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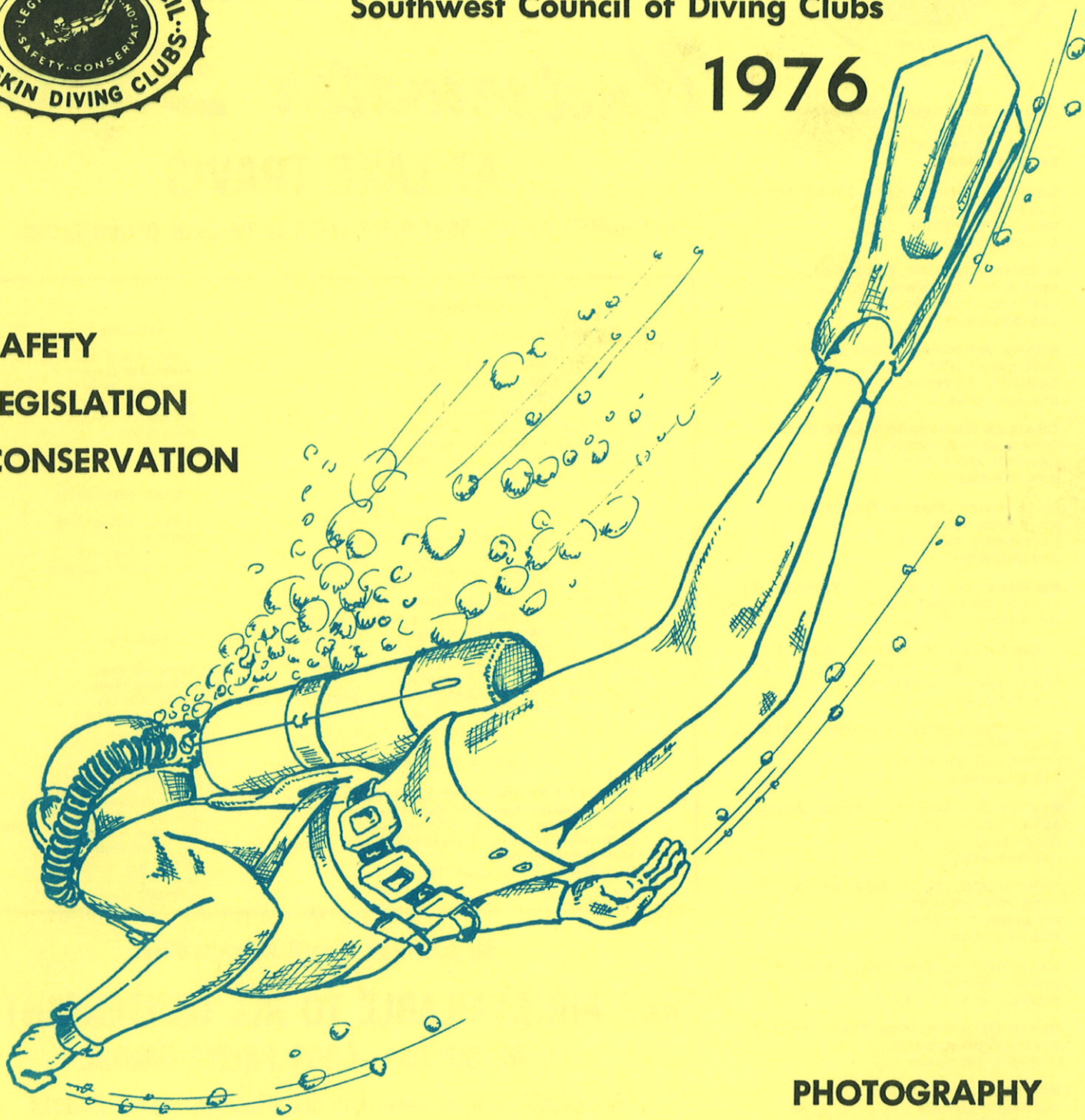
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SCHEDULE		LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 1st		
1:00 P.M. Registration Begins		Lake Travis at Mansfield Dam
3:30 Compass Run Roll Call (Must Register Prior To Roll Call)		Interstate 35 to Texas 620 (West) Follow the Divers Flag Signs
5:30 P.M. Compass Run Ends		
5:30 P.M. Registration Ends		
6:00 P.M. Dinner & Social Begins		
SUNDAY, MAY 2nd		
7:45 A.M. Registration Begins		DIVE HQs-CAMP
8:30 A.M. Registration Ends		L.R.C.A. Campground
8:30 A.M. Roll Call For Treasure Hunt		Next to Dam
8:45 A.M. Roll Call For Spear Fishing Event		Boat Ramp and Restrooms Available
9:00 A.M. Treasure Hunt Begins		
9:00 A.M. Spear Fishing Begins		
10:00 A.M. Treasure Hunt Ends & Pt. Count		EVENTS
1:00 P.M. Spear Fish Weigh-In		Compass Run
2:00 P.M. Present Trophies, Awards, and Door Prizes		Treasure Hunt
		Spear Fishing
		Dinner & social
FEES & EXPENSES		MENU
\$4.50 Spear Fishing (SWC Sanctioned)		(Bicentennial Beef Stew)
\$3.00 Compass Run (SWC Sanctioned)		Cheese Tidbits
\$3.00 Treasure Hunt (Non-Sanctioned)		Assorted Relishes
\$1.00 1976 UW Safari Bicentennial Sleeve Patch		All Trimmings
\$2.00 Dinner (Adult)		Bread & Crackers
\$1.00 Dinner (Child under 12)		Soft Drinks & Colorado Koolaid

