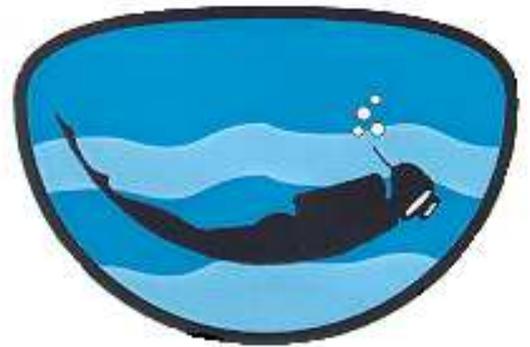


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What's the Committee Been Up To?

A few points from the last committee meeting:

- Discussions around lodge slip and work remaining to be done. Also discussed if we should consider increasing the member rate for lodge stays.
- Mid-winter dinner options discussed.
- Ian had some suggestions about fund-raising; these will be discussed more fully at the next meeting.
- Entertainment Book sales up this year thanks to Lynette and Lesley who have sold over a dozen each themselves.

Club Meeting Information

May Meeting Summary

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

May Raffle Winners

The raffle winners were Gary Vallance, Terry Riley, Brian Franks and Wayne Lester.

Next Meeting

Tuesday the 10th of June. 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.

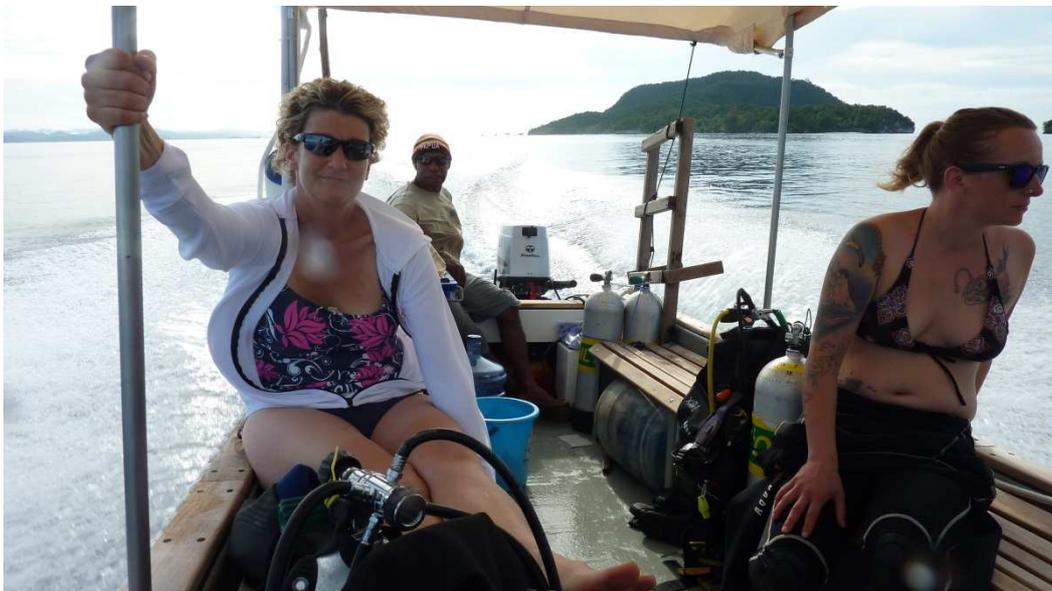
New Member Application

New membership application has been received from Chris Grant.

Members Out and About

Clearly everyone has been stuck on land... come on people – even a small paragraph about a seemingly boring old dive would be welcome!!

I’d tell you about my recent trip to Raja Ampat but that’s being saved up for the July meeting where we can also bore you all with photos. For now you can see my smug face as we headed out to a dive site:



We arrived back from that on Friday the 23rd of May, and the next day joined Phil Baker on his boat, along with Terry and his boat load to head out to Motunau - to a great spot ‘near North Reef’. – From 28 degree water temp in Indonesia to about 15 here!! Phil’s secret spot was pretty much on top of a crayfish convention (although all females in berry) and we also got a good number of blue cod. Rod capped it off by pulling in a decent sized Kahawai which I can tell you, was delicious smoked and turned into smoked fish pie!

