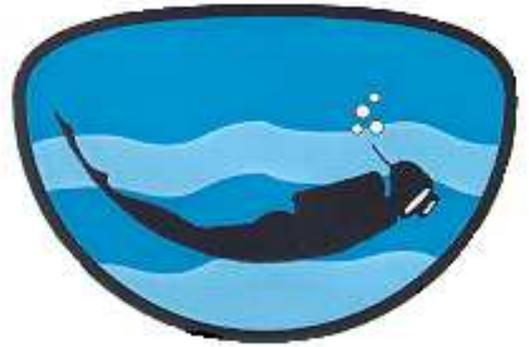


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Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. Newsletter



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Committee members are here to help if you have a question about the club or any of our facilities.

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Complaints Process

Any complaints must be put in writing (typed or handwritten) and must be signed.

If mailing in, please address to:

Canterbury Underwater Club Secretary
PO Box 2287
Christchurch 8140

If emailing, your email must be signed with your full name and sent to:
secretary@canterburyunderwater.org.nz

Club Meeting Information

March Meeting Summary

Guests

We had several guests and prospective members join us at the March meeting – welcome to Brian, Neive, Adam, Hum (Hamuera), Richard, Milo and Gareth.

Raffle

The winners of the raffle prizes were Dominic (\$50 Deep Blue diving voucher), Tony G (a superb meat tray by Ashby's Butchery in Sydenham) guest Gareth H took away the cheese tray, Mike B got a box of Easter eggs and Warren K took home a wall planner.

Speaker

The meeting was followed by a talk by Warren Kelly on a dive trip on the President Coolidge in Vanuatu. Warren showed us the camera rig that he and Russell Byfield had made up in 2004/2005, it was a great example of kiwi ingenuity and interesting to hear about the challenges they had with the design and how they overcame these problems. They had to make adjustments to the camera and the housing – adding an extension to the housing as well as a window to view the camera screen, and also to the camera – repositioning the screen to the rear rather than off at the side as it originally were as a land based camera. The housing was only rated to 40m however they took it down to 65m without incident.

We then saw video taken with the rig on the dives, while Warren narrated – they did two dives a day with the earlier visits being 'shake down' dives to get the lay of her, and then later doing penetration dives. We saw how to pass the time at a deco stop (with noughts and crosses on the slate), heard about the dangers of the penetration dives, and how invaluable it was to have an experienced guide to get them down to the wreck (one day they missed it completely).

The President Coolidge went down with 5000 people aboard, and it was estimated that the war effort was put back 6 months because of the large amount of supplies she was carrying at the time.

Warren was a very entertaining speaker!



Next Meeting

Tuesday the 9th of April, cash bar opens from 7:30pm.

Location – Christchurch Airport

As you drive to the airport, the first roundabout is the one where Memorial Ave and Russley Rd meet. The second roundabout inside the airport boundary is Orchard Rd, turn left there. The ‘Hangar’ is the building on the right about 200m along. Parking is usually on the verges on both sides of the road. Please park neatly and with consideration for others.

April Speaker

We are excited to announce that the April guest speaker is Dr Graham McGeoch.

Dr McGeoch is a ‘dive doctor’ who sees people for diving medical examinations and medical problems related to diving, and is a consultant at the Hyperbaric Medicine Unit at Christchurch Hospital.

(Please note that in the event of an emergency that may require Dr McGeogh at the hyperbaric unit, Warren Kelly will be showing a video of diving that he has done a while ago in the Solomon Islands)



Donation of Raffle Prizes – thanks Deep Blue Diving!!

Jun Liu of Deep Blue Diving on Blenheim Road (see details in the Members Corner on page 9) has generously donated to the club, 4 x \$50 vouchers for goods and services offered by his shop.

We will include one card in each months raffle in the months of February, March, April and May.

New Member Applications

New membership applications have been received from Hamuera Rueben (Hum), Gareth Halliburton and Richard Warren

Fundraising – Entertainment Books

Very soon we will have the new edition of the Entertainment Books available to sell - they appear to be \$65 which is the same price as last year.

These raise around \$12 per book sold for the club, so start canvassing your family and friends and get a list together of who wants one and let Wayne Lester know how many copies you might need.

