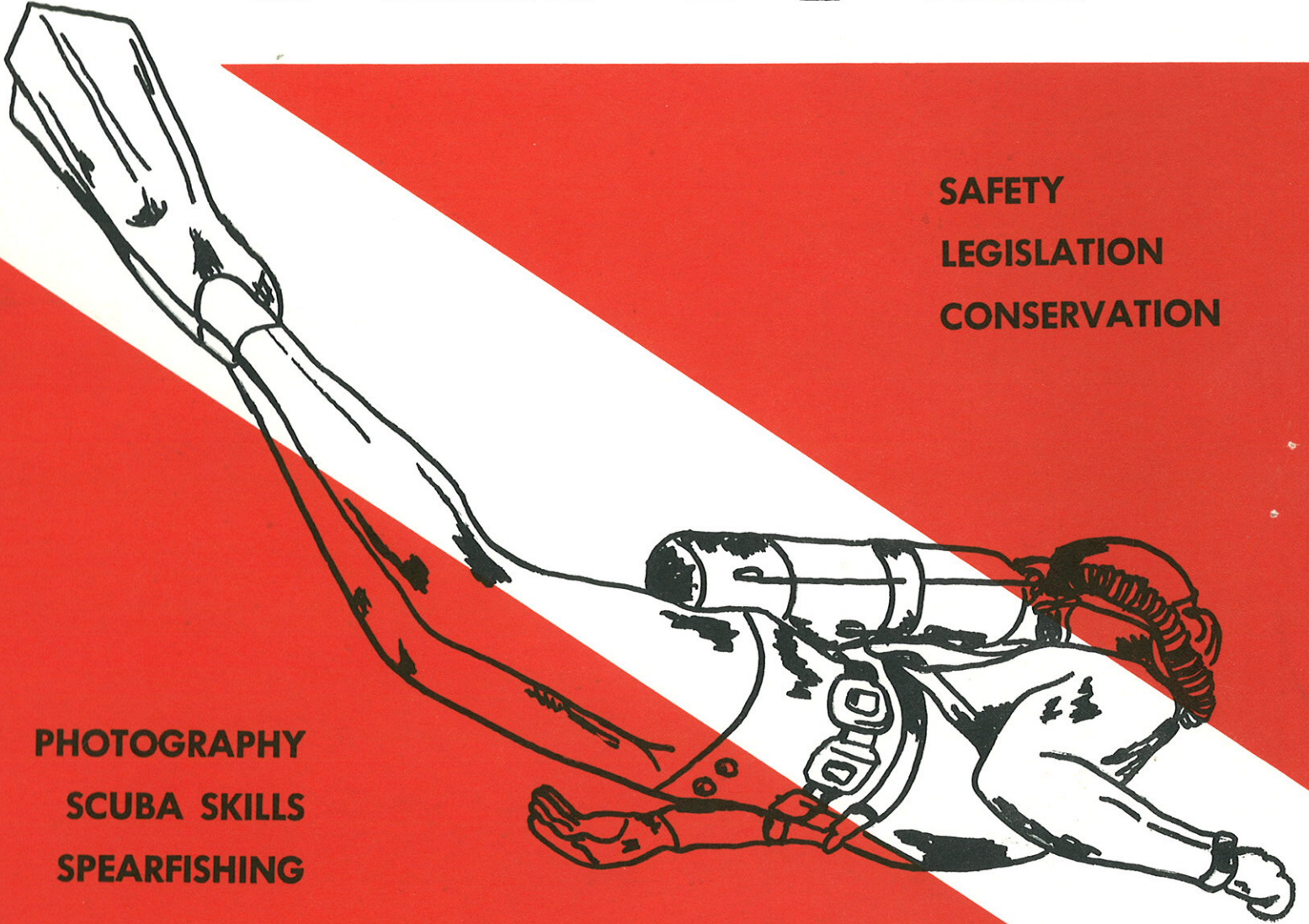


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- D. Dense or sparse hair
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In a satirical way I'm trying to say we need more participation at our Council Events. Please try to get your clubs to compete in all events.

Well, as you all must know by now the I. D. A. Buffalo Blast went off very well, with over 2200 pounds of rough fish shot between 9:00 and 1:00, Sunday, April 9.

Hope to see you all at Travis for the Texin Divers contest, May 13 & 14. Good luck, with another always successful dive, Gang!

