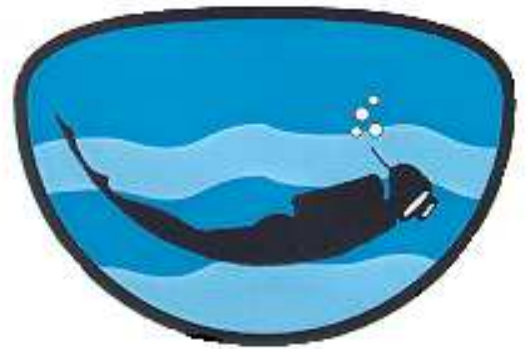


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# Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. Newsletter



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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:

- We listened to Matthew from the NZUA who came along and started by apologising on behalf of the NZUA for past ill treatment and lack of communication. Matthew was down to address any concerns we had and tell us of a number of changes that have been made recently at the NZUA, which include the commercial part being completely separated out into its own; Air Purity Services is now a 'stand-alone' company.

Matthew urged us to consider re-joining the NZUA and even getting someone on the committee for South Island representation, and advised us of recent upgrades to their website which includes a forum.

## Club Meeting Information

### December Meeting Summary

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

### December Raffle Winners

The winners of the December raffle prizes were:

Free Ticket Raffle	Raffle One	Raffle Two
Donna	Gary V	Richard
Danielle	Gareth	Chris G
John	Geoff B	Mike B
Larry T	Larry T	Wayne L
Brian F	Brian F	Danielle

### Next Meeting

Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. Cash bar opens from 7:30pm, meeting begins at 8pm.

### 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.

### February Guest Speaker – Matt Carter

Matt Carter is a maritime archaeologist based here in Christchurch. In 2009 he was awarded the Our-World Underwater Scholarship Society (OWUSS) Australasian Rolex scholarship sending him on the journey of a lifetime.

With the support of the scholarship Matt spent the next twelve months travelling to exotic destinations to work with world renowned maritime archaeologists. Matt’s travels took him to 10 different countries and saw him working on projects ranging from the excavation of a 2800 year old Phoenician shipwreck to mapping Mayan skeletons in the sacred cenotes of the Yucatan. With the experience and contacts gained from his year Matt entered into the world of technical diving where he has combined his archaeological training to map and explore shipwrecks in the Great Lakes.



Matt Carter on the Australasia

## **Club Condolences**

We wish to express our condolences to life member Richard Lowen, whose son Martin Lowen was tragically killed in the glider tow plane crash at Springfield on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January.

Our thoughts are with Richard and his family at this time.

## **New Member Applications**

A membership application has been received from Bryan McGillan.

## **Members Out and About**

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

A wildly popular trip however no report, story or photos have reached the editor...

### **Marlborough Orca Encounter**

Jens Christensen shares his encounter with some Orca:

A photo of the orca off Ngakuta Bay, Grove Arm, Queen Charlotte Sound taken with me and my McLay with a group of mums, dads and kids picked up off the Momorangi Bay wharf for the experience of their lifetime. In fact the next day one 8 or 9 something year old told us it was his best experience in his life 'so far'.

There were quite a few in the pod spread all across the Grove Arm and all in all I spent several hours with them (and the dozens of other boats) but unfortunately I had neither diving gear or uw camera with me at the time.

We were stationery when this photo was taken and had been for several minutes. They just kept swimming around the boats that were in a small cove.



## 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 ☺

### **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

## How to dress up a fire extinguisher

Hmm, wonder if I could try this at my work place??





## 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

124 The Esplanade

Kaikoura

p: 03 319 5120

f: 03 319 6405

e: [norfolkpine@clear.net.nz](mailto: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**

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)

## 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 Glentworth

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

## CANTERBURY UNDERWATER CLUB

### Minutes of Club Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013

#### Meeting opened 8.15 pm: 67 members attended

Grant opened the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and welcomed partners

#### Apologies:

Nigel L, Joan W and Tony G, 021545912 (who ever that was). Terry R and partner late Apologies moved by Dom and seconded by Grant

#### Reading and Approval of Previous club Meeting Minutes from: 12.11. 2013

The minutes were taken as read and accepted. Moved by Ted and seconded by Wayne

#### Matters arising from previous minutes:

There were no matters arising

#### Trip reports/events:

**Okiwi Bay** - 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November. Great trip. 5 boats went. Everyday limits on scallops and cod got, but no kingfish. Booked in for next year and grant has already interested people.

**Christmas Dive** – Family day Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Leaving at 6.00 am Halswell car park. 25 people have put their names down.

**Moeraki** – Grant planning a trip in the New Year. Details of this trip will be advertised later Terry thanked everyone for supporting the club dives this year and getting new members involved. Dom thanked Terry for being trips organiser this year.

**Boat Education Courses** – Lynette taking names for any of the coast guard courses. Radio, day skippers or boat master. We need to have 7 people to run these courses. Discussion was held about other courses that could be more appropriate for diving.

#### Members dive reports

- **Kaikoura** - Joan and Don. Good diving
- **Motunau** – Still soft shells. Diving 7<sup>th</sup> December- great conditions with 15 meters Vis.
- **Australia** – Steve. No photos but he offered movie documentaries

#### General Business

**Life Jackets** – Dom mentioned that the club still has life jackets to sell. Makes great Christmas presents. \$60 each. Available in dive HQ, Deep Blue and Kaikoura dive shop.

**Lodge Payments** – This must be cheque, cash or voucher to get a key. You can't pay by card. Also need to take proof of membership.

**February Meeting** - Matt Carter offered to speak about historical wreck diving.

#### Meeting closed 8.20- pm

Grant called the official part of the meeting closed and welcomed everyone for the Christmas BBQ. He also wished everyone a safe enjoyable break

Warren was thanked for organising the bar all year and the committee for their work and support.