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# Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. Newsletter



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## Committee Members 2013 - 2014

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### **What's the Committee Been Up To?**

A few points of discussion from the last committee meeting that members' might be interested in:

- The deck extension concept has been shelved until the club is more financial or until money can be raised specifically for this.
- Planning the December meeting – short meeting followed by a BBQ with a few salads, spuds etc and the idea of a good social evening.

## Club Meeting Information

### November Meeting Summary

The minutes from November meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### November Guest Speaker - Wayne Middleton Coast guard presentation

November we had Wayne Middleton along to speak about what courses were available to those wanting to upskill in boat operation and safety. Thanks to Lynette for writing the following summary of the evenings talk:

#### *Life jackets*

- Inflatable lifejackets - Check gas cylinders, seal the edges with Vaseline, blow up by hand to check for leaks. Do not inflate them until you are clear of the vessels as they can restrict you getting out
- Compulsory to wear life jackets if in boats under 6 meters, including if you are in wet suits, especially if crossing bars.

#### *Popular Courses*

Coast guard offers 40 courses, 4 most common are Radio communication and operators, Day skippers, Boat masters and a Practical.

**Radio operators certificate** – classroom based \$125.00, on line \$68

- Mayday, identification, GPS locations, geographic position, nature of distress whether immediate assistance is required, number of people on board and correct procedures to follow.

**Day Skipper certificate - 15 hour classroom based course \$245 this year \$265**

- Boat craft, launching, charts, buoys, beacons, knots.

**Boat masters - \$535.00 this year \$575 next year. 5 sessions (1/2 hour oral, 1 ½ written)**

- Extension on rules, navigation, GPS, buoys, beacons, weather conditions
- No experience needed.

**Practical Base course \$270**

- Launching, GPS- menus, man overboard.

#### *Safety Tips*

- If boating more than 5 km off shore your boat has to be equipped with GPS.
- PanPan – Calls to the coast guard for assistance that are not urgent.
- Good practice to carry a hand held radio or GPS and tie it to your life jacket so you can maintain communication.
- Accidental activation of GPS – don't turn off until you have notified the authorities so can take it off the system.
- Maritime NZ operate 24/7 but the coast guards are only volunteers but do operate most long weekends.
- Make all emergency calls on channel 16 and phone 111
- Ensure you have notified someone your trip intentions, and time due back
- If you have informed coast guard you are going out on a trip and haven't reported back in then this will not activate an emergency.
- Keep your cell phone on you in a sealed plastic bag.

### November Raffle Winners

The winners of the November raffle prizes were Gary Vallance, Owen Sprinford and Wayne Lester.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. Cash bar opens from 7:30pm, meeting begins at 8pm.

There will be no guest speaker planned for this meeting – we will have a very brief meeting and then be firing up the BBQ and serving up a few extras so we can all just have a nice relaxing social night. Bring your partners and a few good yarns.

## 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.

## New Member Applications

A new membership application has been received from Richard Chitty (Owner/Operator Dive HQ CHCH).

## Members Out and About

### **THE CUC annual French Pass Trip – by Larry Thomas**

Several weeks prior to the trip at Show Weekend, my cobber Tony, aka 'Kingo' and I, had already agreed to make our Christchurch departure time somewhere around the 'wee' hours of Thursday morning, thereby getting up to the Pass early morning and getting in an extra full days fishing! This departure time was not to be however, as Wednesday morning around 11am, Kingo calls and says “get your act together as we are leaving today at 3pm”! So much for being organised and ready, but as all keen fisherpersons (politically correct) will attest to, sometimes you just have to go at the drop of a hat!

Luckily I had programmed in a 'bitsa' work day so I was able to stop and get organised. As it turned out, I was a bit late getting to his place, I was there at 3:04pm and after a short period to transfer my gear into his vehicle, and away we went. No boat in tow though as his boat is stored at Okiwi Bay.

With only a few stops on the way, mostly in Blenheim to refuel and get provisions, we arrived at Okiwi early in the evening where we were able to stay with Kingo's in-laws, Barrie and Ann. Great people, who incidentally loan us their trailer for the tank fill run on these trips. After a good night's kip we fuelled up the boat at the local shop and set off for the Pass. Upon arrival it was a quick unload of chilly-bin contents, put some gear on beds and then down to the ramp to launch the boat.



