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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

As the year comes to a close, it's that time of the year again - YES, time to elect new officers to the SWC.

For the past year I have been the Editor of the Slate. It has been a lot of fun, with the help of the East Texas Aquanauts. It has also been a lot of work. When you have the support and help behind you that I have had, it makes holding an office like this a real pleasure and a very rewarding experience.

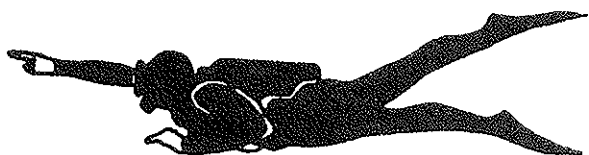
Now it is time to think of who we would like to have as our next editor. There are some requirements for the job that are not written in the Bylaws -- but they do need to be considered.


First, you must have someone who is willing to do the job and spend the time it takes to do it right.

Second, someone who supports the SWC not with just their dues but by his or her presence at all SWC events. Nothing is more shameful than to have members elect an officer and then for that officer not even bother to show the courtesy of showing up at the events and meetings where their presence is most important. If that is your attitude, please do us a favor and don't take any office.

Third, it is important that he or she have the full support of their club; and that doesn't mean just for the first three issues but for all twelve. You will have to get together twice a month to get it out - once to type up reports and articles and paste in the copy, and then again to fold and put on addresses when it is printed.



I believe that if we follow these guidelines the SWC will be very proud of the Slate that next year's editor and club put out. Remember this is our only way of keeping our clubs informed -- so let's don't blow it. IT IS IMPORTANT.





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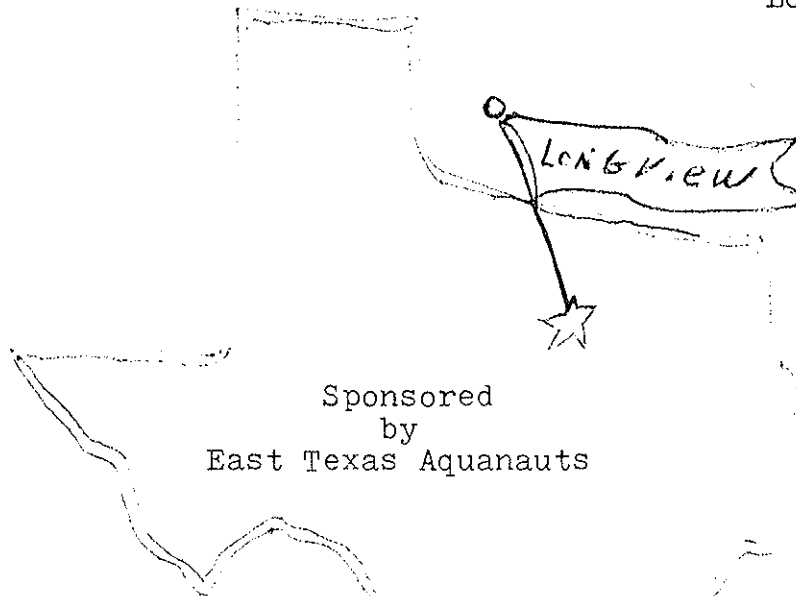
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RESULTS  
JIM CLARK MEMORIAL TEXAS GAR RODEO  
DECEMBER 9-10, 1978

## Men's Division:

MOST FISH	# Fish	Club
1st <u>Robert Swilley</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>Little Gems</u>
2nd <u>Bill Roden</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>ETA</u>
3rd <u>Kenneth Pepper</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>ETA</u>
4th <u>Tim Hendrix</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>Blue Ridge Div.</u>

LARGEST FISH	Weight	Club
1st <u>Bruce Mayes</u>	<u>37 10<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	<u>Lawton</u>
2nd <u>Dennis Cocoran</u>	<u>33 3</u>	<u>IDA</u>
3rd <u>Bruce Mayes</u>	<u>32 6</u>	<u>Lawton</u>
4th <u>Robert Swilley</u>	<u>31 8</u>	<u>Little Gems</u>