Wayne can be contacted on wnjlester@xtra.co.nz or 021-436-913

Marine Electronics Servicing

If you need any servicing of marine electronics done in the near future, several members have recommended the great jobs they have done by Rowan Homes of Nautic Electronics Limited.

Rowan Homes – Nautic Electronics Limited
21 Torrens Road, Middleton
03 338 9492
021 234 2293

[Donation from the Club](#)

The Canterbury Underwater Club is making a \$100 donation to support the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust. If you would like to make a personal donation please go to <http://www.airrescue.co.nz/>



[Boat For Sale](#)

Terry Reilly is selling a boat, if you are interested then check out Trade Me listing <http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=568630971>

[Upcoming Trips and Events](#)

French Pass/Okiwi Bay - November

Grant Prebble is again organising a trip to French Pass for Canterbury Anniversary weekend.

The trip is now full but let Grant know if you are interested as the places are not confirmed until everyone has paid! Please get your deposit to Grant ASAP to secure your place.

It is possible to join the trip if you take your own boat and arrange your own accommodation.

Dive HQ PNG Trip

Brian Franks and the Dive HQ team are running a trip to PNG in August that still has a couple of spots left. Talk to Brian or check out their website for more information.

Photo Competition

More details in next month's newsletter – start thinking about your entries!

The July meeting we will show the entries/finalists and the winners will be announced at the August AGM.

[Membership Boat Listing 2013](#)

Warren Kelly has drawn up an events calendar for the club for the year to December 2013 (see next page). As part of that process he would like to compile a list of members who would be able to provide boats to attend the occasional local day trip or Kaikoura weekend.

If you are able to assist Warren with this can you please contact him at warliz@slingshot.co.nz giving details of the **total** number of divers you would be able to comfortably accommodate on board.

We have a growing number of keen divers in the club who would like to see more opportunities to go diving. Please get behind this venture and make yourself available to promote the club and diving, and thank you to those who have already responded to Warren regarding this.

Events Calendar – Updated 22nd March 2013

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Contact / Guest</i> | <i>Venue / Deadline for Booking</i> |
|---|---|---|--|
| Tues 9 th April | <u>Monthly Club Meeting</u> | Presentation by diving medicine doctor – Dr Graham McGeoch | Afterhours Hangar 3 Orchard Road, Airport |
| Sun 21 st April | Motunau Dive Trip | Russell Byfield p: 03 332 7445 m: 027 436 1604 | 17 th April |
| Tues 14 th May | <u>Monthly Club Meeting</u> | TBA | Afterhours Hangar 3 Orchard Road, Airport |
| Sun 19 th May | Motunau Dive Trip | Brian McCallum p: 03 327 8722 m: 027 329 7024 | 15 th May |
| Tues 11 th June | <u>Monthly Club Meeting</u> | TBA | Afterhours Hangar 3 Orchard Road, Airport |
| Sun 16 th June | Motunau Dive Trip | Michael Bennett p: 03 338 9706 m: 027 438 1742 | 12 th June |
| Tues 9 th July | <u>Monthly Club Meeting</u> | TBA | Afterhours Hangar 3 Orchard Road, Airport |
| Sat 27 th July | Club Annual Dinner | TBA | 16 July |
| Tues 13 th August | <u>Monthly Club Meeting</u> and Annual General Meeting | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING | Afterhours Hangar 3 Orchard Road, Airport |
| Sat / Sun 17 th – 18 th August | Kaikoura lodge weekend Pot luck dinner | John Schurink p: 03 343 0809 m: 021 531 993 Ring John for bookings | 12 th August |
| September | Lake Alta Ice Dive Queenstown | TBA | Date to be confirmed |
| Tues 10 th September | <u>Monthly Club Meeting</u> | Program to be confirmed | Afterhours Hangar 3 Orchard Road, Airport |
| Sun 15 th September | Motunau Dive Trip | Gary Vallance p: 03 383 4406 m: 021 501 482 | 11 th September |
| Sat 5 th October | Kaikoura Seafest | http://www.seafest.co.nz Tickets on sale April 2013 | Make your own lodge bookings |
| Tues 8 th October | <u>Monthly Club Meeting</u> | TBA | Afterhours Hangar 3 Orchard Road, Airport |
| Sun 13 th October | Akaroa or Lyttelton trip | Ian Waite p: 03 308 8866 m: 021 355 379 | 9 th October |
| Sun 10 th November | Motunau Dive Trip | Warren Kelly p: 359 9207 m: 021 066 1635 | 6 th November |
| Tues 12 th November | <u>Monthly Club Meeting</u> | TBA | Afterhours Hangar 3 Orchard Road, Airport |

