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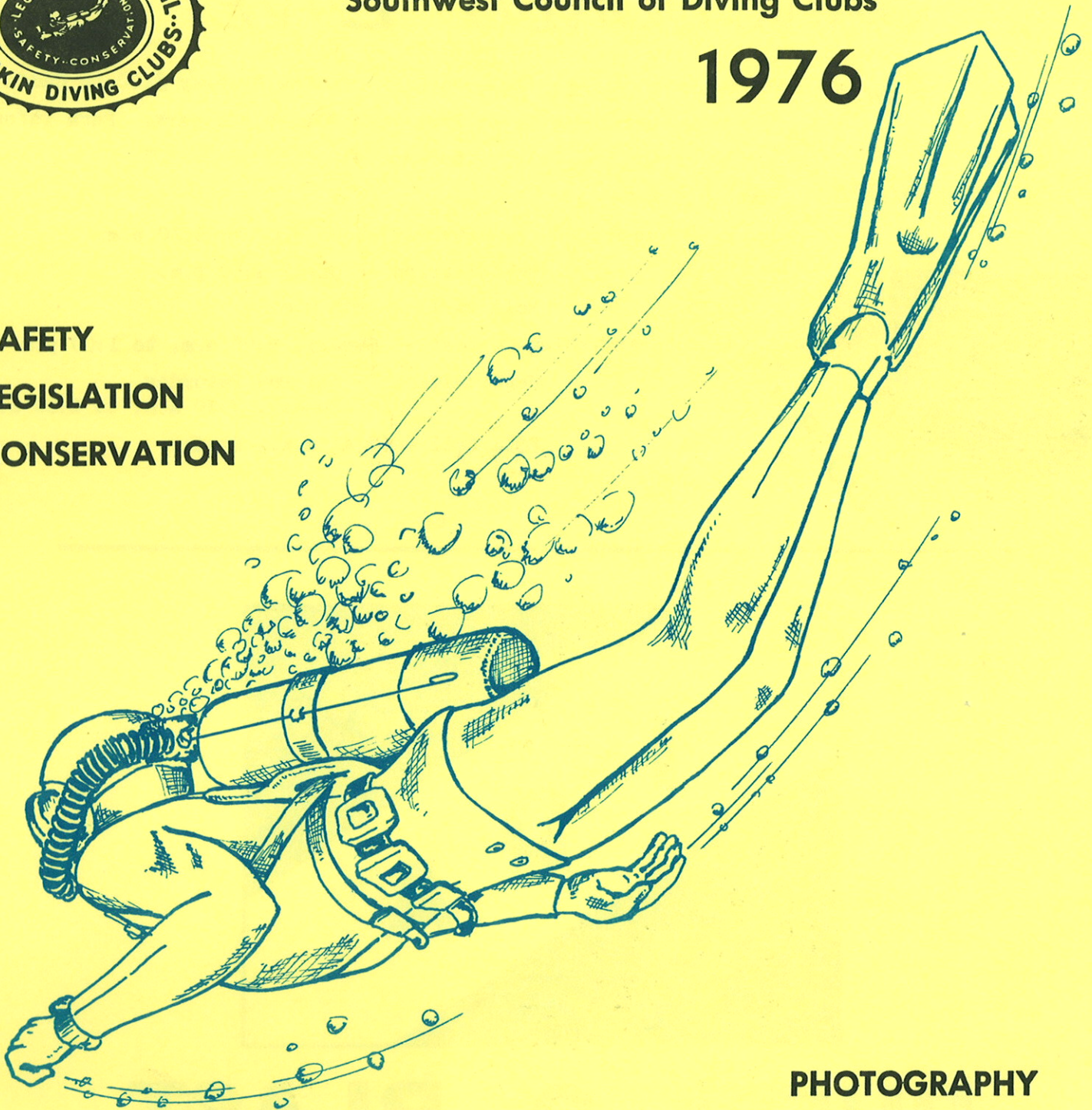
# SLATE

Voice of  
Southwest Council of Diving Clubs

## 1976



**SAFETY**  
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# LES HOMMES DE MER SANCTIONED DIVE

**Place :** Possum Kingdom Lake State Park - - Follow Highway #180 to Caddo Tex.  
Then go north on Park Road #33 to the park. Park information can be obtained at Tel. #(817)549-1803.