French Pass bay

Out through the Pass, around the bottom of D'Urville, out to Chicot rock and onto a likely fishing spot. Kingo had his craypot on board and I had some frozen Paua guts etc from last summer which I was keeping as Burley for the right occasion. This seemed like the right occasion, so hunting around the boat for something to contain the bait we found a mesh bag that a dive mask/snorkel set had come in. This suited the purpose perfectly to contain the delectable bait. Over it went with thoughts of the abundant catch to follow!

We then set about fishing and shortly thereafter with quota of cod on board, we headed back and dropped them off into the fridge at the lodge. Grant & Jenny as well as Glenn, Ann & Kurt had arrived while we were out so a quick "howdy" and then we headed out again. Kingo had a dredge on board so we thought that might be worth a shot so after finding a likely spot we dropped it over. Empty scallop shells, starfish and lots of debris were the result. Not impressed! Only about 4 keepers!

Back to base we go to find Glenn & Ann had launched their boat and taken out Kurt, Grant and also Craig & Tony Moore who had also arrived. Glenn, Kurt and Tony had a dive to get some 'scallies' while they were out there with great success evidently. Meanwhile Peter had turned up, also Rom, Letje and Rom junior with Ted on board as well. Terry and Gareth arrived a bit later, as they had done a trip to Bushett Shoals earlier in the day before leaving Kaikoura, where they had stayed overnight.

A great evening of merriment was then had by all as the appetites were satiated, liquids flowed freely and the vocal cords were loosened!

Friday morning I was up with the birds and with the occasional floorboard creaking I gingerly crept around whilst cooking bacon and eggs for brekkie! I also cooked extra to make B&E sammies for lunch on the boat. All done, dishes washed and still no-one else up! Anyone would think they were all on holiday! Jenny said to us all later on that day that there seemed to be a rather large 2 legged mouse in the lodge, I'm not sure what she meant by that?

As the rest of the troops arose we all prepared ourselves, then sorted boats and gear for the day's activities. We agreed on a VHF channel (most important, especially up there as there is no cell-phone coverage to speak of) and then as boats were readied, they were launched. Terry & Gareth headed off to Stephens Passage for the day while everyone else went to the Pass to do some jigging for Kingies!



French Pass



Kingo and Lazza

As the boats drifted around the swirling waters of the Pass, "whamo" I was into one! - damn 'cudas, but at least it was a taste of a sport-fish and it would make good bait. Several more 'cudas were caught by the team and then one-by-one we all carried on through the Pass and around the corner a bit where Grant had spotted a 'boil-up' with birds plunging into the water after baitfish! Next thing we were all into catching some feisty Kahawai which again were great sport, but unfortunately nothing like the elusive Kingfish!

After we all caught a few of those each, Kingo and I made an executive decision and went back out to retrieve the craypot and get some more cod. With visions of copious quantities of crayfish we pulled up the pot and found ..... just a bloody grumpy little carpet shark. What a waste of damn good paua burley! Oh well, into the cod we fished and after seemingly sifting our way through a blue cod nursery we eventually had our three legals each, with Tony boasting a 520mm long beast!

Back to the lodge for a quick break, cod into the fridge and then off again to get a dive done for some snappy little shellfish! Not wanting to dive in the 'Old Faithful Spot' from a few years back, we decided to seek a new spot. So a little further on we came across a rather unlikely looking stony bay, but I felt the steeply sloping seabed might be worth a look and it paid off! Not quota, but I still managed 80 or so scallops in the catch-bag, so being happy with that we headed back to the tedious task back on-shore of filleting and shucking.

We were the second to last boat in and the filleting/shucking area was already full-on like Sealords on a Monday morning! With the others processing their days catch, I had to wait a while so I helped Kingo organise the empty dive tanks onto the trailer and he headed off back to Okiwi Bay to get them filled. The filling station guy had set a deadline time of 5:30pm to allow himself enough time in the evenings to get them done for us.



