

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*** EDITORIAL ***

The Convention is drawing near as well as the Gar Rodeo. The photography contest is also something to be considering. Shortly after the 1st of the year we have the Ark-La-Tex Rodeo. All in all, a full schedule for the next two months. I understand some of the Dallas Divers are going to Belize over the Thanksgiving Holidays. So are some of the Aquanauts and Quitman Dolphins. We'll surely see each other there; in fact, I think we're on the same flight from New Orleans. Since I can't get the Area VI V.P. to report I'll mention the fact that the Quitman Dolphins held a club dive at Horseshoe Lake and there were several Aquanauts present. The Aquanauts are having a dive at Lone Star lake on the 24th of Nov., just a week after the Ark-La-Tex "Gar Blast" at Caddo on the 17th. Thus far Caddo is at a normal level and the water is "fair", 3 to 5' up to 10' in some places. Hope to see you all at the dice table at the Gar Rodeo.

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