
***** Thursday 2ND OCTOBER at 7PM IN THE CLUB ROOMS *****

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CLUB ROOMS CLUB ROOMS RECREATION CENTRE 7pm 7pm 7pm 7pm

AGGENDA: Election of 1981 committee and other nefarious activities

Nominated for 1981 so far are;

PRESIDENT: Brian Dobson

SECRETARY: Steve Tarrant

TREASURER: Colin McDonald

TRIPS: Mark Cairns

TRAINING: Terry Brailsford

COMMITTEE: Michelle Kelly, Ewan Grant-Mackie, Mark Webby, Mark Meekan, Kevin McAlpine

further nominations accepted right up until the AGM.

MERCURIES TRIP *****WHAI: Loading up our 13 seater minibus and the clubs boat and trailer with 30 odd dive tanks, gear and food plus 12 bodies went smoothly and the only problem was the vans brakes which got a bit hot descending the Coromandel ranges with 3.5 tons on board. We woke up to a stiff frost on Saturday, brilliant sunshine and no wind.....spent the day diving and snorkling 'danger rocks' south of the Mercuries. 50ft plus visibility and lunch included John Dory....WE slept the night away at Red Mercury and Sunday dawned with weather nearly as good as Saturday. Whale Rock was our dive spot for the day and the fish were spectacular. Horse mackerel, sweep, kingies, etc. etc. every where. To cap it all we snorkled for nearly an hour with a family of bottle nosed dolphins....With the weather closing in we headed for Whitianga and a wet and windy trip back....

GREAT BARRIER: Only 13 people made it for the great three days for the price of two PEAGUSUS cruise.....A bumpy trip to Tryphena made most a little queasy and Andrew managed to lose his tea despite some wonder drugs. Dolphins were encountered close to Barrier in the wee small hours

A few hardy divers made it over the side for some scallops in the morning and as a 30 knot Westerly was blowing we cruised to Port Fitzroy paying a visit to the store and the wreck of an old launch scuttled for the insurance money. We awoke to similar weather on Sunday with a bit of sun peeping through and decided to view the kauri dam. We piled ashore and had an enjoyable hike although some managed to get lost on the way back! We cruised to the eastern side of the Needles for an afternoon dive notable for deep canyons filled with moki and red and packhorse crays. Evening saw us un Arid Is. harbour and most managed a night dive. The morning saw us at a spectacular pinnacle east of Arid Is. with crystal water, deep canyons and drop offs and 4.5 lb. reds. Some got so carried away they forgot to look at their watches! I think raptures about the scenery is just as dangerous as raptures of the deeps. In the afternoon we finned through the huge boilers of the Wiltshire and then rounded Cape Barrier for home.

POOR KNIGHTS 23-24th AUGUST: On Friday 10 keen divers and gear drove to Tutukaka in a Hertz rental truck and stayed the night the night at the local motel. They were joined by 2 more the next morning and all embarked for the crystal clear waters of the Poor Knights Is. Clear skies, calm seas, and a school of dolphins, always a good omen, accompanied them. A dive at Middle Arch was followed by Bishops Cave, South Harbour. Sunday saw the party increased to 14 crammed aboard the boat for another day of excellent diving Hope Pt., Bubble Cave and then the south east side of Aorangi. Both days were top quality diving right up to Poor Knights standards. We will be back!

XMAS TRIP: People and divers wishing to spend some time away during the vac. should bring their ideas to a Tuesday meeting.

This FLOTSAM was edited by Brian Dobson with help from Steve Tarrant and others.

p.s. We lost the Wakefield Whalebone to the Tramping Club by 46 to 55...very close.