

Bottomtime

The Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Underwater Council

March 1994

Press Release

The Annual General meeting is fast approaching. This meeting is the most important of the year for the general membership of the Nova Scotia Underwater Council as this is the only chance the membership gets to vote on issues brought to the floor. There will be lots more about this meeting in the next issue, but it is important that as many members as possible plan to attend.

I hope some of you are inspecting your dive gear for the warmer weather. Now is a good time to replace any cracked straps, check tanks for current hydro's and V.I.P.'s and have valves, regulators and B.C.'s overhauled. As better diving weather approaches, the repair centres will become busier meaning turn around time may be longer. Another advantage of doing preventive maintenance now is you can service as many items as is affordable. This staggers the repair bills so that the week before the first boat dive isn't a budget catastrophe.

President's Report

The end of our fiscal year approaches and we are 10 members down on last year. Which is not bad considering the financial climate.

The AGM will be held on the 11 June at Keddy's Motor Inn starting at 9am We will open with a brain storming session run by Mr. Ted Scrutton of Sports and Recreation. The board had a similar experience recently and it turned out to be very interesting and informative. This part of the AGM may turn out to be crucial in the future direction of the NSUC. It is imperative that there be a maximum attendance. I know this

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always comes on the beginning of the dive season when every one, including myself, is anxious to get back in the water and also the day is probably going to be sunny and calm. Please consider this, it is only one day of the year you are asked to attend. Your board gives up far more than that to serve you throughout the year. We hope to follow this by an insight into the destroyer to be sunk in Lunenburg. This will be followed by the AGM and door prizes probably a free dive trips to dive the destroyer.

Not all arrangements are in place at

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The Aims and Objectives of the Nova Scotia Underwater Council

1. To be a representative body for the scuba diving community so as to preserve, support and promote diving and diver safety in the province;
2. To ensure that training programs are given to a recognized level of quality, to foster and encourage the safe handling and usage of all approved types of equipment used in the sport of scuba diving;
3. To make available to all members information concerning safety, medical, technical and research data concerning the sport of scuba diving and scuba diving equipment;
4. To co-operate and participate with the provincial government on projects and policies that lead to the recognition of sport diving as a significant recreational activity.

President's Report continued

this time. Watch for the announcements in the NEXT BOTTOMTIME. Remember, you have to rejoin to receive the next issue.

Roger Agget Award - Criteria

"An active volunteer Council member who has made a significant contribution to the safety, enjoyment, image or growth of sport diving in Nova Scotia."

Election:

To be elected by mail ballot by the Board of Directors. Ballots to be returned no later than 14 days prior to the AGM.

Nominations:

The recipient can only be nominated by members in good standing with the NSUC. Nomination call to be submitted to the "Bottomtime" by the secretary 90 days prior to the AGM. Nominations to be submitted 45 days prior to the AGM.

Roger Agget Award Winners

Gordan Murray Central Area	1988
Bob Semple Central Area	1989
John Pothier South Shore Area	1990
Lynn Gallant Central Area	1991
Not Awarded	1992
Colin Frazee-Whitelock Central Area	1993

Upcoming Events

NSUC Annual General Meeting
June 11, at Keddy's Motor Inn,
Bay Road, Halifax
Time to be announced

Lake Cleanup
June 4, 9 AM at Settle Lake in
Dartmouth. Barbecue to follow

Discover Diving Treasure Hunt
July 16 - 17, Hubbards
Contact Discover Diving at 835 - 6565

