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<b>1975</b>



LAKE WHITNEY  
STATE PARK

**MAY 24 & 25**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Divers,

Well hear it is again time for my monthly report. I am going to be sure to get it in on time this month. Ole Charlie just will not give any slack if you are a day late, this will keep everyone on the ball.

Talking about being on the ball. Everyone needs to get in touch with their State Representative on the game fish law that is in committee now. I have talked with all the people in Austin I know to talk with. Dick Wilgus and myself plan to attend the next meeting of this committee to stress the point of the spearfisherman of our State. We plan on presenting them with statistics and facts about the divers. However the best way to get action is for everyone to sit down and write to Austin themselves. This will have as much bearing as anything I know. So please take the time and show an interest.

So far this year we have had good participation at all the meets. I know with the economy in the shape it is, we are all getting in somewhat of a bind, but we must remember that these events along with the film contest and hopefully our Mid-summer Convention is what will keep our Council going. So lets all try our best to participate in all the events we possibly can and support the clubs that are sponsoring these events. After all, we are all as one with the same interest at heart.

I guess by this time I have used up as much of the space in this paper as I need. I do want to mention a few visitors I had last weekend from the Lawton Dive Club, while at Lake Travis. Ask Jeep, Charlie the beard or Mike Beach how the crawfishing is down in Shreveport. I think those Okies were really born with web feet like us Cajuns.

Hope to see everyone at Lake Travis. I look for this to be a real good contest from all the reports I have received on the lake the past couple of weeks.

Cheers,  
Robert E. Swilley

## EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since my last report I have spent many hours writing letters and making phone calls to various people in regard to House Bill 1681, a new bill submitted by Representative Simpson of Amarillo as requested by Amarillo Skindivers Assn.

You should find more about this bill in this issue of the Slate. I certainly urge all of you to take some time and write your local Representative as well as all the Committee members pointing out the discrimination and unfairness involved in the present law. We must have full support of all Council members if we are to do any good - NOW is the time. If you put it off it will never get done.

There has also been some work on the Mid-year Convention that I'm sure you will read about in Bill Hutto's Area VI report.

Diving activity is picking up, the E.T. Aquanauts have a Turtle Derby scheduled for April 20th; a Gulf dive on April 26th, a Florida Cave dive May 9-10-11, another Gulf Rig dive May 24 and 25. The Ark-La-Tex divers made a Gulf trip on the weekend of April 19-20.

The Quitman Dolphins are scheduled to have Jim Mularky from Big D as a guest at their next meeting with a program in wreck diving.

Again, I'd like to strongly urge each one of you to get some letters in the mail to these Committee members on HB 1681 or contact Don Pledger at Scuba Point, Lake Travis, with any information pertaining to favorable reasons why game fish should be legal for spearing.

Cheers'  
Dick DON'T WAIT - COMMUNICATE

## S.W.C. Treasurers' Report

2/1/75 to 3/31/75

Cash on hand 2/1/75 Haltom City Bank 836.57

## Income

Club dues (7 clubs)	140.00
Ind. member dues (61) 1975	366.00
Ind. member dues 1974	52.50
Deposit to open account	10.00
Contest sanction fees (2)	124.50
Adds for Slate 1974	270.00
Patches and decals	6.75
Photo contest fees	48.00
	<u>1,017.75</u>
	+836.57
	<u>1,854.32</u>

## Disbursements

Slate (Jan.-Feb.-Mar.)	448.32
Postage (Jan.-Feb.)	31.00
Convention trophies	250.00
R. Swilley (reimburse Postal Deposit)	95.00
M. Jorgensen (reimburse dp. to open acc.)	10.00
M. Jorgensen (phone)	8.15
Cleaner's (SWC banner)	2.50
D. Wilgus (Bonus for 12 issues of Slate)	250.00
Print revision for Consitution	5.98
Print letter heads	14.56
Exc. Board name tags	26.62
H. Crawford (establish petty cash)	20.00
Post Office (stamps for Treasurer)	10.00
	<u>-1,172.13</u>
Cash on hand 3/31/75	682.19

## S.W.C. Treasurers' Report

3/31/75 to 4/15/75

Cash on hand 3/31/75 682.19

## Income

Club dues (7)	140.00
Ind. member dues (76)	456.00
Contest sanction fee (1)	117.00
Overpayment by Braniff	2.00
	<u>715.00</u>
	+682.19
	<u>1,397.19</u>

