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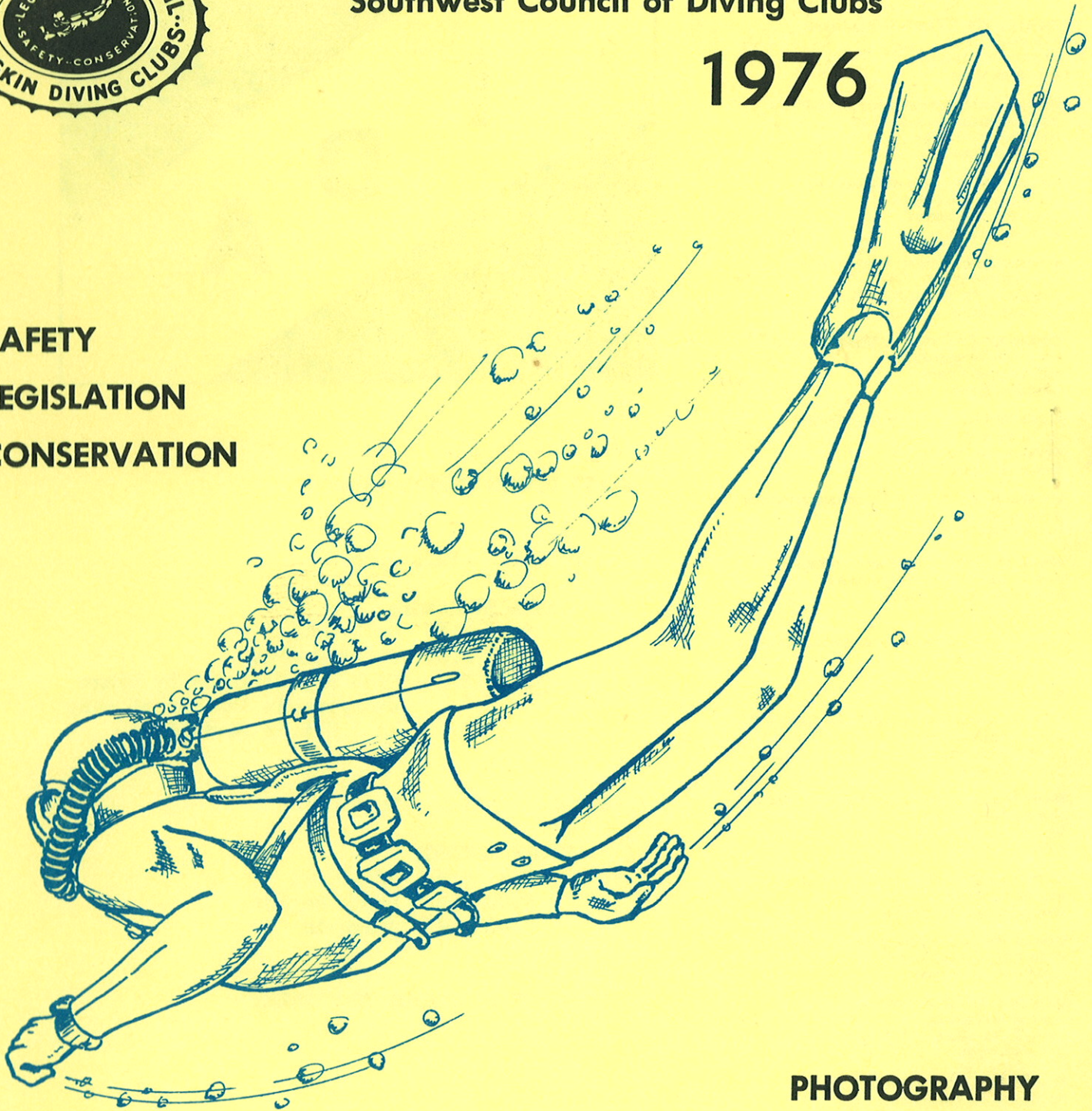
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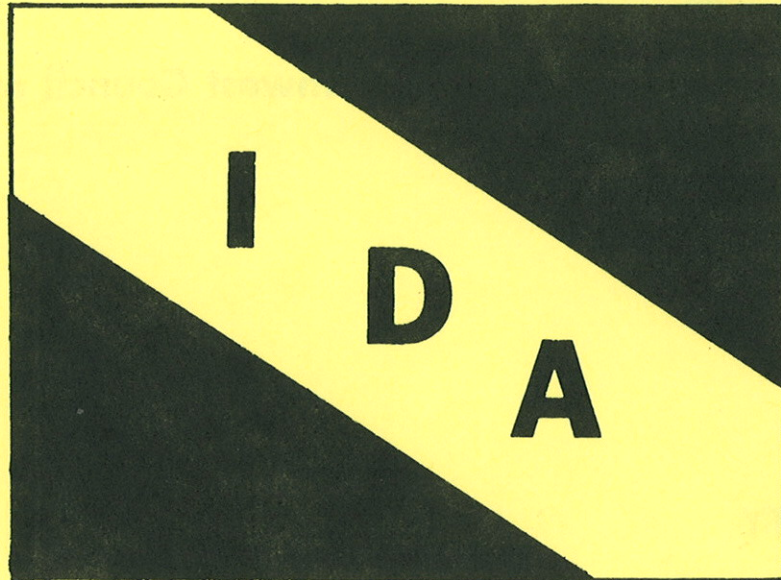
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INLAND DIVERS BUFFALO BLAST

SATURDAY - APRIL 10th

SCUBA EXCHANGE:

3:45 P.M. Roll Call
4:00 P.M. Event Begins
7:00 P.M. Fish Fry followed by Bingo
everyone is invited to camp
at I.D.A.'s Pavillion.