TEAMS	Total Agg. Wt.	Club
1st <u>Swilley &amp; Mayes</u>	<u>482 lb. 4 oz.</u>	<u>Little Gems/Lawton</u>
2nd <u>Hendrix &amp; Graham</u>	<u>134 lb. 6<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> oz.</u>	<u>Blue Ridge/UWS</u>
3rd <u>Cole &amp; Pepper</u>	<u>73 lb. 5 oz.</u>	<u>ETA/ETA</u>
4th <u>Garvin &amp; Roden</u>	<u>69 lb. 1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> oz.</u>	<u>ETA/ETA</u>

## Novice Division:

MOST FISH	# Fish	Club
1st <u>Bill Roden</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>ETA</u>
2nd <u>Tim Hendrix</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>Blue Ridge Div</u>
3rd <u>Wade Garvin</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>ETA</u>
4th <u>Buford Love</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>ETA</u>

LARGEST FISH	Weight	Club
1st <u>Tim Hendrix</u>	<u>28 3<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	<u>Blue Ridge Div</u>
2nd <u>Tim Hendrix</u>	<u>22 9</u>	<u>Blue Ridge Div</u>
3rd <u>Wade Garvin</u>	<u>8 7</u>	<u>ETA</u>
4th <u>Buford Love</u>	<u>3 11</u>	<u>ETA</u>

NOTICE: Corrections on Gar Rodeo trophies.

During the Gar Rodeo at Lake Caddo on December 9-10 a fish was overlooked while points and places were being figured. In the Men's Division for Largest Fish, the trophies were listed as Robert Swilley Third Place with 31 lbs 8 oz and Tim Hendricks Fourth Place with 28 lbs 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. This should have been: Bruce Mays Third Place with 32 lbs 6 oz and Robert Swilley Fourth Place with 31 lbs 8 oz. This error was pointed out in time to correct the points awarded, but the Fourth Place trophy had already been given to Tim Hendricks.

The Jim Clark Memorial trophy was given to the Largest Gar instead of the Most Aggregate Weight as it should have been. This particular mistake was mine and I would like to ask Bruce Mayes to get the trophy to Robert Swilley who had the Most Aggregate Weight.

My apology for this mistake.

Clyde Cole, President East Texas Aquanauts

## AREA I REPORT

Fellow Divers:

This year is drawing to a close but diving related activities are still happening. The Dallas Divers Dive-In at Loos Pool was a big success. Eight area dive shops brought their latest equipment for the certified diver to try. One dive shop gave away a Pacer regulator and a trip to Cozumel among other things.

The response from the dive shop owners was great, and those divers who attended thought the project was worthwhile. I'll be at the 1979 Dive-In for sure.

Jim Mularky deserves a lot of credit for coordinating this event. Also, he had many fine people to assist him.

The Dallas Divers are now looking forward to a Christmas party on December 16. They will also elect the 1979 officers this month.

The Texins recently started a Dive Master course which is being run by Richard Merritt and Bud Columbia. These two have a lot of work cut out for them between now and the end of summer.

The Texins are also planning a snorkelling course to start in January and an Open Water Dive Class to start in February. The Texins will wrap up their 1978 activities at their annual awards banquet to be held on January 20.

The LHDM Dive Club will also elect officers this month. The club is also looking forward to the January dinner meeting where the annual awards will be presented and the new officers will be installed.

Keep on diving,

David McMurry  
Area I V.P.

## EVP REPORT

Hello fellow divers. This fall has been the driest I can remember. I was beginning to wonder if there would be any water in Caddo to dive in. Then we had summer right up to November and I wondered if the water would be cold enough, but all of my fears were laid to rest. We had a flood and almost froze our ---- off.

The last dive of the year is gone and past and from what everyone tells me it was a great success. Sure wish we could have been there at weigh-in.

Let's don't forget the photo contest that will be held at the Coor's Hospitality Room on East Cotton in Longview January 20th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone try to be there; we need to support the photographers as well as the spearfisherpersons and scuba skills persons. And remember, the East Texas Aquanauts have the convention this year and need your support to make it a success. Looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming photo contest and convention.