## Disbursements

April Slate	65.70
Set AAA ad	2.00
9 x 12 clasp envelopes and labels	21.94
Print checks	9.41
Bank service charge (to be refunded)	.83
U.S.A. 25 top divers @ \$3.00	75.00
U.S.A. 1975 Sanction fee	8.00
Ed Ralston U.S.A. 1974 Sanction fee	8.00
Refund to Braniff (overpayment)	2.00
	<u>-192.88</u>
Cash on hand 4/15/75	1,204.31

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Reminder, to the Executive Board members, if by chance you haven't received your notification from Robert, the regular scheduled Board meeting will be held at Lake Travis, May 3rd

To this date our '75' SWC membership total is 178 with 16 paid member clubs. The SWC membership rooster should be ready by the up-coming dive, if I receive the additional two (Dallas Divers and the Texins) club membership. If not, because of this expected large number, the rooster will be passed out at the Lake Whitney dive. There will be a copy for each Executive Officer, Club President and Club Secretary. Any additional members will be posted with these officers through-out the year.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for everyone's cooperation in getting the requested information here to-date. It helps make an easier and more efficient job done from this end of our Council.

See you at Travis,  
Helen

## AREA I REPORT

All Area clubs are in full swing, talking diving and most are going it! In the first two Council dives our Area clubs were very well represented. All the Area I clubs are receiving new members for their clubs and the Council. Classes in this Area are full and turning out safety-oriented SCUBA divers just ready to join clubs and partake of their activities.

The Texins discussed their club trip to Florida in July. Richard Merritt is Trip Chairman. He has arranged dive charters, motel and campsite facilities. A spearfishing seminar was held the night of April 21st for the new divers in their training program. The Texins insist that before these novice divers enter any competition, they must attend this seminar. The Underwater Safari is being chaired by Gene Kinard and he promises the usual Texins bang-up affair.

Sherman Divers are holding an Ecology dive the 20th of April at Loy Lake. They are cleaning up the dock and swimming area and are to be commended in their efforts on behalf of the Community. Dan McNulty and Myrna are acting as Dive Masters. Sherman congratulates IDA on a marvelous Bufflao Blast but asks the question "Wha' hoppin to da Buffalo?"

LHDM discussed the Blast also and offers plaudits to IDA. They plan to attend the U/W Safari "in mass". They talked about their annual challenge dive against the dreaded Texins. The fervor of their competitiveness is already turning some of their members into raving, frothy souls. Texins beware!

The invitation by the Midland Dune Divers to dive Lake Amistad was hashed over and the consensus was that a November date would bring 8 to 10 LHDM members. This V.P. thinks Amistad is just SUPER and that a dive there in the Fall when the water is clear and the weather is cool would be just great.

LHDM greatly approves of the "Slate" contents and "look". "Way to go Charlie and Helen", they say. Their club was entertained by a film arranged by James Ardis entitled "Ekofisk City at Sea". Four new members joined during April and there were three guests at the meeting (prospective new members).

Dallas Divers met at El Chico as usual to a full house. Eight guests were introduced (prospects), Treasurer's and Party Reports were given. John Marston made an eloquent plea for membership and support for the Cousteau Society Inc. which is dedicated to the preservation and improvement of life on our Planet. Trips to Grand Cayman and Bonair were discussed. No official trips were planned. Door prizes were won by Gene Gall, Valerie Weatherman, Bill Cosgrove and Anita Miller. Program Chairperson John Marston presented films and slides of several members' trips to Aruba, Cayman, etc.

Area I divers and members of our clubs: You see where your Area V.P. is in the standings? Keep him there! OK? Lets get lots of new members and be at the Council dives. Thanks.

Hank Silver

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We had 7 Dune Divers attending the Buffalo Blast at P.K. Most of them were relatively new at diving or were unfamiliar with the lake. A good portion of Saturday was spent exploring the lake and diving in various areas such as Hell's Gate and Caddo Creek. We camped at the State Park, so that in itself makes the boat ride to anyplace very time consuming, even in a fast boat. Sorry I didn't have more time to make the rounds at the pavillion but we had some anxious divers, which is very rare! The club members which we had on this dive were some of the best I have seen in several years. They were really enthused and it made the trip alot more enjoyable. I've never seen a group like this, as this is what the club needs.

