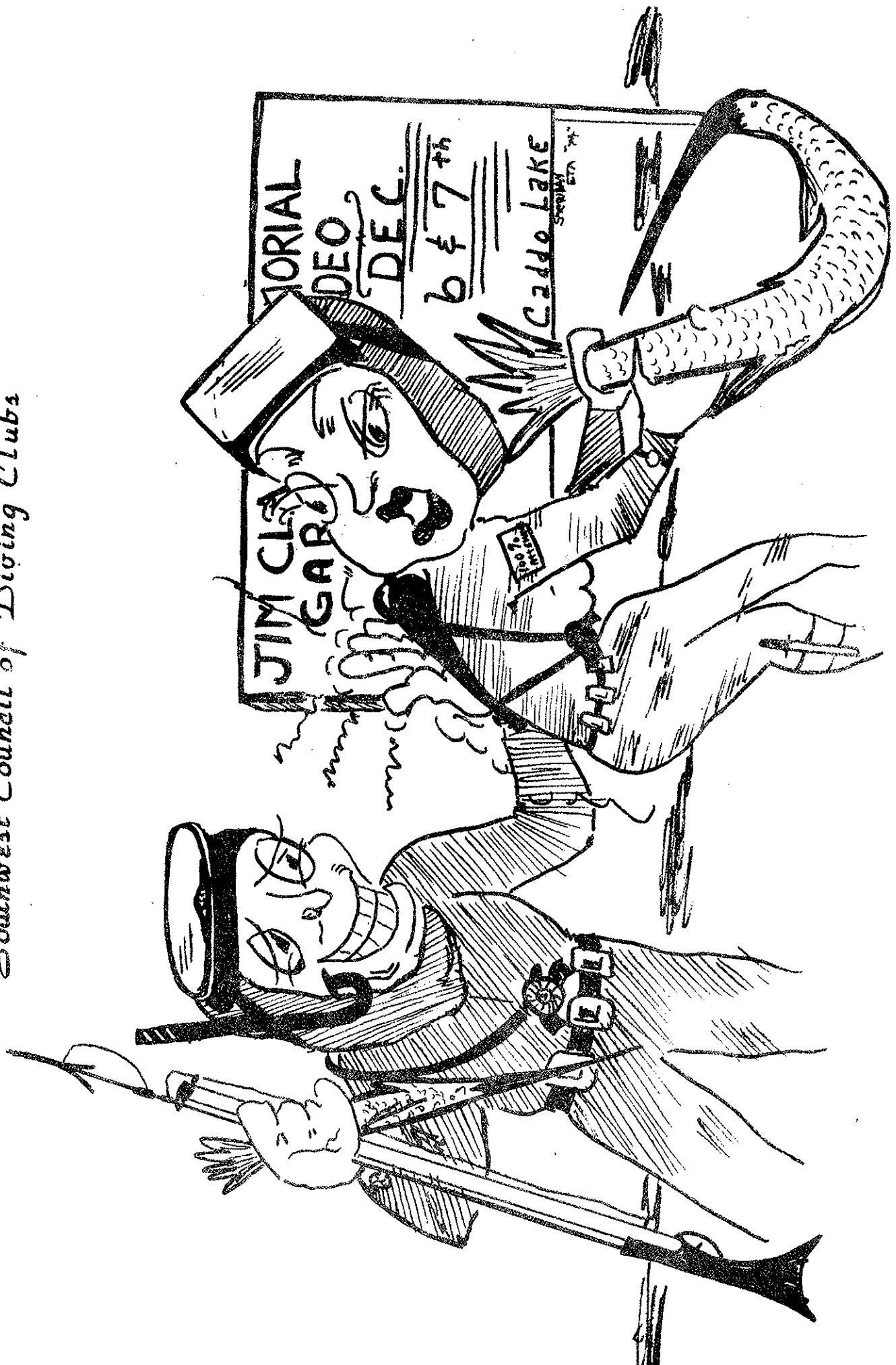


# SLATE

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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AREA II REPORT

REPORT ON DENNIS FORGARTY:

By now you all know of the tragedy that has befallen Dennis Forgarty and his family.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who have contributed to the Dennis Forgarty Benefit Fund, through our appeal letter. To those of you who haven't as yet sent in a donation - I beg of you to do so now!

Dennis is improving, however, it will be a long time before he will be able to go to work and your help is still needed. I visited Dennis in the hospital recently and he wanted me to express his thanks and gratitude for all the help the council has been and to each of you individually for your assistance.

