

11 March 2009

7pm



Scuba Knights Meeting

Legends Bar (AKA Sticky Wicket)

Committee Members:	Kevin Hobbs (Chairperson), Trudi Sawyers (Secretary), Brenda Fraser (Social Events facilitator), Shelley McKinnon (News letter facilitator), Helen Nortje (Database Co-ordinator)		
Facilitator:	Kevin Hobbs	Note taker:	Helen Nortje
Attendees:	Trudi Sawyers, Julie Tattley, Johann Brink, Helen Nortje, Shelley McKinnon, Darryn Haines, Greig Weatherley, Brenda Fraser, Dennis Vincent, Kevin Hobbs, Nicola Bull.		
Apologies:	Glen Smith, Deon & Shirley Ogden		

Minutes

Agenda item:	Members List	Presenter:	Kevin Hobbs & Helen Nortje
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Discussion:

Database of current members updated for 2009 by Helen at Dive HQ- only 11 members with outstanding subs.

Discussion around contact details for members on current database as some people are not receiving the Scubaknights group emails that have been sent out. Queries around whether correct details are held on the database and that there are a lot of non-members on the current email list.

Discussion regarding disclosure of members contact details, due to privacy and confidentiality issues it was decided that Scubaknights generic emails will be sent out to non-disclosed recipients to maintain privacy and confidentiality issues with regard to individual email addresses. **For committee members to undisclosed recipients when composing a click on [Add Bcc](#) and submit email addresses into the BCC box.**

- If a member wants another persons contact details they can email scubaknights@gmail.com and request contact details. The committee member uplifting the email and forward it to the appropriate person who can then choose which contact details they want to disclose or not disclose. This safeguards everyone's privacy.

Scubaknights welcomes 2 New Members: Clint Adams & Robert Nimmo. Helen At Dive HQ as sent out their membership cards – still to be added to database and Scubaknights Gmail lists.

Conclusions:

Only current paid members to be included in membership list and Scubaknights Gmail

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Email reminder to those with outstanding subs	Helen Nortje	8 April
✓ Update database by emailing current members and follow-up phone call if no response in 2 weeks	Helen Nortje	8 April
✓ Update members emails on Scubaknights email list	Helen Nortje	8 April
✓ Uplifting Scubaknights Gmail	All committee members	Ongoing
✓ Add new members to database and Scubaknights Gmail	Helen Nortje	17 March

Discussion:

Just a reminder that club dives are scheduled for twice a month, a small boat dive alternating with a charter boat dive. Traditionally all boat dives were scheduled for Sundays to accommodate people who work on Saturday. However the club has a few committed small boat owners who have prior commitments on Sundays and are prepared to accommodate club dives on a Saturday.

Please remember that \$40/person is the flat rate to be paid to the boat owner for small boat dives and charter boat dive prices are varied according to dive location. All prices include GST.

- **22nd March Poor Knights Dive** charter boat dive. Total of 11 places available, with 10 reserved and only one place still available. To confirm your space please ensure payment is made a week in advance (by 15/3/09). Cost \$110/person includes lunch. Departure time 8.30 a.m. at Tutukaka – vessel is the Shadow Fox.
- **29th March Rainbow Warrior** charter boat dive. Total 11 places, with 10 confirmed. The remaining space is reserved for Tony Harris, should he choose to withdraw this space will become available and expressions of interest can be forwarded to scubaknights@gmail.com. A big thank you goes to Julie Tattley for organising this dive – organising this dive has had numerous of challenges of which the weather has had a significant role.
- **18th April Small Boats Dive** dive location, times etc to be advised. Mark it on your calendar! Forward expressions of interest to scubaknights@gmail.com.
- **3rd May Canterbury Dive** charter boat dive. 12 places will be available for a cost of around \$90/person. Forward expressions of interest to scubaknights@gmail.com. To confirm place payment must be made at least 1 week in advance.
- **Scallop Season closes 31st March** A reminder from Whangarei District Council due heavy rain induced sewage overflows:

Shellfish and fish gathering from the harbour are not recommended for health reasons for 28 days from the date of contamination (until 3 April 2009).

The health risks are from:

Gastrointestinal illness.

Skin infections.

Respiratory infections.

The Medical Officer of Health has assessed the public health risk as high.

For more information please contact Whangarei District Council Waste and Water - Engineer Rob Korenhof

(430-4200 ext 8774) or Dev Dinsdale – Environmental Health Officer for Whangarei District Council

(0274-161-758)


- **26th April Clean-up Day** part of the clean earth programme. Designated Clean-up area Fishermans Warf, Urquats Bay, Whangarei Heads. To be scheduled around tide times and will be followed with a BBQ at Shelley McKinnon's at Parua Bay.
- **Recompression Chamber** NZ Navy Chamber dive to 50 meters!! Not for the faint hearted-for experienced divers. A great idea put forward by Johann Briggs at the February meeting and followed-up by Kevin Hobbs. Watch this space as Kevin is waiting patiently for a response to his emails!
- **3-Dive Day at poor Knights** as the last dive of the day is a night dive and Day light saving finishes 5th May this dive will not be scheduled till June so that the dive trip ends at a reasonable hour.
- **Update members on scheduled dives** Due to mainly weather conditions determining if scheduled dives were to proceed a discussion around keeping members informed through text messaging or email ensued. It was decided to follow-up with text messaging through **Sportcheck** rather than sending individual messages.