SUNDAY - APRIL 11th

SPEARFISHING:

8:45 A.M. Roll Call
9:00 A.M. Event Begins
1:00 P.M. Weigh-in

TOTAL OF 19 AWARDS TO WINNERS



TEXINS DIVERS CLUB

Sponsored By The Texins Association Presents The 1976

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Underwater Safari

AT LAKE TRAVIS

SANCTIONED BY THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF SKIN DIVING CLUBS



SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 1st

1:00 P.M. Registration Begins
3:30 Compass Run Roll Call
(Must Register Prior
To Roll Call)
5:30 P.M. Compass Run Ends
5:30 P.M. Registration Ends
6:00 P.M. Dinner & Social Begins

SUNDAY, MAY 2nd

7:45 A.M. Registration Begins
8:30 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
10:00 A.M. Treasure Hunt Ends & Pt. Count
1:00 P.M. Spear Fish Weigh-In
2:00 P.M. Present Trophies, Awards, and
Door Prizes

FEES & EXPENSES

\$4.50 Spear Fishing (SWC Sanctioned)
\$3.00 Compass Run (SWC Sanctioned)
\$3.00 Treasure Hunt (Non-Sanctioned)
\$1.00 1976 UW Safari Bicentennial Sleeve Patch
\$2.00 Dinner (Adult)
\$1.00 Dinner (Child under 12)

LOCATION

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

DIVE HQS-CAMP

LRCA Campground
Next to Dam
Boat Ramp and
Restrooms Available

EVENTS

Compass Run
Treasure Hunt
Spear Fishing
Dinner & social

MENU

(Bicentennial Beef Stew)
Cheese Tidbits
Assorted Relishes
All Trimmings
Bread & Crackers
Soft Drinks &
Colorado Koolaid

TREASURE HUNT—OVER \$250 IN PRIZES

22 TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED

All Southwest Council Rules In Effect

FREE AIR AVAILABLE TO ALL CONTESTANTS

2 P.M. SUNDAY—DOOR PRIZES GALORE

For Additional Information Call Doc Patterson (214) 264-2914

I would like to thank the LHDM Club for hosting a great contest. I was pleased to see so many turn out for the Scuba Skills event. A new club was accepted into the Council at the Board meeting Saturday night. They are the East Texas Men of War with Bill Hutto as President and five other members, we welcome you into the Council.

I must now inform all SWC members what happened Saturday at the LHDM contest. Before the Scuba Skills event started one of the Area V.P.s approached me and told me that while out scouting the lake they found a freshly baited fish hole. I immediately got with James Ardis, President of LHDM and it was decided to bring this up at the Board meeting that night.

At the Board meeting that night a motion was made and carried by 2/3s vote, that we bring the (bait) in before the contest started and that if another one was found by any Board member they would bring it in and the contest would be invalid. The contest is valid.

In case you haven't read the Constitution and By-laws of this Council, I quote By-laws, Article XIV, Disqualification - "Any act of unsportsman like conduct, such as using a Scuba unit while free diving, baiting fish holes, hiding fish out, exchanging fish between team members, accepting outside help or in any other way taking unfair advantage of the other contestants will result in disqualification of either a team or individual from Council Sanctioned events and contests for a period of up to two (2) years.

I am now asking all Board members to be on the alert, someone is trying to cheat all members of this Council and it must be stopped. Please report any unsportsman like conduct to me. I hope to see you all at the Buffalo Blast, April 10 and 11. I.D.A. will have a Scuba Exchange Saturday afternoon and a Fish Fry that night, plan to attend.

Deryle Matthews



To begin this month's report I must apologize to the members of our area; for the disappearance of my February report. I submitted it on February 20th, but must have missed the mysterious deadline. This report is being written on the 17th, St. Patrick's Day, to avoid my embarrassment at not informing all you good people of what's happening.

What is happening is the big WAIT. The wait for spring goes on! LHDM isn't going to wait, they are holding their dive this coming week-end and regardless of the weather, lots of fish will be strung. My report, to date, is that FK is clear and low.

LHDM members took a very interesting test on SCUBA at their meeting. Becky Erwin devised a 15 question test, to see how sharp the club members are. Several have enrolled in a basic course...no, really everyone did fine; but it's amazing the little things we forget. Do you remember all you studied during your basic course?

At the Texins' meeting this month; Doc Patterson was appointed chairman of the Texins' V/W Safari in May. They voted to serve a delicious, beef stew this year, instead of fried (yum) fish. Everyone will want a Texins' special Bicentennial patch from the Safari this year, so be sure to include May 1 and 2 at Travis in your schedule. The Weatherman's Florida Keys movie entertained the members and guests.

Dallas Divers were treated to Gene Gall's films of Jamaica. The film was made several years ago on a trip the club made there. Jamaica is the Dallas Divers' destination again this year, in June.

Sherman Divers were out in force this month, creating a very nice audience for my Blue Hole film. I really appreciate the nice turnout for a cold, rainy evening. Ron Jorgensen managed to get eight divers in the chilly Texoma water on Sunday, the 14th, for a warm up (?) dive before the Rough Fish Roundup.

We have Gulf trips for those who want to shoot big fish. Visit the V.A. Fogg or the Flower Gardens this year, see our ad. See you at the lake, lets go diving.