The NSUC Lending Library

Instructor List

1991 Sport Diver Open Water Vol 1, Pts 1 & 2	video
Contains Using Skin Diving Equipment	video
Using Scuba Diving Equipment	video
Sports Diver Open Water Vol 1, 2, Pts 1 & 2	video
Buoyancy/Out of Air Part 1	slides
Rescue/Accident Management Part 1	slides
Rescue/Accident Management Part 2	slides
Dive Promotional Program	slides
Audio Tapes for above	
Underwater Louisbourg	video
Underwater Hockey	video
Hyperbaric Video	video
Hyperbaric Video (Beta)	video
Sport Diver Advanced Vol 1, Parts 1 - 3	video
Contains Equipment, Boat Diving U/W Navigation	
Sport Diver Advanced Vol 2, Parts 1 - 3	video
Contains Limited Visibility Diving Diver Stress and Rescue, Deep Diving	
Neal Watson's Undersea Adventures	video
Louisbourg Marine Heritage	video
Part 1 English	
Part 2 French	
Australia - Discover It	video
Dive Nova Scotia Series	video
Part 1 Dive Nova Scotia	
Part 2 Dive Nova Scotia (continued)	
Part 3 Wreck Diving	

1. Dave Allen	464-4091
2. Austin Baird	492-2653
3. Noel Battcock	876-0555
4. Mike Chambers	454-4296
5. Sheilagh Condry	423-5783
6. Darin Connors	479-1631
7. Gary Edwards	883-9392
8. Gary Field	479-2981
9. Aaron Flynn	461-2855
10. Tim Gay	835-6565
11. Ken Jardine	562-6061
12. T. Kenchington	889-3555
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14. Rob Mack	860-0684
15. Carolyn Nichols	466-8715
16. George O'Neil	564-5671
17. Lorne Piercey	429-8265
18. Donnie Rogerson	835-8833
19. Don Saunderson	420-1230
20. James Semple	876-0555
21. Joanne Shadbolt	634-9190
22. Bob Smith	462-0738
23. Ches Chaulk	765-8527
24. Carol Draper	757-2149
25. Gordon MacVicar	564-4863
26. Russell Warren	567-2055

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Passport To Diving	\$3 + \$2 s&h
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Hyperbaric Decal	\$0.75 + \$1 s&h

All videos are VHS unless otherwise stated.
Lending Policy - There is a \$10.00 deposit for each item borrowed (except audio tapes needed for the slide presentations). The deposit will be forfeited if the item is not returned within 21 days of shipping from NSUC. All costs incurred in shipping payable by borrower.

Contact Mike Haynes at Sport Nova Scotia - 5516
Spring Garden Rd., Halifax, NS or
by calling 425-5450.

Note - The Shipping and Handling barely covers postage.



President's Report

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Over the next few months work will start on the 4th edition of the Passport To Diving with the finished product emerging sometime in late 95 early 96. If you have a copy of "The Passport TO Diving" and you think there is a site in your area that is worth publishing, especially Cape Breton and the South Shore, send us your submission and it will be considered for insertion.

The dive slate will be ready for all new and renewing members early in the new fiscal year thanks to the hard work of Russell Warren our Vice-President and Roly Lewis our Past President. The navigation exercise has yet to go into the final planning stage but hope to get this off the ground for late May. We hope by the end of next month to send out a survey to all members with your RENEWAL FORMS so please take the time to fill this in and return it. It will give us some valuable insights in the direction the NSUC should be heading.

While on a recent trip to the United Kingdom I found time to catch up on some of the back log of diving magazines that I had not read and found two little gems that I thought might amuse we who dive in these tropical waters haha!.

Definitions:

A drysuit diver is known as a WHIMP which stands for Warm Human Initiated Marine Person.

A wetsuit diver is known as a CHUMP which stands for Cold Human Uninitiated Marine Person.

More Upcoming Events

Go For Gold at Graves Point Beach
July 31, Contact ScubaTech at
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Get Wet Weekend
July 15 - 17, Ovens Natural Park,
Riverport. Contact Jo's Dive Shop at
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SS A.W. PERRY

The A.W. Perry was one of the vessels whose luck ran out in Halifax Harbour after a string of near disasters.

Built in Belfast in 1897 she served the Halifax Boston tourist trade for many a year. Like many coastal steamers of her period, she was built of steel, schooner rigged and was registered at 873 tons.