All Southwest Council Rules In Effect

FREE AIR AVAILABLE TO ALL CONTESTANTS
2 P.M. SUNDAY—DOOR PRIZES GALORE

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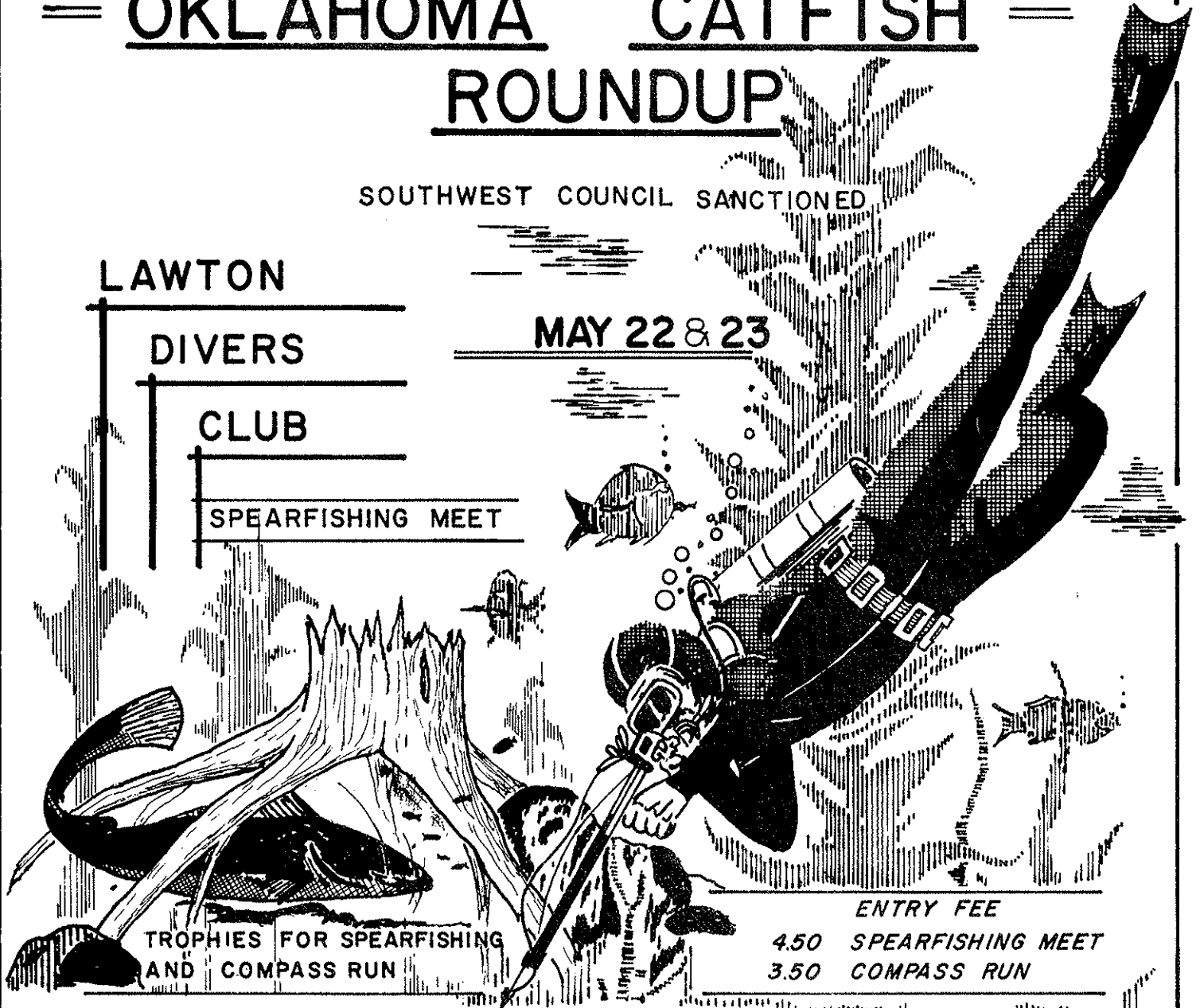
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SPEARFISHING MEET