Currently, we are planning for a club dive at Lake Amistad for June 7 and 8. To my knowledge, the club hasn't had an organized "club dive" for at least 6 years. We will be camping someplace up Devils River. This will allow us to become more familiar with the area so possibly in September or October we can have the invitational dive I mentioned a few months ago.

Well, the next SWC dive is May 4 and 5 at Travis. The chances of anyone from Area IV making this are quite slim, but we will do our best. Hope to see you at Travis!

Bart A. McCollum  
Area IV, V.P.

IDA CONTEST RESULTS  
PK 4/6/75

SPEARFISHING:	MEN'S DIVISION	LBS.	OZ.
1st Largest	Charles Crawford	9	14
2nd Largest	Mike Kornegay	9	14
3rd Largest	Dennis Corcoran	8	6
4th Largest	Wayne Williams	6	14
1st Team	Swilley-Crawford	33	5
2nd Team	Corcoran-Wiley	28	12
3rd Team	Perez-Wooldridge	19	12
4th Team	Kornegay-Walters	19	8
1st Most	Charles Crawford	FISH	#5
2nd Most	Dennis Corcoran		#4
3rd Most	Jim Wooldridge		#4
4th Most	Charles Delk		#4

## SCUBA SKILLS:

Underwater Scuba Exchange	
1st Place	Permenter-Larry Wiley
2nd Place	Terry-Deryle Matthews
3rd Place	Davis-McMurry
4th Place	NONE
5th Place	NONE

## SPEARFISHING:

NOVICE DIVISION		LBS.	OZ.
1st Place	Glen Wright	4	6
2nd Place	Arley Terry	2	--

WOMEN'S DIVISION NO FISH

## AREA 6 REPORT

Report time again and nothing to report on except that IDA is to be congratulated on a great dive at PK. Diving was great and several fish shot. Its always good to be with my fellow divers.

Not much in this month's report about past diving experiences but a lot is to be said about diving in the future. Several Area VI divers are planning a trip to Florida in May on a relic dive and in June a trip to Belize, Honduras. Even further in the future, in September, a group of divers from Area VI are planning to attend IQ7, in Miami Beach and also a cruise on the Windjammer for six days.

Hopefully, in the next issue of the Slate I will have news about the Mid-year Convention.

Until next time, good diving.

Bill Hutto  
Area VI

## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members into our Council in this issue of the Slate.

B.I. divers - Thomas Bickell and Mrs (Beverly) Hutchins. IDA's new member Nea Spence. Sherman's new members Pat Teague and Robert Kooken. LHDM divers include; Carl Garrison, Jon Johnson, Mike Perez, Tommy Weeks, Ronnie Williams and James Wooldridge. Hang onto your hats gang, Midland Dune Divers; Jim Becknell, Roy Blacmon, Steve Culp, Charles Hall, David and Lajuanda Holder, Dale Jones, Steve Karmar Jim Keel, Kyle Lawson, Jeffery Lewman, Monte Mann, Bob Rose, Harry and Peter Schram, James Skees, Winn Stovall and Mike Watlington.

Additional member club's dues received since last issue are; BI Divers, East Texas Aquanauts, Inland Divers Assn., Les Hommes De Mer and Midland Dune Divers.

AREA V.P. POINT-STANDING  
IDA Dive April 5th and 6th 1975

VICE PRESIDENT AREA	MONTHLY ISSUE AREA REPORT	IND. MEMBER POINTS	MEMBER CLUB POINTS
#1, Hank Silver	April/May	#26	NONE
#2, Deryle Matthews	NONE	#13	NONE
#3, Jim Gale	NONE	#7	NONE
#4, Bart McCollum	May Issue	NONE	NONE
#6, Bill Hutto	May Issue	#11	NONE
#7, Jeep Valenti	NONE	#8	#2/Helldivers



## UNDERWATER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

(excerpts for report)

The Underwater Society today is a new and vibrant organization that has a fifteen year history behind it. This organization democratically represents the diver whether his is organized in a club and council or whether he is an independent. The amount of input that the Society has made in regards to legislative problems that are confronting the diver in the pursuance of his sport today has been very very significant. The total diving community including manufacturers and instructional agencies have accepted and agreed to band together under a program that the Society has put together called Divers In Government. This program deals directly with legislative problems whether they are active or whether they are potential.

