



# Scuba Knights Meeting



10<sup>th</sup> June 2009

7pm

**Ballroom Billiard Saloon  
43 Bank Street (beside BNZ)**

<b>Committee Members:</b>	Kevin Hobbs (Chairperson), Trudi Sawyers (Secretary), Brenda Fraser (Social Events facilitator), Helen Nortje (Database Co-ordinator)		
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Helen Nortje	<b>Note taker:</b>	Helen Nortje
<b>Attendees:</b>	Helen Nortje, Quinton Rutter, Greig Weatherly, Breda Fraser, Darryn Haines, Aaron Taitoko, Dennis Vincent, Johann Brink, Rick Solomon, Martin Keogh & Glen Smith.		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Kevin Hobbs, Aaron Nelson, Jackie Clemmer, Julie Tattley & Trudi Sawyers		

## Minutes

<b>Agenda item:</b>	May 2009 Minutes	<b>Presenter:</b>	Helen Nortje
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### Planned Dives:

- 6<sup>th</sup> June Small Boats Dive-cancelled as no one came forward to organise the dive.
- 21<sup>st</sup> June- Charter Dive to Hen and Chicks. Poor Knights Divers unable to accommodate us for this date-alternative dates offered are the 14<sup>th</sup> June for \$80/person to the Poor Knights and includes lunch; or The Hen & Chicks on the 28<sup>th</sup> June or 5<sup>th</sup> July for \$125/person-cost increases as it takes longer to get to the Hen and Chicks.
- Clean-up Day scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> June, can be rescheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> June (the date originally planned for the Charter Boat dive).

### Outstanding Items:

- Guest Speakers – Kevin Hobbs (underwater photography) & Julie Tattley (Ingrid Visser).
- Huka River Drift Dive – Julie Tattley.
- Notice Board Tab on the Dive HQ website – Helen Nortje is still working on this with the website manager to avoid additional cost.

### Action Items:

Planned dives dates changed as follows;

- Clean up Day changed to 21<sup>st</sup> June.
  - Charter Boat Dive changed to 14<sup>th</sup> June to Poor Knights.
- All other items achieved as per deadlines by nominated person responsible.

### Conclusions:

- May 2009 Meeting Minutes tabled and accepted with no amendments.

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Dive Courses/Activities	<b>Presenter:</b>	Helen Nortje
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- Small Boats Dive** scheduled for **20<sup>th</sup> June** and will automatically be rescheduled to 27<sup>th</sup> June if original dive cancelled. Aaron Taitoko will email out a proposed dive plan.
- Charter Boat Dive 14<sup>th</sup> June to Poor Knights.** Cost **\$80/head** and includes lunch. Places limited to 10 people, book at Dive HQ ASAP. Helen will send out an email notification to all club members.
- Clean-up Day 21<sup>st</sup> June** part of the clean earth programme. Designated Clean-up area Fishermans Warf, Urquats Bay, Whangarei Heads. Schedule - Arrive at 11am, hit the beaches to tackle the talks at 12pm. Followed by a BBQ and hot shower at Julie Tattley' in McLeods Bay. **Costs \$5/head** for the BBQ.
- Advanced Courses** Will be held on the **18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July** at a special price of **\$399** (normally \$550). Book at Dive HQ.
- Rescue Course** Reduced cost **\$399** (normally \$599). Pre-course work book to be completed prior to the scheduled dives on the **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August**. Book at Dive HQ.
- Chamber Dive** The Navy Base at North Shore are no longer able too conduct chamber dives for civilian dive groups, however they do offer tours through the chamber complex and give a talk on how the decompression works and what happens during treatment etc.

- **Dive Promotions** Dive HQ have some innovative ideas to promote diving in Northland and include the **Try-dive** an instructed dive experience in the Dive HQ pool at no cost for small groups and open to people from the age of 10 years and older.  
Plus a **School Holiday Dive Programme** for which they will need club members to offer their time to assist with the programme.  
For more information or to offer your assistance please contact Rick Solomon at Dive HQ or contact him on 021-505725.
- **Hard Core Dive Group** Glen Smith dives most Saturdays and is looking for a small group of keen/active divers to join him on his boat. Limited spaces available therefore securing a place is on a first in basis. If you are interested please send your mobile phone details to [scubanights@gmail.com](mailto:scubanights@gmail.com)

**Discussion:**

- **Small Boat Dives.** Due to the unpredictable weather patterns over the winter months it was suggested that planning of small boats dives should provide alternative date for either the following day or the following weekend.
- **Decompression Chamber.** Combine Decompression Chamber Tour with another activity. Some suggestions for the other activity include snow planet or a dive in the Auckland Area.
- **Alternate Suggestions for Diving out of the area.** Martin Keogh is able to secure a batch at Oakura for a weekend away diving and is dependant on the availability of the batch-something to keep in mind when planning future dives. Angela Taitoko received an email from a Wellington Dive Club and they had a weekend away in Tauranga which included a wine tour and diving at the aquarium to feed the big fish (e.g. sharks etc) – Aaron Taitoko will investigate this further and feedback.


 <b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>Members Phone List</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Helen Nortje</b>
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**Discussion:**

The Dive Club used to provide a list of members phone numbers so that people could make contact with other divers for diving purposes. However, this has caused some concern as not everyone is happy for their phone number to be publically displayed.

**Conclusion:**

Helen Nortje will email all members to determine who would like to be on a phone list and which phone number they want to have listed. The list will then be distributed to club member and new members.

 <b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>Club Meetings</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Helen Nortje</b>
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**New Venue:**

1. Thanks to **Ballroom Billiard Saloon** for the complimentary platter and the venue.
2. The **Ballroom Billiard Saloon** would like to remind members that drinks are **only \$5** each and for those who would like to indulge in a game of pool/billiards it is **only \$5 irrespective of the number of games played on the night.**

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ 21 <sup>st</sup> June Clean-up Day	Kevin Hobbs & Julie Tattley	ASAP
✓ 21 <sup>st</sup> June Clean-up Day –BBQ preparation	Trudi Sawyers	ASAP
✓ Recompression Chamber Tour & day excursion	Johann Brink & Rick Solomon	TBA
✓ 20 <sup>th</sup> June-Small Boats Dive	Aaron Taitoko	ASAP
✓ 14 <sup>th</sup> June- Charter Dive to Poor Knights	Kevin Hobbs	ASAP
✓ Huka River Drift Dive	Julie Tattley	ASAP
✓ Guest Speakers - underwater photography - Ingrid Visser.	Kevin Hobbs Julie Tattley	ASAP
✓ Aquarium Dive	Aaron Taitoko	ASAP

 **Next Meeting:**

**8<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**7pm**

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Everyone welcome

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