That's all I have for now except to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Edd Long  
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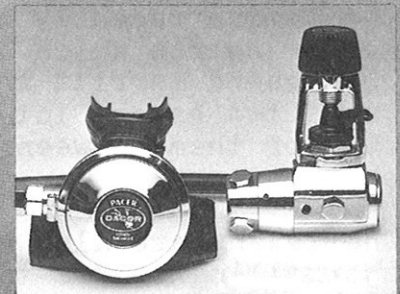
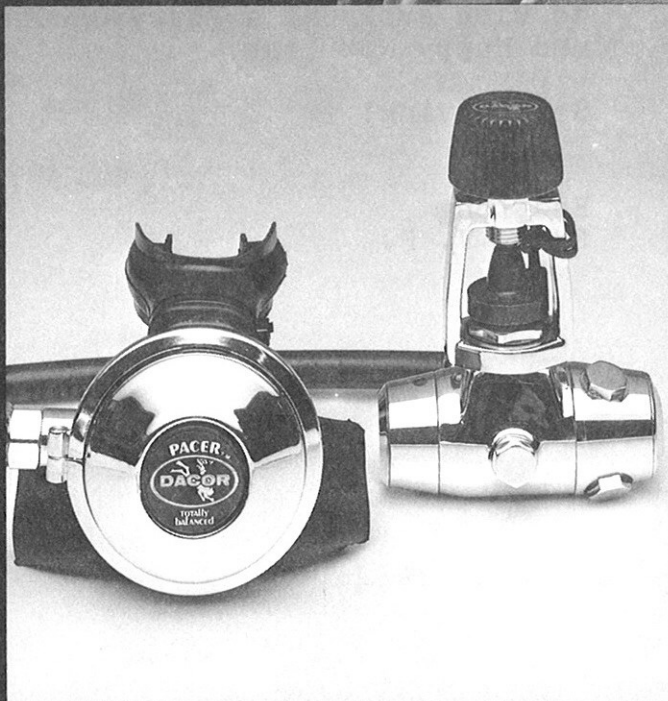
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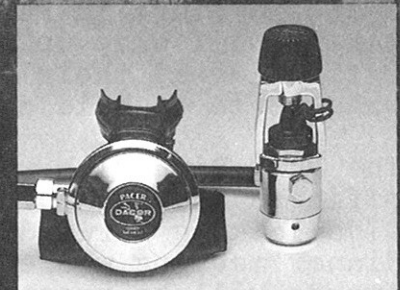
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Title of each entry and type category must accompany each picture for easier judging identification.

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Council rules for this contest. Signed. \_\_\_\_\_

I want to enter as a novice. Check if appropriate \_\_\_\_\_  
I will pick up my entries at the convention \_\_\_\_\_  
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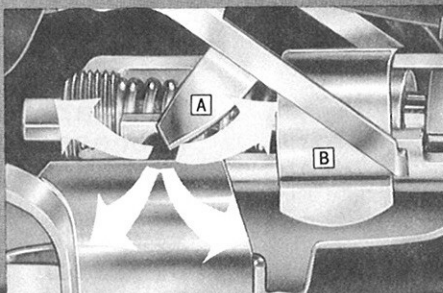
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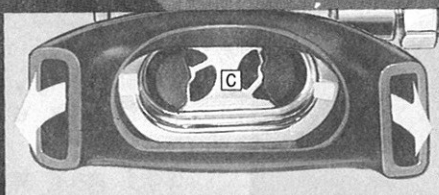
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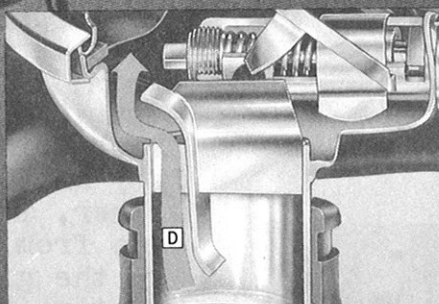
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AREA VI REPORT

I'm having to write this report early, as I'm leaving for West Texas on Sunday, the day of the Gar Rodeo. Maybe the SWC will end the 1978 year with a great contest!

I hope beneath these few short words you will find an excellent report on the Gar Rodeo and the Aquanaut club meeting, etc., written by Jeff Jones, Public Relations Officer for the East Texas Aquanauts.

Dennis Fogarty  
AREA VI V.P.