Every council of clubs in the United States, whether they are active now or were active at one time in the Underwater Society should band together again as a cohesive group under the standard of the Underwater Society of America and the state councils. The Society needs memberships from every council and every diver so that it can portray the strength and the large voice in which we can speak. The more members and the more councils that are involved in the Society, the stronger will be the effect when we are speaking to these governmental agencies. I cannot implore you too strongly to make an all-out drive to gather memberships for the Underwater Society.  
Please act today.

Harry Shanks  
Administrative Director of Programs

## POINT-STANDING LIST

### SPEARFISHING: MEN'S DIV.

NAME	POINTS
1. Charles Crawford	#25
2. Dennis Corcoran	#24
3. Mike Kornegay	#12
4. Matt Wiley	#12
5. Gorden Hubenak	#11
6. Bill Hutto	#11
7. James Permenter	#10
8. Robert Swilley	#10
9. James Wooldridge	# 8
10. Ron Walters	# 7
11. Wayne Williams	# 7
12. Jack Echart	# 6
13. Dennis Forgarty	# 6
14. Jim Gale	# 6
15. Gary Hutchins	# 6
16. Ron Jorgensen	# 6
17. Bufford Love	# 6
18. David Merritt	# 6
19. Deryle Matthews	# 6
20. Wayne Mathewson	# 6
21. Doyle Pennington	# 6
22. Larry Rogers	# 6
23. Gary Simpkins	# 6
24. Jay Zornes	# 6
25. James Ardis	# 5
26. Eddie Byrd	# 5

### WOMEN'S DIVISION

1. Cheryle Hubenak	# 6
2. Myrna Jorgensen	# 6
3. Sandra Matthews	# 6
4. Carolyn Embree	# 4
5. Brenda Hutto	# 4
6. Stellagene Shelton	# 2

### SCUBA SKILLS:

1. David McMurry	#10
2. Ben Sleigh	#10
3. James Ardis	# 7
4. Tom Erwin	# 7
5. James Permenter	# 7
6. Bill Tomplins	# 7
7. Larry Wiley	# 7
8. Jay Zornes	# 7
9. Cheryl Hubenak	# 6
10. Myrna Jorgensen	# 6
11. Deryle Matthews	# 6
12. Robert Swilley	# 6
13. Arley Terry	# 6
14. Charlie Wright	# 6
15. Thomas Birdsong	# 5

Novice points will be published in the June issue. Clarification pending by the Exc. meeting at Travis.