Rom Jnr on first dive with Rom Dad

Terry and Gareth arrived back in shortly thereafter with no fishy success to speak of out at Stephens Island.

Jenny informed us she had a really peaceful laid back day..... UNTIL that bloody weka invaded the kitchen and attacked a loaf of bread! Breadcrumbs and bird-crap everywhere evidently! It probably would have made a good video with Jen trying to evict the troublesome feathered fiend! - I'm chuckling just thinking about it again!

Another evening of great company, food, refreshments and in-depth conversation was then to be had.

On Saturday morning I was up early again, had brekkie and then organised boat lunch. Kingo had stayed at Okiwi Bay, so while waiting for him to get back with the tanks, I tidied the boat. As I was standing in the boat I had a great vantage point to be able to watch about six wekas going about their morning forage for food.

Beside the boat there were a couple of stacked fish bins on the grass, the bottom one full of empty scallop shells and the top one contained fish frames with skin attached. I watched as a curious weka investigated this situation by stretching right up and peering over the top edge at the enticing fishy bits inside. It then went around to the other side and again peered over, then back around to the first side for another look over the rim. Its little mind was trying to figure how to get up there and I guess it decided it would have to jump up. It quickly scuttled around the other side and after one quick look over the rim, leapt up and duly crashed down on the ground in a feathery heap! It quickly got up and scurried around the other side again and repeated this process.....I was highly amused watching this determined little critter trying to overcome this obstacle.....It then pecked the plastic bin rather hard which was an act of frustration I think and then it took off around the other side again and with an almighty leap managed to scramble onto the edge and then stepped down into the bin. It quickly grabbed a long strip of cod skin in its beak (it was attached to a fish frame) and half scrambled; half fell out of the crate dragging this skin and frame behind it. It then hurriedly scuttled off under the boats and into some bush on the other side of the driveway. Ahhh, life's simple pleasures, being amused by a bird! That would also have made a good video!

Kingo arrived back from Okiwi a bit later just as the others were rousing themselves from the nights slumber. After unloading the dive tanks and then a bit of conversation over a coffee or two, we organised ourselves for the days fishing and gathering!



Grant's boat

The wind had picked up a bit since sparrow's fart but that didn't dampen our spirits! We headed off when we were ready and went through the Pass and around to the left, down several bays until we came to a good spot to put out the long-line to target gurnard or perhaps snapper. It was a bit of an act in the strong cross-wind but we finally got it laid and then shot out to the cod spot where Grant & Pete and Glenn, Anne & Kurt were already fishing. 'Shot out' probably isn't the appropriate term as the sea was very lumpy due to the West wind, so we had to take it quietly.

The other two boats were anchored on the sheltered side behind one of the big rocks so we followed suit, but unable to produce results we decided to go around the other side where we'd had previous success. It was pretty rough sitting there under anchor but eventually got quota and headed back, which was timely as all of the Chocolate Wheaten biscuits I had scoffed were about to resurface!

We headed directly over to where the long-line was set which fortunately was a heck of a lot calmer (just as well for my squirmy tum!) It took a while to bring it in, a few small cod, several darn carpet sharks and a good sized octopus hanging on to a cod! Kingo wanted to keep this master of camouflage for bait but I have this thing about octos, I admire their ingenuity and curiosity as do many people who have witnessed it first hand, or perhaps seen the experiments on the docos on TV.

Anyway as we continued to haul in the line it casually sussed out the crate Kingo had put it in which was sitting on the boarding platform at the back. It then slithered up the side of the crate, down the outside,

across the platform and slid effortlessly into the water with a quick wave of a tentacle as a parting gesture of thanks - not really but I like to think so! Sometimes there is something quite gratifying in letting another life live even if it is only a lowly Cephalopod!

Back to the lodge we went to put the cod in the fridge (we actually had ice in the fish bin every day, but we were both unable to operate the chartplotter and with the Sounds being a closed area at the time, we were very wary of transporting Cod on-board while we went for a dive in the Sounds). So, cod off the boat we headed back to the spot we had found the day before and after a dive, headed back with our 'scallies'. Again under quota but still happy with our lot!

