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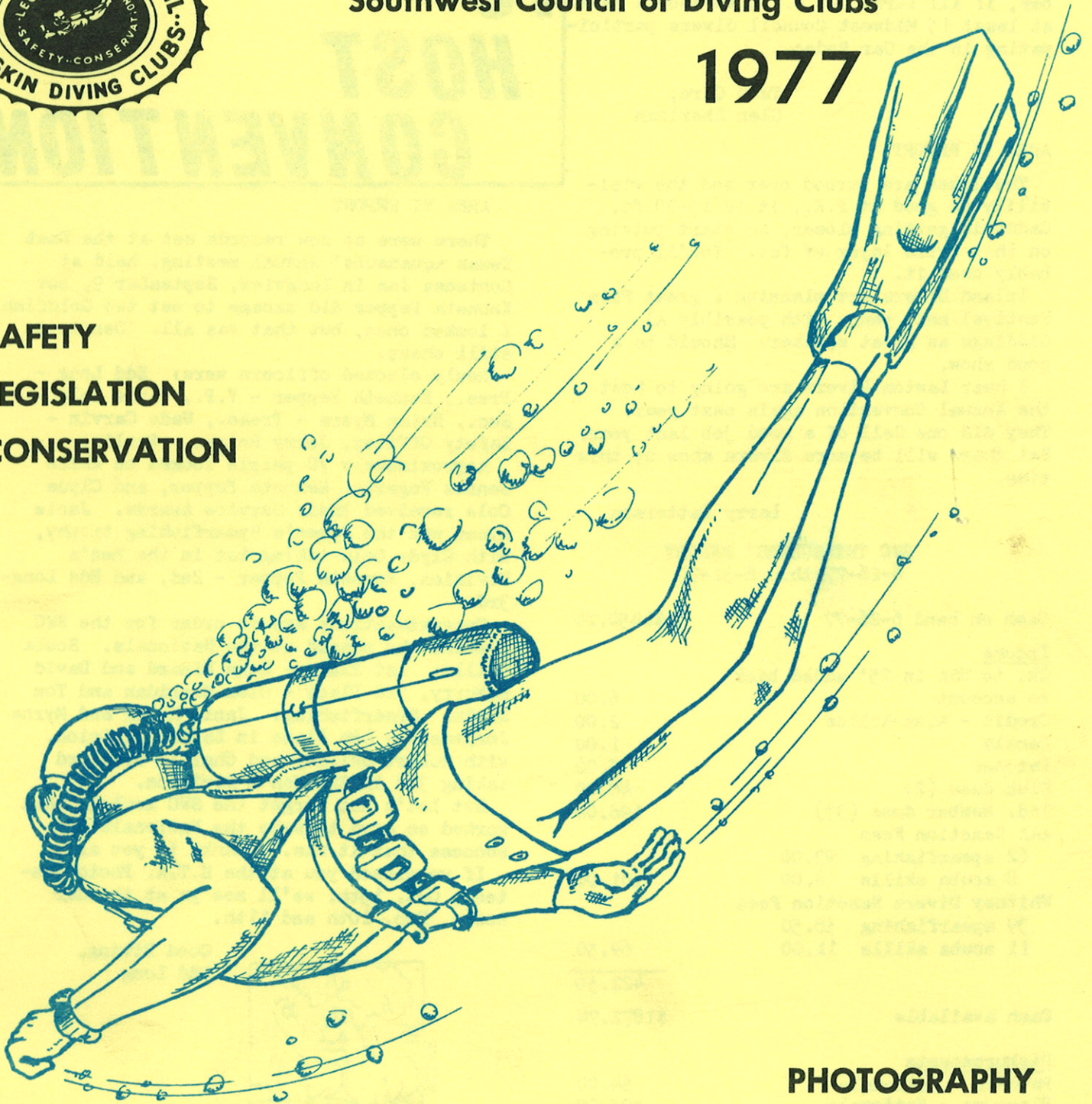
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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Dear Slate and diving friends,

Hope to find you all in good health and wet! My congratulations to the SWC on a really good contest at the Scuba Nationals this year. The SWC pulled three winning teams from the hat this year. Well hope to see you all at the Gar Rodeo in December, if all turns out O.K., we should have at least 15 Midwest Council divers participating in the Gar Rodeo.