# 1975



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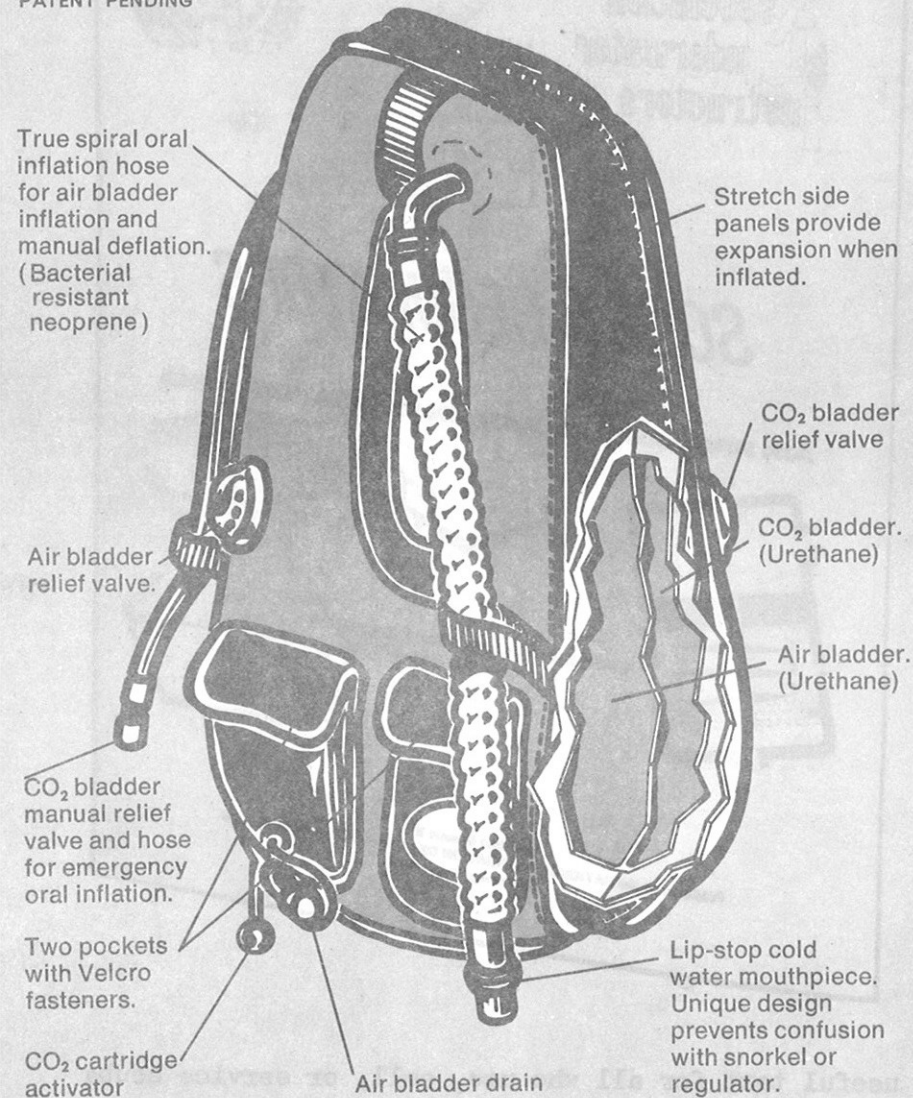
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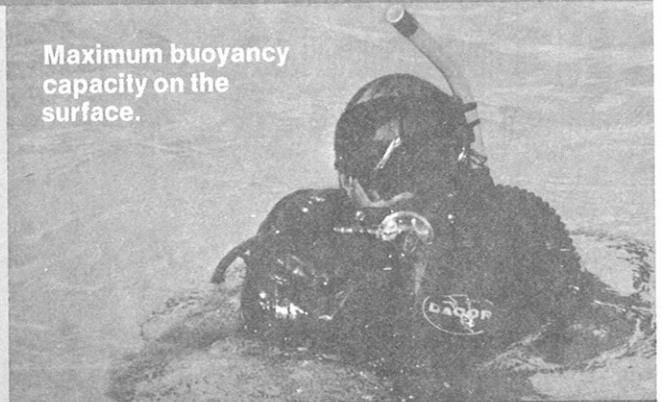
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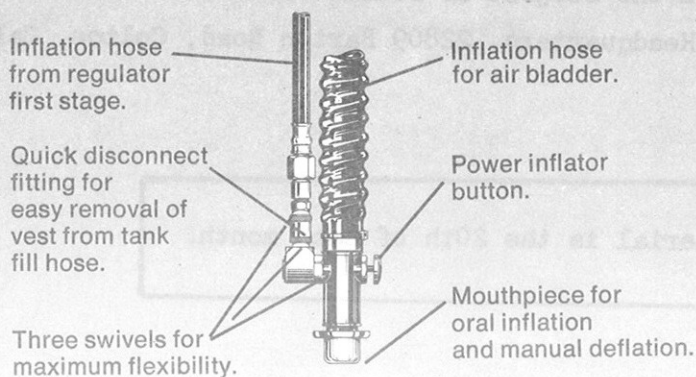
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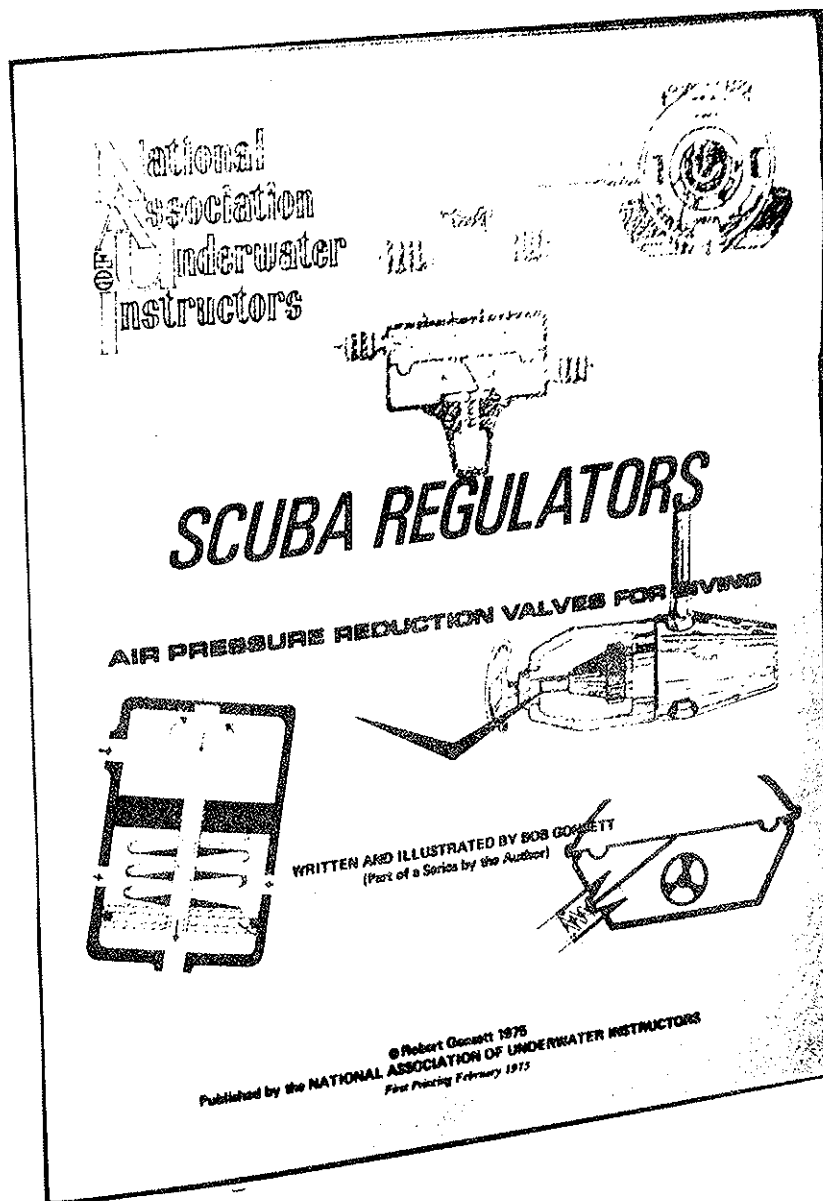
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# AMARILLO SKIN DIVERS ASSOCIATION