HANK

AREA II REPORT

S.W.C. TREASURER'S REPORT
1-31-76 thru 3-23-76

Well the diving season is here and the first contest is over. I want to thank Les Hommes for the fine contest they held at Sandy Beach.

Several of the Area II divers, including myself are going to Lake Whitney this week-end to look for the Buffalo running there as they do at P.K. If they do run there, it should be about two - three weeks earlier than at P.K. because of the water being warmer there.

I.D.A.'s contest scheduled for April 10th and 11th should prove to be an excellent contest. The water will be warmer and this year it looks like the "Buffalo Run" might hit the contest date right on the nose. There will be a fish fry and Bingo party following the Scuba Exchange on Saturday.

Whitney Divers will be at I.D.A.'s contest selling raffle tickets on a beautiful new rod and reel combo that anyone would be proud to own. Let's all buy some of these raffle tickets to help this new S.W.C. club to get off to a good start. Hope to see everyone from Area II at the next contest. See you there!

James Permenter

AREA IV REPORT

Congratulations LHDM, you sure hosted an enjoyable dive. My only complaint is there was no second largest turtle trophy! Midland represented by my dad & myself, and those who didn't enter but were in attendance were Roy Blackmon, Dan Linebarger and Charlie Hall. They would of entered, but we lost Charlie! By the time he was located it was too late for them to enter.

During our Board meeting, it was mentioned that the Nationals may be held at Amistad, but the chances are slight. If there is any way we can be of assistance, contact me. Also, I was glad to meet some of the other Executive members of the SWC, and Deryle, I am sure you will make an excellent President, as the other officers will in their respective positions.

Hope to see everyone at PK in April.

Bart A. McCollum

Cash on hand 1-31-76	\$1910.77
<u>Income</u>	
Slate Ads	400.00
Patches & Decals	5.50
U.S.A. dues (Ed Ralston)	3.00
LHDM Sanction Fees	
Spearfishing	97.50
Scuba Skills	22.00
	119.50
Slate Subscription (1)	3.00
Club dues (11)	220.00
Member dues (115)	690.00
	<u>1441.00</u>
Cash available	\$3351.77
<u>Disbursements</u>	
C. Crawford - bonus for Slate	250.00
Slate (Feb. & March)	165.19
Underwater Society of America	
58 member dues 76'	174.00
pamphlets	31.00
Sanction fee 76'	8.00
	213.00
Convention trophies	300.00
	<u>928.19</u>
Cash on hand 3-23-76	\$2423.58

Myrna Jorgensen, Treasurer

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Gary Embree

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Les Hommes De Mer, congratulations and thanks for making the first contest of 1976 a success. Everyone enjoyed the excellent weather, diving and fellowship that follows us to these competitive events.

I am particularly proud of my own club, the East Texas Aquanauts for making such a good showing at the LHDM contest. Beware, all you lady divers (men too); ETA's recently certified diver, Connie Bowman, just about, nearly, walked away with first place at that quite involved compass course. She was way out in front of everybody, up until the last two entrants. Gene Kinard and Glen Sheridan knocked her from first place, down to third. Not bad for the first time to have ever held a compass!! She is getting in a lot of practice and says that she'll get 'em next time. ETA's, Glen Sheridan got in the winners circle by capturing 2nd place in that event.

Edd Long, all I can say is that married life must really agree with you. After all these years of competing in SWC Spearfishing contests, Edd hasn't brought in a single fish. At the LHDM contest, he got off one shot from his Neared pneumatic. That one shot brought him 1st place, Novice and 1st place, Largest Fish trophy, when it made contact with a 27lb. 4oz. record Buffalo. Edd says, he owes it all to his brand new wife, Nancy. Keep up the good work, Nancy, you're doing good.

The officers of the Quitman Dolphins that I failed to mention in my last report are; Treasurer, Bobby Wilbanks and Secretary, Skipper Hortman. The Mineola firemen, members of the Dolphins are going to sponsor their first club dive, to be held in the near future. Dive classes will begin in Quitman as soon as warm weather gets here. There is already a list of people from that area signed up to learn to dive.

Ark-La-Tex Divers are meeting at the Y.M.C.A., the 2nd Tuesday of each month. I understand, Lawrence Wood and Robert Swilley are contemplating having a boat built, sea worthy, for the Gulf rig diving.

Area VI has a new club down around Carthage. Bill Hutto is President of the "Men-O-War", the name of the group consisting of six members already. I'm looking forward to seeing ya'll at all the up-coming SWC events.

Dick Wilgus and ETA are planning a big "Pirates Treasure" sale, May 15 & 16, to raise money for the Dennis Fogarty Benefit Fund. If you would like to contribute anything that is worthless to you, but would sell in a garage sale, contact us at 103 East Melton or call (214) 757-6112. Discuss this at your meetings.

I'll see you again at the IDA Buffalo Blast. 'Til then...

Larry Smith

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The following people's dues have been paid to the Underwater Society of America by the Southwest Council under the new provisions of the Consitution and By-laws; Divers that have entered three (3) Sanctioned events during the prior year. All other Council members have the option of paying U.S.A. dues in addition to S.W.C. dues. U.S.A. membership material shall be sent to Myrna Jorgensen, Council Treasurer, for distribution.

A.A. Aquajets

Lee Bumpas
Carolyn Embree
Gary Embree
Jim Gale
Glen Wright

Ark-La-Tex Divers

Eddie Byrd
Robert Swilley
Larence Wood

B.I. Divers

Steve Browning
Gary Hudgins
Larry Rogers

Dallas Divers

Wayne Matthewson
Ed Ralston

East Texas Aquanauts

Dennis Fogarty
Tommy Fryman
Steve Hudgins
Bill Hutto
Brenda Hutto

Helldivers

John Browning
Doyle Delaney

Inland Divers Assoc.