The Aquanauts have several fund raising projects scheduled in the immediate future: a Benefit Dance Nov. 21st at the Knights of Columbus Hall; a Turkey Shoot - later in Nov.; a raffle for a side of beef.

Anyone interested in selling tickets please contact me at: 103 E. Melton Longview, TX 75601 Phone: 214-757-6112 We can use the help.

Thank you,  
Dick Wilgus

Note: Many donations have been returned by the postal service, in error. Please resend your donations to the Dennis Forgarty Benefit Fund C/O East Texas Aquanauts P.C. Box 7245 Longview, TX 75601 or C/O Dick Wilgus 103 E. Melton Longview, TX 75601.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
9-7-75 thru 10-20-75

Cash on hand 9-7	\$2651.26
<u>Income</u>	
Ind. member dues 75 <sup>e</sup> 28 @ 6.00	168.00
Cash available	<u>2819.26</u>

Disbursements

Instaprint - pamphlet/Nationals	148.98
Sept. Slate	144.92
Oct. Slate	61.36
	total <u>355.26</u>
Cash on hand 10-20	<u>\$2464.00</u>

Myrna Jorgensen, Treasurer

Inland Divers Assoc. had their election of officers in October. They are: President - Dennis Corcoran, Vice Pres. - Jim Blackaller, Secretary - Emily Byrd, Treasury - Jack Farley, Parliamentarian - Gordon Hubneck, Director - Wayne Williams.

IDA's Film Festival will be on Jan. 24, 76 with theme "SHARKS". Anyone interested in entering the film contest can write Dennis Corcoran for information.

J.D. Jackson passed away September 3rd, the drawing for J.D.'s diving gear will take place at the Car Rodeo.

ORCA Tamers have been idle this month we're saving our energy for the Car Rodeo.

Better look out East Texas, Area II is getting ready for a great contest. New officers will be elected next month for ORCA Tamers.

Deryle Matthews

Note from the Secretary!

An Executive Board Meeting is regularly scheduled for the Caddo Dive.

Jon Johnson has ask if anyone knows the whereabouts of (his) two custom made dive flags, loaned to adorn the door of the registration room at the Amistad Lodge/Nationals to Please contact him. Jon Johnson 909 Brown Trail Bedford, TX 76021.

Thank you,  
Helen Crawford



Aqualine

Editorial - HELP !!!!!!!!!

We need Slate material. The December material must be received by Nov. 20th, in order to get the issue out on time.

charlie

## AREA I REPORT

Who's been diving? Ahoy out there in dive land...anyone been under the water in Area I? Sure, lots of our folks have been diving but no one is telling me about it. The Area meetings of clubs are all well attended but there is a lack of club activities just now.

The Texins meeting was mostly business with a discussion of a Thanksgiving Cozumel trip as proposed by T.J. Pool (he loves to see his name in print). Shorty Weatherman's family presented films and slides of fresh water diving that received rave reviews.

Dallas Divers are meeting in a new place, Loran Brown's Barbecue House in Keystone Park on N. Central Expressway. Their October meeting was well attended with several new members joining the ranks.

There is a thorny problem arising of which the membership of our Council should be aware. The crux of the matter is that the Gar Rodeo is not having a "Scuba Skill" contest, that is traditional, yet the Constitution and By-laws state clearly that "a non-spearfishing event must be held at a Council sanctioned event." The main point here, which my Area constituents call to my attention, is that while all Council Officers have been apprized of this omission, not one officer has answered in writing our protest, question, problem; call it what you will. I have had one call which is quite unofficial, but I charge the President or Executive Vice-president, or SOMEONE with ignoring this question. We are going to lose several Council members, perhaps even one large club, because the question was not answered. No one replied to my mail; not the first letter not the second. If an explanation would be given, in writing, to the Council member raising this question, he and I would be satisfied.

I am apologetic in taking Council's valuable space to air this problem but now you all know how hard it is to have a problem or question resolved. Communication, my friends, is the key to our Council's existence and activities are the means toward letting our Council survive financially. It boils down to participation.

My deepest regrets publicly to Dennis Forgarty and my prayers are with him and his family for a speedy recovery. Dick W., you've done a wonderful thing.

See y'all at the Gar Rodeo.

HANK

## AREA VI REPORT

Well, for once I don't have much to say in my report. To be honest, I really don't know what has been happening in Area VI. I have been in Colorado for the past two weeks and haven't been associated with the divers in this area very much.