Lifejackets for Fundraising – FINAL FEW!!

We only have a few left to sell – a huge thank you to Deep Blue and Dive Kaikoura who have shifted a fantastic number of these.

If you want to take advantage of the life-jacket fundraising offer get in quick to one of these 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. (Perhaps phone ahead to make sure they have stocks left at your chosen store now that we are down to the end of the line.

And on the subject of lifejackets...

Maritime NZ remind you all to maintain your lifejackets!

This media release from Maritime New Zealand highlights the need to wear and maintain lifejackets.

19 May 2014

The double drowning of two men in a boat off Kaikoura in December has reinforced the need for people going out on the water to not only wear lifejackets, but to ensure they are properly maintained.

Auguste Robin Munro Reinke, 79, and Ronald Clarence Monk, 75, drowned after their boat capsized while they were checking crayfish pots on 3 December 2013.

The alarm was not raised until their partially submerged 4.8 metre boat was found drifting close to shore. The Coroner's report states that Mr Reinke was not wearing a lifejacket at the time, while Mr Monk's automatic inflatable lifejacket, designed to inflate when submerged, had not inflated.

Evidence indicated that it had previously been activated through immersion in water and then deflated and re-packed without being serviced. The lifejacket's gas canister, which inflates the lifejacket, was empty. The lifejacket could have been inflated by manually blowing in the mouthpiece provided, but this had not been done.

"Inflatable lifejackets are ideal for people on boats because they allow those wearing them to move freely, but they must be maintained properly," Maritime New Zealand Maritime Officer Domonic Venz said.

"If a lifejacket has been inflated by the gas canister, the canister must be replaced as they do not retain gas for subsequent inflations. Inflatable lifejackets should be checked as part of your pre-boating safety checks every time you go out and serviced every year."

"If people unexpectedly end up in the water and are not wearing a lifejacket, their chances of survival are reduced. There is often not enough time to locate and put on lifejackets, and even if they can be retrieved, it's difficult to put them on once in the water."

It is also important that people going out on the water can call for help if something goes wrong, Mr Venz said. "We recommend boaties carry two waterproof means of emergency communications that will work when wet. In this case, there was no call for help and no alarm raised – with tragic results."

For further information contact:
Maritime New Zealand Media Line
Phone 04 499 7318

Lodge Clean-up Continues

Another working bee 9th and 10th May to clean up the lodge. Grant and Jenny Prebble, and Phil and Lynette Baker made the trip north Friday night for hopefully the last of the slip clean up.

That evening all linen was stripped off the beds and the endless loads of washing commenced through the night so the beds could be remade the following day.

The next day an early start at the lodge as Jenny and Lynette cranked into gear to spring clean the lodge while the boys put mesh barricades around the slip area to prevent people walking on the mud, went down to the hire centre and get a powerful water blaster to clean the parking area – a huge job, lawns and gardens.

By 4.30pm mission completed, Lodge looking super clean – carpets, floors, all furniture washed, windows and joinery (inside and out), oven, cupboards, toilets and showers. The outside looking extremely smart and tidy, ready for the next weekend's big booking.

Once again, a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with the clean-up over the last few weeks.



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 ☺

June Club Trip

This month Terry will be leading a trip to Kaikoura. Please make your own lodge bookings via the usual channel and let Terry know if you are heading up and will need a spot on a boat or will have spare spots to offer on your own boat.

Mid-winter Dinner – July 5th

A venue is still to be finalised – ideally we would like it to be somewhere from the Entertainment Book. If you have a suggestion about a restaurant then please contact Dominic or Wayne or raise it at the June club night.

Dive Supervisor Course (Will only be run if sufficient numbers found)

If you are interested in the Dive Supervisor Course that Brian Franks spoke about at the April club night please contact Lynette (contact details on page 1) and if we get enough members interested a date can be determined. Information about this course is attached to this newsletter.

Marlborough Sounds – October

Terry Reilly will be leading a trip to the Marlborough Sounds at Labour Weekend. Check the website for more details or get in touch with Terry to register your interest.