Dennis Corcoran
Cheryl Hubenak
Gorden Hubenak
Mike Kornegay
James Permenter
Neal Spence
Ronnie Walters
Matt Wiley
Wayne Williams

Lawton Divers

Bruce Mayes
Doyle Pennington
Charley Wright

Les Hommes De Mer

James Ardis
Tom Erwin
John Fuller
Jesse Garcia
David McMurry
Ben Sleigh
Earl Rhodd
Tommy Weeks
James Woolridge

Little Gem

Charles Crawford

L.T.V. Divers

Wayne Brewer
Jack Echart

Orca Tamers

John Graff
Deryle Matthews
Sandra Matthews

Quitman Dolphins

Charles Delk
Bufford Love
David Merritt
Gary Simpkins

Sherman Divers

Myrna Jorgensen
Ron Jorgensen

Texins Divers

Robert Lackey
Gene Kinard
Jay Zornes

Westside Divers

Randy Widaman

Addition - Ark-La-Tex

Gary Swearegin

Total of 58 S.W.C. members
paid to the U.S.A. for 76°



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SPEARFISHING: MENS DIVISION		LB.	OZ.
1st Largest	Ed Long	27	04
2nd Largest	Lee Bumpas	16	02
3rd Largest	Wayne Mathewson	13	--
4th Largest	Robert Lackey	10	15½
1st Team	Ed Ralston	70	15½
2nd Team	Lackey-Mathewson	62	10½
3rd Team	Hubenak-Permenter	59	--
4th Team	Jourdan-Mayes	46	13½
FISH			
1st Most	Ed Ralston		17
2nd Most	Bruce Mayes		14
3rd Most	Matt Wiley		8
4th Most	Robert Lackey		7
	(by largest-10lb. 15½oz.)		

NOVICE:		Agg. Wt.
1st Place	Ed Long	27 04
2nd Place	Lee Bumpas	16 02

SCUBA SKILLS:		Distance
1st Place	Gene Kinard	0' 0"
2nd Place	Glen Sheridan	4' 8"
3rd Place	Connie Bowman	5' 5"
4th Place	Tom Erwin	6' 1½"
5th Place	Jim Sanders	7' 6"

WOMENS DIVISION NO FISH

See V.P. Point-standings in the May Slate.

SPEARFISHING MENS DIVISION:		POINTS
1.	Ed Ralston	#10
2.	Wayne Mathewson (largest 13lb)	7
3.	Robert Lackey	7
4.	Ed Long (largest 27lb 4oz)	6
5.	Bruce Mayes	6
6.	Lee Bumpas	5
7.	James Perenter (largest 10lb 6oz)	4
8.	Gorden Hubenak (largest 6lb 12oz)	4
9.	Matt Wiley (largest 6lb 1½oz)	4
10.	Tommy Jourden	3
11.	Jim Wooldridge	2
12.	Wayne Williams	2
13.	Randy Widaman	2
14.	Kenneth Thompson	2
15.	Don Tetreault	2
16.	Robert Swilley	2
17.	Larry Smith	2
18.	Ben Sleigh	2
19.	Jerry Schronk	2
20.	Jim Sanders	2
21.	Glen Parsons	2
22.	Lonnie Moore	2
23.	David McMurry	2
24.	Don Meuir	2
25.	Bart McCollum	2

SPEARFISHING WOMENS DIVISION:

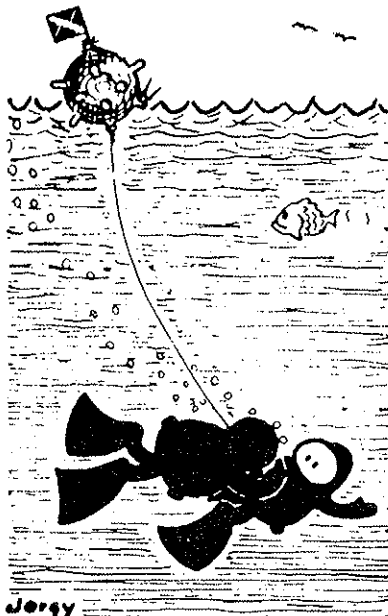
1.	Connie Bowman	2
2.	Becky Erwin	2
3.	Brenda Hutto	2
4.	Myrna Jorgensen	2
5.	Janie Kyser	2
6.	Lynn May	2
7.	Janie Thompson	2

NOVICE DIVISION:

1.	Ed Long	5
2.	Lee Bumpas	4
3.	Ed Shelton	3

SCUBA SKILLS DIVISION:

