

SOUTHWEST SLATE

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SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF SKIN DIVING CLUBS

EDITORIAL



However unusual, since this may be my last issue of the "Slate" as Editor, I want to use this issue to honor the woman behind this man. Pictured at left is my wife, Peggy, who not only is a MEMBER of the East Texas Aquanauts and Southwest Council but also a diver.

Were it not for her kind understanding & willing helpfulness it would not be possible for me to apply as much time and effort to producing the "Slate". Besides working on the staff and helping each time to assemble the newsletter, she is always faced with the chore of cleaning up after the Slate Party, which is usually held at my home. Seldom, if ever, does she complain about spilled beer, empty cans, paper scraps, dirty ash trays, etc., left for her to face the next morning, not to mention getting the kids dressed and off to school.

All of these things plus many other hours of help has made my job easier and has helped the Council have a newsletter, not only for 1974 but 1973 as well. Thank you Peggy for your understanding. I'm sure there are many other wives, one being Annette Silver, that deserve equal credit for their part. I only wish I knew everyone who deserved credit. There are some that have worked consistently with me the past two years that I would like to acknowledge: Dee Shappell not only for providing the labels, but also helping assemble, other members of the group include Bob & Gilda Hanson, Larry & Mary Ann Henderson, Edd Long, Horst Seeger, Cap & Ethel Blood, Dennis & Beverly Fogarty, Marsha & Glen Sheridan—who also supplied many of the covers—Earnie Grider, Nancy Dees, Larry Smith – to all of you I say, Thanks on behalf of the Council & myself.

DICK WILGUS

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This is by anyone's standards a "good" time of the year. During the Holidays everyone is wishing each other health, wealth, and happiness. Blessings are bestowed on families, friends, and business associates. We, as pragmatic people, being divers, cannot afford to dwell on the past or even the present. Our world of reality belongs in the future.

I can't look forward, however, without looking back at the past two years. I have been really privileged to serve as Council President and to each of you, it's members, I thank you from my heart. We must all be a part of the future and for the Council's future this means supporting the new slate of officers with all the cooperation and help you have given me.

Most of all, as the Convention nears, we must all put our heads together and offer constructive ideas by which we can make our Council bigger, stronger, better. We must search for new ideas to increase participation and new events to attract a broader base of the diving public into organized diving. 1975 will be a great year to be a member of the Southwest Council of Diving Clubs.

HANK

(Promo)

DIVER'S WORLD is offering a Flower Gardens trip on the 22nd & 23rd of February aboard the Aqua Safari. Everything is included: air, food, bunk, transportation by boat to the Gardens and back.... all for a total cost of \$129.00. Call or write for info. See article in January Skin Diver!

(Item)

Bring any Proposal changes to the Constitution and By-Laws to Convention for approval.

(Item)

Everyone is welcome to the business meeting of Convention...and it is FREE!

(Item)

Get your pictures, slides, and films in to the Contest Chairman NOW! Entry fees and entry forms elsewhere in this SLATE. Entry fee is \$3.00 per category. You may enter:

1 slide or 5 slides for \$3.00

1 sound movie or 2 sound movies for \$2.00

1 print or 3 prints for \$3.00 etc.

(Item)

Each Club that wishes to host a dive in 1975 should plan their dates ahead of time to save Convention time.

(Item)

Be thinking of nominations for: "Diver of the Year" and "Service Award".

DIVING SAFETY SEMINAR
Co-Sponsored By NAUI And The Ocean Corporation

DATE - April 12 - 13, 1975 ----- LOCATION - The Ocean Corporation, 2120 Peckham St., Houston, Texas 77019, (713) 526-8957.----- SPEAKERS - Leon (Tink) V. Manry, Jr. - President, The Ocean Corporation - NAUI Southwest Branch Manager; Larry Cushman - President, NAUI; Col. Jeff Davis, M.D. or Col. Heimback, M.D. - Aerospace Medicine U.S.A.F.; Albert Pierce - NAUI Instructor; Bohn Phillips - Lawyer; Mike Rives - Manager, Industrial Diving Division, The Ocean Corporation - NAUI and Commercial Instructor; A. Dee Clark - NAUI and Commercial Instructor; Edwina Brady - NAUI and Commercial Instructor; Nyle Everitt - NAUI Instructor; Bob Mackey - Commercial Instructor

PROGRAM - Topics will include, but not limited to: Deep water rescue, Dive tables and decompression meter use, Emergency 1st aid, Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Dive master, Accident reports, Legal aspects of instruction and diving accident, Coast guard rescue systems, Dive boat safety, Sheriff department, marina division rescue procedures, Medical aspects of diving, hyperbaric medicine, Safety aspects of shark darts, power heads and spear guns, Use of equipment, Chamber operations, Free ascent and buddy breathing ascent.