There is a few things of interest I can write about. There is a new club now organized in Carthage. The group of divers held their first meeting October 3, 1975. The club wishes to join the SWC. More on the new club at a later date.

The East Texas Aquanauts has changed their meeting night from the second Wednesday to the second Monday night of each month. The Ladies Auxillary of the E.T.A. is sponsoring the October club dive which will be a turtle derby.

Upon my return from Colorado, I learned of an accident involving a very dear and close friend of mine and to any one else that has ever been associated with him, Dennis Forgarty. Dennis was leaving work for the club meeting when he was involved in a near fatal accident. Dennis is in the Good Shepard Hospital in Longview and is still in guarded condition. Any and all thoughts and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Dennis I know you will be reading this and as you read, I want you to know that all our prayers are with you and we all wish you the best. We all hope you have a speedy recovery and can be back with us as soon as possible because we all miss you very, very, much.

Bill Hutto

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- WHAT: The 1975 annual Texas Gar Rodeo, S.W.C. sanctioned diving contest, hosted by the EAST TEXAS AQUANAUTS. Beautiful cypress trophies. Best facilities for camping, diving, and partying. Saturday night party- FREE BEER!!!
- CONDITIONS: Two man teams Must wear horse collar type flotation device. Must answer roll call. Must be in weigh-in line by 12:00 P.M. Texas or Louisiana fishing license is required.
- TROPHIES: Jim Clark Memorial - Individual aggregate weight.  
Novice- Most by count  
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A meeting was called of the Executive Members present, because of the limited time, to vote whether the Southwest Council shall place an immediate bid to host the 1975<sup>o</sup> Underwater Society of America, International Scuba Competition.

Minutes as follows:

1. Officers present; Robert Swilley - President, Helen Crawford - Secretary, Myrna Jorgensen - Treasurer, Charles Crawford - Slate Editor, Deryle Matthews - Area 2 Vice President, Bill Hutto - Area 6 Vice President, Matt Wiley - Public Relations Officer, and Dennis Corcoran - Director.
2. Robert gave a short report on his discussion with Jack Bryant, USA Competition Director. Approx. cost of \$450.00 for plaques, USA medallions, ect., with a \$250.00 deposit to the USA to assure sponsorship, deposit to be refunded following the event.
3. General discussion on arrangements such as; suggestions for lake/Lake Amistad, date/ Labor Day weekend; plaques, medallions, judges, hotel accommodations, bandquet.
4. Discussion on donations and furnishing air and boats.
5. Call for a motion as proposed, that the Southwest Council host the 1975<sup>o</sup> USA International Scuba Competition, at Lake Amistad, Labor Day weekend. Motion was made by Deryle Matthews, seconded by Charles Crawford. Motion passed with no opposition as read.
6. Robert to contact hotels and dive shops. Advisory letters shall be sent to officers and advertizement notices to councils. Contact Midland Dune Divers to assist. Form a committee to assist in work details. Suggestions; to contact Job Corps; Game Commission for pamphlet on species of fish; Charles to publish a program pamphlet made up with ads (business card type @ \$10.00 per ad) to defray the cost of printing.
7. Discussion on possibly supplying gasoline for boats, taxi service and limiting water speed.
8. Secretary to check records for eligible SWC teams. Discussion for a possible proposed change at the Mid-year Convention, to include sending Scuba Skills and Womens teams to the Nationals as well as Spearfishing teams; SWC to forfit travel expenses to the Nationals in order to send all eligible teams without over extending the Treasury; Slate cover of July edition available for advertizement of this event.
9. Question: Deryle Matthews as Area 2 Vice President representing the clubs in Area 2, protest the location (Lake Greeson) of the 75<sup>o</sup> Mid-year Convention. Discussion. Suggestion by Robert that he and Bill Hutto, Area 6 Vice President, discuss with the hosting clubs a possible alternate location, centrally located such as P.K., Lake of the Pines, ect.
10. Discussion on holding a Scub-a-Thon for the Muscular Dystrophy. Decision to check futher on details and bring the subject up to the Mid-year Convention.
11. Motion to ajorn was made unanimously.