1.	Gene Kinard	7
2.	Glen Sheridan	6
3.	Connie Bowman	5
4.	Tom Erwin	4
5.	Jim Sanders	3



Jerry

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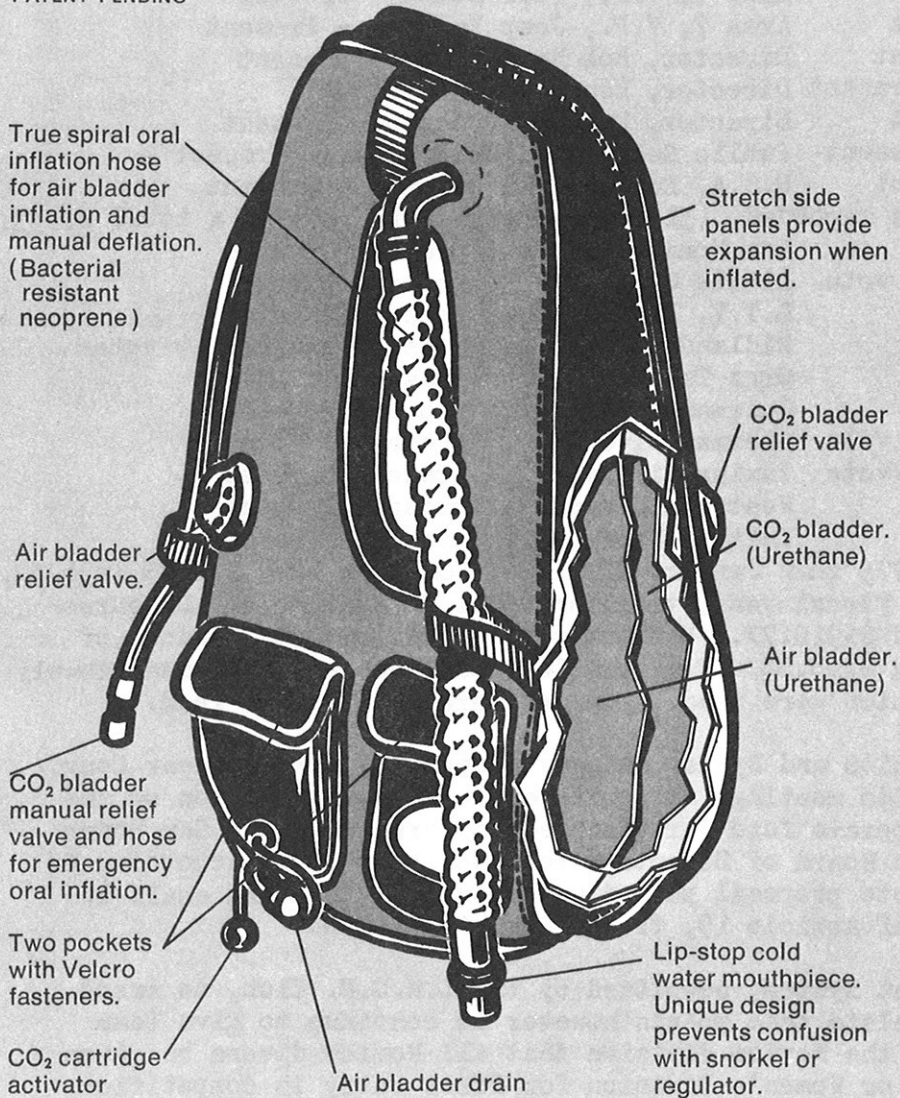
Features twin pockets with Velcro fasteners, drains, and gusset sides. Oral hose has true spiral design (allows complete drainage) and lip-stop coldwater mouthpiece which prevents confusion with snorkel or regulator mouthpieces.



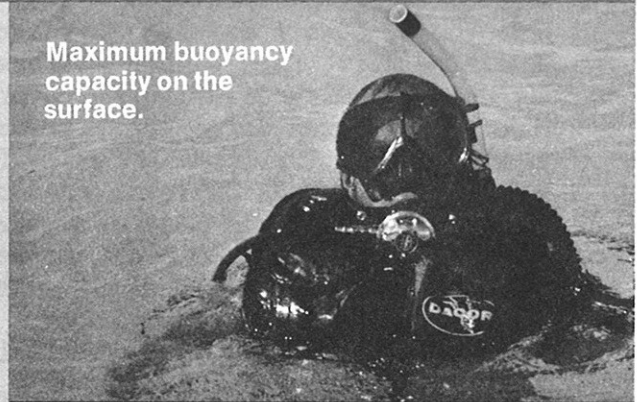
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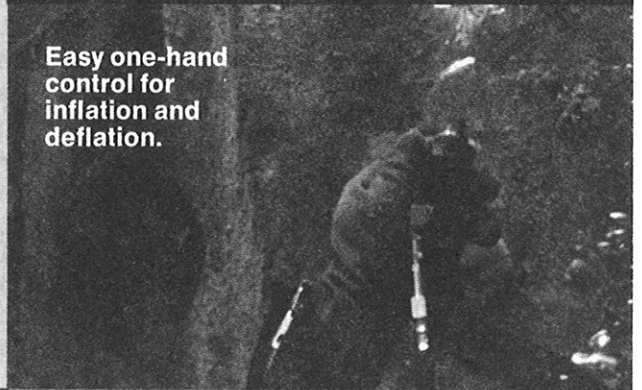
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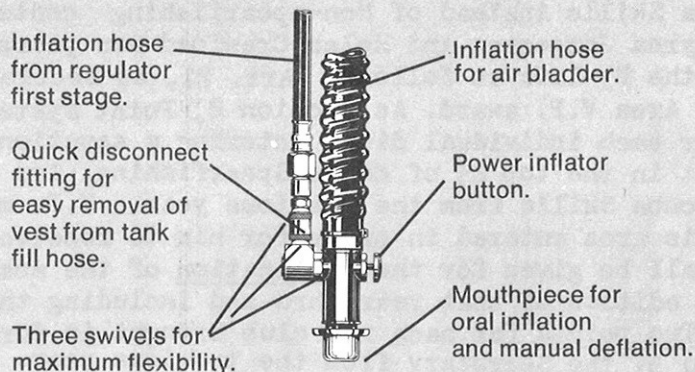
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To connect VIS system to regulators without an additional low pressure port use Dacor Model OA Octopus Adaptor. (see page 9)