ADDENDUM

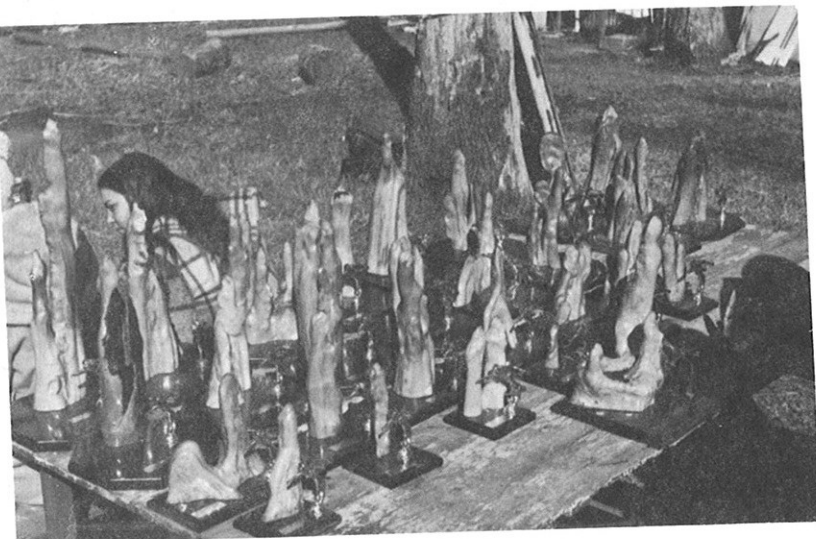
The Gar Rodeo was a tremendous success for the most part. There was, however, a distinct absence of lady divers. For the second year in a row, none of the Ladies Division trophies were given away. The only one in the Ladies Division to brave the bitter cold was Susan Stewart. If anyone ever deserved a trophy, Susan does for effort if nothing else.

183 gar were weighed in, totaling 889 lbs. 11 oz. Bruce Mayes shot the largest gar weighing 37 lbs. 10½ oz., and Robert Swilley struck again, taking the trophy for most fish with 31. The \$150 gift certificate winners were Jackie D. Morris Jr., and Nell Varner. Ms. Varner of Gilmer, Texas, won the gift certificate from J. C. Penney and Mr. Morris won the gift certificate from Tony's Sporting Goods.

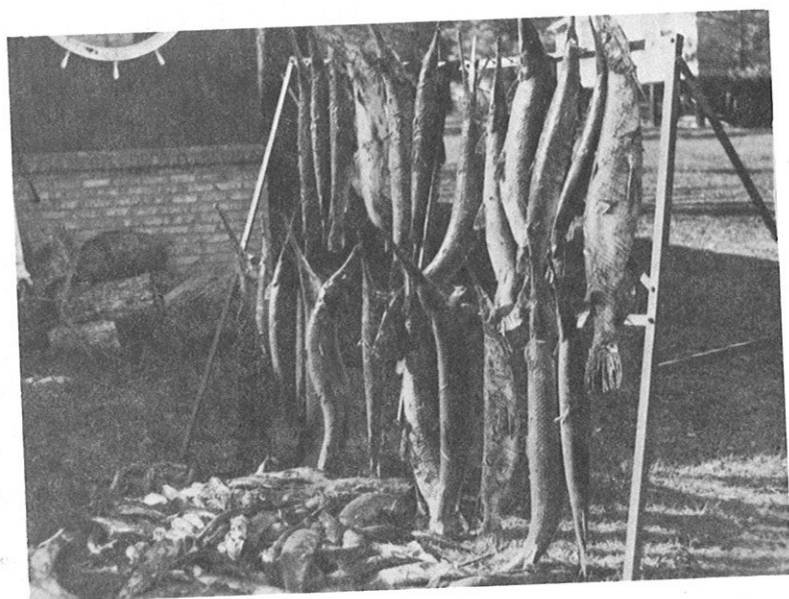
The ETA is now making preparations for the SWC Convention which is to be held at the Holiday Inn in Longview, Texas.

See you there.

Jeff Jones  
Public Relations Officer, ETA



Cypress Gardens?



Yuk!!

The following pertains to a proposal which will be brought to the SWC Convention in 1979:

Please refer to the article in the June 1978 issue of the Slate concerning the new concept photography contest. This proposal also appeared in the Area I report of the June Slate.

To briefly review, Sandra Mathews (SWC Secretary) was the first to propose this new concept photography contest and described it as being run in much the same way as a spearfishing contest. This event would be sponsored by a SWC member club. Each contestant would register an unexposed roll of film with the contest committee at the lake or river chosen to be the contest location site. Pictures would be taken of a specified subject during a designated time period, and the film would be turned in to the committee at the end of the event. The film would then be developed and the winners determined at a later date. More details will be described at the Convention.

