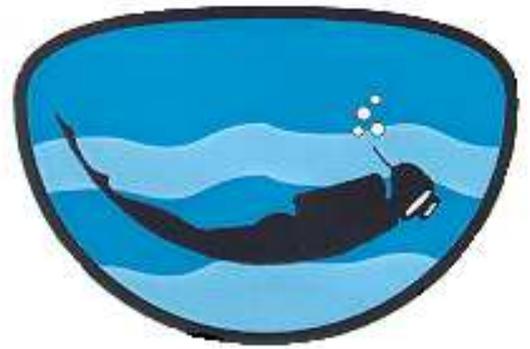


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Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. Newsletter



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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

Last Month's Activities

December Meeting Summary

A very brief meeting was followed by an hour and half long presentation by Petty Officer Jimmy Diamond and Chief Petty Officer Brendon Johnson from the NZ Navy Dive School.

During the evening we were told that the Navy Divers aren't just about body recovery and mine clearing, but that teams are ready to be deployed with 6 hours' notice to where ever and to whatever duty might call. Recent work has included intercepting and looking for weapons and 'contact mine' clearing in Noumea.

The Navy Dive Squad also works with the police to look for vessels, aircraft and people that might be missing in a body of water, they deploy the REMUS (a remote vehicle) to locate the target object and use that along with divers to recover the target. Their work covers the 'littoral zone' which is the high water mark to a max depth of 54 metres.

REMUS also is used to survey our own ports to make sure shipping routes into harbours are known and clear for potential future mine laying and also for surveying the best landing areas ahead of a main force landing – these areas and routes are known in the Navy as 'Q-Routes'

We learnt what kind of people make Navy divers and the training they endure - 4 to 6 hours in the cold, dark water – alone, on a re-breather unit might break a few people.

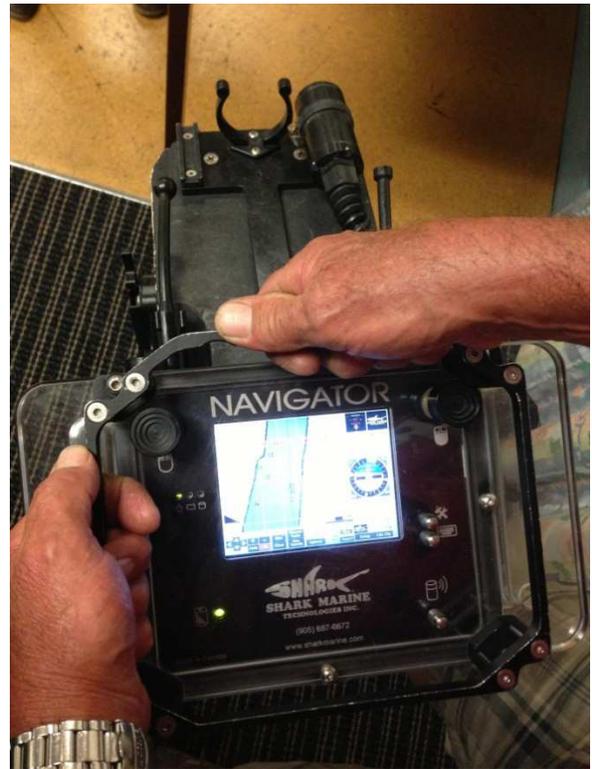
When asked what scares them they both quickly answered 'their wives'!!! Jokes aside they explained that they try to train for the worst conditions, but Great White sharks in the Chathams featured as something they like to avoid.



An attentive audience at the Navy Diver presentation.



John Schurink modelling the VIPER re-breather unit



A fancy bit of survey kit...

The winners of the 6 raffle prizes were Chris Glasson, Tony G, Chris Sanders, Ian Waitte and Wayne Lester (x3)

Next Meeting

Tuesday the 12th of February, cash bar opens from 7:30pm. Apart from the special general meeting, this month's meeting will be mainly a social get together to catch up with other members.

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.

Special General Meeting

By now you should have received notice in the post of the special general meeting (and the notices of motion) to be held at the February club meeting. The notices of motion have also been added to the end of the newsletter.

New Member Applications

Membership applications have been received from Phil Baker, Nicholas Hoffman and Sarah Barrow, and Noel Casey.

Upcoming Trips and Events

Club Family Day at Wainui – February 17th (cancelled if wet)

A family fun day at Wainui - bring your snorkelling gear if you fancy getting some paua, you 'spearos' can show us your skills, bring a fishing rod, cool drinks and a picnic for a relaxing social day by the seaside.