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF DIVING CLUBS
75' Convention
Kilgore, TX February 7, 1976
Hosted by The East Texas Aquanauts

Agenda and order of business as follows:

1. Call to order by our President Robert Swilley.
 2. Opening devotional by Deryle Matthews.
 3. Roll call of officers;

President, Robert Swilley - Present	Area 4, V.P., Bart McCollum - Present by proxy
Excutive V.P., Dick Wilgus - Present	Area 6, V.P., Bill Hutto - Present
Secretary, Helen Crawford - Present	Area 7, V.P., Jeep Valenti - Present
Treasurer, Myrna Jorgensen - Present	Director, Bob Harris - Not present
Slate Editor, Charles Crawford - Present	Director, Ben Sleigh - Present
Area 1, V.P., Hank Silver - Present	Director, Dennis Corcoran - Present
Area 2, V.P., Deryle Matthews - Present	Public Relations, Matt Wiley - Present
Area 3, V.P., Jim Gale - Not present	U.S.A. Repres., Ed Ralston - Present
 4. Roll call of member clubs and votes recorded, (51) votes represented out of a total of 53.

A.A.A. present 3 votes	Les Hommes De Mer present 4 votes
Aqua Sprots present by proxy 1 vote	Little Gem present 1 vote
Ark-La-Tex present 4 votes	L.T.V. Divers present 2 votes
B.I. Divers Abstention 2 votes	Midland present by proxy 4 votes
Dallas Divers present 6 votes	Orca Tamers present 2 votes
E.T.A. present 6 votes	Quitman Dolphins present 3 votes
Explorer Post present by proxy 1 vote	Sherman Divers present 2 votes
Hell Divers present by proxy 1 vote	Texins Divers present 3 votes
I.D.A. present 3 votes	Westside Divers present 2 votes
Lawton Divers present 2 votes	Whitney Divers present 1 vote
 5. Treasurer's report; February 1, 1975 thru January 31, 1976; Cash on hand 2-1-75 \$836.57, \$4975.13 brought in during the 75' Fiscal year, totaling \$5811.70 available. Disbursements \$3900.93 leaving a balance of \$1910.77. Nationals financial report; income of \$950.00 with disbursements totaling \$796.38. Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.
 6. Minutes of the 75' Mid-year Convention were read. Minutes were accepted as read.
- New Business;
- Up-date and reviewal of the Constition and By-law changes adopted by the Mid-year Conv.
 7. Proposal by the Excutive Board (Caddo meeting) as published in the Jan. edition of the Slate that the Council set-up a seperate fund for disabled divers from the Gar Rodeo proceeds as a Disability Fund. The Board of Directors to distribute funds according to degree of tragedy. By roll call vote proposal passed unanimously. Adoption shall be added to the By-laws as Section D of Article 19, titled Disability Fund.
 8. Proposed changes to the By-laws:
 1. Proposal under Article 17, Point System, submitted by the L.H.D.M. Club, to amend the Men's Team Division; to delete team points however to continue to give team trophies and as an addition to the Novice division that all Novice divers be given two additional points in Men's or Women's Division for first entry in competition. Proposal withdrawn.
 2. Proposal by David McMurry to amend Article 20, Scuba Skills rules; to require registration and a roll call prior to starting the event and to include a drawing to set the order in which the divers shall compete. Proposal passed by roll call vote and the Division shall be titled Scuba Skills instead of Non-spearfishing contest.
 3. The following proposal submitted by Myrna Jorgensen and Helen Crawford was passed by roll call vote and shall be added to the By-laws as follows; Art. 21, as Section 1, titled Special Awards- to include the Area V.P. award. As Section 2, Point System for the Area V.P. award, One point for each individual diver entering a sanctioned event. Individual diver being one not in the top 25 of Men's Spearfishing, top 4 of Women's Spearfishing or top 5 of Scuba Skills from the previous year. V.P. must attend the dive that the diver from his area entered in order for him to receive the points for that dive. Five points shall be given for the publication of the most Slate reports begining with the first edition of that year thru and including the Jan. edition of the following year. Two points for each new club brought in form his area, not including clubs recorded by the Secretary from the previous year.

