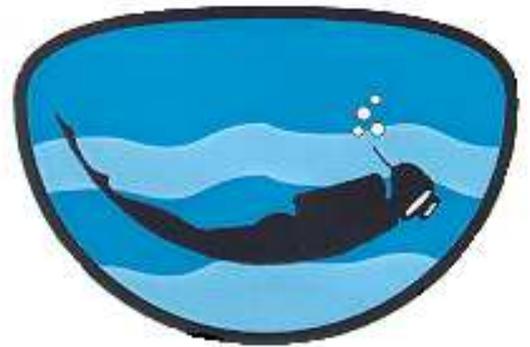


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What's the Committee Been Up To?

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

- Carpet cleaning at the lodge will be quoted for and actioned.
- We need to look at replacing the external door and sill/frame above the fish filleting station – Grant is in discussion with some members regarding this.
- Gary will take the cray cooker away for a service, possibly replacing the burner at the same time.

Club Meeting Information

February Meeting Summary

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

February Raffle Winners

The raffle winners were Steve (guest), Malcolm Howell, Nigel Elson and Scott Rhodes.

February Speaker Summary - Under water Archaeology – Matt Carter

- Matt has been a member of our club since October 2013
- Archaeology is a study of human history and Matt was fortunate to combine his passion of Archaeology and diving when he won the Underwater Rolex Scholarship in 2009. He was the first in NZ to be awarded this and the first in Australia for underwater archaeology.
- The scholarship included money, food, accommodation, travel and gear for Matt to pursue Underwater Archaeology. This led to Matt's experiences and travel to Spain, Lithuania, England, Scotland, USA, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand.
- Ship wrecks and other archaeological sites were mapped out and photographed. Treasures were often brought up to the surface and given to museums for preservation. Matt found an extinct elephants ivory tusk that was over 2800 years old in Spain. Lithuania was very interesting with an underwater village. This village had amazing preservation as there were still intact pots and nets.
- The Wisconsin dive in USA was very exciting as it offered new training using Tri gases and rebreathers to enable diving at 55 meters of water. This ship wreck was amazing as it was completely intact and offered information on how this ship was built as there were no other records.
- NZ – there are about 1500 ship wrecks and Maori sites in NZ. Need to make an inventory of these. This may be challenging as many of the wrecks are in poor condition due to erosion our rough conditions and inaccessible to the sites. Matt is hoping that the conservation ethos in NZ is improving and the public don't take relics from the sites.
- The oldest site that Matt dived was 2800 years old
- The most amazing was Mexico

Next Meeting

Tuesday the 11th of March. 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.

March Guest Speaker – Owen Springfield

Owen will speak to us about the clashes and contradictions between the Commercial Fishery vs Recreational Fishery.

New Member Applications

New membership applications have been received from Peter Hunt and Laurence Sunshine.

Members Out and About

February Family Day – Akaroa 16 Feb

What a stunning morning for a dive and get together. Unfortunately other club members didn't think so as a huge contingent of 2 divers (Burt and Phil) tracked over the hill to Akaroa to meet Wayne with his boat. Due to a few minor electrical issues and starting problems with Wayne's boat, and as the motto goes to "be prepared" Phil took his boat. This was a brilliant idea as it became the tender to get to Wayne's boat which was on a stationary mooring and going nowhere.

What a tinny he is in purchasing this boat. Great find, great asset, a second weekend accommodation get away and will be a lot of fun in the future for him. Lotto would be Phil's answer to own something like this.

However not all was lost with Wayne's boat not being the dive boat as it served its purpose as a breakfast and lunch restaurant, with its fully equipped galley, so bacon and eggs and fresh coffee went down a treat before Phil's boat was equipped with divers (all 3) and their gear.

Upon reaching the harbour heads, the sea was extremely favourable for good diving, calm and clear so the decision was made to turn left and head north towards Pompies Pillar. Burt and Phil had a dive and Wayne being a good skipper managed the boat. Phil's boat was also having a few issues and was running a bit rough and appeared to have fuel problems.

Vis was about 4-5 meters and was enjoyed. Phil used his new Christmas Go pro for the second time and filmed it. (Yet to be edited and resized). Good sized crayfish was got by both divers.

After the first dive everyone decided to return, have lunch and check out the fuel problems. It wasn't a biggy after all (water in the fuel). During lunch break entertainment was supplied by aerobatic jet sky rocket riders (if that's what you call them).

Went out for a second dive to the light house as sea conditions were deteriorating. All issues solved with the fuel as the boat didn't miss a beat. However second dive conditions were similar to the first. Burt and Phil dived the north side walls. It was very encouraging to see large Paua protected by inaccessible depth of about 22 meters (unless you hold the world's record for snorkelling). A short movie was made as memory was lost (that's the Go Pro not Phil- no comments there).