Diving Safety Seminar (What to do if everything goes wrong) is a top level event to sharpen everyone's rough edges and pass around new ideas which have been developed over the last year. Discussions on the topics will be informative but on an informal basis. The lectures will be followed by practice sessions in the swimming pool, 40' tank and recompression chamber.

WHO TO CONTACT -

NAUI Southwest Branch
The Ocean Corporation
2120 Peckham St.
Houston, Texas 77019
(713) 526-8957
Edward Polk
Edwina Brady

MATERIAL FOR DISSEMINATION -

Applicants should write or call for an application, waiver form and medical exam form (necessary only if applicant desires a chamber run to 112 ft.)

COST - The cost of the program is \$35.00 before March 7, 1975 and \$45.00 after March 7, 1975. Cancellation date will be March 28, 1975.

EQUIPMENT -

Divers will need to furnish all diving gear. Wet suit may be necessary if the weather is cold. Divers flying in can use TOC tanks and backpacks.

Motel arrangements can be made through The Ocean Corporation at the applicants request.

Time - Saturday, April 12, 1975 - 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 13, 1975 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

POINT STANDINGS THROUGH DECEMBER, 1974

Men's Spearfishing

1.	Mat Wiley	IDA	34
2.	Charles Crawford	Little Gem	32
3.	Bruce Mays	Lawton	32
4.	Robert Swiley	Ark-La-Tex	29
5.	James Permenter	IDA	29
6.	Dennis Corcoran	IDA	26
7.	Gordon Hubenack	IDA	23
8.	Jay Zornes	Texins	21
9.	Robert Lackey	Texins	19
10.	Tommy Jourdan	Orca Tamers	19
11.	Jim Gale	AAA	19
12.	Bufford Love	Quitman D.	16
13.	Wayne Mathewson	Texins	16
14.	Jack Echart	L.T.V.	16
15.	Lee Bumpas	A.A.A.	16
16.	John Graff	A.A.A.	16
17.	David Walsworth	Ark-La-Tex	15
18.	Wayne Williams	IDA	15
19.	Dennis Forgarty	ETA	14
20.	Charles Byrd	IDA	14
21.	Clay Thorne	A.A.A.	14

Novice Spearfishing

1.	Clay Thorne	A.A.A.	30
2.	Greg Gross	A.A.A.	22
3.	Bufford Love	Quitman D.	18
4.	Gary Hutchins	Orca Tamers	16
5.	Rodney Dixon	Ark-La-Tex	14
6.	Mike Timo	Ark-La-Tex	13
7.	Steve Hudgins	ETA	9
8.	Gary Simpkins	Quitman D.	6
9.	Jamie Stafford	A.A.A.	6

Women's Spearfishing

1.	Carolyn Embree	A.A.A.	32
2.	Sandra Matthews	Orca Tamers	15
3.	Jannett Chermely	A.A.A.	13
4.	Myrna Jorgenson	Sherman	10
5.	Jane Hudsepeth	IDA	6

Scuba Skills

1.	Tommy Herrin	Sherman	20
2.	Ben Sleigh	LHD	19
3.	Robert Swilley	Ark-La-Tex	13
4.	Myrna Jorgenson	Sherman	12
5.	John Graff	A.A.A.	12
6.	Roy Hudsepeth	IDA	12