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## Fellow Divers:

We would like to call your attention to a matter of utmost importance. Through Representative Simpson we have been able to get a bill into the legislature making it lawful to take game fish in any body of water controlled by the State of Texas. We need your support in getting this bill passed into law. To add your support you need to write your state representatives and Senators asking them to vote for HOUSE BILL 1681... If you will also ask any local dive club or divers to write Rep. Simpson and their local representative and senator supporting HB 1681 it would be of great help. The Texas Assn. of Bass Clubs is opposed to this bill so it won't be any easy fight. But with your help and the help of your diving friends we can WIN. We are inclosing a copy of H.B. 1681 and ask that you read it and pass it on. We need as much support as we can get state wide.

We are going to be required to send representatives from our club to Austin to meet the Sub Committee and Representative Simpson. The Amarillo Skin Divers Assn. would appreciate any contributions you and your local clubs could offer.

Please help us by writing your reps. and Senators as soon as possible, as time is at a minimum. If you have any information or ideas which you feel would help please send them immediately to George Broughton, President ASDA 805 Adobe Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79111...

Thank you and good diving

David E. Pitt

George Broughton

BY SIMPSON

H.B. NO. 1681

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the legalization of spearfishing for game fish in the public waters of the State; amending Chapter 98, Acts of the 55th Legislature Regular Session, 1957, (Article 4050c-1 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); repealing all conflicting laws to the extent of the conflict; and declaring an emergency.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful to take game fish and rough fish with a spear gun and spear in the public waters of the State of Texas at any time; provided that the person so taking such fish complies with the appropriate licensing laws and catch limits for the body of water used for this purpose; provided further that "public waters" for this purpose includes both fresh and salt water bodies of this State. A spear gun as used in this Act shall be defined as any type of device used for propelling a spear underwater as a means of taking fish.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

### Publishers - Note-

All you spearfisherman, here's your chance to help yourself and all divers-write your State Representative and State Senators.

