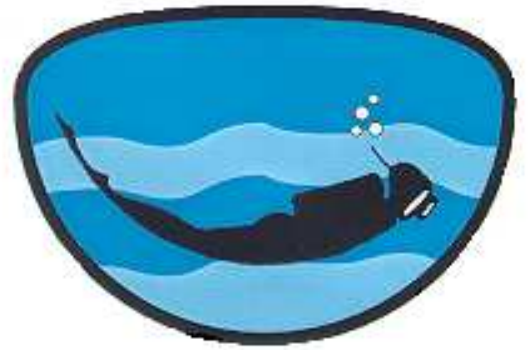


October 2014

# Canterbury Underwater Club Inc. Newsletter



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## Committee Members 2014 - 2015

Committee members are here to help if you have a question about the club or any of our facilities.

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## What's the Committee Been Up To?

A couple of sub-committees are on the go, we had new committee members join the 'lodge slip' sub-committee to replace some of the last committee who didn't seek re-election, and we also formed a small sub-committee to take on the organising of the 60's party to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November – a lot of work for both sub-committees!

## New Members

No new member applications received this month.

## Club Meeting Information

### September Meeting Summary

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

After the formal part of the meeting we announced the winners of this year's photo competition. Rod Mckay took out the underwater category while John took out the above water category. I'll see if I can arrange to have both of these winning entries for you in the next newsletter.

We also applauded Lesley and Lynette for the outstanding number of Entertainment books they both sold to help raise funds for the club.



Rod Mckay (left) and John Schurink with their photo competition trophies.

### September Raffle Winners

The raffle winners were 1<sup>st</sup> - Mark Ewing (chicken), 2<sup>nd</sup> – Phil Baker (\$50 voucher form Deep Blue Diving), 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wayne Lester (pork roast), 4<sup>th</sup> Mark Ewing (schnitzel), 5<sup>th</sup> – Ted Loughnan (steak) and 6<sup>th</sup> – Don Smith (lamb chops)

### Next Meeting

Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. 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. Please park neatly on the grass verges, and with consideration for others.

### October Entertainment - Speaker from the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI)

This month we will have Jonathon Drury along from the MPI to speak about matters concerning the taking of fish, specifically in the Kaikoura Marine Management area and the new rules required in that area.

This should be very informative so please also come prepared with any questions on this topic that you might have for our speaker.

## **Membership Renewal**

You'll find the membership renewal form on page 5. We only have about half of the membership renewed at this stage so please get onto this soon if you are one of the ones who have not!

Remember that if you have not paid by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November you will no longer receive membership rates at the lodge, nor will you receive a newsletter.

## **For Sale - Sea Biscuit**

Joan and Don have an 'as new' Sea Biscuit for sale. It's only been used once and is in as new condition.  
\$75.00

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## **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 ☺

### **October - Marlborough Sounds**

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.

### **November - French Pass/Okiwi Bay**

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

THIS TRIP IS NOW FULL, there are half of you booked that have not yet paid your deposit – please respect the trip organiser by getting this paid now. \$40 per person.

## November 1st – Club 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party – Kaikoura Dive Lodge

Join the committee to celebrate the club's 60th at our Kaikoura club house. Register with Lynette or tell her next club evening.

- \* 60's theme - music, and fancy dress
- \* Main meal catered – Pig on a spit, other meats, salads, hot vegetables, breads
- \* 3 drink vouchers - beer and wine then it is BYO
- \* Bring a plate of nibbles or finger dessert to share. (Lynette will send out a list closer to the time).

We are planning to open the bar at 5.00pm and the meal will be served between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Drink vouchers, your meal, entertainment and accommodation (if available and booked) are included in the ticket price. (\$50 for a double ticket, \$30 for a single. Priority for tickets and accommodation will be given to members first)

Wayne Lester is still taking bookings for beds at the lodge. Not many left now!

For catering purposes the committee would like all those intending to join us to register by contacting Lynette either by email [secretary@canterburyunderwater.org.nz](mailto:secretary@canterburyunderwater.org.nz) or phone on 021 058 3566.

Please register even if you are not staying at the lodge.

CANTERBURY  
UNDERWATER  
CLUB

60's

SATURDAY 1ST NOV  
5PM TIL LATE  
CUC LODGE, KAIKOURA

THEME - THE SWINGING SIXTIES!  
TICKETS - SINGLE - \$30  
DOUBLE - \$50

PARTY!

## Membership Renewal Form

Canterbury Underwater Club Inc  
PO Box 2287  
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### Annual Subscription Invoice for the Period 1st July 2014 to 30th June 2015

#### Fees:

Senior \$75.00  
Junior \$45.00 (up to 18<sup>th</sup> birthday)  
Couple \$85.00  
Veteran \$36.50 (60 years and over with five or more years of CUC membership)

\*A rebate of \$5.00 is allowed if payment is received before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

Members who fail to pay their subscription by the 30th November 2014 will have their names removed from the club list and will have to reapply for membership and pay the joining levy.

