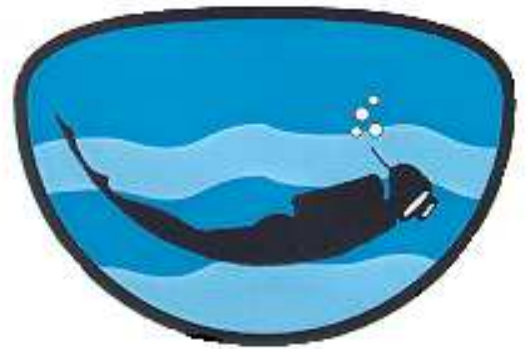


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Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. Newsletter



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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

February Meeting Summary

A relatively informal and short meeting, all notices of motions for changes to the constitution were passed without much bother. The minutes of last month's meetings can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Recent Diving

Recent dive activity by members included Paul Roberts who went to Norfolk Island with the intention to dive but the dive-shop there appeared to have shut down. He enjoyed snorkelling in perfect waters anyway.

Larry said the Christmas Eve dive was a great success - thanks to the organisers of that.

Russell Byfield mentioned the Peninsula diving is supposed to be superb at the moment (but he hasn't been out)

Brian Franks of Dive HQ - has a live-aboard (or live-ashore or combination of both) trip planned to Papua New Guinea in August 2013 - please contact him if interested.

Gadgets

Glenn Bolton showed us his newly acquired VHF/GPS/MMSI Alert unit which can be taken to a depth of 110 metres. At just over \$400 he says it is a great piece of safety equipment that has the added bonus of also being an item that you can also use in trips when you need a portable VHF radio." Find out more at <http://www.nautiluslifeline.com/lifeline-for-divers>

OBTAIN MMSI NUMBER (MOBILE MARITIME SERVICE IDENTITY) A Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) is a series of nine digits that uniquely identifies marine vhf radios and coast guard stations. This can be obtained from the coastguard. Once the red button is activated you can send out an alert message and GPS position to every modern radio within range.

Raffle

The winners of the 8 raffle prizes were Warren Kelly (a superb meat tray by Ashby's Butchery in Sydenham), Glenn W, Jo Mckay, Noelene Page, Andrew Smith, Grant Prebble, Chris Glasson and Paul.

The first of four vouchers donated by Jun Liu of Deep Blue was one of the prizes, and was snapped up by yours truly – I'm looking forward to going in to Deep Blue to spend it. There are three more to go over the next three months so be sure to get your tickets fast at the next meeting!

Next Meeting

Tuesday the 12th of March, 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.

March Speaker

This month's meeting entertainment is to be provided by Warren Kelly.

He will give a presentation and video of the trip that he and Russell Byfield made to Vanuatu to dive and film the wreck of the President Coolidge. This ship is recognized as one of the world's largest accessible diving wreck for sports divers.



Go to <http://www.aquamarinesanto.com/history.html#top> to see the history of this great ship.

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 8) 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 month's raffle in the months of February, March, April and May.

New Member Applications

New membership applications have been received from Andrew Smith, Alan Truscott, Daniel Wyatt, Katherine Shaw and Cory and Natarsha Crawford.

Fundraising – Entertainment Books

Very soon we will have the new edition of the Entertainment Books available to sell. 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

Upcoming Trips and Events

French Pass/Okiwi Bay - November

Grant Prebble will again be 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!

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.

Members Out and About

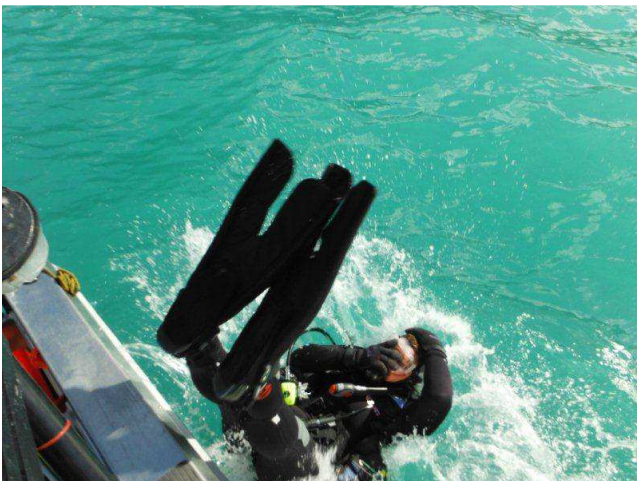
On Saturday the 23rd of Feb, Terry Reilly took his newly acquired boat out for its first dive trip. Tony Glentworth and Rod and Jo Mckay joined him on the trip out from Wainui and around to Squally Bay. Terry was pretty pleased to christen his new boat with a bag of good sized crays.



An omen of good diving to come on this boat!



Luxury cruise ship at anchor in Akaroa harbour



Over she goes! Jo enters the murk



A nice ice bin of crays

Boat For Sale

Now that Terry has this new toy he is selling his old boat, if you are interested then check out Trade Me listing <http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=568630971>

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 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 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 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

Minutes of General Meeting - 12 February 2013

8.10 pm: Grant opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming and welcomed new members and guests.

Members Apologies:

Dominic Manera, Ian Waite, Brian Franks, Terry Reilly, John Schurink, Jens Christensen, Steve Cottrell, Rom van Stolk, Max Wright, Philip Sweetman, Richard Lowen

Special General Meeting:

Warren outlined the reasons for this special general meeting i.e. we were doing a book tidy up and bringing the constitution in line with current procedures (e.g.: emails) and requested that members who did not receive the mail out for this Special General Meeting to contact Jo to ensure that we have all their updated contact information on record.

Warren read out each motion and answered any questions that arose.

The voting went as follows:

Motion 1 : Carried by show of hands

Motion 2 : Carried by show of hands

Motion 3 : Carried by show of hands

Motion 4 : Carried by show of hands

Motion 5 : Carried by show of hands

The club is now in a position to email out notice of AGM, Special General Meetings and the Constitution to new and existing members.

General Business :

Larry Thomas requested that some sort of subsidy goes to the appropriate club members for the organising and running of the club trips to Okiwi Bay and Akaroa last year.

This is to be discussed at committee.

Larry Thomas advised that the tips of sealant tubes make excellent covers for spear gun tips

Glenn Bolton gave a brief run through of the Nautilus Lifeline VHF Radio w/GPS for diving

The club will be selling Entertainment books again, please contact Wayne Lester or Grant Prebble

These are priced at \$65 (with \$13 going to the club)

Easter weekend – The club lodge has limited availability for Easter weekend, with only Rooms 1 and 2 available and Room 4 is available for Friday and Saturday night only.

Glenn Whyte requested that a list of member's phone numbers be available for those that wish to contact other divers for dive trips etc as not everyone uses Facebook or dive buddy option on the website. Warren Kelly will be pushing for this to be done.

Upcoming Club Dive Trips/Weekends scheduled:

Mike Bennett will be doing a trip schedule for the coming year, which will be in the next newsletter, however scheduled trips so far are:

Wainui : 17th February 2013 – Family Day

French Pass: 15th to 17th November (Show Weekend) – there is 14 singles, 5 doubles and a cabin – with 8 people booked in so far.

8.50pm: Grant called the meeting closed.