In 1909 she was stranded at George's Island in Halifax harbour. The following year she emerged unscathed from a collision with a water boat, the Jennie in Boston Harbour. In April 1914 she was partially damaged by fire in Halifax Harbour but was restored and returned to service. The following year her luck ran out when she ran aground near the mouth of Halifax Harbour.

The A.W. Perry had sailed from Boston on what was to be her final trip in the Halifax Boston service, as she had recently been purchased. Her entire crossing had been hampered by dense fog and as she approached Halifax in the early hours of June 9, 1915, the fog was as thick as she had ever experienced.

Captain Ellis was on the bridge trying to pick up the Sambro buoy when the steamer struck Parliament Rock just inside Chebucto Head. Most of her 45 passengers were in bed, and the slight jarring motion alarmed no one. In fact one passenger later on remarked that it was one of the most "unspectacular" wreck he had ever seen. Fortunately the little coastal steamer Atlantic was nearby and the passengers and crew of the Perry were soon aboard her and on their way into Halifax. As they drew away from the stricken vessel she was listing to port, her holds were filling with water. Later attempts to refloat her were unsuccessful and she was soon swept by high winds and tides.

At the Court of Inquiry Captain Ellis was found guilty of negligence and his certificate suspended for 6 months. The court deemed that Ellis had failed to exercise proper precautions in the navigation of his ship when he found himself in shallow water off Chebucto Head. He had placed the lives of passengers and crew in grave danger by not stopping to take soundings to

determine the depth and nature of the bottom.

The court found it additionally strange that Ellis had not been aware of the iron on board that was thought to have caused a deviation in the ship's compass that resulted in the Perry being off course.

The A.W. Perry now lies broken on the outside of Parliament rock between the approximate depths of 85ft and 105ft. The site should be dived by experienced divers only. Strong tidal flows occur on occasions in and around Parliament Rock out of the 7 dives I have had on her tidal flows have been experienced twice.

The Perry can be dived by either boat or from the shore. To get there from the shore you drive towards Chebucto Lighthouse until you see a small draw in on the left worn by divers over the years and park here. From there you should walk straight out to the head land until you see the water. Bear right and follow the track down to a small inlet. Entry and exit is usually fairly easy from this point. Snorkel out to Parliament rock right in front of you and through a small gut to the outside of Parliament rock. Once on the outside snorkel approximately half way along the length of Parliament Rock and dive straight down to the Bottom here you should be right on the wreck.

Extracts from "Disasters At Sea" by Tony Granston.