Remittance may be sent to PO Box 2287, Christchurch, or paid to the Treasurer at monthly meetings, or remitted directly into our Bank Account online or via any branch:

KiwiBank Limited

Account Name: CANTERBURY UNDERWATER CLUB INCORPORATED

Account Number: 38 9014 0722283 00

Please make sure you include **your name** and "CUC Subscription" as a reference.

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PLEASE COMPLETE, DETACH AND PRESENT WITH PAYMENT

Type of Subscription: (Circle one)    Senior / Junior / Couple / Veteran

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse / Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:    Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give permission for the above details to be included in the club membership listing which is circulated to members of the Canterbury Underwater Club Inc from time to time.

YES     NO

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



## Underwater Photo Bombs!

Thanks to Lynette for sending this photo in to share – it's a pretty good photo bomb effort by this colourful fish!



And what about the wee shrimp at the bottom right of this image that I snapped in Raja Ampat – so much for a photo of the P47 cockpit and instrument panel that I was trying to get!



## NZ Ice Fest - Ice Divers: What Lies Beneath in the Deep, Dark, Depths

I went along to a few of the speakers at the NZ Ice Fest which is currently on in Christchurch. I was really looking forward to this one about the Ice Divers and while it was an interesting talk unfortunately it was quite heavy on the science of what they were doing down there and less about the actual diving. It was great to see a couple of other club members there – hopefully Bert went and asked them some hard questions at the end! Here is a review of the bits I found most interesting.

Most of the diving is done under 'fast ice' which is sea ice that is about 1 year old and is between 1 to 2 metres thick. Generally the divers are only at depths of around 25 metres at the most, and dive time is limited to maximum of 40 minutes. This is more to do with the cold than to do with depth. There are no waves and very little current, and because there is no land runoff the visibility is extremely good.

They use twin tanks for redundancy and are tethered to a 'line holder' person on surface on a 50 metre rope for both safety and signalling. There are two divers in and one on standby and they always have two exit holes available. Having two holes is not only for safety but also because occasionally a Weddell Seal has decided that one of the exit holes makes a great place to haul out or just hang around for breathing! The Weddell's are in close because they are pupping, and luckily because the sea ice is so thick the divers don't see other mammals that need to breathe often such as leopard seals and orca – the Weddell's are special because they can hold their breath a very long time, and can also scrape holes in the ice if they need to get to the surface.

The thickness of the sea ice determines the amount of algae that grows under it and the thicker the ice, the fewer algae there is and therefore the sparser the sea life is. At 5 to 6 metres thick, there is not much to see under the ice, but where it is 1 to 2 metres thick the divers see red cushion stars, large anemones, and hundreds and hundreds of scallops. These scallops are 7 to 8 cm in diameter and because there are no crushing predators, and also because there is not much carbonate in the water they have very delicate shells – divers have to be very careful if picking things up not to break the shell.

Because the algae that grows on the underside of the sea ice is such an important part of the food chain, the divers and scientists have recently set up experiments to study the effect of warming and acidification on the algae. They have a series of Perspex chambers the divers can attach to the underside of the ice and then they can add warm water to these, or alter the pH and observe and measure the algae growth.

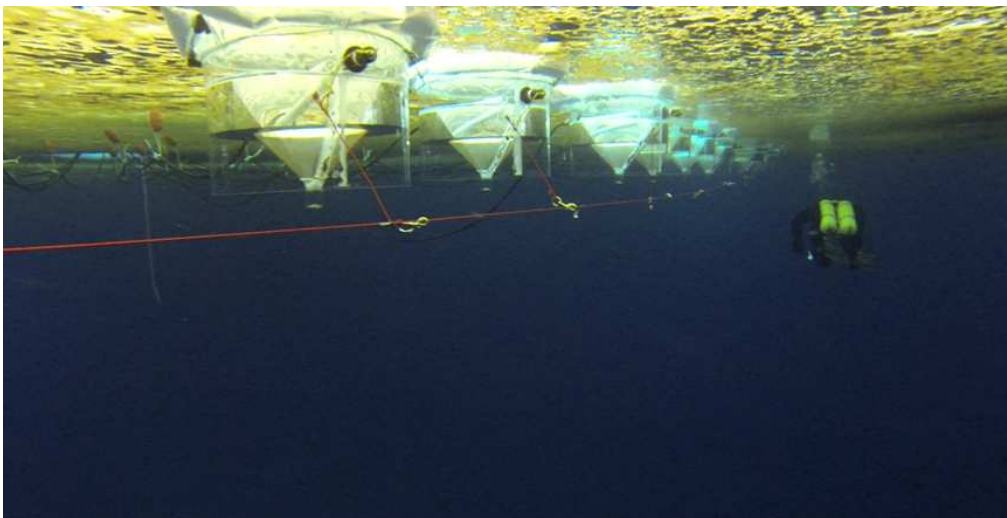


Photo credit NIWA

Already the data from the preliminary trials has shown that an increased change in pH and warmth reduces the production of algae and therefore the uptake of nutrients from that.