4. Proposal submitted by Charles Crawford was passed by roll call vote to read as follows; Article 8 shall be amended to read as Section 1 with Sanctioned event rules as Section 2. Section 1- The purpose of this set of rules is to form the basis for the selection of outstanding divers in our Council to become our champions and represent us in National Events. They will be chosen by the use of the point system. The top four (4) competitors in the point-standings from the previous year shall represent the Council at the National Events, with respect to National rules. The team partners shall be comprised, by choice, of these competitors. The alternates shall be determined by the fifth and sixth place in point-standings, with the fifth place as alternate to the first team and the sixth place as alternate to the second team. In the event that one or both of the top two teams does not represent the Council, teams may be determined by selecting the next immediate person or persons in the point-standings.
5. Proposal by Helen Crawford for funds (in escro) for National competitors was withdrawn because of Constitutional provisions.
6. Proposal by E.T.A. to amend Article 19 Section A and Section C #4 was passed by roll call vote and shall read as follows; Section A - The Council will sponsor an event and promote additional contest to be known as the "Texas Gar Rodeo, Jim Clark Memorial Tournament" and to be held the first full week-end after the first Monday in December, under the same rules as other sanctioned contest. The location to be the decision of the East Texas Aquanauts on a year to year basis. Host club for this contest will be the East Texas Aquanauts. The Host Club shall receive \$50.00 or 50¢ per entry or which ever is greater. Approved by the Excutive committee and paid by the Council. Section C, #4 shall read E.T.A.--1st week-end following 1st Monday in Dec. and the present #4 shall be then #5.
7. Proposal by Deryle Matthews to amend Article 10 Teams, Section G failed on the original proposal but then passed from the floor with change to the original proposal. Section G shall read - Novice, any diver Man or Woman who has not won at least three (3) aggregate weight trophies or place where trophies are optional. Also adopted were amendments to Section A, to read, A team shall consist of two men or two women; in Novice Division ties shall be broken by the largest fish; Men's Division the forth place trophy shall be optional and two awards shall be given in the Novice Division for 1st and 2nd place with points for Division 1-3.
8. Proposal by E.T.A. to adopt Photo Contests throughtout each year and adopt new rules for the contests. This proposal was passed with amendments to the proposed rules. Changes to the original proposal are as follows; B., #2. - Contest season shall start 2nd full weekend in February and run through 1st full weekend in February of each year. B., #3. - Contest judging is to take place all in one day. B., #9.- Judging must consist of a minimum of 3 persons with a high degree of photograhic knowledge and background, preferably with underwater experience. B., #11. - Contests shall be open to all SWC members and all members of any other Diving Council that is a member of the Underwater Society of America. B., #21. - A special Novice award will be made for the best color print entered by a Novice. A Novice is to be defined as one who has never entered an underwater photographic contest in a prior year. Statement of such MUST be included with entry. E. CATEGOTIES, #1. b. - Prints - Black and white - minimum of 8X10" or 11X14 on larger mount. E., #1. d. - Macro Color Prints or Macro Color Slides - same as black and white. E., #1. f. - Motion pictures - 8 or 16 mm one sound or one silent - maximum 1200 ft. G. ANNUAL AWARDS #1. - "Outstanding overall Photographer" will be awarded to the individual with the highest total points from all categories entered. This person must have placed in at least 3 different categories during the year's competition. Following these changes was a motion to accept this set of rules and in it's entirety, to replace existing film contest rules. Motion passed.
9. Proposed changes to the Constitution.
 1. Proposal submitted by Myrna Jorgensen to amend Article 8, Section 5 - that in order to receive 100% patches and pins, divers must attend Main and Mid-year Conventions as well as sanctioned diving events. Each division (Photography, Scuba Skills and Spearfishing) are considered seperate events. Proposal passed.

2. Proposal by Bill Hutto was withdrawn and referred to Deryle Matthews' proposal. Article 8, Section 7; Each Sanctioned Contest, except the Jim Clark Memorial, will have a required non-spearfishing event. By roll call vote, proposal passed.
3. Proposal by Deryle Matthews to delete paying the top 25 competitors' U.S.A. dues and amend to read; Article 9, Dues Section 2 - The Council shall maintain membership in the Underwater Society of America by paying U.S.A. dues of divers that have entered three (3) sanctioned events during the prior year. All other Council members have the option of paying U.S.A. dues in addition to S.W.C. dues for membership in the Underwater Society of America. Report on U.S.A. by Ed Ralston. Roll call vote, proposal passed.
4. Proposal by Deryle Matthews to amend Article 13, that By-laws from the Convention floor can be adopted by 2/3 vote of the delegates present, including proxy votes. By roll call vote proposal failed.
5. Proposal by E.T.A. Club under Article 4, Section 6 -to change to term of Directorship from 4 years to 2 years. Proposal passed with no opposition.
10. Proposed changes to the By-laws from the floor.
 1. Proposal by James Permenter that a section be added in Article 16, TIES, for the provisions of breaking ties in the most fish division. By unanimous agreement Section c shall read; Most fish ties shall be broken by the largest fish, and the present Section c shall be Section d.
 2. Proposal by Benny Sleigh in compliance with the U.S.A. rules, that Article 13 Section a read; Divers must be completely submerged while engaged in spearfishing competition. He must bring his catch to the surface and only his team member (and, or) boat driver may help in actually boating in large fish. No vote was called because our Consitution makes provisions for abiding by the National Competition rules. So the above shall be adopted.
 3. Proposal by Sandra Matthews that Women's team points be added to the point system, Article 17, with trophies optional. Proposal passed with no opposition.
 4. Proposal by Bill Hutto that the (all) end of the year awards be listed clearly in Article 21 as Section 2. Approved with no opposition.
11. Discussion and designation of the Whitney Divers Club to Area 2.
12. Question brought to the floor on the Dallas Divers issue concerning wheather they acknowledge their debt to repay funds given to them as losses resulting from their hosting of the 73' Convention. After discussion, the Chair called this a dead issue and that under the new Consitutional provisions no futher issue of this nature should occur.
13. Dennis Forgarty was introduced to the delegation for comment.
14. Election of Officers:

PRESIDENT: nominations were Bill Hutto, Deryle Matthews and Hank Silver. Elected as our new President, Deryle Matthews.

VICE PRESIDENT: nominations were Bill Hutto, David McMurry and Ben Sleigh. Elected as the new Vice President, David McMurry.

Re-elected by acclamation are the following officers; SECRETARY - Helen Crawford. TREASURER - Myrna Jorgensen, SLATE EDITOR - Charles Crawford, U.S.A. Rep.-Ed Ralston. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER; nominations were Gene Kinard and Matt Wiley. Re-elected as Public Relations Officer, Matt Wiley.

AREA VICE PRESIDENTS are as follows; AREA 1 - Hank Silver, AREA 2 - James Permenter, AREA 3 - Elbert Jackson, AREA 4 - Bart McCollom, AREA 6 - Larry Smith, AREA 7 - Doyle Delaney.