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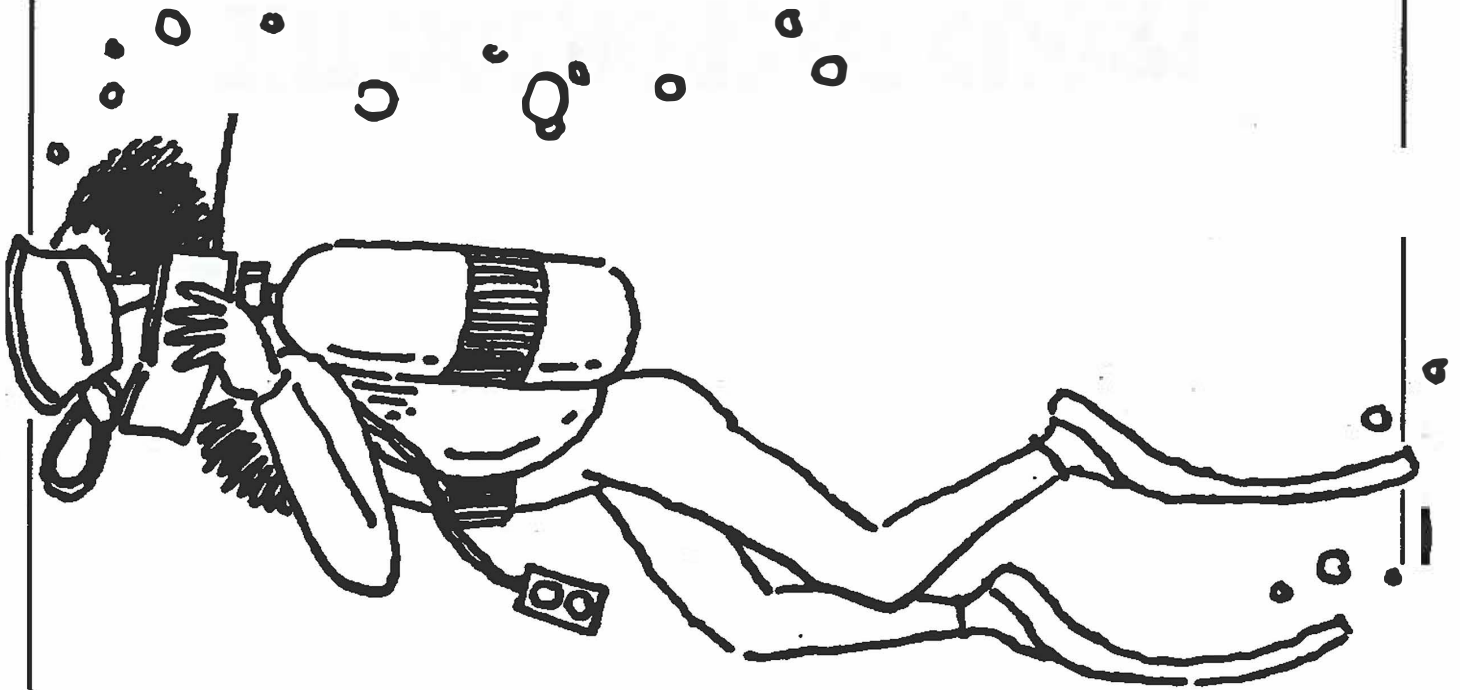
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Proposed Amendments to NSUC Constitution

3. Insert All in *italics* : 3.5 Those instructor members whom avail themselves of free membership shall be deemed Associate Members.

Delete all in italics.

6. The business and affairs of the NSUC shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Past President and six (6) Area Directors, and the Commercial Director. Any member of the NSUC shall be eligible to be a Director except for the Commercial Director who must be an owner or designated employee of a diving related store or business which holds a Commercial Membership in the NSUC.

Line 3 Insert : *five (5)* Member At Large.

Line 4 after director Insert : except an Associate Member.

Insert after Associate Member. all in Italics : No dive shop/ dive related business owner or manager may be appointed to the board with the exception of the Member at Large.

Delete all in italics

6.1 There shall be one (1) Area Director for each of the six (6) geographical areas defined by the Nova Scotia sports and Recreation Commission. Each area director must reside in his/her representative area or must be a member of a club in that area.

Insert : five (5). The Fundy and Highland areas shall be combined with one director and known as Fundy and Highlands.

Delete all in italics

6.2 Directors shall be elected by the individual members at the Annual General Meeting of the NSUC. Not with standing the above, Area Directors may be elected

only by a vote of those individual members who reside in their respective areas, and the Commercial Director may only be elected by a vote of the commercial members.

Insert all in italics : Member At Large shall be appointed by the board as deemed necessary.

Delete all in italics

6.3 Directors shall hold office for two (2) years except for the Commercial Director who shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting. Directors shall retire from office at the dissolution of the meeting at which their successors are elected. Retiring Directors are eligible for re-election

Insert all in italics: Member at Large

after re-election : As long as no longer than three consecutive terms has been served in one office.

Delete all in italics :

6.4 The election of Directors shall be staggered so that the President, Secretary and three (3) Area directors are elected in one year, and the Vice President, Treasurer and the other three (3) Area Directors are elected in the following year.