Helen Crawford, Secretary  
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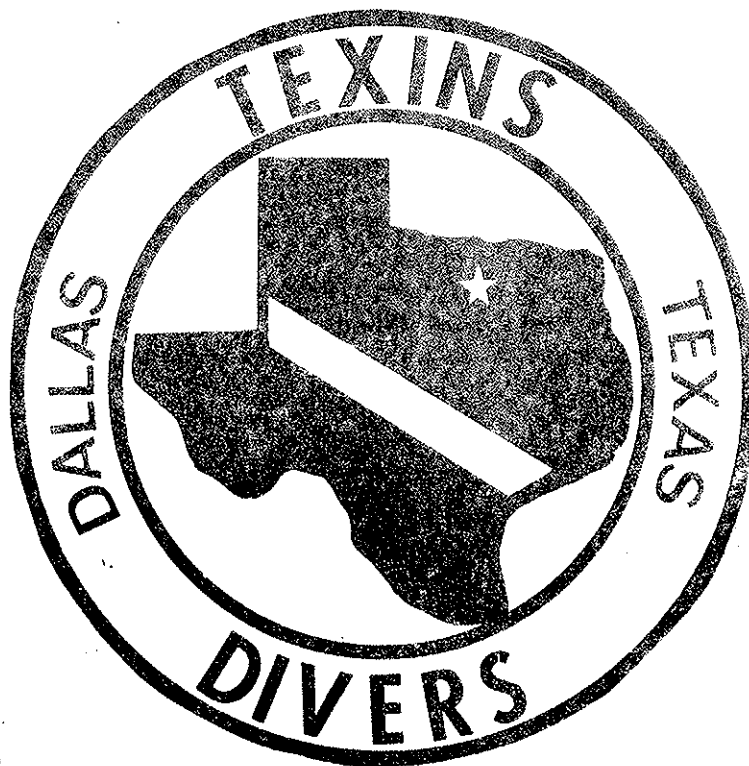
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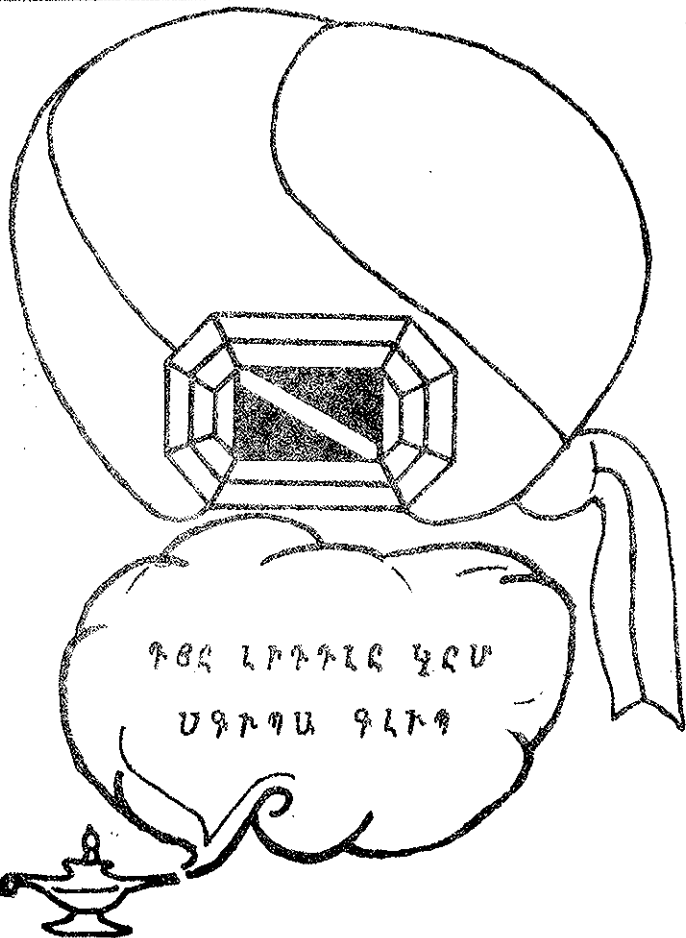
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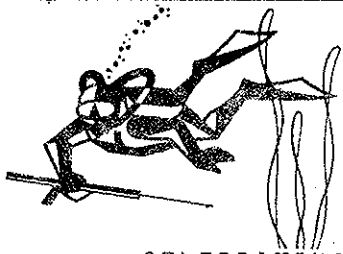
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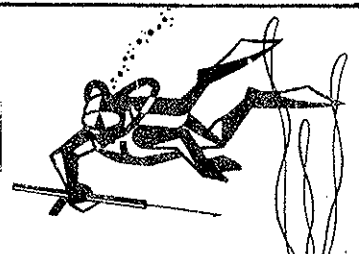
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