On return to the harbour we were joined by several other boat enthusiasts – yachts, 2 cruise boats, ship to shore life rafts, jet boats, kayaks, and water skies. The usual dolphins frolicked in the bow waves. This would be everyman's dream come true and its' on our back door.

The brilliant day was completed with a beer at Wayne's, as he then nursed his sunburn and did a pretty good colour impression of a beetroot or cooked lobster. It's a shame conditions weren't like this for the Christmas club dive which had to be transferred to Motunau. Sorry to all those who missed out, next time think about supporting the club dives.

Lynette Baker

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 ☺

Entertainment Books – Pre-order now!

This year we want to really get you all behind supporting the club fundraising by selling these Entertainment Books. For every book sold the club gets \$13 and at \$65 per book these are outstanding value, they very quickly pay for themselves after only using a couple of the coupons – one committee member buys two for himself because that's how much use he gets from it!!

Prizes up for grabs:

As an incentive to get selling these to your work mates, family and friends, we are offering the following prizes and incentives:

- Sell 6 books and get one night free accommodation at the lodge.
- Be the person to sell the most books and you get a weekend free accommodation at the lodge.
- Sell 20 or more books and you get your book for free!

How to order:

Get your name, number of books needed and payment to Mark. You can pay by cash, cheque, or direct transfer into our KiwiBank account - 38 9014 0722283 00 (remember to use your name as a reference)

All pre-orders also go into a draw with the Entertainment Book organisation to win a mystery weekend.

Painting Working Bee – May 10th/11th

Grant is organising a painting working bee at the lodge for the 10th and 11th of May. It will involve outside painting of the decks and railings.

Please contact Grant if you would like out help out with this, contact details on page 1.

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!

Life Jacket Neoprene	Life Jacket Adult Foam 'Contender'
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
	
Life Jacket Blaze	Life Jacket Child
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

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

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

Minutes of Club Meeting – 11th February 2014

Meeting opened 8.05 pm; 42 members attended.

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

Guests: Colin W, Steve, Lesley, Emily, Owen S

Apologies: John S, Dave A, Hamuera R, Joan. Apologies moved by Richard and seconded by Ted

Reading and Approval of Previous club Meeting Minutes from: 10.12. 2013

The minutes were taken as read and accepted. Moved by Don and seconded by Paul

Matters arising from previous minutes:

There were no matters arising

Trip reports/events:

Christmas Dive – Due to weather conditions Akaroa was cancelled and transferred to Motunau. Visibility, the dive and catches were good. Instead of a BBQ, everyone stopped at Greta valley for a snack and drinks.

Akaroa Trip 16.2.14 (this weekend) - Wayne reported that he had no one interested. Those that may be interested to see him after the meeting. Wayne will phone interested people Saturday to inform them of weather conditions and if the trip will run. It may also be transferred to Motunau.

Moeraki – Grant hasn't had time to organise this yet. Details of this trip will be advertised later

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. 1 name has been received so far. Those interested to see Lynette after the meeting.

Members dive reports

- **Kaikoura** – Larry reported the last weekend was excellent diving
- **Motunau** – Richard and Phil reported that diving and fishing last weekend was good with about 10 meters of Vis.
- **Bay of Islands** – Phillip dived the Canterbury. A very worthwhile dive, starting to look really good with a lot of growth. Starts at about 14 meters. Well worth the trip.
- **Poor Knights** – Terry reported that the diving in the Bay of Islands is excellent and well worth the cost of taking up his boat.
- **Whangarei heads** – Phil reported diving in the harbour wasn't ideal, few scallops and sting rays. Needed to watch out for Orca's.
- **Dominic** – reported that the swell maps tend to be a little inconsistent at the moment and he has experienced conditions to be quite good when it was projected to be poor

General Business

Life Jackets – Starting to sell

Diving promotion – Frank mentioned that he would like to promote young people into the sport by offering some sort of reduced fees for dive trips. He also offered a dive supervisors course so we can better support young, inexperienced and fellow divers. He would put ideas forward to the committee. We need to be aware to attract new young people to dive. Warren mentioned that this has been an issue for years. Discussion was held and everyone thought it would be a good idea and the committee would welcome any idea how the dive shops and instructors could best support each other.

Condolences – Grant gave condolences to Richard Lowen family for his son's death

March Meeting – Owen Springford offered to speak about commercial and recreation diving.

Radio NZ – Very interesting documentary on protecting great predators – great white sharks

Meeting closed 8.35- pm

Grant called the official part of the meeting closed and introduced Matt Carter (guest speaker)