Insert all in italics : as follows odd years President, Secretary, Central Area, and Valley Area, even years Vice President, Treasurer, Cape Breton, Area South Shore and Fundy / Highlands.

Delete All in italics.

Notwithstanding Article 6.2 above, voting for the Area Directors and Commercial Director may be conducted by

Proposed Amendments
to NSUC Constitution continued

mail amongst those eligible to vote for their respective Directors.

Add all in italics.

15.6 The Board shall appoint the Member at Large if and when deemed necessary. The appointment will last to the next Annual General Meeting. The duties of the Member at Large shall be described by the Board of Directors and he shall have the same rights and privileges as the other Board members.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

FOR THE FOLLOWING BOARD POSITIONS

Vice President	Term 2 Years
Treasurer	Term 2 Years
Secretary	Term 1 Year
Cape Breton Area Director	Term 2 Years
South Shore Area Director	Term 2 Years
Central Area Director	Term 1 Year
Fundy Area Director	Term 2 Years

Written Nominations must reach the President 14 days prior to the AGM.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the AGM. If the person is absent a written note of acceptance must accompany the nomination. Proxy votes may either be mailed in, and must arrive on the postal day prior to the AGM or may be brought in by any board member or their nominee.

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ROGER AGGETT AWARD

The call for nominations is now open for the Roger Aggett award. Nominations must be made in writing with a brief description of the nominees achievements. N.B. The nomination must follow the criteria published here in the Bottomtime.

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- ♦ Elephants kill ten times more people than sharks.
- ♦ Humans kill about 1,000,000 sharks for every one human bitten by a shark

Submitted By William A Parker.

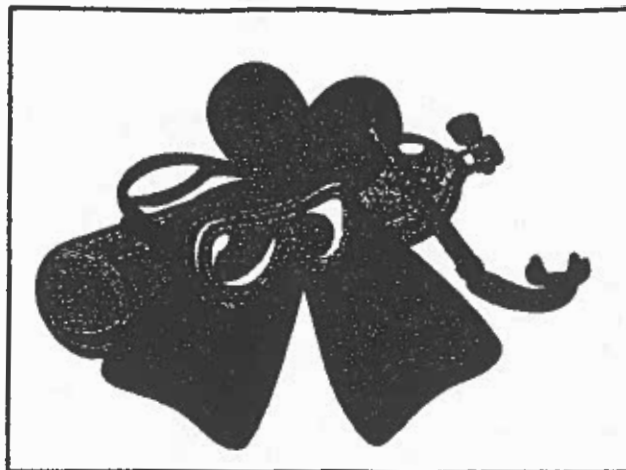


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NOVA DIVEMASTERS to Re-Surface

On February 28 1994, a group of fifteen (and a half) enthusiastic divers met in the Sydney Scuba premises, on Kings Road, to revive (once again) the NOVA DIVEMASTERS DIVING CLUB. This club was originally formed around 1974 and was very active until 1982. There was a short lived resurrection from 1985 - 1988, and another attempt to become active was made in 1991. (see BOTTOMTIME, November 1991). With the current renewed interest in Cape Breton, the need for the club once more became obvious. George O'Neil kindly provided the meeting rooms and those attending quickly selected a slate of officers. elected were: President - George Guthro; Vice President - Walter Lacey; Secretary - Wayne Sarty; Treasurer - Stan Sibley. The aim of the club was reaffirmed as promoting safety and fellowship in diving. The benefits of a Club Membership in the NSUC were pointed out by Past NSUC President Roland Lewis, and a healthy debate was held on the topic. This matter as well as the issue of setting dues and a discussion of the old constitution, with a view to possible updating, was passed to the Club Officers for further consideration. Future meetings will be held on a regular monthly basis. The next meeting was scheduled for March 7th. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact George Guthro at 794 - 4116 or Sydney Scuba at 564 - 5559. Who was the one half diver? The very young son of Mark Forrest.