Again the processing area was full on with fish and scallops getting sorted with several different techniques being used on both! Beers a plenty and Jenny providing us with some crackers and dip type stuff. Cheers Jenny!



Turbulent waters of French Pass

Kingo had already headed off back to Okiwi to beat the deadline whilst everyone else finished processing their catch, then after cleaning up it was dinner time. Terry and Gareth were the last to get back in again with a woeful tale of a lost transducer. Somewhere in the Pass there is a rather expensive Furuno 1kw Transducer and Terry has kindly said that if anyone can find it they can keep it! They had gone around into Annie Bay area but it produced little result. They did get some scallies though.

So, another great evening with refreshments flowing, Ted very generously sharing a bottle of nice red and Grant sharing the sailors medicine - rum! Kingo turned up during the evening to spend a bit of social time instead of staying at Okiwi and together with Terry were the last two bods to venture into the land of nod I'm told.

Early Sunday morning the wind was still with us and around 8am it started drizzling. Barrie and his son Varsey had come up from Okiwi for a day's fishing on the boat, but the drizzle and wind were persistent and didn't look like abating so they set off back to Okiwi. Several of the others had commitments and needed to get back to the 'big smoke', so they packed up and headed for the hills as well.

The weather cleared somewhat a little later in the morning so Grant with Tony & Craig on board and Kingo & myself on his boat headed out for a final fish. Out through the Pass and staying to the right side finally found a spot which gave us all quota of cod. After taking a few photos and Grant locking in his position on the Chartplotter (proof of catch location) we then headed back through the Pass and up to the Scallop area.

As we were all gearing up for the dive, SHOCK HORROR! I'd left the bottom part of my suit back at the lodge! I said to Kingo there was no way I was going in half-dressed but luckily Grant was not far away and had his suit on-board. The length was fine but for some reason it was a bit bulgy in the front! :-). Cheers Grant, I really appreciated the loan!

So, quotas all around we headed back to the lodge to fillet and shuck while consuming the odd beer or three! Jenny was right there again providing us with much needed sustenance in the form of freshly made cinnamon pin wheels! Yum! So after cleaning up our catches and ourselves it was a communal food feast with all sorts of contributions to the meal. What a feast and another great evening to be had by all.

Monday morning inevitably arrived and after packing up, we all chipped in to have a general clean-up to ensure the place was tidy for the next tenants. Finally organised we headed off and as is always the case after being on a long weekend holiday, it was NOT LONG ENOUGH!!

All in all, highlights of the trip for me aside from the great company, fishing and diving of course would be watching the mischievous wekas, watching two seals on two different occasions tossing an octopus around on the surface to rip bits off to eat (one octo was about a half metre long and the next was over a metre!) and seeing ever present dolphins going backwards and forwards through the Pass. They also spent considerable time each day feeding on baitfish in the bay where the lodge is located.



On behalf of all of the team who went on this trip, I'd like to thank Grant for organising it, Kingo for doing the tank run, Barrie and Ann for the loan of their trailer and Pete Woods for hitching it up at Okiwi and dragging it through to French Pass for us. Also of course to all the other team members who each had a part to play in a very enjoyable trip!

So, I'm already booked for Show Weekend 2014! Are you?

### **Reminder about Lodge Procedure - Keys and Payments**

Norfolk Pine is finding that many members and non-members are still turning up to collect lodge keys and expect to be able to pay with EFTPOS or credit cards.

Remember that these are NOT accepted forms of payment for the lodge - you **must** bring cash or a cheque (or vouchers).

If you can't make payment with cash, cheque or vouchers you will not be given the keys!

Thank you for your co-operation and support in this matter.

## Upcoming Trips and Events

If you've been out of the water for a while then don't let that put you off coming along on a club trip – there'll be someone there to support and help you along 😊

### **Christmas 'Eve' Akaroa Trip – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

The annual pre-Christmas dive trip to Akaroa. Already a good number of divers have been in touch with Dom to put their names down.

The early morning tide means it is likely that you will need to meet at the Halswell New World car park at 6am sharp – if you are not going to be meeting there (ie. You are staying overnight on the peninsula) then make sure you let Dominic know so that they are not waiting for you!