Take Care,
Glen Sheridan

AREA II REPORT

The lakes are turned over and the visibility is good at P.K., it is 15-20 ft. Caddo is getting closer, so start putting on that extra layer of fat. You'll probably need it.

Inland Divers are planning a great Film Festival next year, with possibly Al Giddings as guest speaker. Should be a good show.

I hear Lawton Divers are going to host the Annual Convention again next year. They did one Hell of a good job last year. Bet there will be more divers show up this time.

Larry Patterson

SWC TREASURERS' REPORT
6-26-77 thru 8-31-77

Cash on hand 6-26-77	\$1450.24
<u>Income</u>	
Ck. to USA in 75' added back to account.	6.00
Credit - Aqua-Holics	2.00
Decals	1.00
Patches	5.00
Club dues (2)	40.00
Ind. Member dues (33)	198.00
AAA Sanction Fees	
62 spearfishing 93.00	
8 scuba skills 8.00	101.00
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39 spearfishing 58.50	
11 scuba skills 11.00	69.50
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Cash available	\$1872.74
<u>Disbursements</u>	
Patches - Nationals	64.00
Placques - Nationals	405.00
May Slate	42.64
Ed Ralston (airfare-USA Conv.)	158.00
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Cash on hand 8-31-77	\$1203.10

Myrna Jorgensen, Treasurer

LAWTON DIVERS TO HOST CONVENTION

AREA VI REPORT

There were no new records set at the East Texas Aquanauts' Annual meeting, held at Cortessa Inn in Longview, September 9, but Kenneth Pepper did manage to eat two Goldfish. I looked once, but that was all. Dennis is still champ.

Newly elected officers were: Edd Long - Pres., Kenneth Pepper - V.P., Clyde Cole - Sec., Brian Myers - Treas., Wade Garvin - Safety Officer, Jerry Reiger - Parlia.

Approximately 70 people looked on while Dennis Fogarty, Kenneth Pepper, and Clyde Cole received their Service Awards. Janie Kyser won the Women's Spearfishing trophy, with Clyde Cole taking 1st in the Men's Division, Kenneth Pepper - 2nd, and Edd Long-3rd.

Congratulations are in order for the SWC members who placed at the Nationals. Scuba Skills: 1st Place - Gene Kinard and David McMurry, 3rd Place - Glen Sheridan and Tom Erwin. Spearfishing: Janie Kyser and Myrna Jorgensen - 4th Place in Ladies Division, with Robert Swilley and Charlie Crawford taking 3rd in the Men's Division.

But let's not forget the SWC members that worked so hard to make the Nationals the success that it was. Thanks to you all.

If we missed you at the E.T.A. Photo Contest, Oct. 15th, we'll see ya at the Gar Rodeo, Dec. 10th and 11th.

Good Diving,
Edd Long



"Found them! Beats me how they help anybody swim!"

Reference;
Brothers and Sisters of the SWC,

Did anyone read my article which was printed in the August issue of the "SLATE"?? Make you angry??

Well, I re-read it and was turned OFF! If someone who doesn't know me, read that piece, they would have thought, who the hell IS that arrogant SOB?

You know what? they are absolutely right. The letter sounded arrogant, conceited, and plain disgusting. It left a bad impression, and I'm sorry about that because it might reflect poorly on the Council. What I intended to do, was to stimulate others to submit to the "SLATE", stories about their diving activities. I had hoped that by telling my story, you would share yours with the rest of us.

What came out, I,m afraid was a rather bragging article. Shoot, I'm under water a lot, so are all of you, but it's a living for me to be under water and it's not fair to compare u/w time to others not so lucky.

The fish spoken of so callously were the only two fish I took a shot at all summer in salt water. They both were edible, which was my intention and they both got away. Now, I am not proud that I killed two fine fish and did not recover them, rather I am sorry. But the article sounded like "so what?" "big deal" "two dead fish", anyone not knowing me must think I am a wanton killer and rich beyond caring that the loss of the gear is of no consequence, that I can afford it. BULL!