Editor's Note... This is good news. Having enjoyed diving with some of these people, I hope the club not only prospers, but supports NSUC as well as they have in the past.



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Discover Diving Treasure Hunt

On July 16th, 1994 hundreds of divers will again don their equipment and enter the water in search of the "round gold".

Hundreds of yellow printed golf balls will be scattered about the bottom eagerly awaiting discovery. For the participants finding one will produce prizes from ten dollars to several hundred dollars donated by major scuba and non-scuba contributors. As an added bonus there will be authentic treasure coins from the wreck "La Auguste", dated as far back as 1726, scattered on the bottom.

Last year 159 divers attended, and thanks to the volunteers and sponsors like Scabapro and Captain Morgan and Deep Star Resources, the event enabled Discover Diving to donate \$2005.00 to the Children's Wish Foundation.

This year, we hope to raise as large a donation as last year and we are expecting as many as 200 divers! There will be prizes and refreshments for all.

The event is held at the Hubbards Beach Campground with an evening social at the Shore Club and we're planning more to do for the entire family.

Call Discover Diving for more details at 835-6565. We start taking registration May 1st.

Charity dive raises \$1,500

**By Jim Gowen
STAFF REPORTER**

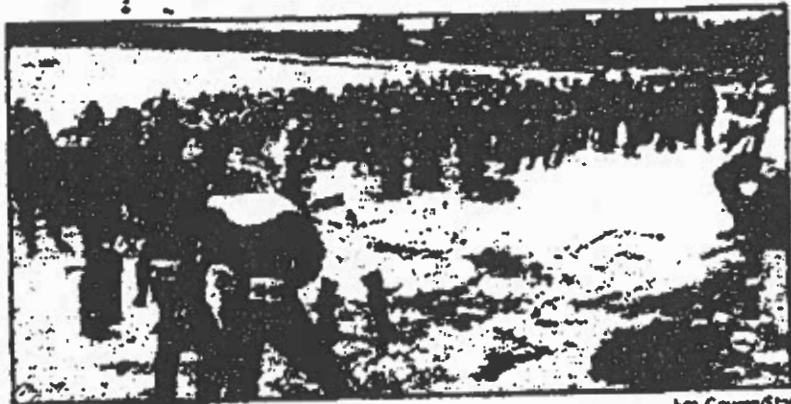
HUBBARDS

The Children's Wish Foundation is richer by about \$1,500 after a weekend fund-raising event.

About 150 recreational divers, members of local dive clubs and independent divers took part in Treasure Hunt, held at Hubbards Beach Saturday.

Divers were given the chance to recover one of a large number of golf balls. The bottom of the ocean off Hubbards Beach had been seeded with the balls by a volunteer committee prior to the dive.

"This is a fun event. The bottom here is quite sandy and safe and everyone has a good chance of



Jim Gowen/Staff

About \$1,500 was raised for the Children's Wish Foundation during a fundraising dive off Hubbards Beach Saturday.

finding one of the balls and winning a prize," said divermaster Robert Smith, Dartmouth. Mr. Smith was one of two supervising divers in charge of safety for the event.

"The prizes, and I think there are almost as many prizes as divers, were all provided by sponsors

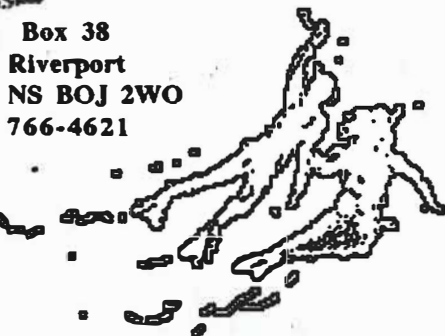
and businesses," Smith said.

The Children's Wish Foundation makes dreams come alive for critically-ill children. Children have been sent to Disney World, one of the most popular wishes, given flights in aircraft and introduced to stars.

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