**Times :** March 19 & 20, 1977

Compass Run -- Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Registration -- Until 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call -- 4:45 p.m.

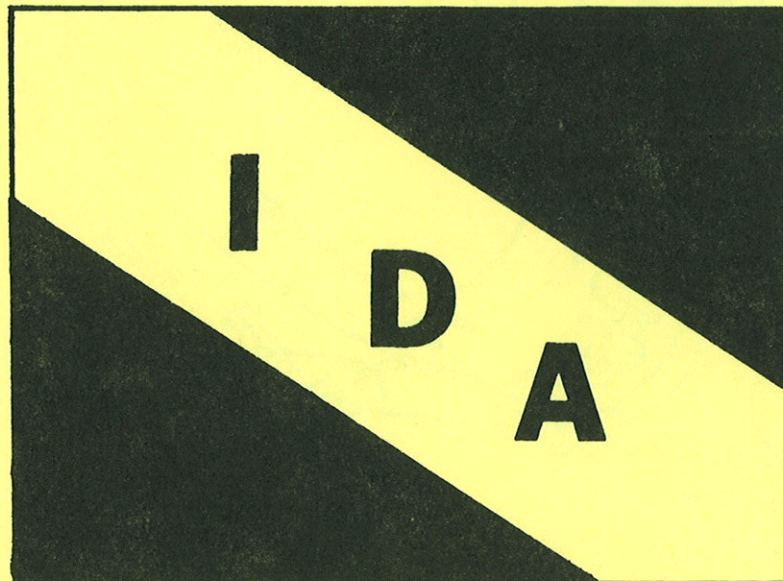
Spearfishing Contest -- Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Registration--- All Day Saturday  
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call -- 8:45 a.m., Sunday



"DOOR PRIZES"



**BUFFALO BLAST**  
**P K APRIL 2-3**

## OPEN LETTER TO THE COUNCIL

I returned home today and felt compelled to put some thoughts on paper, and pass them along to you, the SWC members who did not attend our Convention.

Lawton Divers deserve our hearty thanks and appreciation for the best Convention to date that I can remember. Each and every detail was accorded preplanning and the weekend was a joy. The folks who missed it didn't get to "Bop" with fins, swallow minnows or rather watch as Dennis made the world record, 26th minnow, go down to greet the other flapping 25 silver-side minnows drowning in the Bourbon in his belly. They didn't get to race on tricycles built to hold a 50 pound four year old. They missed seeing Fonzie Hubenak, the Mularkey twins or Mel "The undertaker" Cannon, those of you who weren't there didn't get to hear those hits of the 50's, those golden oldies brought back. Ya'll missed the Friday nite party where diving friends met their friends. The folks who missed the local sight-seeing tours lost out too, even natives of Lawton had a good time seeing places they generally ignore.

To Charlie Wright, Jeep Valenti, Doyle Pennington, Bruce Mayes, Doyle Delaney, George Beach, the wives and all the others, you did a super fantastic job and I for one loved it.

Council Members: in my recollection, we have not had as constructive a business meeting within the last six or seven years. I believe everyone there did some honest soul-searching and came away with the sincere hope of trying to make our Council more appealing to new divers and clubs. We all recongized that we must provide more varied activities and consider what those who are not affiliated with the SWC want in diving events.

There was more good will and harmony among us than I don't know when. We are working together now to provide a better Council. We are more aware now and more responsive to your wishes.

The Spirit of fellowship and togetherness was no more apparent than when Orvil Eckhart was awarded the "Diver of the Year" award, shoot Mr. Eckhart is everywhere and anywhere the Council is concerned, and has been forever (as far as the Council is concerned). Hats off to you Orvil, Diver of the Years.

Lets all carry the spirit of the Convention with us into 77', support Robert Swilley and your Council, making it something every Southwest Diver can be proud of. In closing, I thank all of you for the past four years as President and Vice President

of the Council, I cherish your friendship and trust it will continue.

Sincerely,  
Hank

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 FANTASTIC ENTERTAINMENT AT LAWTON

The spell of nature and the past still linger, thanks to Kay Kiser and Charlie Wright. Those who missed their tours of the surrounding points of interest at Lawton, Oklahoma, where the 1977 Southwest Council Convention was held February 11 and 12, missed the opportunity to relive the fantastic history and rugged beauty of this romantic, colorful territory they know so well as home.