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Rules for Southwest Council

1975 Photography Contest

1. The categories that may be entered are as follows:
 - A. Color transparency (slide) mounted in 2x2 inch cardboard mount.
 - B. 8 or 16 mm Sound motion picture
 - C. 8 or 16 mm Silent motion picture
 - D. Black and White picture
 - E. Color print
2. Limitations on number of entries in each category are as follows:
 - A. Not more than five transparencies (slides)
 - B&C. Not more than 600 ft. reel per entry, and not more than 2 entries of 8 mm and/or 16 mm motion pictures
 - D&E. Not more than 3 8"x10" or larger prints in each division.
3. All three categories may be entered by each contestant. However, prints may not have been made from an entry that is entered in any other category.
4. Slides and prints must be consecutively numbered from one (1) and each must be titled. Full name of entrant must be on each slide or print. Slides must be spotted on lower left hand corner on side opposite the emulsion. Include as many details as may prove helpful in judging ie: film, camera, exposure, light, etc.
5. Prints must be mounted on 11 x 14 or larger mounting board. Framed prints will not be accepted.
6. Contestant must be a member of SWC and have been so for at least six (6) months prior to date of convention.
7. No commercial picture, or one made or produced for compensation, or made at the same time and the same set as a commercial picture, shall be eligible in any contest. A commercial picture includes one made by or for one's employer.
8. Commercial or professional photographers are not allowed to submit entries in the same film media in which they are or can be classified as commercial or professional. That is: a still photographer entering the slide or print category; a movie or T.V. set cameraman entering the movie category. This makes unfair competition and discourages growth of the contest. It is permissible that a still photographer enter the movie category and vice versa, as these two fields are very different. It is the intent that the contest of the SWC be amateur.

9. No picture winning an award in any previous SWC contest, shall be eligible for entry in any subsequent contest.
10. Contest films shall be the work of the contestant (or two or more persons jointly) except use of an amateur cameraman is permissible only when the contestant appears in scenes.
11. Subject must pertain to diving. (No fishing, hunting, boating, flying, etc. except that it supports the subject of under-water diving.)
12. Slides and prints must have been taken while diver is submerged. No aquarium shots; all entries must be the work of the contestant. Movies must be at least 50% underwater scenes and must be titled and the container of film must bear the contestant's full name.
13. No copies of existing pictures, slides made from prints, or slides made from another photographer's slides will be accepted. Violation of this rule will mean automatic disqualification from all categories. Violators will not be allowed to enter the contest for the next two succeeding years. There will be a provision for appeal, but the contest director must be present.
14. Deadline will be midnight of the eighth (8) day preceding the day of the convention. This is to allow unhurried and proper judging.
15. Entry blank is to be published in each of two SWC Slates, published just prior to convention. An entry blank properly and completely filled out must accompany each set of film entered in each category.
16. Additional entry blanks must be obtained upon request and by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Contest Chairman.
17. Decision of the judges is FINAL and is to be made by the time of the convention business meeting and is not to be announced until awarding of trophies.
18. Any violation of these rules will subject the contestant to disqualification. It will be the decision of the judges whether the contestant will be disqualified from all categories, with the exception of #13, which carries an automatic total disqualification.
19. A special Novice award will be made for the best picture entered by a Novice. A Novice is to be defined as one who has never entered an under-water photographic contest. Statement of such MUST be included with entry.