Y'all know the truth, so thats' why I am writing this to apologize from my heart for the way I sounded. I must be doomed to self-immolation, or at least foot-in-mouth disease, terminal variety.

Please write up your experiences, but don't make my mistake; writing like you speak is a bomb, marked "self destruct".

Thanks Charlie.

Best regards,
HANK

Note from the Editor:

I am sure there are many (self included) that have seen their article in print and wished over and again they could re-write it.

"We" appreciate any material for the Slate, and sharing diving tales is what a newsletter is all about.

The Clinging Shark

Taken from Sea Secrets International Oceanographic Foundation. Retitled for the Minnesota Divers News Letter.

MINI JAWS

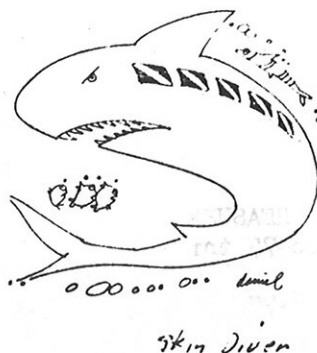
Member Theodore Roosevelt III writes: "The May-June ('74) issue of Sea Secrets suggests that it is best to 'let a sleeping shark lie'—and to this, I add a fervent Amen and would say to leave them alone regardless of size!

"While snorkeling near Georgetown, Exuma, I found a 12-inch nurse shark which I herded toward shallow water to show my wife. It was very placid, even when I picked it up by its tail and handed it to her to examine. Then the shark became a bit excited and snapped at her fingers. She tossed it away, but unfortunately, it was in my direction. The next thing I knew it had taken a large mouthful of the loose skin and flesh on the front of my shoulder. I tried sitting quietly in the water, hoping it would let go and swim off, but no such luck.

"Eventually, we had to return to our house with the shark still latched firmly onto me. Its jaws were not powerful enough to more than severely bruise the area, but I could not get it off. Even some 20 minutes later, when the shark was dead, we could not pry its jaws apart. Finally, using a large pair of metal shears just behind its mouth, we apparently triggered its locked jaws, because they opened and it fell off me. I would be inclined to think that the shark must have some kind of a locking device in its bite, and wonder if this might be true."

(Editor's Note: Sharks do not have a locking mechanism in their jaws; however, they do have very strong ligaments holding the lower jaw to the upper jaw and to the brain case. Until Mr. Roosevelt severed them with the metal shears, it was these ligaments and the contracted jaw muscles that prevented him from opening the shark's jaws.)

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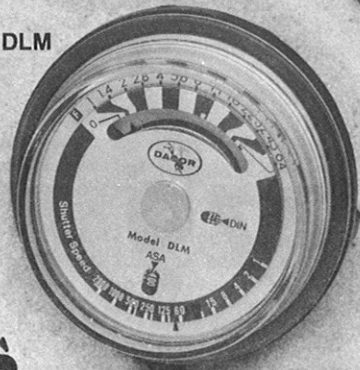


