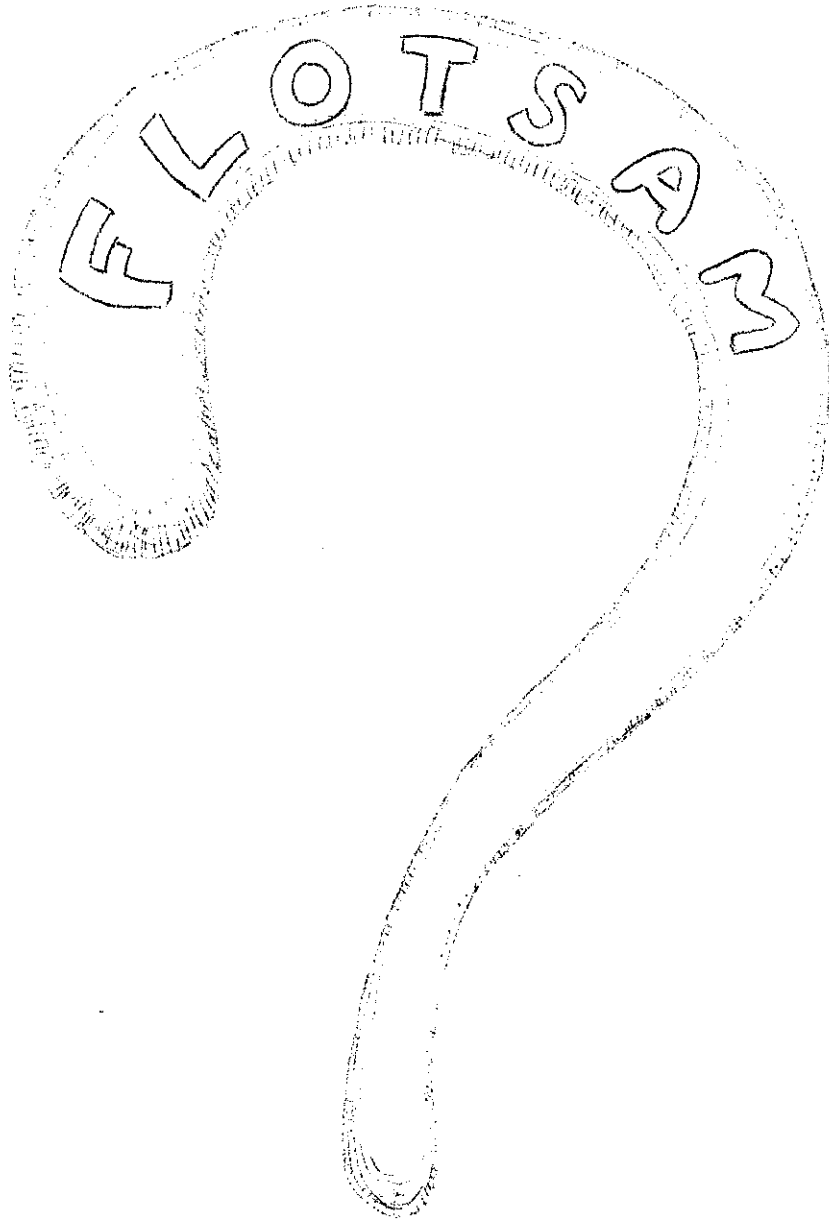
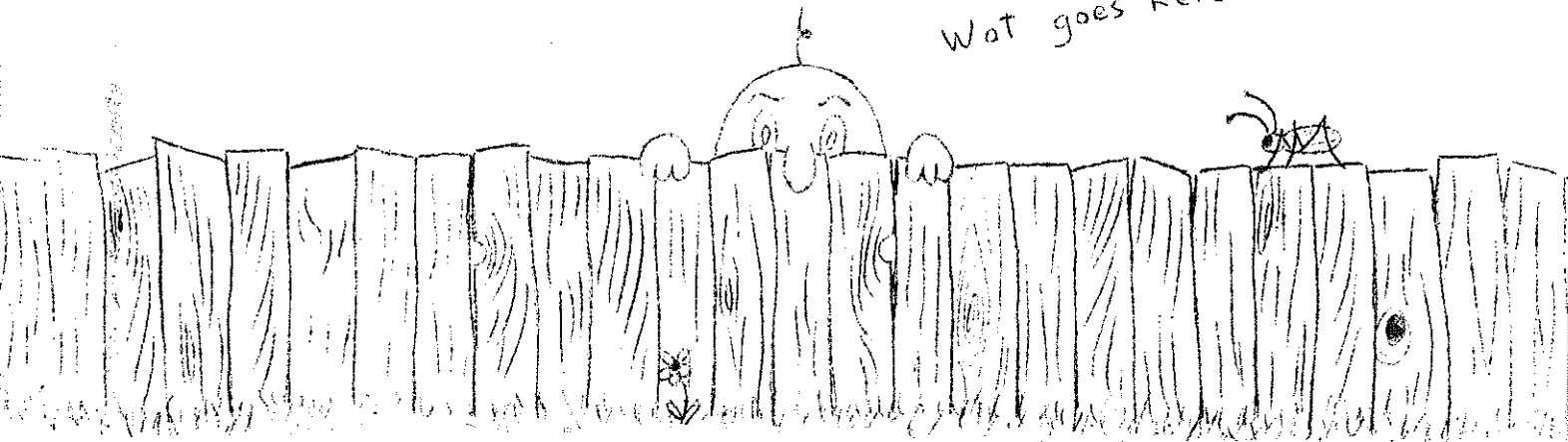