Organiser = Dominic Manera  
m: 029 3755 000

### **February Family Day – Te Oka Bay or thereabouts**

The details for this are yet to be finalised, but basically we are planning a family day at a nice bay on the peninsula. Please indicate your intention to attend to Wayne Lester.

Organiser = Wayne Lester  
m: 021-436-913

### **Boating Courses for Members**

If you are interested in any of the coast guard courses from the November meeting, and as summarised on page 2 then please contact Lynette (details on page 1).

If we get enough numbers we may qualify for a discount that could then be either passed on to the attendees or used as fundraising for the club. A minimum of seven is required to run a course.

Check out the great savings if we get our own group organised:

**Radio \$125 per person** (one Saturday or evening) 8 people plus receive refund of \$80 per person

**Day skippers - \$265 per person** 8 people plus receive refund of \$175 per person

**Boat masters - \$575 per person** 8 people plus receive refund of \$350 per person.

## Recipe for Cold Crayfish Salad - Catalan Style

A delicious Spanish style way to eat crayfish – the cold cray meat is less cloying than when hot and has a lovely texture. I've made this for a summer lunch served with green salad and crusty bread for soaking up the dressing and it's always popular.

Serves 4

3 cups of VERY thinly sliced red onions – mild ones are preferable.

Place the slice onions into a bowl and cover with cold water. Give the onions a squeeze with your hands which will turn the water cloudy. Drain then cover again with fresh cold water and leave aside to steep.

3 Tablespoons of vinegar

2 Tablespoons of salt

2 or 3 medium size crays

Cook your crays in boiling water with the addition of the vinegar and salt, then drain. When cool enough to handle pull them apart and remove all the meat from the legs, body and tail -cut the tail meat into about 2cm thick rounds. If your cray has roe and you like to eat this, keep it and crumble into a bowl to be used in the dressing.

¼ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice

Fresh ground black pepper

2/3 cup extra virgin olive oil (less if you prefer)

¼ cup chopped flat leaf parsley

4 cups fresh, ripe, firm tomatoes – discard the seeds and chopped into about 1.5 cm dice

To assemble:

In the bowl with the roe (if you are using that) add some salt, the lemon juice, pepper and olive oil and beat thoroughly with a fork or whisk to emulsify. Add the parsley and mix in.



Squeeze the soaking onions again, then drain and dry in paper towels or a clean tea-towel. Add to the dressing bowl and turn over once or twice to coat. Add the diced tomatoes and mix in. Add the cray meat, turn to coat in everything and then cover the bowl and leave for at least 30 mins at room temp to let the flavours develop. Serve at room temperature.

(Just be a little careful here, if you are not going to be eating the salad within the 30 mins or so then pop it into the fridge and try to bring it out 10 to 15 mins prior to serving to let it come up to room temp)

## Lifejackets for Fundraising

If you still want to take advantage of the life-jacket fundraising offer, these will be available during business hours at three handy locations:

**Dive HQ on Durham St - contact person is Richard, Deep Blue Diving on Blenheim Rd - contact is John, and at Dive Kaikoura – contact is Nigel.**

You can collect and pay for them from either of these locations, prices are the same as advertised below – please bring a cheque or cash.

Big thanks to all of these dive shops in supporting the club with this fundraising initiative.

Make sure you get in ASAP, the life-jackets will be available to regular shop customers so could go fast!

<b>Life Jacket Neoprene</b>	<b>Life Jacket Adult Foam 'Contender'</b>
Number available = 25 Sizes available = 2XL (suit 125 cm chest) Price each = \$60	Number available = 18 (LGE) and 3 (XL) Sizes available = LGE (suit 85 - 100 cm chest) and XL (suit 100 - 120 cm chest) Price each = \$60
	
<b>Life Jacket Blaze</b>	<b>Life Jacket Child</b>
Number available = 5 Sizes available = L Price each = \$60	Number available = 18 Sizing = suits 22 - 40 kg weight /chest 60 – 70 cm Price each = \$40
	

## 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.

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.

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

### **Member Rates**

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**

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

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Kaikoura

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## 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**

Increase your fitness.