Conclusions:

Charter boat dives to be scheduled for Sundays and small boat dives on Saturdays. Club dives to be decided at each monthly meeting.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ 22 nd March Poor Knights Dive	Kevin Hobbs	N/A
✓ 29 th March Rainbow Warrior Dive	Julie Tattley	N/A
✓ 18 th April Small Boats Dive	Greig Weatherley	8 th April
✓ 3 rd May Canterbury Dive	Brenda Fraser	8 th April
✓ 26 th April Clean-up Day	Shelley McKinnon & Kevin Hobbs	8 th April

✓ Recompression Chamber	Johann Briggs & Kevin Hobbs	Ongoing
✓ 3-Dive Day Poor Knights	Kevin Hobbs	May
✓ Sportcheck text messaging system for dive cancellations etc to all members	Helen Nortje	8 th April

 Agenda item: Club meetings	Presenter: Kevin Hobbs & Helen Nortje
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Discussion:

- **Meeting Dates and times** Meetings to continue every 2nd Wednesday of each month commencing at 7pm.
- **Involvement of Members** Discussion around generating interest in the club and meeting attendance
 1. Having guest speakers at meetings.
 2. Minutes of meeting – record of meeting to be emailed to all members within 1 week and a copy of minutes to be posted on Dive HQ notice board.
 3. Web site information about dive club on Dive HQ website <http://www.divenow.co.nz/club.htm> outdated - last newsletter on this site dated March 2007! Shelley McKinnon to produce newsletter on a quarterly basis. Newsletter a separate agenda item.
- **Venue** Legends Bar (AKA Sticky Wicket) versus Dive HQ. Issues that arose were:-
 1. Currently Wednesday meeting times clash with Dive HQ course times.
 2. Size and facilities provided at Legends Bar, size not currently an issue due to poor attendance at club meeting and can be overcome by moving into the bar area. Facilities could be improved by giving feed-back to owners.
 3. Legends Bar not appropriate venue for guest speaker presentations – for guest speaker presentations meetings can be relocated to Dive HQ.

Conclusions:

Consensus to continue with Monthly meetings 2nd Wednesday of the Month with Legends Bar as the venue and move meetings to Dive HQ for guest speaker presentations. Minutes from Club Meetings to be emailed to members and be posted on Dive HQ notice board. Revive quarterly news letter.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Feedback to Legends Bar proprietors	Helen Nortje	8 th April
✓ Minutes of Monthly meetings	Trudi Sawyers	Monthly
✓ Guest Speaker- Ingrid Visser (AKA Orca guru)	Julie Tattley	N/A
✓ Guest Speaker-Underwater Photography	Kevin Hobbs	N/A
✓ Uplift Quarterly News Letter update on Dive HQ website http://www.divenow.co.nz/club.htm	Shelley McKinnon & Helen Nortje	8 th April

 Agenda item: Club Newsletter	Presenter: Kevin Hobbs
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Discussion:

- Frequency of newsletter.
- Items of interest to be forwarded to Shelley McKinnon at Gmail scubaknights@gmail.com.
- Dennis Vincent suggested that the newsletter includes a section to advertise 2nd hand gear for sale. Again these items for sale are to be forwarded to Shelley McKinnon at Gmail scubaknights@gmail.com.

Conclusions:

Newsletter publication quarterly, commencing end of March 2009.

Publication distribution of club news letter is the responsibility of the elected committee member - currently Shelley McKinnon. Contributions to newsletter (items of interest and fit for publication) are generated from club members.

Newsletter will be distributed to club members via email, posted on Dive HQ website <http://www.divenow.co.nz/club.htm> and on Dive HQ notice board.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Publication of Newsletter	Shelley McKinnon	Quarterly
✓ Items of interest for end of March newsletter	All members	20 th March
✓ 2 nd Hand Items for sale section of newsletter	All members	20 th March

Other Information

Diving Assistance

- **Dive HQ** The pool and instructors are available to assist members for FREE at pre-arranged times! Just ring all call-in at Dive HQ and the friendly staff will organise this for you.
- **Johann Briggs** has kindly offered his services for divers to practice diving skills either in the pool or for shore dives; he can will also include boat dives if you supply the boat. For those of you who do not know Johann he is a really nice guy and a very experienced diver, to contact Johann email your contact details to scubaknights@gmail.com and a committee member will forward your email to Johann.

Courses available at Dive HQ:

- **Advanced Open Water Course:** 2-day course 21st & 22nd March 2009. Cost \$399 to club members for completing course on the days or \$150 to club members for cost of packs and certification with completion of designated dives over prearranged time. Course includes 3 dives 21st March – search and recovery, navigation & peak performance buoyancy, 2 dives 22nd March – deep and wreck dives.
- **Rescue Divers Course:** 5-day course 31st March, 1st April, 2nd April 2009 (pool work), includes 4 open water dives scheduled for 18th & 19th April 2009. This course is designed for people with 20 logged dives. Cost \$575 to non-club members or \$400 to club members.

Special notes:

Kevin Hobbs would like to remind club members that Dive HQ T-shirts and Polo shirts are available for purchase at Dive HQ.

T-Shirts \$20 for non-members and \$15 for club members

Polo Shirts \$25 for non-members and \$20 for club members

\$\$\$\$ Dive HQ Mega Sale: \$\$\$\$\$ 4th & 5th April 2009, Details on Rock FM and at Dive Shop.

Next Meeting:

8th April 2009

7pm

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Everyone welcome

Apologies can be emailed to scubaknights@gmail.com

Thank you to:

The people who have supported the March 2009 Scuba Knights Dive Club Meeting

Dive HQ

Legends Bar for the complimentary Nibbles/facilities

Club members