



Birthday Party in Kelso

THE KELSO branch of the Scottish Sub-Aqua Club celebrated their 20th anniversary in March with a dinner at the Black Swan Hotel in Kelso. During the dinner a raffle was held which raised £205 for the local RNLI Station.

Amongst the 38 club members and partners who attended the dinner, were three of the original members of the club. These long standing members were invited to cut a cake bearing the club logo and the inscription 'We Planned our Dive and Dived our Plan for 20 Years'.

A great night was had by all, and it was remarked that this was only a rehearsal for the silver anniversary in five years time. A big thank you should go to the Black Swan Hotel, Aquastars Dive Centre for providing the raffle prizes, and to Alastair Innes for taking the official photographs of the evening.



Photographs: top - club members enjoying the 20th anniversary event (courtesy Alastair Innes) and bottom - cutting the cake (courtesy David Fuller-Shapcott)

CLUB UPDATE

TRIP TO KILDA

LOTSAC, the Edinburgh based branch of ScotSAC have six spaces available for a week's live aboard to dive the Western Isles and St Kilda. The group consists of 5 Master Divers and 1 Open water Diver, all are active divers who enjoy scenic and wreck diving. The boat is Loyal Mediator (Gem Marine)

www.geministorm.co.uk/

Details are as follows:
Date - July 22/29, 2005
Departs - Oban
Divers - 12
Nitrox - yes
Cost - £540
Deposit - £100
Berths: 2,2,4,4

Interested parties can get more information by contacting George Gray on 0131 331 1001 h or 07789355629 - m / email - george.gray1@btinternet.com - home or george.3.gray@bt.com - work

BUSY DAY FOR GRANT

GRANT ADAMS reports: "Great day out today. Graham McWhinnie (Stirling) and Martin O'Connor and Alex Gray (Eastwood) all passed their final BI open water assessments. David Weirman completed two Sports Diver assessments and Martin passed his final Master Diver assessment, Busy day for me so I'm off

for a pint.

DUMBARTON CONGRATS

Congratulations to Charlie Ramage, Iain Campbell and John Docherty from the Dumbarton branch who all gained their Branch Instructor qualification recently. Special thanks go to Kevin Miller for all his help with their training.

Regards, Ged Lafferty (Secretary Dumbarton SAC)

SUSAC CONGRATS

CONGRATULATIONS to Jamie Shearer, Malcolm Murray and Murray Davidson, all of Strathclyde University

branch who have recently completed their Sport Diver awards. The Susac Committee wish them well for their future diving careers.

CHILD PROTECTION UPDATE FOR BRANCH INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATES

AS A RESULT of recent changes in the law, any branch or regional instructor candidate outwith their year long period to complete their assessments will have to undergo an enhanced disclosure check as part of their instructor award. Anyone requiring a check should contact Iona Anthony via ScotSAC HQ.

ScotSAC Change of Status

AT LAST THINGS are moving on changing the Scottish Sub-Aqua Club into a company limited by guarantee. After a meeting with our solicitor, David Bennett we now have a timescale to work toward.

David sent us his first draft of the Memorandum and Articles of association in April. Members of the General Committee along with former Chairman Peter Cartwright read them thoroughly. We met with David and discussed some changes and made a few alterations.

David will now incorporate the changes and we should receive them by mid-July at the latest. They will then be available for members to read and make any comments or suggestions for alteration. This period of consultation will close at the end of August to give us time to take any alterations back to David and if possible incorporate them in the relevant document.

The General Committee will call an extraordinary General Meeting probably in October where the members can vote on the proposal to change the Club to a Company limited by guarantee.

There are four documents to read. The first is the Memorandum of Association which sets out the aims and objectives of

the organisation and all necessary legal conditions. Second the Articles of Association they cover; members, notice of general meetings, proceedings at general meetings, votes of members, appointment of directors, proceedings of directors, minutes, rules and by laws, and a few other things like insurance. Remember these are legal documents and read that way but they basically are our current constitution with a few legal additions.

They are relatively short documents however they have to be read in conjunction with the third document Table A of the Statutory Instrument of 1985 No 805 as amended by SI 1985 No 1052 and by SI 2000 No 3373. However much of this lengthy table does not apply and when we put this on the website we will delete and alter all the relevant sections.

By the time you have checked this against our constitution you will see there are some sections missing from the M&A's they will be included in the rules and bye laws, the fourth document.

As I said earlier all these documents will be available on the ScotSAC website but copies will be available from HQ. Added together they are a hefty bundle and it would not be cost effective to send

every member a copy at this stage and let's be honest not everyone will want to pore over them. However it is important, and perhaps branches could hold an open meeting to discuss them.

I will certainly be happy to come along to any branch to go through them and hopefully allay any fears they may have. Good luck with the reading and I look forward to seeing you at the EGM in October.

Jack Morrison

STOP PRESS

ALEX GALLEGO of Grampian SAC reports for **SCOTTISH DIVER** that the branch has received a grant of over £4,900 from Awards For All. They intend to purchase a second oxygen emergency set plus 5 sets of demand valves, BCDs and cylinders for pool and open water training. Recently Alex, Andy Parks and Graeme Forsyth ran a deep diving course in Aberdeen.

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