REMINDERS

- June 3/4 Lake Whitney Cedron Creek AAA
- June 23/24 TBA Photo Contest

Goodnite Muffit
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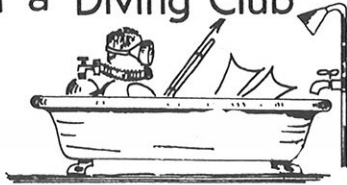
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EDITORIAL

3-5-78 THRU 5-2-78

Well, Hello out there divers and friends:

Since things are going well for the Slate and things are falling into place, this editorial will be to brag on the clubs of the SWC.

All things considered material is getting to us on schedule with very few exceptions. The dives put on by the clubs are to be commended from the social aspect as well as the competition.

We all hope as the year progresses that the upcoming dives will be of the same type we have experienced so far.

There was an oversight on the number of trophies given Novice divers at the first two dives of the year. This situation was quickly and efficiently taken care of at the Travis dive Board meeting.

This in itself proves that the SWC is an organization that cares about up and coming divers, and will see that they get a fair shake.

SO ALL YOU NOVICES make these dives, get to know your fellow divers, and get involved in your club and the SWC.

Yours in diving

Clyde Cole
Editorial Staff

Cash on hand 3-5-78 1,750.29

Income

Club dues - 10 @ 20.00	200.00
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USA dues - 4 @ 5.00	20.00
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10 scuba skills @ 1.00	10.00
Slate ads	11.00
Slate subs (3)	10.50
Patch (1)	1.50
	<u>916.00</u>

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Due to the fact that we did not have sufficient time to get film developed before sending Slate to press, we have blank spaces in place of pictures. In the next issue we will make up this loss.

Thanks for your patience.

Slate Staff

AREA I REPORT

Fellow Divers:

It's that time again when divers start thinking of fair weather and clear water. Plans are being finalized and deposits are being collected for trips to locations with clear warm water. The TEXINS are planning summer trips to Tobago and to Florida. This way there is one trip for the family and one trip for the more flamboyant. The Dallas Divers are going to Cayman and Les Hommes De Mer members are thinking about enjoying beautiful Lake Amistad near Del Rio.

The area clubs have a lot in store for you in the near future. The TEXINS will have hosted the Underwater Safari by the time you read this. Also, the Dallas Divers will be hosting the mid-year convention which will be well worth your time and effort to attend.

The TEXINS are again building their clubmembers' interest in diving activities. Bob Maher hosted a photography seminar on May 3 and will host another one on May 17. Also, Ken Snider organized a spearfishing seminar on April 17. The TEXINS are responding to these efforts as well they should.

Watch out for Area I. Two of our women finished first in the scuba exchange at the IDA dive in April. Was it a fluke? No! They changed gear in 23 seconds. Susan Stewart is a Dallas Diver and Sharon Kolezar is a TEXINS diver. Watch out for these two at the rest of the tournaments.

Keep on Diving,
David McMurry
Area I, V. P.

COOK'S
CORNER

ROUGH FISH.....to go!


Why let all those carp go to waste? Until all the states allow spearfisherpeople to shoot game fish, we will have to "make do" with what we have. Each month in this space, there will be a recipe for cooking carp. So.....because we know the propensity of our divers for the brew, see below:

Carp in Beer

- 2 pounds carp
- 2 12-ounce cans dark beer
- 1 medium onion
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 sprig parsley
- 1/4 pound butter
- 1/2 cup gingerbread crumbs


Mince onion, add celery, bay leaf, thyme, parsley, beer and salt. Bring to a boil. Cut carp into pieces and place in the sauce. Cook for 10 to 15 minutes on low fire. Remove carp from sauce and thicken sauce with gingerbread crumbs. Strain sauce and stir in butter. The sauce must be creamy and hot; pour it over the carp.