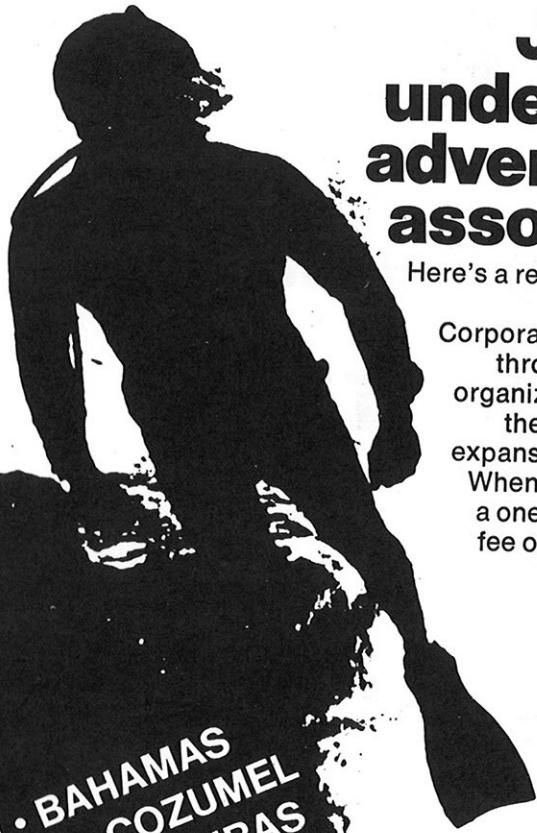


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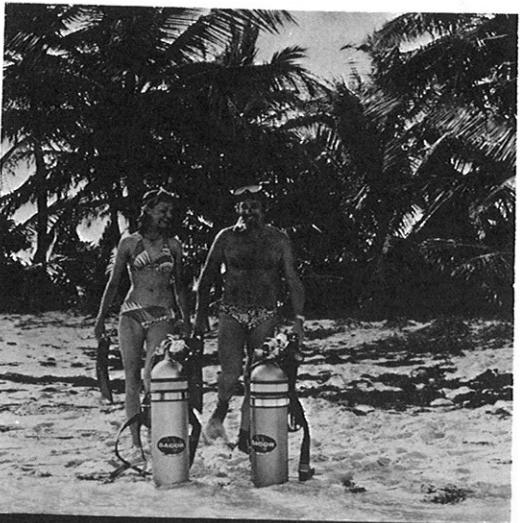
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AREA VI REPORT

Once again my monthly report is late to press. I guess with my record for being late, I don't need to change now.

We were glad to see the good turn out at the Aquanauts dive on Caddo Lake. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. At least this year a few fish were shot. The Ark-La-Tex Divers are especially glad since they brought home eleven of the trophies. "Not bad for beginners, Al."

Enough for the sneaky remarks, but how often do we have enough divers in competition to even get our name in the SLATE. Maybe we have built up enough enthusiasm that it will carry over into our Gar Rodeo and even further into next year's contest.

We do look forward to seeing everyone at Lake Bistineau in January and then again at the Convention in February. After all, a little good competition has helped me acquire some hopefully good friends throughout the Council.

I guess I had better close for now and get this garbage in the mail to Dick.

HAPPY DIVING,
Robert S. Swilley
Area 6 - V.P.



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Entry Form

1975 Southwest Council Photography Contest

(Please type or print)

Name _____ Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Category entered Check each category Max.allowed under rules # of entries

A. Color transparency (slide)	_____	5	_____
B. Sound motion picture	_____	2	_____
C. Silent motion picture	_____	2	_____
D. Black and White print	_____	3	_____
E. Color print	_____	3	_____

Title of each entry beside corresponding entry number.

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____
5. _____	

Attach additional sheets if necessary, with titles.

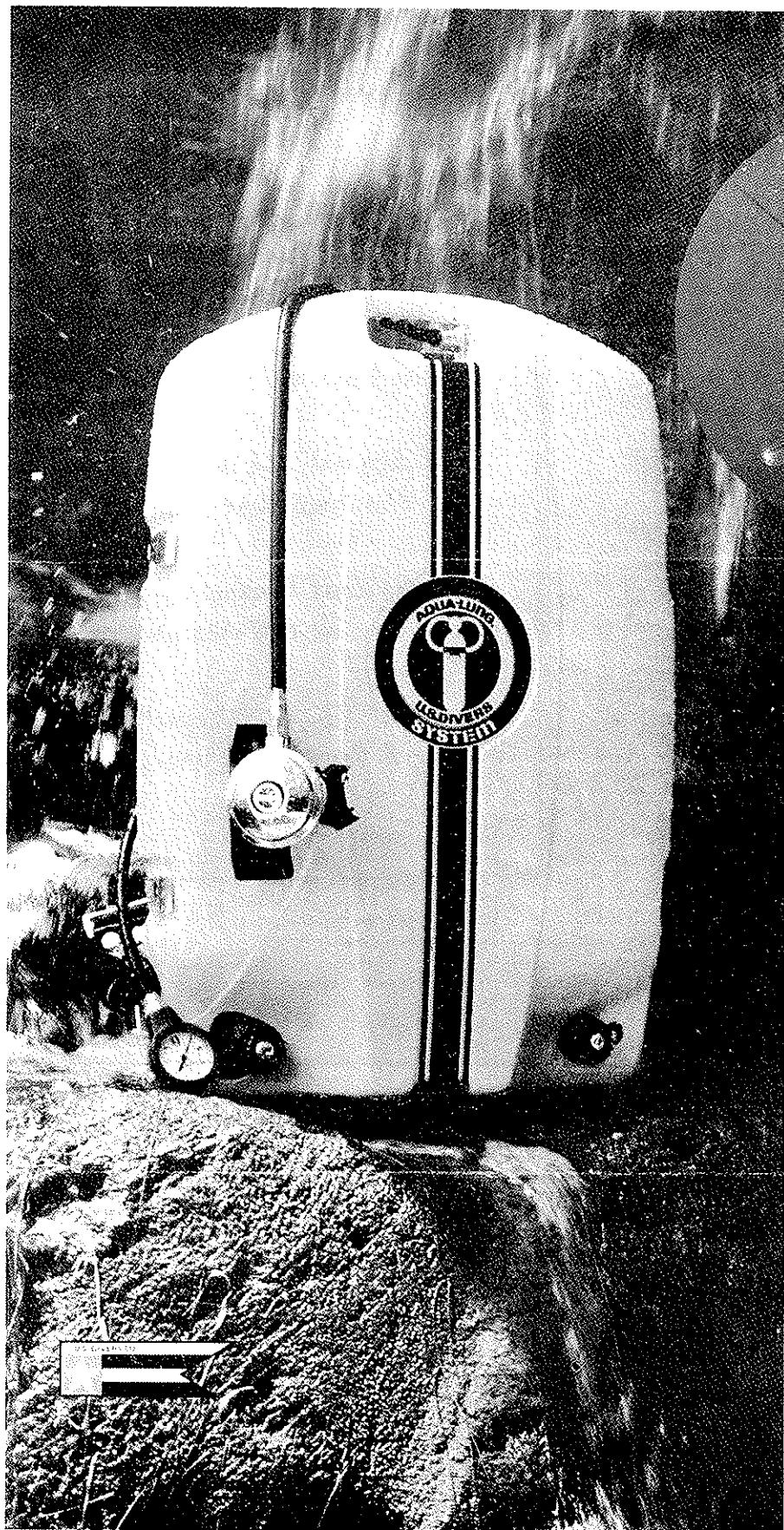
Awards will be made at the convention in each category for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Council rules for this contest.
Signed _____