MAY 22 & 23



TROPHIES FOR SPEARFISHING
AND COMPASS RUN

ENTRY FEE
4.50 SPEARFISHING MEET
3.50 COMPASS RUN

SOLDIERS CREEK

LAKE TEXOMA

SATURDAY MAY 22

SUNDAY MAY 23

12:00 NOON REGISTRATION OPENS
2:30 P.M. COMPASS RUN
6:00 P.M. PRESENTATIONS
7:00 P.M. SPEGETTI SUPPER
ALL YOU CAN EAT AND ALL
THE BEER YOU CAN DRINK
ADULTS 1.50
CHILDREN .75

7:00 A.M. REGISTRATION OPENS
8:45 A.M. ROLL CALL
9:00 A.M. SPEARFISHING
11:00 P.M. WEIGH IN
1:30 P.M. PRESENTATIONS

Well things are hopping here with all the Council dives and Gulf trips coming up in the near future, with the Mid-year Convention the main issue.

At the LHDM dive and the up coming IDA dive I have or will be talking to most of you, asking for game suggestions. So far we have decided to have at least 2 new games: Five Race and the Belley Buster. Many of the Council members that I have talked to suggested the egg pitching be held again. We are trying to have 5 new games rather than repeating games that were held last year. If you know any games or have any suggestions, please let us know.

As far as the location, we are attempting to find a place that there hasn't been a Council dive held and is also centrally located. Many good suggestions have been made, but all have had Council dives held there..One suggestion was made, to hold it at Sam Rayburn Lake, which has several great parks, but is also located too far for 90% of the Council. Other lakes suggested were PK, Whitney, Travis, several Arkansas lakes, Beavers Bend, and Lake Of The Pines. We have got to make a decision very soon, so if you have any knowledge of any lakes that would be suitable, please let us know.

Now, to the main dish of the Convention, the Saturday night meal. We are planning to have a meal that most, if any, have ever tasted. I would tell what it is, but I don't know how to spell it, ha.

There is also going to be a special event to be held on Saturday night. This event will be on the program handed out at the registration. If you thought the "Womanless Beauty Pageant" was funny last year, you haven't seen nothing yet.

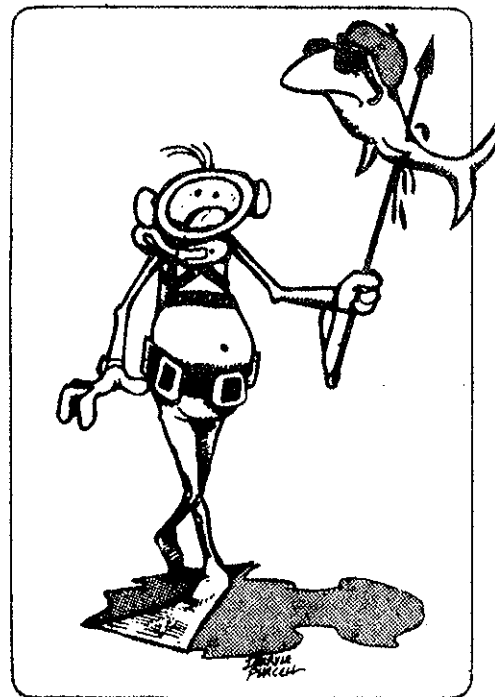
Well so much for the Mid-year Convention. So for now, safe diving and we hope to see you at Lake Travis.