DIVER OF THE YEAR - nominations were Charles Crawford and Matt Wiley.

SERVICE AWARD - nominations were Charles and Helen Crawford. A motion was made and passed that Charles and Helen, by acclamation, share this award.
15. Sanctioned Contest Dates:
 1. L.H.D.M. March 20-21 Sandy Beach, P.K.
 2. I.D.A. April 10-11 I.D.A. Pavillion, P.K.
 3. Texins Divers May 1-2 L.C.R.A. Park, Travis
 4. Lawton Divers May 22-23 Soldiers' Creek, Texoma
 5. A.A.A. June 12-13 State Park, Whitney

Sanctioned Dates continued:


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| 6. | The Hutto's | August 7-8 | Mid-year Convention | TBA |
| 7. | Orca Tamers and
Whitney Divers | August 21-22 | Whitney | TBA |
| 8. | Little Gem | September 3-4-5 | Amistad - subject to change pending
Nationals' date | TBA |
| 9. | E.T.A. | December 11-12 | TBA | (Jim Clark Memorial) |
16. Sanctioned Photography Contest Dates:
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| 1. | Dallas Divers | August 7th | Mid-year Convention | |
| 2. | E.T.A. | TBA | TBA | |
| 3. | I.D.A. | January 15, 1977 | TBA | |
| 4. | TBA | February 5, 1977 | Main SWC Convention | |
17. Recommendation by Dick Wilgus, that the host club for the Main Convention be decided no later than the Mid-year Convention, to allow ample time for advertisement.
18. Call for adjournment. Convention adjourned.

The preceding minutes were prepared from notes and taped recordings of the Convention.

The following corrections are being made to the Convention minutes:

- a. Page one, number seven; By-laws, Article 19, Section D Disability Fund - The Council shall set-up a separate fund from the Gar Rodeo proceeds over \$50.00 as a Disability Fund. The Board of Directors shall distribute funds according to degree of tragedy.
- b. Page two, number seven, the last article; The Novice Division shall have two awards, one for 1st place aggregate weight and one for 2nd aggregate weight, with points as follows; three (3) points for 1st place agg. wt., two (2) points for 2nd place agg. wt., and one (1) point for 3rd place agg. wt.
- c. Page two, number nine; Constitution, Article 8, Section 5 - In order to receive 100% patches and pins, divers must attend Main and Mid-year Conventions, as well as any one event, Scuba Skills or Spearfishing, at the Sanctioned diving events. Photography, Scuba Skills and Spearfishing Divisions are considered separate events and Point Systems for each division are kept separately.

Helen Crawford, Secretary
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 4th Place Dennis Corcoran

SPEARFISHING WOMENS DIVISION
 1st Place Carolyn Embree
 2nd Place Sandra Matthews
 3rd Place Myrna Jorgensen
 4th Place by Tie Cheryl Hubenak
 4th Place by Tie Brenda Hutto

SPEARFISHING NOVICE DIVISION
 Glen Wright Novice for 1975^o

SCUBA SKILLS DIVISION
 1st Place Gene Kinard
 2nd Place David McMurry
 3rd Place Robert Swilley
 4th Place Tom Erwin
 5th Place Jay Zornes



100% ATTENDANCE
 Dennis Corcoran Deryle Matthews
 Charles Crawford Sandra Matthews
 Myrna Jorgensen Robert Swilley
 Ron Jorgensen Matt Wiley
 Bufford Love

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
 Silent Motion Picture "Scuba Point"
 by Wayne Williams
 Sound Motion Picture "Spanish Bay Reef"
 by Melvin Cannon

Color Prints
 1st Melvin Cannon, "Lunar Seascape"
 2nd Melvin Cannon, "Caymen Beauty"
 3rd Ed Ralston, "Friendly, I Hope"
 4th Dick Wilgus, "Anemone Family"
 Honorable Mention Dick Wilgus, "Who's
 Next" and Lawrence Wood, "Iceburg"

Color Slides
 1st Ed Ralston, "Peace & Quite"
 2nd Dick Wilgus, "Oasis In The Sea"
 3rd Ed Ralston, "Fasination"
 4th Ed Ralston, "Alone"
 Honorable Mention Bob Hansen "Angle of
 the Deep"

Black & White Prints Dick Wilgus, "Camo-
 flague" 1st and Dick Wilgus, "Gar Rodeo
 '75" 2nd.
 Novice Color Slide Larry Smith, "Marked
 Again"

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*April 10-11	Buffalo Blast	PK, IDA Pavillion	Inland Divers Assoc.
*May 1-2	Underwater Safari	Travis, LCRA Park	Texins Divers
*May 22-23	Spearfishing	Texoma, Soldier's Creek	Lawton Divers
*June 12-13	Spearfishing	Whitney, State Park	American Airlines Aquajets
*Aug. 7-8	Mid-year Convention	To Be Announced	The Hutto's
*Aug. 7th	Photo Contest	Mid-year Convention	Dallas Divers
*Aug. 21-22	Spearfishing	Whitney, TBA	Orca Tamers & Whitney Divers
*Sept. 3-5	Spearfishing	Date Subject to Change	Little Gem - TBA
*Dec. 11-12	Jim Clark Memorial (Texas Gar Rodeo)	Caddo, Curley's Camp	East Texas Aquanauts
*Jan. 15, 77	Photo Contest		Inland Divers Assoc.
*Feb. 5, 77	Photo Contest	SWC Convention	To Be Announced
*TBA	Photo Contest		East Texas Aquanauts
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