February 1975.



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## AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY UNDERWATER CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH, 1975

We hope you have had a good holiday break, with lots of diving and plenty of rest. No-doubt many of our members are sporting the new club uniform - suntanned hands, feet and face, with the characteristic white body in between.

## FOR THOSE WHO ARE NEW TO THE CLUB...

## THE COMMITTEE IS:

President:	Ron Vautier	phone 768913
Secretary:	Richard Willan	phone POP 86711
Treasurer:	Malcolm P. Francis	
Slaves:	Tony Harrison .... Gear Officer	phone 370681
	Gillian Peart..... Food and Social Organiser	
	John Catton ..... Training	phone 687064
	Paul Eaglen ..... Trips	phone 495570
	Julian Hanna ..... Scientific and Sports Rep	
	Anne Grace ..... Pubs Oshiffer	phone 768656 ~ ~

Because the last two slaves on the list are pikers (Julian has absconded to West Australia, and I have no excuse), we are calling an S.G.M. for the election of two new committee members.

Requests for nominations of single women with figures approximately 97-60-91 (38-24-36, for the non-metric) have been heard from male members of the committee, notably the trips officer, who shall remain nameless. ~ Apparently the guys want to see the gaps in the committee "well filled", so if you know any members that fit the description (or even if you dont) nominate someone, or get some other member to nominate you.

Nominations may be made in writing and handed to any committee member, or may be made at the SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING which is to be held on

MONDAY, MARCH TENTH, AT 7.30. P.M.

at

THE ZOOLOGY LECTURE THEATRE.

The first half-hour of the meeting will be devoted to the collection of subscriptions, which have been fixed at 4 dollars for this year. Training fees of 10 dollars may also be paid at this time.

NOTIFICATION OF A MEETING FOR TRAINEES will also be given at the S.G.M. If you are wondering whether you should join the club, the SGM is an ideal opportunity to inspect us, though our trips are more fun.

During orientation fortnight we are planning to hold a booth in the QUAD (if weather permits) or in the TOP COMMON ROOM. The idea is to explain to people just what the club does, and also for ~~xxxxx~~ meeting other divers that you havent seen since the exams, last year.

At present we are having problems finding enough people to man the booth for the whole fortnight, so if you can give up even an hour of your time to help out it would be much appreciated.

Subscriptions and training fees may also be paid at the booth.

OUR FIRST DAY TRIP FOR THIS TERM WILL BE ON THE 'WESTPOINT', somewhere in the HAURAKI GULF. Set the 9th March aside for the trip, and put your name on the list on the noticeboard (adjacent to the Quad). The cost of the trip is 5 dollars and will be collected in advance by Malcolm Francis and/or Paul Eaglen at some time and place yet to be arranged.

#### MATHESON'S BAY WEEKEND, 15TH TO 16TH MARCH

If you werent put off by the SGM then this will be a real test for you. If the Matheson's Bay Trip leaves you still wanting to be a member of the Underwater Club then you must be very keen on diving, or wanting to learn diving.

This trip is an ideal opportunity for the first year student to meet other people with an interest in diving. Dont worry if you have never tried diving before.... Come along! Around the Matheson's Bay area are several beaches which are ideal for both snorkelling and SCUBA diving. If you dont have any gear, you will probably be able to borrow some snorkelling equipment from other people on the trip.