Bill and Brenda Hutto

Hope you are enjoying the new look of the Slate cover. We would like to Thank John Kuykendall for the tremendous art work on the diver and Duncan Printing Co. for the publications, both of Lawton.

We have no comment on the postal service!!

Charlie



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We had a new club accepted into the Council at the Buffalo Blast. They are the Aqua-Holics from Stephenville, Texas. Bob Vandammer is the Executive Director and Lewis Pack is the President. They are very excited about getting into the Council. If you haven't met them, please make it a point to meet them. They have seven members who want to join the Council and also pay \$3.00 to join the Underwater Society of America. They were placed in Area II.

The Midland Dune Divers were well represented at the Buffalo Blast. Congratulations to Charles Crawford for getting a record Buffalo, 29½ pounds. Also may two Board members who had some motor trouble at the contest have better luck next time.

If you haven't made a contest this year, it's time to start getting in on the fun. Attend the next dive at Lake Travis, LCRA Park.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be May 1st, 8:00p.m., at the LCRA Park, Lake Travis. If you have any questions or problems about the Council, contact your Area V.P. or me and it will be considered at the meeting.

Deryle Matthews

S.W.C. TREASURER'S REPORT
3-23 thru 4-15-76

Cash on hand 3-23	\$2423.58
<u>Income</u>	
Individual member dues (24)	144.00
Club dues (5)	100.00
	<u>244.00</u>
Cash available	\$2667.58
<u>Disbursements</u>	
Balance owed by L.T.V.	22.00
Postmaster - Bulk Permit	40.00
Grave-A-Name (name tags)	33.28
Slate - April	114.40
Duncan Printing	166.14
	<u>375.82</u>
Cash on hand 4-15-76	\$2291.76

Myrna Jorgensen, Treasurer

Well, another spearfishing contest has come and gone, and I am still a Novice. So Charles, Matt, Ed, Dennis, Robert, and all you other "expert spearfishermen" can relax - it's gonna be a while longer before I move up into your ranks.

All kidding aside, I think it's great that the Novice Division has been expanded to include all divers who have not won 3 trophies. The one thing that will make our great Council even greater is more participation in our Sanctioned contests. We will have more participation by having more clubs join our Council, and this we are doing, but by making rules which will ensure more individual divers taking home trophies is very effective also. I hereby encourage all clubs who have Sanctioned dives during the remainder of 1976 to consider giving 3 trophies in the Novice Division. I can almost guarantee the A.A. Aquajets will have 3 trophies for the Novice Division. You see, I am going to twist the arms of my fellow club members.

The A.A. Aquajets are in the midst of plans for their June 12 & 13 dive at Whitney. The weatherman has been contacted, and he assures us good weather will prevail. The game warden assures us there is plenty of fish (but leave the bass alone).

The State Park may be a little crowded, but don't you just love togetherness. All in all, we are looking forward to a great time.

Elbert Jackson

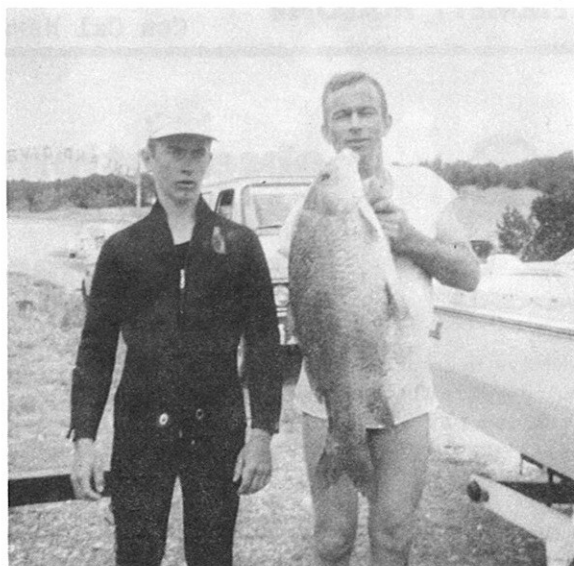


"Well you told me to bring a tank for my first lesson!"