French Pass/Okiwi Bay - November

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

The trip still has a few spots left so let Grant know if you are interested as the places are not confirmed until everyone has paid! Please get your deposit to Grant ASAP to secure your place.

Recipe – Baked Crayfish Tails with Mustard and Oregano

You only need the tails for this recipe, allow one small one per person (recipe should do 4 small ones):

Remove the meat from the shell and carefully cut off any membrane, dry shells and meat then place the meat back in the shell. Cover with the following mixture which you have heated together over a low heat in a small pot:

2 T butter

3T Extra Virgin Olive Oil

3 T chopped flat leaf parsley

Oregano – 1 T if fresh, 2 t if dried

1 T Dijon mustard

Fine sea salt and fresh ground black pepper

Then sprinkle with 1 ½ T fine dry breadcrumbs

Bake at 200C for 12 to 14 mins depending on the size of the crays and serve with crusty bread for sopping up the tasty juices.

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 – 13th May 2014

Meeting opened 8.00 pm: 29 members attended

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

Apologies: Jo and Rod McKay, John Schurink, Don and Joan, Phillip S, Chris Glasson, Ted L, Ian W, Larry Thompson, Russell B, Bruce Street, Steve C,
Apologies accepted by Dominic, Seconded by Wayne

Reading and Approval of Previous club Meeting Minutes from: 8.4. 2014

The minutes were taken as read and accepted. Moved by Richard L and seconded by Grant P

Matters arising from previous minutes: There were no matters arising

Trip reports/events:

Club trip 18.5.14 (this weekend) Akaroa. Terry taking names of those who are interested

Moeraki – Grant will organise this when he gets back. (End of May-June) Details advertised later.

French Pass (13th – 17th November) – 19 names of interested people. See Grant if you want to go. \$30 a night for accommodation. Grant needs deposits.

Terry wants to organise a night dive with Paul. This will be advertised.

Members dive reports

- **Nuie** – Paul reported great diving and sea life
- **Thailand** – Grant reported a lot of sea life and fish but no coral - all dead. Not sure what has caused this. Also a lot of sea urchins.
- **Lake Wakatipu (Queenstown)** – Warren reported that he went on different adventure experience that was a lot of fun. Water cold 11 degrees.
- **Kaikoura** – Burt dived in Kaikoura after one of the clean ups. A lot of female Crays with eggs seen at the moment. Conditions quite good
- **Stewart Island** – Burt P. went diving with the great white sharks (about 4m in length). Fantastic experience, well run trip. Water temp about 8 degrees. Quite cold.
- **Samoa** – Mark E reported great warm diving

General Business

Club entertainment books – Wayne reminded members about entertainment books, purchasing them to help assist with lodge expenses. Still \$65. The books can be used immediately. Wayne picking them up Thursday. Orders can be picked up from Wayne or Dominic's business in town. Otherwise they will be delivered next club meeting.

Lodge. Grant and Dominic reported on the slip damage and the progress of the clean-up. All the mud has been removed by the council (estimated to be about 25-30 truckloads). A huge saving for the club. There is still mud under the Annex but this is too difficult to be removed as it is very sticky and heavy when wet, and like concrete when dry. The problem of future slips has not been resolved. There may need to be another retainer wall built to divert the water and future slips away from the buildings. Grant and Mark plan to meet the Kaikoura council next week to discuss the damage, liability and future directions.

Mike Bennett asked about the expenses to date. Mark reported to date it was about \$1600, but the committee are trying to recover the costs through insurance. To date there has been two sub committees formed. One for the initial clean up and the second to look at the future and the legal aspects

Dominic stressed that everything has been recorded in writing and that the committee has conducted several special meetings and are working in the best interests for all members and the lodge. He also thanked those who attended the clean ups over the last 3 weeks. A huge effort was put in.

Mike Bennett moved that a motion of thanks to everyone who helped.

Brain Franks Proposal. Brian asked if there was any interest in his proposal. Grant responded not at this stage but people have had other things to deal with. Lynette mentioned that the proposal had been put into the newsletter and that she would collect names of those interested.

Meeting closed 8.30- pm

Grant called the official part of the meeting closed.