#### EASTER EASTER EASTER EASTER EASTER EASTER EASTER EASTER TOURNAMENT

This year tournament is to be held at Canterbury University. Since Canterbury University does not have a diving club to do the organisation, clubs from the other universities must do the organisation themselves. Richard Willan (Hon Sec) has sent off letters to the other clubs but as yet has only received a reply from Massey University.

Because of lack of co-operation (so far) from other clubs and the prohibitive cost of sending members to Canterbury (55 dollars per person), it seems likely that we will not be competing in tournament this year.

Massey University has suggested that we have a combined trip to East Cape with them. This trip seems a likely solution to the problems. Watch the noticeboard and read the next FLOTSAM for details.

## NZUA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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This year the NZUA are adding a new competition to their programme, which is probably of interest to many club members. A PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION is this year being held on GOOD FRIDAY at WELLINGTON, and is run along the lines of the competition we organised for tournament-last year. Each competitor takes his film and in a specified time snorkels round taking pix of fish. The competitor with the most identifiable fish on his film wins the competition.

The competition has rules similar to those of the spearfishing championship, but instead of spearing the fish you take his picture.

Although the fish will live to see another day there is little hope of them surviving Easter as the annual fish-murdering contest takes place in the following two days.

The SCUBA championships are for those who are very fit and are experienced SCUBA divers.

If you are interested in entering the championships (SCUBA, photography or spearfishing) see Richard Willan, or phone him. He has a copy of the rules.

## TRAINING

We hope to hold the baths sessions in the first term. Fees ~~XXXX~~ of 10 dollars may be paid at the SGM, at the information booth during orientation, or at the special training meeting which will be publicised at the SGM, and on the noticeboard.

Payment of fees does not necessarily mean that we can take you for a course in SCUBA diving. Before we accept members for this course they MUST prove themselves proficient at snorkelling, by passing a baths test.

Those who are not accepted for the SCUBA course will be entitled to a full refund, or may elect to take a course in snorkelling and be entitled to a partial refund.

Those who took the snorkelling course last year have a much better chance of doing the SCUBA course this year.

It is strongly recommended that you obtain a medical certificate stating that you are fit for SCUBA diving before you take up training.

ALL MEMBERS SHOULD OBTAIN A SIMILAR MEDICAL CERTIFICATE ONCE A YEAR TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE STILL O.K. FOR DIVING.

## GEAR AVAILABLE TO FINANCIAL MEMBERS

We have a boat and outboard based at Leigh which can be used by members upon consulting Tony Harrison (RM 148 Thomas Building). A maintenance charge of 50 cents per day will be made. Other odd items of diving equipment such as a tank, etc are also available from Tony.



buy fifty you will be given free one copy of FLOTSAM, dated September 1974.

#### IT PAYS TO SHOP AROUND

Sportways, in their 1974/5 Underwater Mail Order Catalogue talk of their 'most competitive prices'. Armed with Pakuranga Marine Centre's Underwater World Newsletter I decided to see how prices of various articles compared.

In studying the prices below bear in mind that Sportways offer us a 5% discount on production of membership card.

Item	Sportways	P.M.C.
Imported Masks:		
Lince	10.75	9.95
Superlince	12.50	11.95
Coronado	12.05	10.95
US Divers 83 cu.ft. Professional Tanks	109.95	99.95
Combined US Divers Pressure/Depth Gauges	75.50	69.95
Scubapro Jetfins	19.50	19.95
SOS DCPs	48.00	48.00
US Divers Twin 50's plus Bac-Pac and J Reserve	215.60	196.00

These are just a few articles that I could find prices for. You can see that a great deal of money can be saved by shopping round for each item of gear that you intend to buy. Don't think that because you can get a discount that this means you are getting the best value for your money by using the discount. The small dive shop in your area may have better priced gear than larger, better known stores.

#### HOW TO WIN A FREE OFFSHORE TRIP

Notice how EMPTY the front cover of FLOTSAM looks. You could fill it in by entering the competition to design a cover for our newsletter. Entries can be handed to any committee member. The prize is one years FREE subscription to FLOTSAM, 'the magazine that everyone whose anyone throws away', PLUS two months FREE use of the club hood, Plus one FREE day trip offshore (value approx. 5 dollars).

#### MAILING LIST FOR FLOTSAM

Because most club members attend university regularly and can therefore go to the noticeboard to pick up their copy of FLOTSAM, and because this method of distribution saves the club money we have decided to compile a mailing list of members who are unable to collect their copy from the noticeboard. If you can't collect FLOTSAM notify Richard Willan, AUUC, c/o AUSA, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland. Otherwise you won't get FLOTSAM..

TTFN,

Anne Grace.