Physical Sense Gym and Physio (300 Colombo Street next to Ascot TV) offers **stay fit for diving** packages. Mention the CUC and we will give you a free personal training session (worth \$90)

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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](http://www.acorninsurance.co.nz)

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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.

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## Minutes of Club Meeting – 12th November 2013

Meeting opened 7.30 pm; 38 members attended. Grant opened the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and welcomed visitors; Colin, Owen, Brian, Richard, Lawrence, Brie, guest speaker Wayne.

### **Apologies:**

Jo McKay, Larry T, Michael B, Joan, Sheila, Brian F, Russell B. Apologies moved by Don and seconded by Dom.

### **Reading and Approval of Previous club Meeting Minutes from: 10.9. 2013**

The minutes were taken as read and accepted, moved Wayne, seconded Terry.

### **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

Warren – Apology not recorded from previous meeting. Jens enquired whether Paul Reed's questions concerning the deck extension had been responded to and addressed. At this stage the answer was no as the committee hadn't meet to discuss this. Lynette suggested that Grant phone Paul as a courteous action to explain that it would be discussed and considered next committee meeting. Further deck discussion would be under General Business.

### **Trip reports/events:**

**Mikhail Lermontov** -26th-28th October. Terry reported that this was a very successful trip although the Lermontov wasn't dived on due to the poor weather. All those that went agreed that it was an excellent trip, great social event with plenty of scallop diving. Terry has photos in which he will share next meeting.

**Okiwi Bay** - 15th-17th November. This is all organised and everyone will be leaving on the Friday evening

**Lodge Working bee** – 2nd and 3rd November. Dom and Grant thanked everyone who helped. Flax bushes got a real cut. Weeding all done, cloth and gravel laid. All the walls and surfaces have been well scrubbed by the ladies.

**Xmas Dive** – Sunday 22nd December. Dom organising to leave from Halswell pub car park. He will take names of interested people after the meeting has closed. Wayne asked if other members of the club could assist with the BBQ cooking as it shouldn't be left up to the committee.

**Peraki Bay** – Family day will be advertised in the newsletter. Those who want to have their boat will need to launch it in Akaroa.

**Moeraki** – Grant planning a trip in the New Year. Details of this trip will be advertised later.

### **Members dive reports**

**Motunau** – Phil Baker has run two dive trips to Motunau taking other club divers Burt and Matt. Both trips were successful in everyone getting their crayfish quota. Second trip there were a few broken rods and unpleasant sea conditions for Lynette who saw left manning the boat being sick.

**Kiakoura** – Joan and Don got a few crayfish and big and fat butterfish which were in deep water.

**Fiji** – Warren has just returned from Fiji. He had a great time but it was hot.

**Queen Charlotte Sounds** – Max reported he had been diving there.

### **General Business**

**Deck extension** – Warren asked if he could be informed and included with the deck design, considerations and planning as he has a lot of prior knowledge for the project. Grant agreed and welcomed his input. Wayne pointed out that this committee was auctioning suggestions from the last committee. Don mentioned that we have 3 options, a narrow or wide deck or no deck at all. Grant has received an email from a member who is a draftsman who could possibly draw the plans for us at a very reasonable rate. He hasn't followed up on this email yet. The committee will discuss further deck extension and inform the club members.

**Kaikoura Drilling** – Don reported that the yachts opposing the drilling have left and are well supported by the Kaikoura community. At the North Canterbury Dive Club meeting the disaster in Mexico was discussed and the deep drilling is a real problem as they couldn't send divers down to fix the leaks as it was too deep. An issue we should be considering.

**Life Jackets** – Dom urged members to support the sale of the lifejackets which are available at Dive HQ and Deep Blue. They are only \$60 of very good quality and would make great Christmas Presents. He asked if people could contact other clubs to promote them North Canterbury Dive Club and the Fishing Clubs were mentioned. Wayne Middleton (coast guard) reminded members that wearing life jackets will be compulsory.

Club's 60th anniversary – Warren mentioned that it is next year and may need some consideration.

### **Meeting closed 8.30- pm**

Grant called the official part of the meeting closed and introduced Wayne Middleton (coastguard)