DO IT NOW !!! WRITE TO:

State Senators Name  
Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78767

Representatives Name  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78767

LATE NEWS FLASH 5-8-75

A phone report from Don Fledger of Scuba Point, Rt. 7 Box 863, Austin, Texas 78703 advised me that he was notified by Representative Simpson's secretary, that the meeting

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on the enactment of HB168Y, was to be held that evening (Monday 7th) only 8 hours prior to meeting time-when two weeks notice was requested and promised. He tried to reach Dennis Corcoran and Wayne Mathewson to obtain information-favorable to passage of the bill, unable to do so he went to the meeting totally unprepared for the opposition. Without going into lengthy detail the bill was rejected, however, rather than being killed altogether the people present persuaded the acting body to put the bill in sub-committee for more study. Now, we must point out to the below listed sub-committee members why it should be enacted and the injustices and discrimination to divers who serve the state in voluntary rescue work, pay the same fees as line fisherman, but are not allowed even one edible specie of fish - we divers number less than line fishermen, we can't stay in the water near as long as a fisherman stay in a boat and we don't want to use game fish as a contest fish as the bass fishermen do. Therefore, we urge you to write these Representatives in your own words, pointing out the above mentioned reasons why we feel as Texas Citizens, taxpayers and license holders we should not continue to be discriminated against any longer but allowed to take some game fish even if it would be 1/2 the limit of the line fisherman. Act now in your own behalf and encourage others to do so.

REPRESENTATIVE NAME  
BOX 2910  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78767

LIST OF SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rep. Agnich	District 33R	Dallas,
Rep. Bird	District 57B	San Antonio
Rep. Cates	District 66	Pampa
Rep. Dramberger	District 57B	San Antonio
Rep. Fox	District 93	Houston
Rep. Green	District 27	Corsicana
Rep. Hall	District 85	Houston
Rep. Hartung	District 92	Houston
Rep. McDonald	District 33I	Dallas
Rep. Smith	District 33J	Dallas
Rep. Wieting	District 41	Portland

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*Schedule of Events - 1975*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATON</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
*May 3-4	Underwater Safari	Travis, LCRA Park	Texins
May 17-18	Spearfishing	Texhoma, Soldier's Creek	OK Scuba Divers Inc.
*May 24-25	Spearfishing	Lake Whitney, T.B.A.	A.A.A.
June 14-15	Spearfishing	Murry, Buzzard's Roost	OK Scuba Divers Inc.
*June 21-22	Spearfishing	Whitney, Lofers Bend	Orca Tamers
*Aug. 2-3	Southwest Council	Mid/Year Convention	Area 6 Clubs, T.B.A.
Aug. 9-10	Spearfishing	Beaver, Rocky Branch	OK Scuba Divers Inc.
*Aug. 23-24	Spearfishing	Texhoma, Soldier's Creek	Lanlan Divers
Sept. 6-7	Spearfishing	Grand Lake, Disney Area	OK Scuba Divers Inc.
*Dec. 6-7	Jim Clark Memorial Texas Gar Rodeo	Caddo, Curley's	East TX Aquanauts
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# Texas House of Representatives

Rep. Bob Simpson

P. O. Box 2910  
2910 Duniven Circle

Austin, Texas 78767  
Amarillo, Texas 79109

512/475-3706  
806/355-9826

April 14, 1975

Mr. O. L. Johnson  
909 Brown Trail  
Bedford, Texas 76021

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thanks for expressing your views in favor of H.B. 1681, relating to the legalization of spearfishing for game fish in the public waters of Texas. I introduced this legislation because one of my constituents pointed out that although spearfishermen are required to purchase fishing licenses, they are presently restricted from hunting any fish which are good for eating.

The Committee on Environmental Affairs of the House of Representatives held a hearing on the Spearfishing bill on Monday, April 7th, and it was referred to the Subcommittee on Wildlife for further study. Mr. Robert J. Kemp, Jr., Director of Fisheries of the Parks and Wildlife Department expressed reservations about its effect on black bass and yellow catfish, and it appears that the bill will not be favorably reported during this session of the legislature.

Representative Fred Agnich of Dallas is Chairman of the Subcommittee. Your letters and information on the subject should be sent to him during this session so that he will know that there is strong support.

The Parks and Wildlife Department has agreed to conduct a study of the effects of spearfishing on the game fish population before the next legislative session. If the results of their study are favorable, the bill can be reintroduced next session. It is in the interest of all divers to see that the study is fairly and objectively conducted. I'm sure the Department would appreciate the cooperation of the diving clubs around the state.

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Counties:  
Potter  
Randall

Committees:  
State Affairs

Mr. O. L. Johnson  
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Below are listed the addresses of the people you should write to, in order that further consideration will be given to this matter this session, or at least next session.