Beginning The 1976 Season



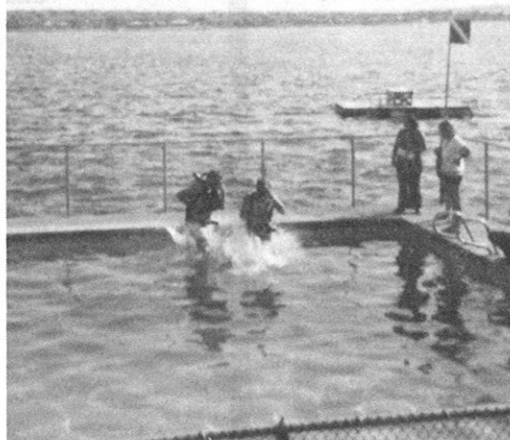
"End of the year" and "LHDM contest" award winners. Convention presentations were combined with the first 76' Sanctioned event at PK, March 21st.



Tommy Crawford placed 1st in Novice Division and "Dad" speared a record Buffalo, 29lb. 4oz., at IDA's contest, PK, April 11th.



Whether it be Spearfishing or Scuba Skills, be where the diving is!



Scuba Exchange, IDA's contest. Pool courtesy of Tom Davis, Scuba Point.

IDA CONTEST RESULTS
PK 4/11/761976' POINT-STANDING LIST
thru IDA Contest

SPEARFISHING: MENS DIVISION		LB.	OZ.
1st Largest	Charles Crawford	29	4
2nd Largest	Charles Crawford	19	3
3rd Largest	Charles Crawford	18	10
4th Largest	Robert Swilley	14	11
1st Team	Crawford-Swilley	306	2
2nd Team	Corcoran-Wiley	131	12
3rd Team	Gehier-Hardy (OK)	100	12
4th Team	Hubenak-Permenter	98	--
1st Most	Charles Crawford	FISH	25
2nd Most	Ed Ralston		18
3rd Most	Matt Wiley		14
4th Most	Gorden Hubenak		11
	(by largest 11lb. 3oz.)		

NOVICE:		Agg. Wt.
1st Place	Tommy Crawford	27 12
2nd Place	Gary Embree	14 5
3rd Place	John Johnson	12 10
4th Place	Carl Garrison	12 1

SCUBA SKILLS: SCUBA EXCHANGE		MIN.	SEC.
1st Place	Kinard-Sanders	19	13
2nd Place	Erwin-McMurry	18	10

WOMENS DIVISION NO FISH

SPEARFISHING: MENS DIVISION		POINTS
1.	Charles Crawford	#21
2.	Ed Ralston	15
3.	Matt Wiley	11
4.	Robert Swilley (largest 14lb 11oz)	9
5.	Wayne Matthewson (largest 13lb)	9
6.	Ed Long (largest 27lb 4oz)	8
7.	Gorden Hubenak (largest 11lb 3oz)	8
8.	Bruce Mayes (largest 7lb 14oz)	8
9.	James Permenter (largest 11lb 9oz)	7
10.	Bob Lackey (largest 10lb 15½oz)	7
11.	Dennis Corcoran (largest 10lb 11oz)	7
12.	Mike Kornegay	7
13.	Wayne Williams	7
14.	Lee Bumpas	5

Additional men's points are for attendance only.

SPEARFISHING: WOMENS DIVISION		
1.	Myrna Jorgensen	4
2.	Janie Kiser	4
3.	Connie Bowman	2
4.	Carolyn Embree	2
5.	Beckey Erwin	2
6.	Brenda Hutto	2
7.	Lynn May	2
8.	Mariane Thompson	2

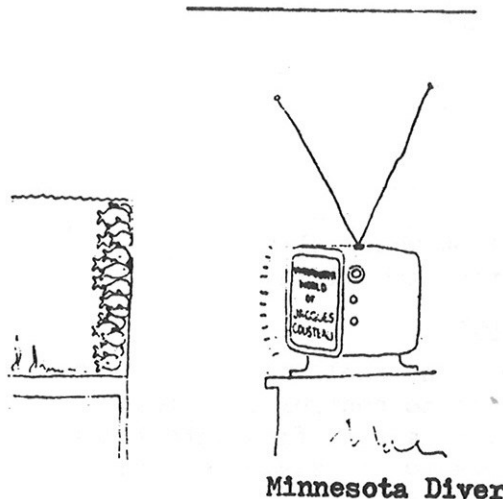
NOVICE DIVISION:		
1.	Ed Long	7
2.	Tommy Crawford	5

Additional Novice points are for attendance only.

