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Following the elections the various committee positions held are: President – Howard Couch. Secretary – Bryan Robertson. Treasurer – David Landor. Members & Minutes Secretary – Don Murdoch. Public Relations Officers – Clarrie Lawler, Barry Jentsch. Magazine Editor – Barry Jentsch. Diving School Officers – Sally Reynolds, David Landor. The Sub-committee for the Advanced Diving Course is Wally Reynolds, David Landor, Barry Jentsch. Three more committee members are needed & special appointments may be necessary.

The U.R.G. has been approached by the Heron Island Barrier Reef Tours in conjunction with the Queensland Govt. Tourist Bureau to distribute a general information & costs leaflet on the “Heron Island Underwater Convention” to be held from the 11th Nov to 2nd Dec. A limited number of leaflets are available tonight from the writer.

Thompsons Bay has been selected for the next group dive on the 19th. This bay is immediately south of Clovelly pool where parking is available. Weather permitting, free ascents will be practices from row floats & interested parties should contact Wally Reynolds or David Landor.

At this & all subsequent meetings a notice board will be available for members who wish to acquaint the group of their research projects etc. with a view to working in partnership with others of the same interest. All are urged to adopt a stronger club attitude in this matter as the committee feels that a closer liaison between members would benefit the group considerably. Contact Don Murdoch who will arrange to have the notices displayed.

The Royal Zoological Society will be giving a lecture on sharks at Anzac House in Dec. This is one of a series given by this society & visitors are always welcome. Clarrie Lawler, who is a member of the society will be able to give full information on the subject.

At the next meeting in September Dr. Racek has been invited to give a lecture. His subject will be on the rock dwelling species of fish that inhabit the N.S.W. coast line, the life cycle, habits, spawning & seasonal movements etc. In addition to his lecture, Dr. Racek will also be screening slides & a capacity audience would be appreciated.

Under preparation is the Advanced Diving Course. The aim of this is to produce in the group highly competent divers who will be available to undertake any underwater work that may be beyond the training of the average member. This, of course, in no way suggests any lack of competency on members who do not wish to participate. It is only another approach to underwater research and development of diving. In addition, members are required for training as instructors for the normal diving school. This task has been carried by Don Wilson & Ted Laing for some time now and the committee feels it is time that they were given a hand. A special instructors course is being arranged with the aim of increasing the number of schools per year. This would give a considerable boost to the club funds & also help to expand the sport as a whole. Please give this matter your consideration & if interested contact a committee member.

The next diving school will be held at Manly Pool on the weekend of 25/26th Aug., with the theory nights at the Y.M.C.A. on Wed. 22nd and 29th Aug. Don Wilson & Ted Laing will once again be running the school and all enquiries should be made through them.

Howard Couch hopes to have the long awaited sea sledge completed for the Sept. group dive. This apparatus should prove to be a great interest and value to the club, and an advance request is made for a member who has a boat suitable for towing the sledge to contact Howard.

If possible, the committee, through the public relations officers, would like to publish regular monthly articles in the Australian Skindiving & Spearfishing Digest. To do this we require contributions from the floor members. For some reason this group is particularly reticent to commit anything to paper so even a verbal account of your diving news would be appreciated. For the more venturesome written articles etc. can be sent to U.R.G. NEWS. 366 MAROUBRA RD. MAROUBRA.

A lecture by the famous shark research man, Dr Perry Gilbert of Cornell University, New York, was given at the Sydney Univ. last week and a full account of it will be in the next issue of this news.

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