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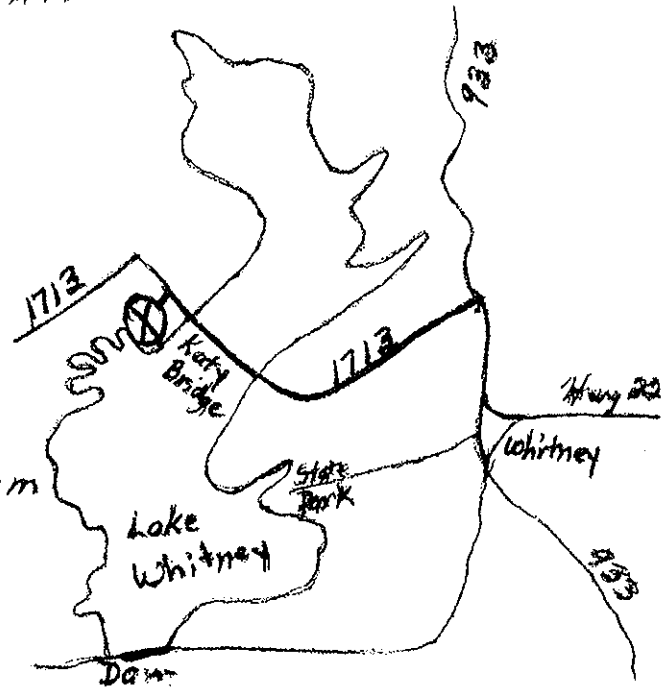
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Sat. June 3

REGISTRATION 12 noon 'Till 1 pm
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Sun. June 4

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ROLL CALL 8:45 am
SPEARFISHING CONTEST 9 am to 10 am



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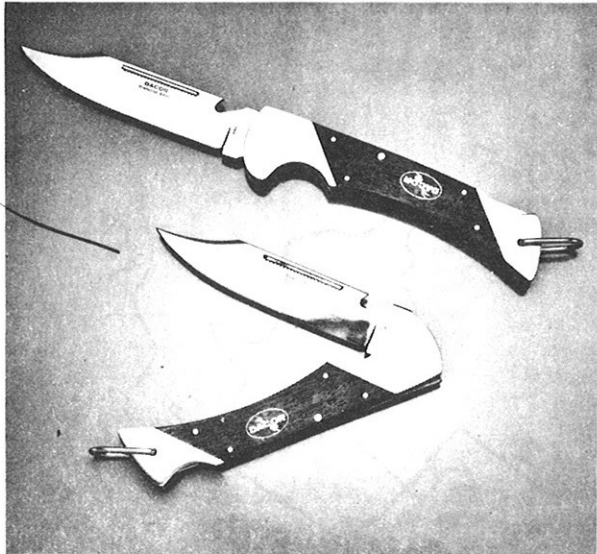
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The knife is also equipped with a stainless steel swivel loop for fastening to a belt snap hook or lanyard. The model DKC knife is available at Dacor dealers or write Dacor, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, Ill.



Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Aqua-Holics Dive Club will have to cancel the club's dive on July 15 and 16 at Lake Whitney. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused and appreciate the support of the Southwest Council

Thanks again

Lewis Pack, President

HALL OF SHAME

Area II.....Larry Patterson

This area V. P. failed to represent your clubs in the Southwest Council in this May, 1978 issue of the Slate

WHAT A CLASS!

Would you believe three great check-out dives for a scubadiving class? One at the beautiful spring-fed Comal River in New Braunfels, one in the clear San Marcos River below Aquarena Springs and the final one at the picturesque Lake Travis. Would you be impressed? The students were!

The TEXINS finished up their annual scubadiving class on Sunday, April 23, at Lake Travis. They had five instructors, five assistant instructors and numerous support people keeping records, supplying equipment, and preparing meals for the sixty-two divers to be checked out. The students were divided into five groups with each instructor taking responsibility for one group. Messrs. Richard Merritt, Bud Columbia, Jim Mularky, Tom Hanley, and Mike Jeffries donated their time and efforts to instruct this class, all to the benefit of the TEXINS and the students.

All the activity took place on the weekend of April 22 and 23. The TEXINS provided chili and hot dogs on Saturday night for the students, instructors and support people. Leftovers from the Saturday night feast were served for lunch at the end of the Lake Travis checkout on Sunday.

The TEXINS estimate that 50% of the students will join their club this year. This volunteer effort on the part of the TEXINS clubmembers helps to keep their Club growing and enjoyable to belong to. There is no doubt that the clubmembers get considerable self-satisfaction from their efforts.

David McMurry
Area I, V. P.