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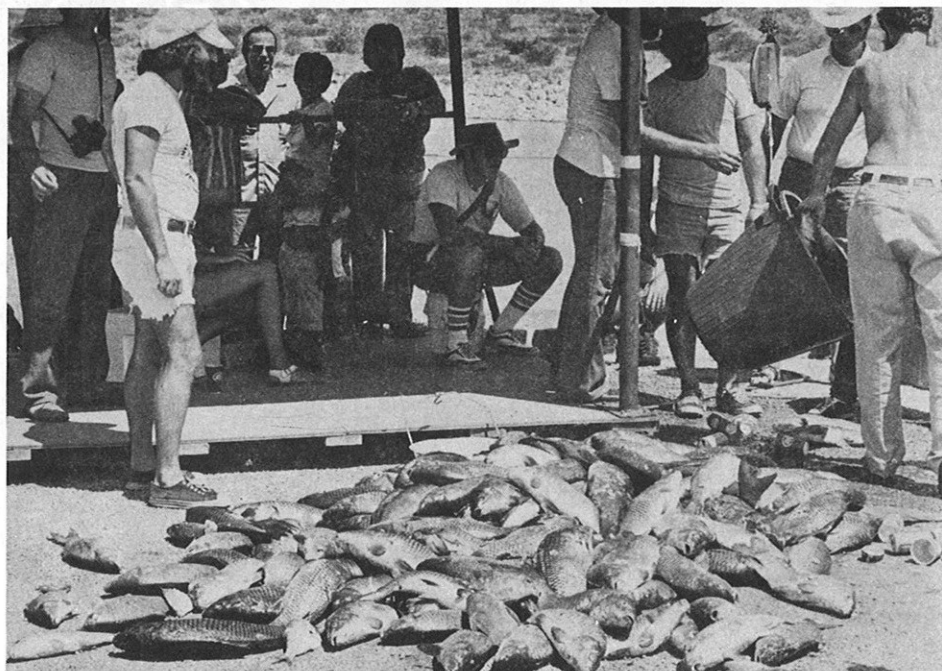
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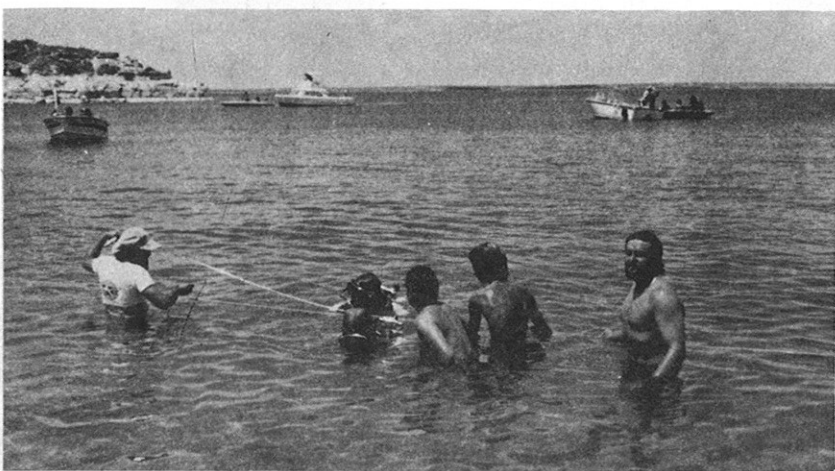
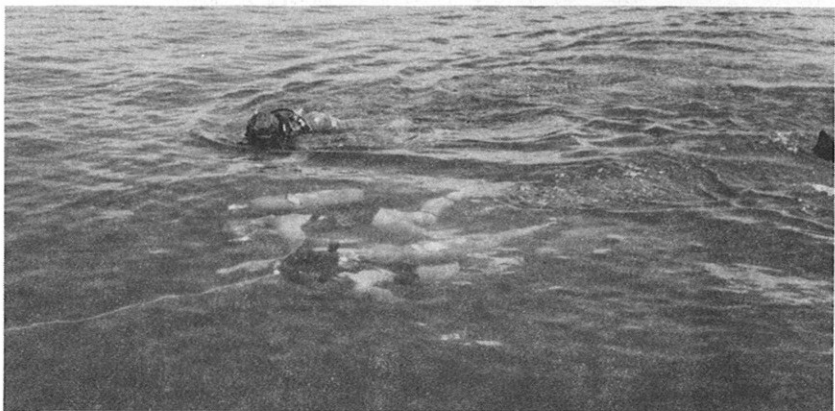
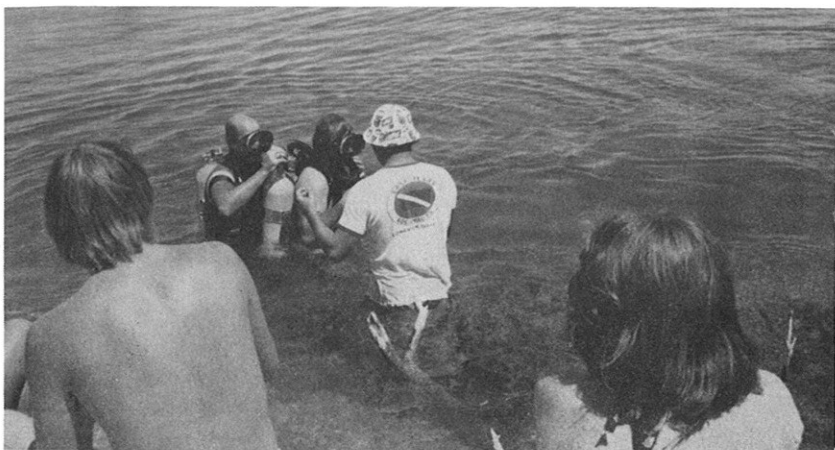
Divers Spear 2,879 Lbs. Rough Fish