First we went through the Wichita Game Reserve, where we saw herds of buffalo, prairie dog towns full of busy citizens, and other animals.

The Holy City was indeed an inspiration with fifty permanent settings of natural stone for the Easter Pageant portrayal of the life of Christ. Included is a chapel for use of any Christian ceremony, with beautiful hand-painted artistry covering the ceiling. The statue, Christ of the Wichitas, seems to tell you "Come and be refreshed."

From there, climbing one of the mountains, we passed the "River of Boulders", which gave you an urgent feeling to dodge, though they really were stationary. The winding road up Mt. Scott gave a turntable view of the country for as far as forty miles away.

Medicine Village was a living active picture or days gone by in today's world, and Medicine Mountains just can't be, but are real--appearing to have the center sliced out, leaving two sliced sides with a river some-where below.

The afternoon tours of Ft. Sill and it's many museums of military, artillery, and Indian history just left us all feeling as though we had relived the whole story of Oklahoma.

Irene Cannon

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NOTICE: SWC membership packets should be ready for distribution at PK, March 19th. Please contact us if there is an address correction, the Slate no longer obtains this service thru the Postal Dept.

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## AREA I REPORT

As my last official act as Area I Vice President, I want to thank the clubs in Dallas for their hospitality during the last two years. It has been my pleasure.

Texins met Feb. 8th, with forty six members and guests to listen to the gavel fall for Doc Patterson's first meeting as President, the new officers were introduced and the outgoing slate were thanked appropriately.

The Vanderheid's, Julie and Marty (newley weds) won both door prizes; Julie a dive knife and Marty a \$10.00 gift certificate. Various reports were made concerning membership, the SWC Convention, the annual club trip, the compressor repairs, training class, and the Causteau Society's Involvement Day in Houston.

Wayne entertained with his lovely film made during last June's trip with the Dallas Divers to Jamaica.

Dallas Divers fifty five strong gathered to the gavel of Gene Richardson, taking office as President. This club also gave reports on trips, Involvement Day, the Convention, etc. Door prizes were won by Galloway Darby, Marybeth Darby, Dr. Gahagen, Vance Chrisler, and Richard Hose. My goodness lots of prizes.

The program was very strong, with a lovely slide shown by Anita Moore on Bonair, and a film on San Salvador, the club's 1977' trip destination, by Dr. Garagen.

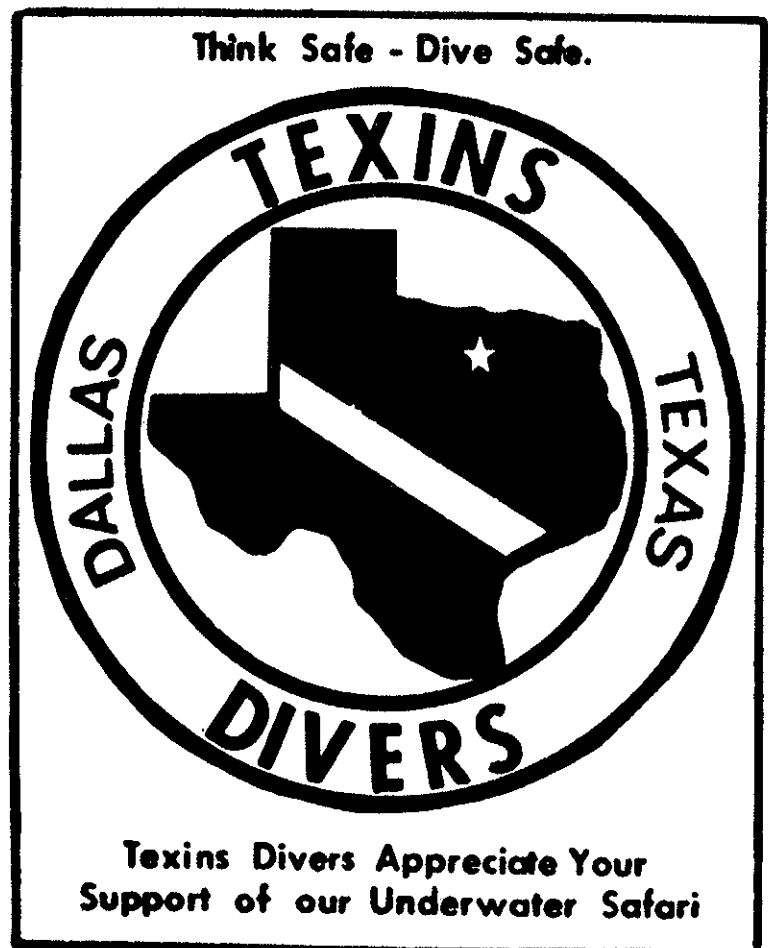
Best wishes to our area clubs and please give Jon Johnson the same welcome you have given me. Jon is the new Area I, V.P., a member of L.H.D.M. and a genuine swell guy.