Unofficial 1978 Point Standing List thru Texins Dive May 13 - 14, 1978
Spearfishing Men's Division:

Place	Name	Club Affiliation	Points
1	Dennis Cocoran	IDA	24
2	James Permenter	IDA	19
3	Mike Beach	LTV	12
4	Jim Woolridge	LHDM	12
5	Bill Roden	ETA	10
6	Gordon Hubenak	IDA	7
7	Ben Sleigh	LHDM	7
8	Bruce Mayes	Lawton	7
9	Gene Daniel	Lawton	7
10	Clyde Cole	ETA	6

Spearfishing Novice Division:

1	Bill Roden	ETA	18
2	Dennis Fogarty	ETA	16
3	Gene Daniel	Lawton	16
4	Wade Garvin	ETA	11
5	Ken Snider	Texins	9
6	Bill Reese	Lawton	7
7	Randy Widaman	LHDM	7
8	N. Spence	IDA	6
9	Charles Delk	ETA	5
10	Jim Lucky	Dallas Divers	3

Spearfishing Women's Division:

1	Sandra Matthews	IDA	27
2	Georgia Mayes	Lawton	17
3	Myrna Jorgensen	Centex	7
4	Carolyn Embree	AAA	5
5	Elizabeth Saunders	ETA	4
6	Beverly Fogarty	ETA	4
7	Pamela Riggle	IDA	4
8	Joyce Pepper	ETA	2
9	Betty Cole	ETA	2

Miscellaneous Requirements for articles in the Slate

1. When submitting inserts for the Slate 300 are required to be sent.
2. Photographs must be black and white only.
3. When sending in contest results include total attendance listing.
4. If you want ad in Slate, contact Bill Roden.
5. All Area Reports and other articles must be received by the 10th of the month.

AREA IV REPORT

It seems that most of the divers in this Area are waiting for warmer water. We took the last class to Balmorhea for their openwater dive in April (water temperature is a constant 76°), and most of them claimed to be uncomfortably cold. Also, the local turnover results in practically a new group annually. Although this is no excuse, this should explain the lack of participation in the Council.

I enjoyed meeting with the new officers at the IDA dive. They seem to be an enthusiastic bunch interested in supporting the Council

Bart A. McCollum
Area IV V. P.



A Letter from the "Prez"

Well, to start out with, I would like to compliment all of the Southwest Council divers who helped support our convention this year. I would like to thank those who came and joined in on the activities.

I also want to say thanks to my fellow members of the Lawton Diving Club. They really went all out to make this convention a good one.

I guess by now everyone knows I became a new father in August. I have a new daughter named Adriana Lee and she's already showing potential of becoming an ace diver.

Again, thanks to all of you for your support...we appreciate it.

Frank Valenti
President, Lawton Diving Club

AREA III REPORT

American Airlines Aquajets held their last club meeting at Cedron Creek Park at Lake Whitney. Elbert and Francis Jackson checked out the camping facilities. There are a lot of places to camp with water and electricity. We have also reserved the Pavillion in the park for registration and awards (overnight camping is not allowed at the Pavillion).

ITV held their last club meeting at the Possum Lounge in Dallas. They are working on their trophies and making the final plans for their dive which is also at Lake Whitney.

See you at Lake Whitney,

Carolyn Embree
Area III V. P.

the "bible" of underwater photography

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AREA VI REPORT

In April, I attended the last meeting of the Quitman Dolphins. Their club has now come to an end and some of their members will be joining the East Texas Aquanauts.

The ETA May club dive at Lake Hawkins was great. Some of the winners were Skip Hortman, Jeff Jones, Leigh Garland and Clyde Cole. I think Ansel Hayes really enjoyed the compass run! Edd Long was anxious to get in the water so Kenneth Pepper and Clyde Cole decided to help him.

The East Texas Aquanauts held their club meeting on May 8. Two new members, Buford and Lois Love of Quitman, were voted into the club. Plans were made for a June club dive at Lake Ouachita in Arkansas. Kenneth Pepper earned the revolving spear-fishing trophy for the month of April.

The Texins dive on May 13 and 14 was attended by 16 Aquanauts. I think everyone had a good time. Especially Betty Cole and her sunburn. I heard that Robert Swilley needed to check his calendar!

Dennis Fogarty
Area VI V. P.



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Hi, from the "Hall of Shame"

To start with the Lawton Divers wish to thank everyone who helped make the last convention a good one. We still made money, thanks to the Shark and the raffle.

The Lawton Divers would like to thank Frank Thompson of the Dive Shop in Oklahoma City and would like to see some support from the SWC on his 24-hour Marathon.