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| Canterbury Show Weekend 14 - 18 th November | French Pass Dive Trip | Grant Prebble p: 388 8690 m: 027 683 8824 | Fully booked Waiting list created |
| Sat 30 th November to 1 st December | Kaikoura lodge working bee | Grant Prebble p: 388 8690 m: 027 683 8824 Ring Grant for bookings | 20 th November |
| Sun 8 th December | Motunau Dive Trip | Warren Kelly p: 359 9207 m: 021 066 1635 | 4 th December |
| Tues 10 th December | <i>Monthly Club Meeting</i> | Xmas social evening | <i>Afterhours Hangar</i> 3 Orchard Road, Airport |
| Sun 22 nd December | Akaroa Dive Trip | Dominic Manera p: 03 375 5000 m: 029 375 5000 | 18 th December |

Members Out and About

Despite a couple of notable events in March – the Motunau Dive Trip, and Ian Waites’ engagement party, no photos of these or stories have reached the editor. We need YOU to send stuff in to make the magazine interesting!

Other Than That, How Was Your Fishing Trip?

Thanks to Don and Joan for sending an email full of funnies like this through, I’ll add one to two to future newsletters.



Canterbury Underwater Club Inc- Lodge Information

The Canterbury Underwater Club Lodge offers a fantastic facility to both members and non-members with dedicated boat parking, gear washing facilities, fish filleting stations, crayfish cooker and a communal cooking and living area.

The lodge can sleep a maximum of 20 people in its' five rooms, specific rooms can be requested when booking but may change to accommodate the numbers of person in a party.

The Annex rooms (11 to 16) can sleep up to 16 people and will be reserved for members only unless the entire Lodge has been pre-booked for a Group.

Please *remember* that you need to bring your own linen and bedding.

This will not apply to holiday weekends and may be varied for either of the above if the lodge is only or likely to be partially occupied during your stay.

Member Rates and Cancellation Policy

Members and Partners \$10.00 per person per night

Child 5-17 years \$5.00 per child per night

Child Under 5 Free

Vouchers: 2 x vouchers per adult per night required if used.

Member Cancellation Policy:

Prior to mid-day on the day of arrival No Charge

Later than mid-day on the planned day of arrival 1 night charged

Cancellation of a Booking for a holiday weekend must be done 3 days prior to the planned day of arrival or a two night penalty charge will apply if the beds booked cannot be re-let. The booking agent will advise the Treasurer and Secretary in these events.

Non-Member Rates and Cancellation Policy

Adult \$26.00 per person per night

Child 5-17 years \$10.00 per child per night

Child Under 5 Free

Vouchers can be used for non-members (for a stay when accompanied by a member) but will redeemed at the non-member price.

Non-Member Cancellation Policy:

Cancellation of bookings and refund of deposits will be as per standard motel practice for Groups or Individuals.

Lodge Booking Information

Bookings are handled by the Norfolk Pine Motel. To lessen the impact on them in the running of their own business, we kindly ask that you respect the following instructions:

1. E-mail is the preferred booking method.
2. Phone bookings should be made no later than 7pm.
3. Please do NOT use the motel's 0800 number; doing so will incur a \$4 charge.
4. Please let Ian or Sue know how many people in your group so they can allocate beds and also the member/non-member make up of your party.
5. Payment must be made upon collection of keys – Vouchers, Cash or Cheque only please, NO EFTPOS.
6. Uplift keys before 8pm; please phone them if you are running late.



