

## COMBINED CLUB'S DIVE WEEKEND.

The weekend began on the Friday night when a whole heap of us met for a few drinks in the Beachfront Tavern. It was great to catch up with a few of the names that you see from the various clubs and we also loosely organised a few of the dives for the next day.

For Ocean Divers our diving started early Saturday morning with 6 of us meeting at the Bicheno Dive Centre at 6.30am for a pre-dawn dive on The Castle. The weather was flat and we were in for a great day. Bruce from BDC took us out and we were soon in the dark waters and heading down to the entrance of The Castles swim-through.

Unfortunately for me, my trusty buddy Craig Harris zipped my dry suit up in the dark and left 2mm of zip open!! So yes, you guessed it, I got fairly wet, much to my dive mates delight! The dive on The Castle was fantastic! The vis was round 15 m+ , the place was packed with crays, sea whips and the usual assortment of fish. There was a little swell running so deco was a bit of a hat-dance in 5m. But soon the fantastic dive was over and we were heading back for a warm coffee at the Dive Centre.

With the first dive over by 8am, we met the rest of the Clubs at 9.30 to sort out the day. We organised a dive for beginner / intermediate at Blue Waters at the northern part of the Gulch. The other Clubs headed for a boat dive out in the Governor Island Marine Reserve. Our dive was great with some new faces like Sally and Daniel coming along and enjoying themselves. It was an easy entry off the rocks and a nice easy swim out over 4-5 metres then down amongst the cliffs and the myriad of fish and even the odd octopus, much to Daniels dislike! With the early morning sunlight shining on the cliffs the dive was fantastic.

The afternoon was for the Scuba Olympics. There were 3 events down on the beach with a scuba equipment relay along the beach, an underwater navigation course, and the most waited for event the big Spud Hunt! All I can say it was a great time with much laughter, and yes, **Ocean Divers kicked some serious ass!!** and won the overall event.

That night the Clubs all got together for a BBQ at the Lions Park which was supplied by Bruce at the Bicheno Dive Centre! There was plenty of stories of the days events and a few beers poured.

Later, we all got together again at the Beachfront for a presentation by Ian Cooksie from Aqua Scuba about diving on Maria Island, The Wynyard Dive Centre on North West diving plus a great talk from Bay of Fires Diving Centre, a new venture out of Binalong Bay. All gave us great reasons to check them out, and I will be doing just that very soon. The night also featured videos of Bicheno and Eaglehawk Neck, plus some great prizes won from the various raffles run on the night.

After a late night we gathered again on Sunday. The TSDC did a dive out in the Reserve then some boat dives on Blue Waters, while Ed, Glenn, Peter K & I took the boat out into the Reserve. Although it was flat, there was a 2m swell running so Glenn and I did a dive onto the Golden Bommies, while Ed kept the boat live. Unfortunately the big swell kicked up a lot of muck

and vis at 35m was down to 3-5 metres. We did a 20 min bottom in gloomy conditions then made a mid-water ascent from 20 to complete the dive due to it being too surgy near the shallower reefs. All in all it was not a bad dive.

Ed and Peter did a shallower dive in the north Gulch area and had a good time too.

The Combined Dive Weekend was a fantastic idea and great to catch up with the 45 odd divers from around the state. A big thank you to Drew and the Committee from TSDC for making it a huge success, WELL DONE!!

And I hope Ocean Divers can get more involved with this event next year. And as I said - Ocean Divers are the State Champions!!!! We're even getting a trophy to put up in the Compressor Station.!!

Ken

***The  
OCEAN DIVERS  
Team in action at the recent  
Combined Club's SCUBA Olympics.***



**"Run Phil. Run."**



Although the boys did well in the Scuba Olympics, they found that Progressive Barn Dancing wasn't for them as they had tremendous difficulty in finding their next partners . . . . .

GET OUT OF IT GLEN! I KNOW MY FIN GOES ON THIS END . . .

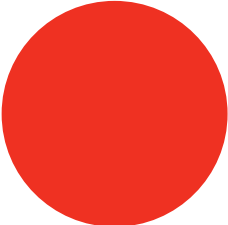
NOW I KNOW WHY GLEN'S MASK LEAKS !!





TOLD YOU WE  
COULD MAKE A  
DIVER ! . . . . .  
WELL, ALMOST.

The weight of the world is a lot less underwater . . . . .



*If you have a RED dot on the front cover of this Narcosis, your 2005/06 Membership Fees are due now.*

*\$50 for a Single Member. \$60 for a Family Membership. Make Cheques payable to Ocean Divers Plus Inc. OR Pay in person at any Damp Dive.*

**POST-EASTER QUIZ.**

WHICH CLUB MEMBER DECIDED TO SWAP THE LOCKS ON THE TWO COMPRESSOR STATION DOORS ON HIS WAY OUT?

WHOSE KEY DID HE BORROW?

WHY DIDNT HE USE HIS OWN KEY?

HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE CLUB COULD THEN HAVE ACCESS TO THE COMPRESSOR?

HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE CLUB SHOULD NORMALLY HAVE ACCESS TO THE BACKROOM AT THE COMPRESSOR STATION?

WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WOULD AN UNAUTHORISED CLUB MEMBER NEED TO ACCESS THE BACKROOM OF THE COMPRESSOR STATION?

DID THE CLUB MEMBER DENY OR OWN UP?

DID HE NEED TO GO DIVING TO GET HIS NAME IN NARCOSIS?

BONUS POINTS TO THE FIRST CLUB MEMBER WHO CAN FIND THIS QUIZ ON THE NET.