Thanks again for your interest.

Sincerely,



BOB SIMPSON  
State Representative

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Representative Fred Agnich  
Chairman, Wildlife Subcommittee  
P.O. Box 2910  
Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78767

Mr. Clayton T. Garrison  
Executive Director  
Parks & Wildlife Department  
John H. Reagan Building  
Austin, Texas 78701

15 Apr 75

Dear All;

How about getting off your backpacks + getting your tank boots on.

P.S.

Jon

I think Charlie + Helen are doing a damn fine job with the Slab how about the rest of you?



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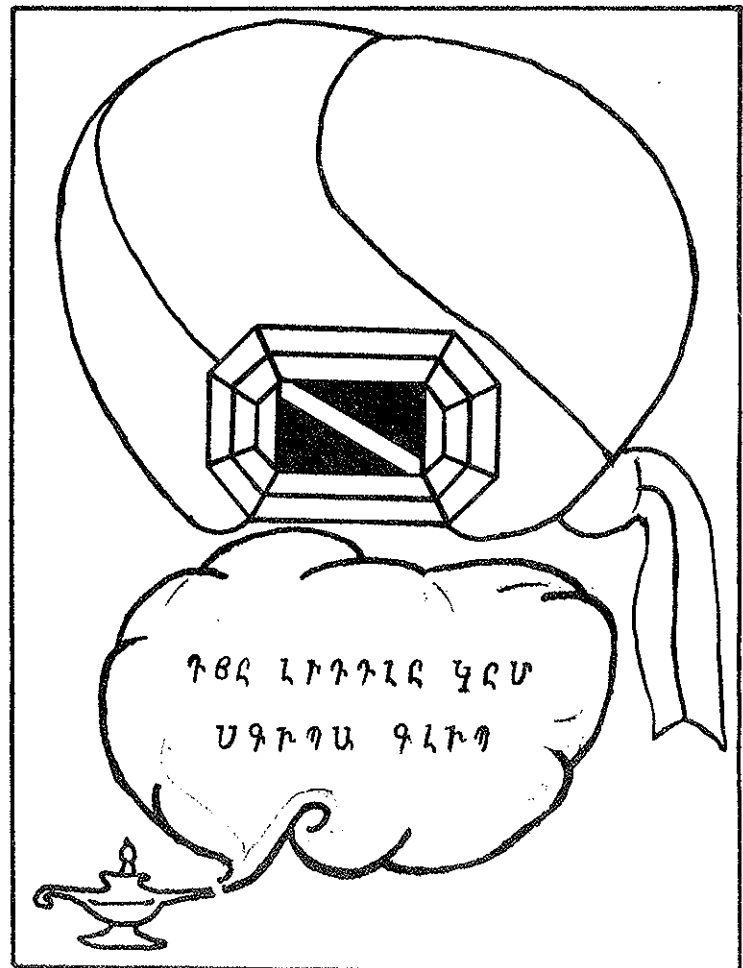
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## SCHEDULE

## LOCATION

### SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

10:00 a.m. Registration Begins  
3:00 p.m. Compass Run Begins  
5:30 p.m. Compass Run Ends  
5:30 p.m. Registration Ends  
6:00 p.m. Fish Fry & Social Begins

Lake Travis at  
Mansfield Dam  
Interstate 35 to  
Texas 620 (West)  
Follow the Divers  
Flag Signs

### DIVE HQs/CAMP

### SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

7:15 a.m. Registration Begins  
(free coffee & cookies)  
8:15 a.m. Registration Ends  
8:30 a.m. Roll Call for Treasure Hunt  
8:45 a.m. Roll Call for Spear Fishing Event  
9:00 a.m. Treasure Hunt Begins  
9:00 a.m. Spear Fishing Begins  
1:00 p.m. Treasure Hunt PT. Count  
1:00 p.m. Spear Fish Weigh-In  
2:00 p.m. Present Trophies, Awards, and  
Door Prizes

LCRA Campground  
Next to Dam  
Boat Ramp and  
Restrooms available

## EVENTS

Compass Run  
Treasure Hunt  
Spear Fishing  
Camp Games

## FEES & EXPENSES

## MENU

\$4.50 Spear Fishing (SWC Sanctioned)  
\$3.00 Compass Run (SWC Sanctioned)  
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\$1.00 1974 UW Safari Sleeve Patch  
\$1.50 Fish Fry (Adult)  
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