Norfolk Pine Motel - Ian and Sue Plummer

124 The Esplanade

Kaikoura

p: 03 319 5120

f: 03 319 6405

e: norfolkpine@clear.net.nz

General Lodge Rules and Obligations for ALL Users

- **No Pets** of any description to be taken onto or into any part of Club Lodge facilities.
- Any visiting guests may not over-night at the lodge unless booking and registration is completed at Norfolk Pine Motel prior to 8.00 pm and it does not interfere with any other persons booking.
- No smoking is permitted at the Club Lodge.
- Alcohol consumption is permitted in moderation.
- General noise to be kept to a minimum late in the evening to be respectful to others staying at the lodge.
- No undersize Fish/Crayfish/Shellfish or excess quota of any species to be kept at the club lodge.
- BBQ and Crayfish Cooker are only to be used outside.
- Clean up when you leave. There are no cleaners. We are totally reliant on club users.
- Keys must be returned to Norfolk Pine on the day of departure, lost keys will incur a \$25.00 fee.
- Please direct any complaints (other than minor booking issues), suggestions or issues with the lodge facilities to a committee member.

These conditions of use of the Lodge are authorized by the President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. and take effect from 20-04-2010.

Signed on behalf of the executive of the committee:

Mark Buckland - Treasurer

Dated: 16-04-2010

Updated 20-05-2011

Member's Corner

Advertise your business here in exchange for a small donation to the club in the event of business generated from this newsletter.

Diving Needs – Deep Blue Diving

Deep Blue Diving's philosophy is to make diving affordable to all divers! Starting as an importer and wholesaler of diving equipment in New Zealand, but quickly growing to making and selling their own range of diving equipment and wetsuits. The Deep Blue brand is now well known for its value for money. Mention this ad each time and get 5% discount for you and another 5% goes to the club.

Deep Blue Diving

3/251 Blenheim Road
p: 03 332 0898 or 03 348 0666
www.deepbluediving.co.nz

Diving Needs – Dive Werks

Contact Russell for special prices on servicing and equipment which include:

- Hydro Tank Test (inc fill)..... \$39
- Visual Tank Test (inc fill) \$29
- 10 tank fill concession..... \$70
- Individual tank fill..... \$8
- Massive in-house specials on all equipment

Call Russell on 332 7445 or 0274 361 604

Dive Werks – 351 Port Hills Road

Diving Needs – Underwater Sports

For all your diving requirements, we sell you stuff, train you, service your tanks and gear (Most brands). We can take you diving or help you with advice on diving.

Mention this ad each time and get 5% discount for you and another 5% goes to the club.

(Offer does not apply to already discounted items or concession tank fill cards)

Underwater Sports

25 Coleridge St
p: 03 964 4444 (Paul)

Gym Membership

Stay fit for diving - join 'THE GYM' at 300 Colombo St, Sydenham, mention the CUC when you join and you will receive a free 30 minute massage gift voucher and the club will get a \$20 donation.

The Gym
300 Colombo Street
Sydenham
p: 03 332 2604

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Insurance

KIWISAVER, Life, Health and Mortgage Protection Insurance - You probably already have one of these products but you should ring Mike Bennett at **ACORN INSURANCE & INVESTMENT** for a better price. Not only will you get access to the best priced and best value for money insurances, you will receive a BIG discount on your current premium AND the club will benefit too!

Mike Bennett

p: 962 1000 (b) or 03 338 9706 (hm)

m: 027 438 1742

www.acorninsurance.co.nz

Laundry and Cleaning Products

As divers we appreciate the clear blue waters we all have access to but our waterways are being destroyed by everything we flush down our drains.

Did you know that for the same price as regular laundry products you can replace them with completely natural products that work better than chemical brands, and they don't harm the environment?

Do you suffer from allergies? Eczema or flaky skin? This could be caused by the chemicals in your cleaners and laundry powders.

I now work to remove TOXINS from everyday life and promote wellness and health.

For every new customer CUC will receive \$25.

Contact Tony G

p: 03 942 5991

Synthetic Oils

Richard Lowen is providing synthetic oils – very environmentally friendly – at substantially reduced prices to members.

p: 03 980 7695

m: 021 1064 319

Used Cars

Let us explain why you should buy a used vehicle from us. Reliable, AA tested, 1 hour finance, just \$1 deposit, no repayments for 6 months for approved buyers. It's very easy to own a reliable new car, wagon or 4WD. Special personal orders obtained.

For each vehicle purchased through this advert, \$50 will be donated to CUC.

Alexander's Cars Direct

p: 03 379 5729