All who went to the I.D.A. dive said they had a very good time and the food was very good. I guess the way to a diver's heart is through his stomach. As of yet I have not got to meet with the Hell Divers, but they seem to be all right. They have a whole lake to dive in.

Bruce Mayes is leading in "Catfish for the Year of 78". He has 15 nice catfish to record for this year.

I hear one of the Hell Divers has a new "Dive Shop" in Lawton. Lots of luck and good business for the coming years.

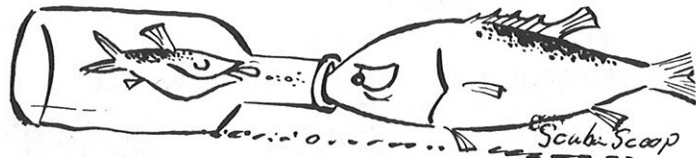
The date and time for the L.D.C.

contest has been moved back due to the Nationals. It is going to be at Lake Murry State Park, Buzzard Roost on the 23 and 24 of September, 1978. That's it from the Shame Corner.

Hope to see you all at the Underwater Safari at Travis.

"Jeep" Valenti
Area VII V. P.

P. S. The Lawton Divers are working on patches that all the clubs can afford to buy and make a dollar or two
"Jeep"



Did you ever see so many big fish! Talk about variety and you have a Texins dive. One year the lake is 20 feet above normal level and the next it is 28 feet below normal level. Last year I couldn't find where I had been and this year I saw some places that I'd never seen before. Glen and I didn't get any of the big ones, but we did make it in on time. Thanks, Texins for a well organized dive.

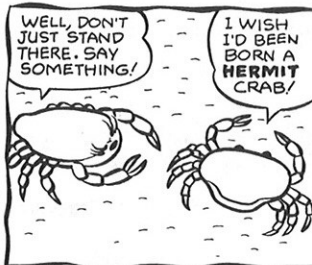
As most of you know, the Aquaholics have cancelled their July dive which means we will be one dive short this year. This is a shame, but maybe it will open up a new aspect of diving to many of the SWC members. The Oklahoma 24-hour Marathon will be held that weekend in July and sounds like it will be quite an event for everyone. Since many of the SWC members have already confirmed that they plan to attend the Marathon maybe we should consider the possibility of the SWC holding one next year. This would not be a Council dive sponsored by an individual club, but a dive sponsored by the Council as a whole. If they can, we can.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the AA dive and the Marathon.

Safe Diving,

Edd Long
Executive Vice-President

OCEAN NUTS



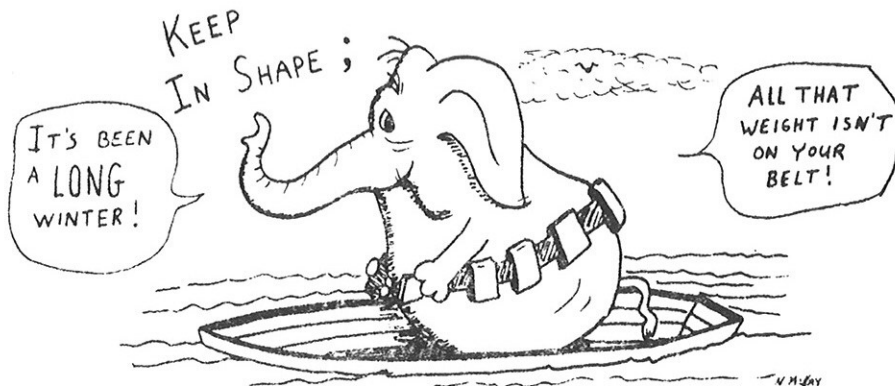
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 1978

DATE	LOCATION	SPONSOR
June 3-4 *	Cedron Creek Park (Lake Whitney)	A A Aquajets (Carp Capers)
July 15-16 *	Whitney State Park CANCELLED	Aquaholics
August (tba)	TBA (Film Festival and Workshop)	Dallas Divers
August 12-13*	Lake Whitney (TBA)	LTV Divers
Sept 23-24 *	Lake Murray	Lawton Divers
Dec. 9-10 *	TBA	East Texas Aquanauts (Jim Clark Memorial Texas Gar Rodeo)
Feb 3-4	TBA	TBA (SWC Convention)

* Sanction Contest

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