

# Crud - October 1998

**30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Edition** Compressor fully paid for – thanks to all the 200 Club members.

**Yippee!!!** Prizes on offer in this issue.... **Oh No!** Membership prices go up :-)

**Happy Birthday St. Albans Sub Aqua Club...** and who would have thought that as a group of hairy a\*\*\*ed blokes sat around a pub table forming the SASAC that somewhere in deepest, darkest Ireland a young mother happily produced a beautiful bouncing blonde future SASAC member – so Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Ann Pedan too.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Party was a great success a **Huge** vote of Thanks to Peter, Felicity and everyone else that helped out to ensure the evening went so well.

**New Membership prices** As from 1<sup>st</sup> October BSAC have increased their membership prices. We have chosen this time to increase club subscriptions too as they haven't increased since May 95!!! Membership goes up from £87 to £100 for full and from £20 to £25 for Social. There is change to BSAC's pricing. BSAC have now decided to give a **discount** depending on your **Qualification**. Howard has full details but already knows that his current data is out of date.

Please fill the form in at the bottom of the next page. The returned forms will also be used for '**Lucky dip**' at the Christmas party - 3 bottles of bubbly to be won!!

## Club Wins BSAC's Heinke trophy!

What a way to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary!! Earlier this year, the Club entered for the Heinke Trophy - the BSAC's award for the "Best Branch of the Year". Thanks to Peter Stansfield and his merry bunch of helpers who all worked late into the night at top-secret offices near-by, to put the submission together.

It was obviously well worth it because on 23rd July we received news that we had won!

We get a prestigious shield, to be awarded at Underwater World in Harrogate in November (and again at our Dinner Dance in February!), a cheque for £1,000 and publicity in Diver and or Dive (the new BSAC magazine due to be released in April). A copy of the submission is available in the clubhouse for any member to read.

The annual **Dinner Dance** will be held at the Waterend Barn, St Albans on **Saturday 27 February**. Tickets will be on sale shortly (please see Rachel Wood) and will be **£25** per head. Rachel could do with some help so volunteers please...

## Forthcoming Events

- Club Diver Lectures start 14<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- Sports Diver Lectures start 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- Dive Leader lectures start 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

- Halloween Party  
31<sup>st</sup> Oct
- 1999 Trip Organisers Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Rock 'Chick' & 'Studs' Party  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jan
- Open Forum The 200Club  
29<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Hallsand weekend  
14<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Underwater World  
21<sup>st</sup> Nov
- Christmas Party  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Club Decorate (lecture room)  
6/7<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- Felicity Birthday Party  
20<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Dinner & Dance  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Panto - Jacques & the Shotline  
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- Prizes, Prizes ... More articles are needed for future editions. Material of any subject can be provided by e-mail, typed notes through to hand written scrawl, but preferably not on the back of a fag packet!! A bottle of something will be awarded to the best article published in each edition.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November the 200 Club will have fully paid off the loan for the compressor, yippee!! Not bad for three years effort! So what next?? Ideas, suggestions either to the committee or at the [Open Forum on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January](#).

## Winter Activities...

Well as the end of another great season approaches it's time to think about what we can be doing through the winter months to maintain those fantastical well developed figures we all have ... here's a couple of thoughts.

### Option 1) **Octopush.**

The Octopush team plays twice a week including on Wednesday night at Westminster pool. Finished training? Find swimming lengths boring? Well why not give it a go!! It's a brilliant, fast, exhilarating game. - just point out to Mr Hunt that this is actually your first time and if he's feeling generous he may take it a little easier with you!!!! Anyone wanting to know more could speak to Andy Flowers, Roy Harrison or simply turn up at 9:10 ish and go to the far side of the pool where the ugly mob hang out!

### Option 2) **Rescue Skills refresher**

Attention **all** active divers old and new!!! More importantly for those 'old' hands. When was the last time you practised your rescue skills??? Well speaking for myself, it had been a long time.

Having been a Sports Diver for nearly 10 years and wanting to go on to Dive Leader I realised I would need some practice, so I decided to give the Lifesaver Award a try.

The first thing I discovered was how clumsy and awkward it all seemed!! But with some pointers and practise it all came together.

We all had a laugh at each others expense, so although its an important subject it can still be fun. The Lifesavers Award is one way to refresh your knowledge - but Nigel and others instructors would be more than willing to give you a shorter refresher course over the next few months.

We all should try and keep these skills at a useful level for everyone's safety. Why not give it a try over the winter - if nothing else it will give you a good bit of exercise.

Jim McCormack

**Photography** Peter Ladell and Peter Tatton are going to run a session or two on "Photographic techniques to improve your Underwater Photography" no dates are set yet – please contact them to find out when and where. Congratulation to Peter Ladell for winning the Skin Diver Magazines 'Open' Class Competition. The winning shot?? None other than the 200 Club choice in our 1997 competition!! Nice to know we're ahead of the game!!

On that note its time for the 200 Club 1998 Photographic competition. Get your photos out the boards will be up soon!

**Club Gossip** has been suspended from this issue due to the total outbreak of romance and ...

So **Congratulations** and **Good Luck** go to:

┐ Doug & Sarah Biggs who are now proud parents of a rapidly growing William

┐ Tony and Lynn Folan had a daughter Anna on 20<sup>th</sup> Aug

♥ Terry & Val Smith who got married on 5<sup>th</sup> September

♥ Rachel Watson & CK (Adrian) Smith who tied the knot on 17<sup>th</sup> October

♥ Amanda and Rob Hinckley started the ball rolling by getting engaged in June with the wedding next June.

♥ Denise Newby & Chris Nixon engaged in July with a 3<sup>rd</sup> July wedding lined up next year

♥ Stephen Archer and Sandy engaged on 4<sup>th</sup> September, planning a wedding on 14th August next year

┐ Raibeart & Beata expecting in December, leading the way....

┐ Ian & Cheryl Friedland expecting a wee arrival late December.

♥ ┐ Russell & Kate Brown on their marriage on 4<sup>th</sup> April and for the birth in January.

┐ Mike and Debbie Thornton expecting around April

Hope we haven't missed anyone!!

It's great to see we're stocking up the next generation of divers!!

The prize for this edition's best article goes to Jim McCormack.

Don't forget your qualification may entitle you to a discount on your membership. Where Howard's database does not match with the information provide below, proof by way of logbook and/or certificate will be required.

Skills List  
books

Please only record those signed up qualifications in your log book, the DO will ask to see a random sample of log books

Dive Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor Qual & No. \_\_\_\_\_

Boat handler: \_\_\_\_\_ Diver Cox<sup>n</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ O<sub>2</sub> Admin \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_ First Aider \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return to Howard, Nigel or Stephen

Archer