INTERNATIONAL SCUBA CROWD — Lined up for official weigh-in are the teams from across the nation which fished Amistad Lake Sunday. The spearfishing units took 2877 lbs. of rough fish from 9 a.m. to the 1 p.m. scale session and donated the harvest to Mexican officials.



ROUGH FISH HARVEST — A portion of the 2877 pounds of rough fish taken by qualified divers in the 1977 International Scuba Championships held over four hours on Amistad Lake Sunday is depicted here. The championships, sponsored by the Southwest Council of Skin Diving Clubs, also had scuba skill competition, reported SWCDC PIO Charlie Wright, the bearded fellow behind the fish pile at left.



Editorial note:

From beginning to the finish line (view 2-4) Scuba Skills Competitors enjoy the beautiful waters of Lake Amistad. Drawing aprox. 70 champion competitors is the Underwater Society's National Fresh Water Scuba Tournament, sponsored this year by the Southwest Council of Diving Clubs.

Splendid coverage given by the Del Rio News Herald.

Please note corrections on contest results: Pat Torlana and Karla Diply's total number of fish was 40 and total team was 174 lb. 4 oz., winning 1st team Women's Div.

DEL RIO (TEXAS) NEWS-HERALD, Monday, September 5, 1977

International Event Success

By CARL GUYS
News-Herald Staff

The 1977 International Scuba Championships, held for the second time in three years at Amistad Lake and sponsored by the Southwest Council of Skin Diving Clubs wound up Sunday with a successful spear-fishing event.

Robert Swilley, president of the SWC Diving Club, noted after the competitors from across the nation finished fishing the four-hour event, "Amistad Lake has been good to us both because of its clear water and abundance of fish," pointing out that "we look only for rough fish like suckers, carp, drum and shad and came up with 2877 pounds."

Swilley noted that gar could have been taken but the point system for the Nationals are tabulated per fish first and then by weight; factors which cause the divers to bypass the heavier and more-unwieldy gar and go for the more schooling types.

"Time is of essence," added Charlie Wright, public information officer for the SWC diving club.

He added, "With only four hours to spear-fish you can see why the competitors, all qualified to be here, work as rapidly as possible to bring in fish by the numbers. Sunday's weigh-in had good size fish featured by a 40-pound carp taken by Pat Torlana of St. Louis, Mo. who won the women's division with 174 pounds and four ounces."

The championships produced national winners in Scuba Skills and Spear-fishing over the two-day Labor Day weekend here and the Southwest Council placed high among the finalists. The team of David McMurray and Gene Kinard from Dallas won the men's division of Scuba Skills with a total of 1,292.08 points. Tom Erwin of Hurst and Glenn Sheridan of Irving teamed to take the show place plaque with 1,279.18 points. Jim Neivar of Oklahoma City, Okla., won the men's division for heaviest fish with a 13 lb. one oz. carp and Wayne Williams of Fort Worth took second place with a 12 lb. 11 oz. fish. Carolyn Emboree of Grapevine won fourth place with 7 lb. 8 oz. rough fish. Even SWC Diving Club president Robert Swilley earned a plaque Sunday with his partner Charles Cranford. Swilley and his helper brought in 86 fish

totaling 332 lb. 8 oz. for third place. Swilley, who's Texas address is Waskom, fished out of Shreveport La., while Cranford represented Lawton, Okla.

Carolyn Emboree and Sandra Mathews of Grapevine fished together for third place among the women's division with 52 lb. and 13 oz. to complete the host club's status in Sunday's nationals.

