

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY UNDERWATER CLUB.

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Welcome to 1972. Contrary to all opinions the club has not been dead over the vacation, although perhaps a little slow. However, those people who bothered to send in the tear-off (with a name on it) were contacted, if humanly possible, for those events which did occur. To those who disagree, mia apologias.

To the news.

Badge Design Competition.

Won by Bob Liu and his design has been forwarded to a decal company and badges will be available to all at 30c each, or 50c for two (this will bring some profit to the club- to be put toward the cost of a boat) within a couple of weeks or so. The badge will be 6x2" and consist of a stylised SCUBA tank in diver's flag colour (red and white) with a flipper and the initials A.U.U.C. superimposed on it. We have added the words Auckland University Underwater Club and these will be wrapped around the base. This is a project to raise club funds- support it- send your orders to me (A. D. Friedlander) at 33 Horoeka Ave, Mt Eden, or to G. Aislabie, Flat 3/14 Higgs Rd. Mt Wellington.

10th Birthday Party.

This party was spoiled by a very poor turnout (15), after some effort by committee members to get the thing off the ground, this was somewhat disappointing. Those of us present managed a successful evening anyway.

Winstone's Party.

Was held on a rotten day. Apologies to some are due here as, due to a misunderstanding, it was not possible to invite club members, as Mrs Winstone wished only to have a small gathering. Thus the committee and friends plus one or two club stalwarts of old wew all that could attend. Those of us who went enjoyed a good dinner in a magnificent house, complete with tennis courts (unusable in the rain) and beach house (used by some brave souls.) Many members of the Winstone family were present, and after dinner all enjoyed a showing of some of Brian Winstone's slides - some really good ones of early trips and some other interesting shots. These were followed by a movie taken by Margaret Winstone on her recent 3 weeks safari in Africa, what a way to go!

The evening concluded with the presentation (cheque, books and diving gear) at about 10.30pm.

Committee

Has had several meetings over vacation and has, infact, been quite busy (for a cheque) as a result.

- 1) We hope, with the approval of AGM, to put a resolution to the NZUA, in an effort to lighten the load on us as regards subs.
- 2) We are printing the Club Badge.
- 3) We hope to buy a boat.
- 4) Are going to Mc Gregors Bay at Easter- offers of transport essential.
- 5) Subs have been set at \$3-50, with a rebate of 50c for any paid before March 31st. Subs should be sent to G. Aislabie.

Include your name, address, telephone number (term and vac.) and all relevant details as to diving qualifications and experience, and whether or not you have a car, or access to one.

PLAN FOR THE NEW YEAR

This year we intend to hold fortnightly gatherings in order to have some social activity, and also to organise dives etc. In all probability visiting speakers and other suitable entertainments will be arranged for these meetings. These meetings will be, at least initially, on a trial basis, as there is little point in organising a gathering of no-one. Thus, if the turn-out does not warrant continuance, then the effort will be abandoned. In the past, successive committees have been thwarted in many attempts to stir up member participation, and the attitude of members has been poor to say the least. We realise there have been faults on our part too, but feel that we can do only so much without response. If you want an active, enjoyable club, then **ACTIVATE!!!!**

POOR KNIGHTS.

Dave Rowe is organising a march of sorts for Monday 20th. If you wish to assist in any way then ring him at 587-334, or see him in the Zoo IIIB Marine Lab.

This is a good cause (if you don't know the story, then read the notice-board) and fully deserves all the support the club can give it. Here is your first chance to activate in the club's major sphere of interest. **TAKE IT !!!!**

TRIPS

In the past trips have been expensive, largely because of the exorbitant cost of transport. In an effort to avoid these costs, and to lower the cost of trips, we intend this year at least to rely entirely on private transport. This means that getting to any camp will largely be a self-help effort, although the club will play a part in organising transport pools. This may sound somewhat harsh and unreasonable, but the case of last Easter, where the club booked a 36 seater bus, at a cost of \$308, to find only 18 people on it, was ridiculous. This Easter we are going North of Whangarei, and I feel sure that public transport is at least a viable last resort. In any event there will be no club transport in the way of hired trucks, vans or buses.

P.S. If you are coming on this trip, and have a car with a tow-bar, contact the committee immediately.