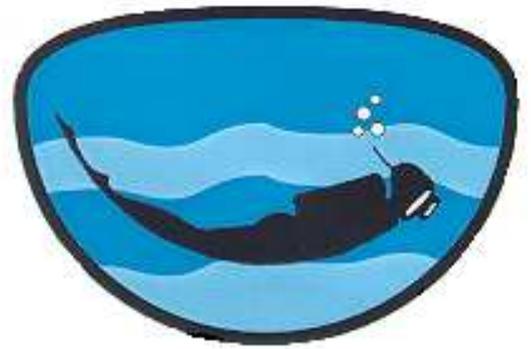


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Club Meeting Information

December Meeting Summary

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

December Meeting Review – by Lynette Baker

What a brilliant fun night. The committee and the dive shops (Deep Blue and Dive HQ) donated 30 gifts to be auctioned with the value ranging from \$5 to \$200. The auctioneer Jens was extremely successful driving up the prices to earn the club \$1276.00. Well done Jens - a bit of a dark horse with that talent.

A few members had bargains and others spent large amounts of money for flashing pens (the Treasurer being one). Let's hope that's not a real reflection on his accounting! Wayne the president paid \$35 for a few slices of Jo's special ginger crunch - expensive morning tea for the boys. Grant paid \$35.00 for a large 3kg block of cheese; he then wanted to win a cheese slice, crackers and wine – that didn't come.

After the excitement of the auction the Christmas BBQ was served, another great effort from the team who stayed in the background cooking. The evening was completed with the cutting of the second Anniversary cake. Warren Kelly did those honours being the eldest member there.

Thanks everyone for making it such a fun night.



Next Meeting

Tuesday the 10th of February. Please arrive at 7:30pm, meeting starts at 8pm as normal. There is no planned speaker; we'll just be having a catch-up on everyone's summer adventures ☺

Upcoming Trips

Please make sure you check the website for trips and events.

To Give Away

Larry has rescued some theatre prop chain from the tip which was going to be dumped by the Court Theatre.

It looked too good to be biffed out and he thought maybe it might be useful for someone with a dive shop or similar. It has the odd nick out of it here and there but otherwise someone has gone to a lot of effort to make it!

A re-spray with some appropriate rust colour paint would bring it up a treat instead of the gold that is on there.

If you are interested in some or all of this please contact Larry on 383 7497 or email larryandrobyn@xtra.co.nz



We Need a Chimney at the Lodge – by Don Smith

What a brilliant run of weather we had over Christmas!! It was especially pleasing for the folks who made it to the clubhouse for some diving fun.

Jon Smith got an early handicap start but Anne had to come up after a few days when Jon got sick of his own cooking

Joan and I lobbed in on Christmas Eve and immediately set about getting a dive and grabbing a feed. Paul Yellowlees was having fun of a wheeled nature on his quadbike. Over the next few days Terry and his team along with Ian Waite, Eddie and Sheila Stancombe arrived.

Ian Waite and Eddie were engaged in measuring the depth of the sand in South Bay. On two occasions Ian dropped Eddie where he could do his sand measuring, but, later in the day Ian dropped Eddie on ROCKS where no sand measuring could be done. All in the interests of science.

Into the New Year the blisteringly hot conditions continued and the state of South Bay was pretty good so a lot of diving was done by the few who made it up to the lodge. At one stage we could have fired a shotgun down the hall and not hit anyone so empty was the place.

The North side was not the best for diving due to the NW conditions but as the water heated up it was the place for a swim of an evening.

Perhaps, in the future we will have to install a chimney at the lodge so Santa will visit at Christmas.



Joan Werner at South Bay (hey Don... you need to set the date and time on your GoPro!!)

South East Asian Crayfish Salad by Brett McGregor

2 good size Crays, dropped into boiling water for 4 minutes. Plunged into cold water and split in half and set aside.

Salad

1 cup mung beans
1 red chilli, sliced into thin strips
100g sugar-snap peas, sliced on an angle
3 kaffir lime leaves, sliced very thinly
1/2 fresh coconut shaved
2 shallots, sliced
1/2 cucumber, sliced
1/2 cup of each, mint, coriander and chives

Method

Combine all ingredients.

Garnish

Lime wedges, toasted pumpkin seeds

Dressing

1/2 red chilli, deseeded and diced
1/2 clove of garlic, mashed
1 tbsp lime juice
1 tbsp sugar
1 tsp fish sauce
Place ingredients into a jar and shake to combine.

To assemble

Place dressing over salad ingredients and combine. Add Crayfish and gently combine. Serve on a large platter.



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 Meeting held 9th December 2014

Meeting opened 8.10 pm

Wayne opened the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and welcomed partners.
Approximately 30 members attended

Guests: Simon Dixon, Jeremy Brown (all these men joined the club)

Apologies: Robyn Black, Andrew Lester, Craig Henderson, Larry, Dominic, Mark, Richard Chitty, Lawrence, Joan W, Richard Lowen
Apologies accepted by Wayne, Seconded by Don

Reading and Approval of Previous club Meeting Minutes from: 11.11 2014

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

Matters arising from previous minutes: None

Trip reports/events:

Club trips - Gareth spoke about all the planned activities on the website calendar. He and Terry remained in the sounds for 10 days diving and fishing. Heaps of scallops but no Kingfish or Snapper. Last weekend was the off shore Paua dive. That was also a lot of fun.

Akaroa Christmas dive trip – 20th December with the 21st December as reserve date. This is a family event where the club gets together for picnic in Akaroa. Phil Baker is organising this trip so those interested need to contact Phil 0273636014. It is planned that everyone meets at the Halswell Tavern carpark. Phil will contact people closer to the time on details and whether the trip is on or not.

Members dive reports

- **Jeremy** – reported that he had a 5 day dive trip in the sounds getting scallops
- **Phil and Warren** – reported a very successful dive trip to Motunau getting the quota of crayfish
- **Phil and Lynette** – reported a great days fishing a Motunau
- **Northland dive (5th February)** – Gareth reported that there are still a few spaces available

General Business

MAF- Members reported that crayfish clipping is being monitored very closely by MAF and divers need to be careful.

Thank-you's

- Wayne read a thank you letter from the committee to the members
- Warren Price was thanked for his amazing efforts with reducing the lodge insurance, his fundraising efforts for the lodge slip expenses with charity organisations and organising drainage analysis of slip water flow.
- Warren Kelly thanked for his behind the scenes support, cleaning the BBQ, getting the room ready, opening the building early, running the bar – all this is really appreciated.

Social Club evening – Wayne asked members to support the social club evening to operate the bar this Friday night 5.00-12.00. This is important for the club to do this as it allows the club to use the clubrooms rent-free. Ted, Grant, Simon and his wife, Phil and Lynette volunteered.

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Wayne called the official part of the meeting closed.