The final standings for the year showed Earlena Seward and Suzanna Hall as the national champion women's scuba-skill divers with a total of 1,222.26 points here in the pool portion of the weekend events. The Manchester, Mo., diver's teammate was Suzanne Hall of Bridgeton, Mo.

Runnersup were Carol Hancock and Pat Torlina from the Midwest Council and show place winners were Mary Griffin and Linda Smith of the Oklahoma Council.

Men's division winners in the skill events were McMurray and Kinard of the host SWC Diving Clubs with 1,292.08 points followed by David Kelpke of St. Charles, Mo., and his partner Jack Sierbo of Gladstone, Mo. Tye SWC team of Erwin and Sheridan followed with Ed Stagg of Independence, Mo., and Dennis Heintz of Kansas City, Mo. taking fourth honors.

Sunday's final standings in the spear-fishing event had the Midwest team of Pat Torlana and Karla Diply representing Missouri as the champions with 174 lb. and 4 oz. Midwest's team of Earlena Seward and Mary Davenport took second with 103 lb. and 4 oz. while the SWC Diving Club crew of Emboree and Mathews got third at 52 lbs and 13 oz.

Men's division winners were Ken Fehlig of Memphis, Tenn., with Phil Kennedy of Joplin, Mo., team to take 443 lb. and 8 oz on 107 fish. Second went to Jan Larson of Kansas City, Kans., and partner Larry Campbell of Galena, Kans. with 427 lb and 12 oz. on 93 fish. Swilley and Cranford followed as in the heavy fish division Karla Diply's 9 lb. 4 1/2 oz. speck rough fish won for the women with Pat Torlana taking fifth at 7 lbs. 4 1/2 ozs. 8 ozs and Midwest's Seward third at 7 lb. 9 oz.

In the men's heavy fish Jim Neivar's 13-10 won for the Oklahoma with Wayne Williams of SWC and Fort Worth taking second at 12-11 and Don Dupin of Kansas City, Kansas taking third with a 11 lb. 5 oz rough fish.



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A new underwater light meter designed specifically for diving photographers has been announced by Dacor Corp., Northfield, Ill., manufacturers of diving equipment.

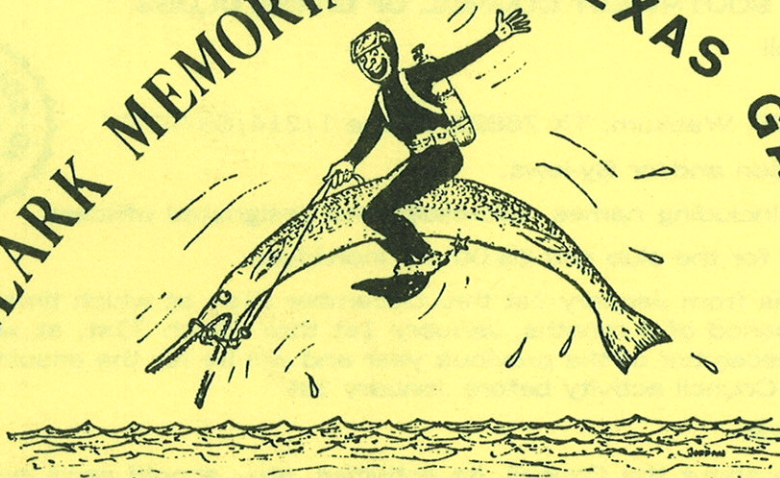
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- WHEN:** DECEMBER 10-11, 1977.
- WHERE:** CADDO LAKE — UNCERTAIN, TEXAS (NEAR MARSHALL, TEXAS).
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- TROPHIES:** Jim Clark Memorial — Individual aggregate weight.
 Novice — Largest gar by weight 1st-4th. Most gar 1st-4th.
 Ladies—Largest gar by weight—Most gar—1st place team.
 Individual — 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th largest gar by weight.
 Team — 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th, aggregate weight.
 Individual — Most number of Gar 1st-4th.
 Smallest Gar — 1st.
- PROGRAM:** SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1977.
 Registration from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. at Curley's Pub. Party from 7:30 P.M. on.
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2. Membership list of club including names, addresses and designated officers.
3. Membership fee (\$20.00 for the club and \$6.00 per individual).



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