SCUBA SKILLS DIVISION:		
1.	Gene Kinard	14
2.	Tom Erwin	10
3.	Jim Sanders	10
4.	Glenn Sheridan	10
5.	David McMurry	8



Gene Kinard, holding #1 spot in the Scuba Skills Division, IDA's contest.



Minnesota Diver

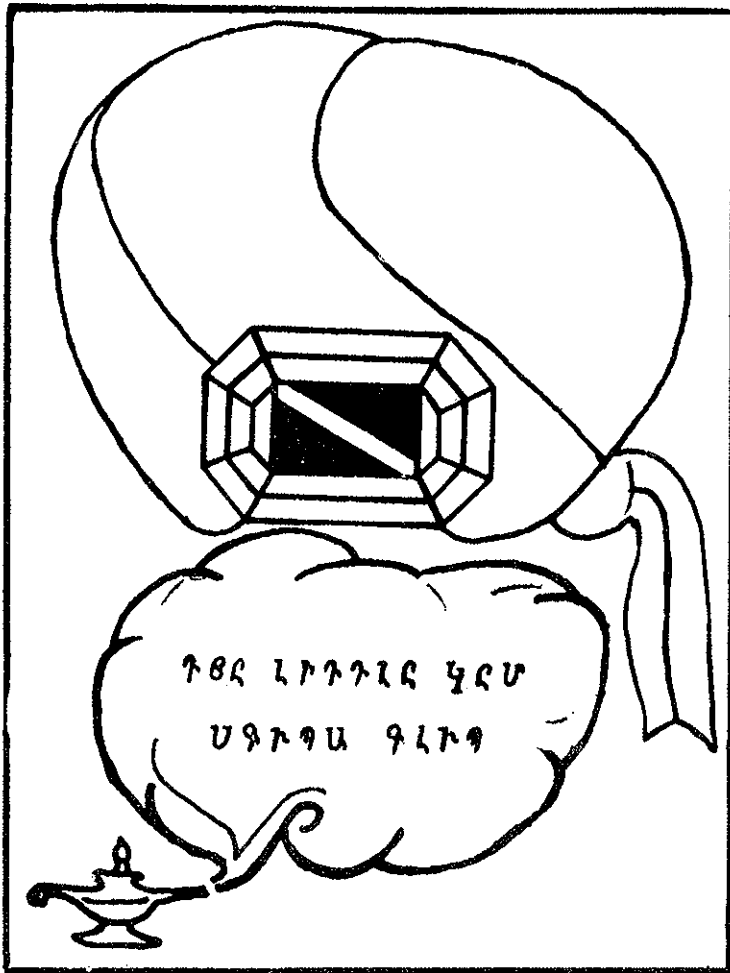
AREA II REPORT

Congratulations, Charlie Crawford for pickling IDA's contest, IDA's contest finally hit the Buffalo! It was a very good meet.

Whitney Divers wish to Thank all S.W.C. members for buying raffle tickets and helping out this new club.

Hope to see all Area 2 members at Travis, May 1st and 2nd.

James Permenter



DIVER'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE #1

Take a few minutes to test your wit. Thought we might share with you this excerpt from the Purge Valve, by Fred Butler. Find results in the June Slate.

ACROSS

- 1. Most dangerous diving disease (2 words)
- 16. Measures pressure
- 23. Most popular diving time
- 30. Boat from Genesis
- 34. A ridge of rock
- 39. LOOK!
- 42. What you did with what you speared
- 46. Kind of fish
- 49. What you swim in
- 58. Sounds like U.S.N.
- 63. Middle _____ squeeze
- 66. Shallow water black _____
- 73. Abbreviated diving unit

DOWN

- 1. Abbr. for shell fish
- 3. Device to control air flow
- 9. Permits air to flow into lungs
- 11. Allows you to see underwater
- 17. Fish bone (French)
- 18. A seaward current (2 words)
- 19. Symptom of sea sickness
- 20. Different parts of matter
- 23. Resulted from breathing water
- 31. Fish eggs
- 61. Retiring tide

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Here I go down I-20, tired, sunburned, and working on that door prize (half-a-case of Schlitz) I just captured at the Inland Divers, Buffalo Blast. We all Thank you, I.D.A. for your hard work over the hot fish fryers and your efforts in hustling up all of those nice trophies and door prizes, etc.