Another type of diving done in Antarctica is in fresh water lakes. Here they will tend to use re-breathers so as not to disturb or change the water column. In Lake Vanda for example there are no invertebrates found – only microbes and bacterial colonies so divers are very careful to not introduce anything which might change this. It was interesting to learn that water flows into Lake Vanda but none flows out if it – it all leaves via evaporation only.

This was one of three talks we attended, the one on Shackleton's Whisky was VERY interesting and informative but that's a whole 'nuther story!

## Recipe – Hot Goan Fish Curry

Thanks to Warren Price for sending in this recipe to share with the club.

### **Ingredients:**

1 teaspoon cayenne pepper	1 teaspoon cumin seeds
1 tablespoon paprika	400ml can of coconut milk
½ teaspoon ground turmeric	¾ teaspoon salt
4 cloves garlic – peeled and crushed	3 pieces of kokum (available in most Indian shops)
2.5 cm piece fresh ginger – peeled and finely grated	OR 1 tablespoon tamarind paste
2 tablespoons coriander seeds	500gm fish

### **Method:**

Combine cayenne pepper, paprika, turmeric, garlic and ginger with 300ml of water in a bowl. Grind the coriander and cumin seeds and add to the mix.

Put the spice mixture into a pan and simmer on a medium to low heat for 10 minutes. When the sauce has reduced and thickened, add the coconut milk, salt, and kokum (or tamarind paste) and bring back to simmer.

Add the fish, continue to simmer, stirring occasionally until just cooked through (about 5 mins) Discard the kokum and serve with basmati rice.



## 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

### **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 be 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 and no earlier than midday.
3. Please do NOT use the motel's 0800 number; doing so will incur a \$4 charge.
4. Please let Norfolk Pine 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.



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## 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

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting: 9th September 2014

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

**Members Attended: 44**

**Members Apologies:** Brett Weir, Robyn Black, Norm Tipuna, Larry Thomas, Andrew Lester, Terry Reilly, Joan Werner

Accepted Sheila, seconded Grant

### **Reading and Approval of minutes from AGM 14th August 2013**

Minutes were read and approved. Moved: Dominic Manera, Seconded: Wayne Lester

### **Matters Arising**

- Revaluation of lodge; this has not been actioned
- Insurance; the last quote obtained was in 2012. Discussion was held whether the club should look at getting other quotes from different insurance companies but the slip damage would need to be declared. Vero has declined all responsibility and claim towards the slip.
- Depreciation of lodge; Tony enquired whether the club should be declaring a depreciation with the auditor as the club is making money through the lodge and shouldn't be claim grants as a charitable trust. Mark explained that the audited accounts are legal and within the regulations. Copies are sent to the charitable trust and are accepted. The club is not using the income as a Tax deduction. Mike Bennett suggested that it was up to the committee to supply the auditor all the information. Discussion was held. Mike Bennett concluded that the club should leave things as they are.

### **Trips Report**

- Kaikoura- Norm Tipuna was diving Kaikoura two weeks ago and mentioned that the new reserve regulations and catch quotas are now been enforced, and that all club members should be made aware of these. Ian Waite mentioned that it would be a good idea that these notices were advertised at the lodge. Dominic mentioned that there was a good free app for your phones that could be downloaded from NZ fishing rules, as the brochures are unclear of the boundaries. Warren price mentioned that it would be a good idea to get a speaker from the Ministry of Fisheries.
- NapiNap – Norm Tipuna reported that conditions were great, calm and flat with about 1.5 meters of Vis just off the shore. There was also a close blue line.
- Akaroa Trip scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September (this weekend). Contact Terry Reilly
- Labour Weekend Trip scheduled for Marlborough sounds, with a plan to dive the Mikhail Lermontov, and go out to the Groper Hole. No cod fishing is allowed, but can fish for Trumpeter, Gurnard and dive for scallops. See Terry Reilly to get your name down, at present 4 boats are going.
- Show Weekend Trip schedule for Okiwi Bay – this is full, Half have paid a deposit, other deposits are required now see Grant Prebble.
- 5 Dives Trip in the Bay of Islands scheduled for February is been organised by Gareth. 3 members are already going. Details were in the last newsletter and there was a separate email.