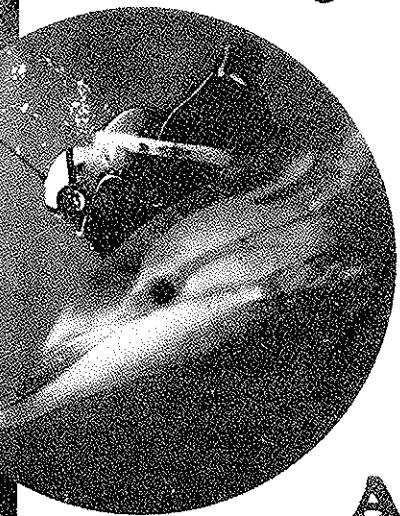
I want to enter my pictures or film as a novice. Check if appropriate _____
 I will pick up my film at the convention after judging and exhibit _____
 Please mail the entries back to my address (return postage included) _____
 _____ is authorized to pick up my entries _____

Mail all entries to: Competition chairman Robert Harris
 525 Melody Lane
 Richardson, Texas 75080

Dead Line is January 18th, 1975. Film, prints, or slides must reach the contest chairman no later than January 18, 1975.



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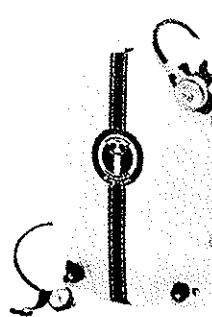
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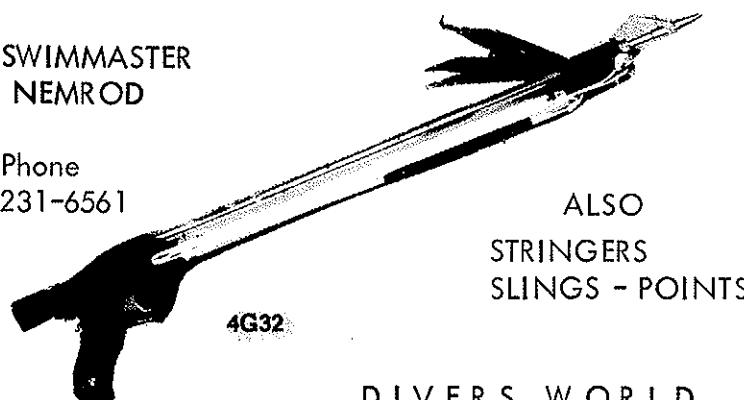
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