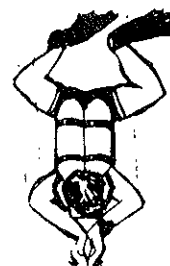
Why have this new concept photography contest? It would be in the best interest of the SWC. While spearfishing would remain the dominant activity in the SWC, the introduction of photography would broaden the scope of the Council and attract new members who are more conservation oriented. The newer divers tend to be more sight-seeing and photography oriented because of more emphasis on the teachings of ecology. In order for the SWC to improve its growth rate, we must attract these people as well as the spearfisherman.

But you say, don't we already have photography contests in the SWC? Yes, of course, but they are traditional in nature. Contestants are usually those small percentage of SWC divers who have had the fortune to travel to the Caribbean or some other exotic place. Adoption of this new contest would create more interest and broaden the scope of contestants by permitting domestically limited divers to compete on the same level with world traveling divers. This would ultimately stimulate more interest in traditional contests and provide more revenue to the SWC.

Please vote yes to this proposal when it comes up for a vote at the 1979 SWC Convention.

Thank you.

John S. Lee  
Dallas Divers



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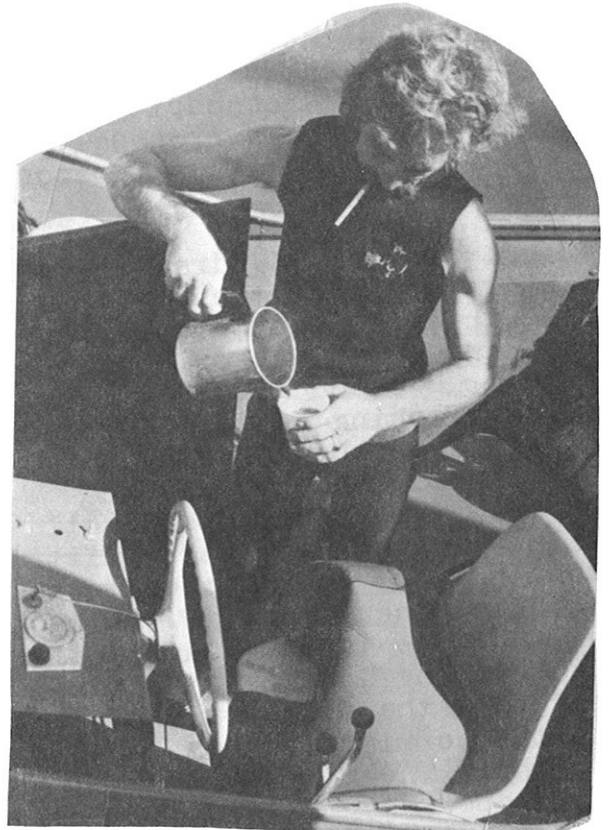
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<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>
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Men's Division

1.	Dennis Corcoran	IDA	39
2.	James Permenter	IDA	31
3.	Larry Patterson	IDA	24
4.	Robert Swilley	Little Gems	24
5.	Jim Woolridge	IDA	23
6.	Bill Roden	ETA	23
7.	Glen Sheridan	AAA	22
8.	Forrest Garland	ETA	19
9.	Mike Beach	LTV	18
10.	Wade Garvin	ETA	18

Novice Division

1.	Bill Roden	ETA	45
2.	Gene Daniel	Lawton	29
3.	Dennis Fogarty	ETA	29
4.	Wade Garvin	ETA	27
5.	Forrest Garland	ETA	19
6.	Jeff Jones	ETA	12
7.	Bill Reese	Lawton	11
8.	Ray McRight	Lawton	11
9.	Ansel Hayes	ETA	10
10.	N. Spence	IDA	8

Women's Division

1.	Sandra Matthews	IDA	39
2.	Carolyn Embree	AAA	13
3.	Georgia Mayes	Lawton	13
4.	Myrna Jorgensen	Cen-Tex	8
5.	Elizabeth Saunders	ETA	4
6.	Beverly Fogarty	ETA	4

Scuba Skills

1.	David McMurry	LHDM	28
2.	Susan Stewart	Dallas Divers	22
3.	John Fuller	LHDM	21
4.	Glen Sheridan	AAA	21
5.	Edd Long	ETA	19
6.	Helen Holcomb	Dallas Divers	17
7.	Forrest Garland	ETA	15
8.	Jeff Jones	ETA	14
9.	Sharon Kolesar	Texins	13
10.	Tom Erwin	LHDM	11

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