Special Thanks go to the members of East Texas Aquanauts and Ark-La-Tex Divers, who made that long haul out to P.K. for the contest. Again, we had a good turn out from Area VI. However, I'm quite disappointed in the East Texas Men-O-War for not having a representative at the first contest since they were approved and accepted into the Southwest Council. I didn't see any of you Quitman Dolphins around either. I realize it is a long drive and more important commitments come first, but the diving and "good times" are always worth the sacrifice. I am looking forward to seeing more of Area VI represented at the Underwater Safari, May 1st and 2nd, at Lake Travis.

At the April meeting of the East Texas Aquanauts, three applications for membership were voted on; Bryan Meyres, Steve Doan and Nancy Long, welcome to E.T.A. and the Southwest Council. Six other applications ere issued to be voted on next month. Edd Long and Dick Wilgus are sponsoring the next club dive at Lake Hawkins, Wednesday night, April 14. It's going to be a night dive, scavenger hunt, with a weiner roast afterward. Basic and advanced dive classes are to begin in early May. A new skin diving class is to start up in June for the kid-os, ten years and older. They will receive a certification from the Y.M.C.A., along with a knowledge of basic diving and equipment (mask, fins, snorkel). Jim Mularky provided the program for the meeting. He showed his top side slides of the last Blue Hole trip to a standing room only crowd.

At the last Quitman Dolphins meeting, Gary Simpkins showed a movie about river and stream pollution and it's effects on our environment. I, along with everyone else there learned a lot from the program.

Robert Swilley is trying to generate some more interest from the Ark-La-Tex Divers by challenging E.T.A. to some kind of contest. Speaking for the Aquanauts, we proudly accept the challenge, fresh water or salt water. It don't make no difference to us.

As soon as the East Texas Men-O-War establish a location and date for their meetings, I'll have some news from their club. Again, I am looking forward to working with them and helping any way I can.

Congratulations and Thanks again I.D.A. for a marvelous contest. See you all again at Travis.

Larry Smith



AREA IV REPORT

The dive sponsored by I.D.A. turned out much better than I had expected, as it looked like the wind and the possibility of rain would ruin it. Since Roy Blackmon won several free dinners, I believe, he said something about taking the club to Fort Worth, so we may take advantage of this. This should remind him of his statement!

We are working on forming another club on this area. Hopefully, they will want to join the Council. If anyone has a copy of those pamphlets that Ed Ralston presented at the Board meeting in March, on how to form a club and set up the Consitution, I would appreciate the use of them.

At this time, I have no idea who will be at Travis in May. Hopefully, I can instigate some interest in the new club. I feel that if they could attend a SWC dive, just to see what goes on, it would draw some enthusiasm.

Bart McCollum

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 1976

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
*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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7. Inland Divers Assoc.	Emily Byrd, Sec.	7359 Norma Ft. Worth, TX	76112
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13. Quitman Dolphins	Lois Love, Pres.	Box 215 Quitman, TX	75783
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17. Whitney Divers	Lois Degges, Sec.	Star Rt. 1 Clifton, TX	76634

To-date Orca Tamers have dropped their membership and the following clubs' dues have not been recorded; Ark-La-Tex Divers, B.I. Divers, Explorer Post #1168 and the Hell Divers. If the information above is incorrect, please advise.

Membership packets containing the 76° edition of the Consitution and By-laws, and membership cards shall be distributed at the Travis dive.

Thank you,
Helen Crawford, Secretary

AREA V.P. POINT-STANDING

VICE PRESIDENT AREA	MONTHLY ISSUE AREA REPORT	INDIVIDUAL MEMBER POINTS	MEMBER CLUB POINTS
#1, Hank Silver	March/April	#19	NONE
#2, James Permenter	April/ May	12	#2/Aqua-Holics
#3, Elbert Jackson	March/May	4	NONE
#4, Bart McCollum	March/April/May	3	NONE
#6, Larry Smith	April/May	15	#2/E.T. Men-of-War
#7, Doyle Delaney	March	6	NONE

For details on Area Vice President's point-system, read the February Convention minutes, located in the April edition of the Slate, or in the 76° edition of the Consitution and By-laws. Looks like some fun happenings in competition this year. Good Luck Gang!

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1. Copy of Club's Constitution and/or By-laws.
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3. Membership fee (\$20.00 for the club and \$6.00 per individual).

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