Stop at Little River for ice-creams on the way home 😊

French Pass - November

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

At this stage he says they will travel up on Thursday the 14th of November and return on Monday the 18th. More details will be available soon but expressions of interest in this trip may now be made to Grant.

Lost and Found

Wetsuit

A men's single piece wetsuit was left at the lodge over the holiday period, this has been brought to CHCH by Don and Joan, please contact them if this belongs to you.

The Thing

From Don Smith...

The few days we had in Kaikoura in mid-December were memorable for some really good diving.

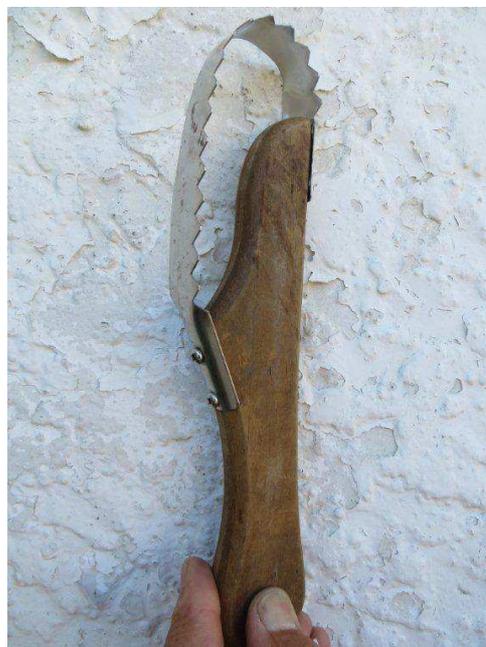
However, the main thing that the few days were remembered for was a *strange* object that made its presence felt by our team.

We know what the pictured item could be used for.

But the fact that it was found by the vacuuming team, while cleaning up in room two, *under* a bed has us puzzled.

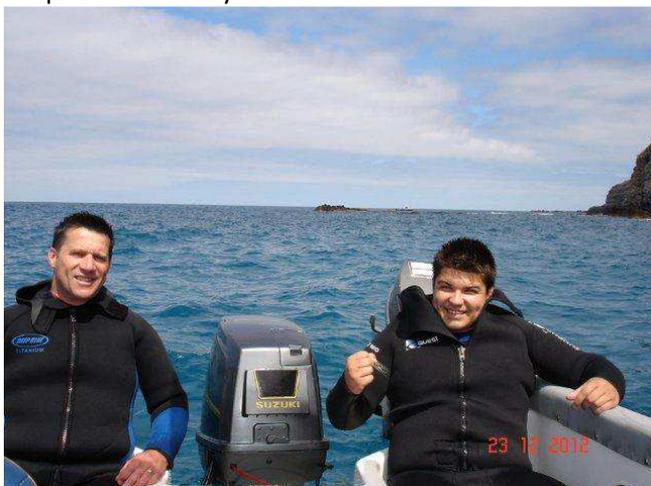
Could the owner(s) of this *weapon/instrument/or toy* (?) please let us know the use(s) that the thing has been used for?

It will be at the next meeting. Is there a list of instructions that can be applied to the thing?



Members Out and About

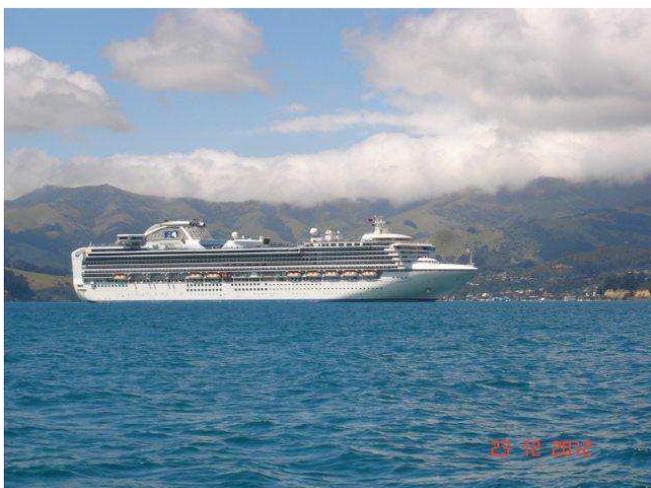
It looks like it was a lovely day for the “day before Christmas Eve” dive in Akaroa. Larry Thomas sent in a few snaps from the day:



Pete Woods and son Peter



Tony Moor and a couple of nice crabs



One of the many cruise ships that visit Akaroa over summer

Quiz Answers from December

Crossword answers from December's newsletter (Don Smith did this in 6 minutes flat, and Brian Ayres did well for someone living in Aussie and not so familiar with local words and local knowledge)

ACROSS

- 4. First
- 6. Jacques Cousteau
- 8. Kelp
- 9. Rahui
- 12. Bezel
- 14. Hydro
- 16. Breath
- 18. Marianas Trench
- 19. Paua
- 20. Oxygen
- 22. Valsalva
- 24. Sperm
- 25. Blue

DOWN

- 1. Rapture of the deep
- 2. Bends
- 3. Tides
- 5. Pelagic
- 7. Octopus
- 10. Berry
- 11. Cod
- 13. Volume
- 15. Nitrox
- 17. Kaikoura
- 21. Mako
- 23. Steel

Wetsuit getting a bit firm?

If you've found that your wetsuit has been getting a bit firm as the summer diving season wears on you perhaps might like to check your tank contents...



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 station, 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 being 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 337 9743 (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

Notices of Motion to be presented at a Special General meeting on the 12th Feb 2013

Motion No1

The CUC constitution clause 5(d) currently reads as follows:

5(d) Minors. In the case of an application for membership from a person under the age of 21 years, the application shall be signed by the parent or guardian in addition.

I would like to move a motion to change the age to "18" years.

5(d) Minors. In the case of an application for membership from a person under the age of 18 years, the application shall be signed by the parent or guardian in addition.

Reason: The current CUC membership application form shows the age at 18 years.

The senior membership class in the constitution starts at 18 years.

Moved by Warren Kelly

Seconded by John Schurink

Motion No2

The CUC constitution clause 11 (d) currently reads as follows:

(d) Nominations. Nomination for office in respect of the officers and members of the Committee shall be called for by the Secretary by circular posted to members at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations must be in writing for any of the above officers, and be in the hands of the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Each nomination must be signed by the nominee, the proposer and seconder, all of whom must be financial members of the Club. If the number of nominations exceeds the positions to be filled, then a written ballot shall be taken at the Annual General Meeting.

If insufficient nominations are received, then additional nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

I would like to move a motion to add the words "or emailed"

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Reason: This will allow the nominations to be called for by mail or email as is the current procedure.

Moved by Warren Kelly

Seconded by Jo McKay

Motion No3

The CUC constitution clause (13) (C) currently reads as follows:

(13) (C) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Notice of A.G.M. At least 14 days notice by post of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each Club member, and notice calling the Annual General Meeting shall contain brief details of the business to be discussed.

I would like to move a motion to add the words "or email" to the clause:

Notice of A.G.M. At least 14 days notice by post or email of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each Club member, and notice calling the Annual General Meeting shall contain brief details of the business to be discussed.

Reason: The majority of members receive their notices of meetings by email which is now the normal method of communication with members. This motion is to formalize that process.

Moved by Warren Kelly

Seconded by John Schurink

Motion No4

The CUC constitution clause (15) currently reads as follows:

(15) NOTICES OF MEETINGS

A notice of any meeting of the Club provided the requisite number of days' notice, as provided herein, has been given, shall be deemed to be delivered, if addressed to a member in prepaid envelope at his last known address."

I would like to move a motion to change the wording to delete the words "in a prepaid envelope" and add the words "postal or email"

A notice of any meeting of the Club provided the requisite number of days' notice, as provided herein, has been given, shall be deemed to be delivered, if addressed to a member at his last known postal or email address.

Reason: The majority of members receive their notices of meetings by email which is now the normal method of communication with members. This motion is to formalize that process.

Moved by Warren Kelly

Seconded by John Schurink

Motion No5

The CUC constitution clause (17) currently reads as follows:

(17) VOTING

- (a) Every financial Club member, and Honorary Life Members, shall be entitled to one vote on each motion, at any Annual, General, or Special General Meeting and voting shall be decided by a simple majority show of hands, unless otherwise herein provided, by postal vote, or by written ballot on request of any member.
- (b) Postal votes shall be accepted from entitled members provided they contain an original (not photocopied) signature and legible name.

I would like to move a motion to add additional clause - (c) Postal votes must be in the hands of the Secretary at least five days prior to the meeting.

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Reason: Self-explanatory - To allow processing time.

Moved by Warren Kelly

Seconded by John Schurink