See ya'll soon, happy Diving,  
HANK

S.W.C. TREASURER'S REPORT  
12-1-76 thru 2-6-77

Cash on hand 12-1-76		\$1863.97
<u>INCOME</u>		
Club dues	77' (2)	40.00
Member dues	76' (2)	
	77' (7)	54.00
Slate ads		110.00
Slate Sub.	77'	3.50
Sanction Fee/Gar Rodeo		72.00
		<u>279.50</u>
Cash Available		2143.47
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
Postmaster/bulk mailing fee		
	76'	24.00
	77'	40.00
Slate - Sept.	73.72	
Oct.	62.92	
Nov.	70.20	
Dec.	80.86	
		<u>287.30</u>
77' Convention Trophies		270.00
		<u>721.30</u>
Cash on hand 2-6-77		\$1422.17

Myrna Jorgensen, Treasurer



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 1977

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
*March 19-20	Rough Fish Roundup	FK, State Park	Les Hommes De Mer
*April 2-3	Buffalo Blast	PK, IDA Pavillion	Inland Divers Assoc.
*April 23-24	Spearfishing	Whitney, State Park	A.A. Aquajets
*May 14-15	Underwater Safari	Travis, LCRA Park	Texins Divers
*June 4-5	Carp Capers	Whitney, State Park	Whitney Divers
June 24-25-26	Nagi, Spearfishing	Grand Isle, LA	Harry's Dive Shop
*July 9-10	Spearfishing	Cannon, TBA	Little Gem
*July 30-31	Spearfishing	Texoma, TBA	Lawton Divers
*Aug. 6-7	SWC work shops	TBA	Dallas Divers
*Aug 6th	Photo Contest	TBA	Dallas Divers
*Sept. 3-4-5	Scuba Internationals	Amistad, Amistad Lodge	Southwest Council
*Oct. 15th	Photo Contest	TBA	East Texas Aquanauts
*Dec. 10-11	Jim Clark Memorial (Texas Gar Rodeo)	Caddo, Curley's Camp	East Texas Aquanauts
*Feb. 4-5, 1978	SWC Convention	TBA	TBA
*Feb. 4th, 1978	Photo Contest	TBA	TBA

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Please tell me how our club  
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## Special Information and Advantages of Membership

GROUP ACCIDENT INSURANCE  
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CONTINUOUS DIVER PROGRAMS

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Associate Member	\$ 5.00 yr.	Check Enclosed:
Contributing Member	\$ 10.00 yr.	
Supporting Member	\$ 25.00 yr.	\$ _____ .00
Patron	\$100.00 yr.	
S.W.C. Member	\$ 3.00yr.	

## SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF DIVING CLUBS

### Membership into this Council

Send the following to:

Deryle Matthews, President, 116 Charlene, Hurst, TX 76053.

1. Copy of Club's Constitution and/or By-laws.
2. Membership list of club including names, addresses and designated officers.
3. Membership fee (\$20.00 for the club and \$6.00 per individual).



Membership in the Council is from January 1st thru December 31st, at which time dues become due. However, there is a grace period of 3 months, January 1st thru March 31st, at which time dues expire. Dues may be paid in December of the previous year and will be for the ensuing year if the membership is not used for any Council activity before January 1st.

### Information about the Council

Anyone wishing information about the Council, its activities, etc., should send inquiries to the President or any officer in your general area. Refer to the inside for a list of officers, mailing addresses and phone numbers.

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