All planned trips will still be updated to the Trips Calendar on the website.

## **Treasurers Report**

Mark reported about the expenses- several have gone down – power, rates, newsletter costs, stamps, and insurance. Items that have increased include –lodge expenses (\$1675.00 due to the slip) and auditing fees have slightly increased. Other expenses include \$300 donation to the Westpac Helicopter and miscellaneous \$300.

Lodge rental (\$14,317.00) down from last year (\$17,505.00) due to the lodge been not available for over a month due to the slip and the loss of 2 large bookings. Poor weather and sea conditions this past year has also contributed to poor booking numbers. There has been a loss of \$3,188.72. The lodge income was contributed from 24.2% members and 75.8% non-members.

Other forms of income have been from Life Jackets – we still have a few to sell and the Entertainment Books – Mark hasn't the final figure as not all accounts have been received.

Dominic mentioned that the club will need \$2,500.00 for legal advice to communicate with the Kaikoura council, Ecan, and the owners of the property above the lodge concerning the slip.

Discussion was held about increasing the lodge booking and club revenue. Dominic mentioned that the committee have been working on promoting the lodge to other clubs and organisations. Ted is drafting letters and Gary has distributed posters to dive shops. Warren Price mentioned that working crews could also be another avenue to promote the lodge. Mike Bennett suggested that we could also promote the lodge with other diving clubs. Lynette mentioned that this has been done through the NZU organisation. Mark mentioned that the lodge bookings are now increasing.

Warren Kelly enquired about kiwi bank fee charges. Mark commented that he would enquire about reductions.

Mike Bennett moved to accept the treasurer's report. John Schurink seconded.

Dave, on behalf of the club, thanked Mark for his work as treasurer for the past year.

## **Presidents Report**

Grant Prebble said that as all members should now have received his report he would not read it and asked that it be moved as passed. Dominic Manera seconded. Grant thanked Warren for working behind the bar, Jo for the fantastic job as editor and all the extra things she does, Lynette for being secretary, the committee for all their hard work and support and Steve Curry for all his Geo science assistance.

## **Election of Officers**

The following were nominated and accepted positions:

President: Wayne Lester  
Vice President: Don Smith  
Secretary: Lynette Baker  
Treasurer: Mark Buckland  
Editor: Jo McKay

Committee: Phil Baker, Mark Ewing, Gareth Halliburton, Owen Springford, Bert Parker, Lesley Curry, Steve Curry



Grant asked for any calls from members who may be interested in being on the committee. Warren Price expressed an interest.

Dave thanked Grant as outgoing President for all his work he had done over the past 2 years.

### **Special General Meeting:**

5 Motions were put forward for voting, the voting went as follows:

Motion 1: Related to not differentiating between the genders. Warren Kelly moved to amend the wording to exclude the gender differences in clause 4 not delete, Seconded Warren Price. Amendment Carried by show of hands. Motion carried.

Motion 2: Related to life members not being able to hold office: Grant Prebble read out an email from Brian Ayres disagreeing with this motion. Don spoke to the motion and stated that the wording was from the constitution in place 2001. There was a lot of discussion around the meaning of "holding office" and whether life members could still be on the committee but not be an officer. Mike Bennett made an amendment to change to wording from holding office to officer. Tony seconded. Motion was put to vote 6 for, majority against (show of hands). Motion not carried.

Motion 3: Related to allowing Postal voting: Discussion held. Warren Kelly moved that 17a be deleted, and 17b and 17c remain in the motion. Motion was put to vote 4 against, majority for. Motion carried by show of hands.

Motion 4: Related to indemnity changing the wording in the constitution to include and/or between the words act and omissions: Carried by show of hands.

Motion 5: This was a notification not a motion. Wayne Lester withdrew it as a motion. A lot of discussion was held around whether the new subscription structure included new member. The new committee would need to reword the notification.

### **General Business**

- Jens mentioned that Ashleigh Horn was resigning from the club and that he had been a financial member for a long time. Stories were told about some of his diving experiences. Grant thanked him for his membership and everyone clapped to show appreciation.
- Dominic mentioned the 60<sup>th</sup> party at the lodge- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Wayne Lester is taking bookings for the lodge and Jens for his place next door.

### **Trophies and Awards**

John Tinniswood Trophy – was awarded to Terry Reilly for services to the club – organising all the club trips and offering up his boat.

Photo Competition Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Below Water: Rod McKay

1<sup>st</sup>place: Above Water: John Schurink

Overall Winner: Rod McKay

Selling 16 Entertainment books: Lesley Curry

Selling 25 Entertainment books: Lynette Baker

**9.50 pm:** Grant called the meeting closed.