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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 1 January - New Year's Day dive at Wraysbury at 10.00. Contact Dave Champion on 07715 609315 for details

Wednesday 2 January - diving at K2. *We had problems with the moveable floor being broken just before Christmas. I am still waiting for news as to whether it is now repaired. Why won't they answer their b...y phone! Please assume it will be open and if there is any problem I will send out another e-mail as soon as I know what the position is.*

Saturday 5 January, 09.00 - Mixed gas blending course at the club hut. Organised by Dave Champion in association with Wright Diving.

Tuesday 15 January, 20.30 - Diving Officer's Meeting to plan club holidays for 2008. If you are interested in coming on a club holiday should be there.

Tuesday 29 January, 20.00 - Presentation by Tony Backhurst Scuba.



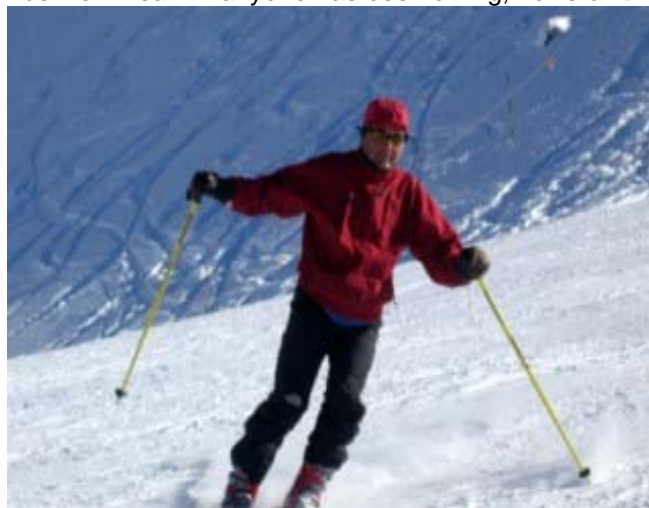
What's been happening

Well, Christmas has been happenning, and very shortly it will be New Year. If anyone has been diving, news of it has failed to reach me. However can I use this spot to suggest some New Year's Resolutions for club members:

1. Come along to club regularly on Tuesday and Wednesday nights and enjoy the facilities that we have available
2. Come on a club diving trip
- 3 Plan to gain at least one new diving or associated qualification this year

Using the rule of threes I will stop there, but there will be a special mention in the next newsletter to whoever suggests to me the best fourth resolution (provided it is legal and within the bounds of decency which I am sure we all aspire to and sometimes achieve).

I'm off for week's skiing in Tignes and Val d'Isere on Sunday, so it is anyone's guess whether I shall still be in one piece by the time I write the next newsletter..... Keep your fingers crossed for me!



Training Officers

Dave Champion and Andy Sarson have now taken on joint responsibility for all training matters. All members should be hearing from them shortly as we attempt to get training records up to date and to find out what training people want in the next year. We should all be grateful to them for taking this role and give them whatever support they need.

A particularly thanks also goes at the this point to Andy Galley who has been Pool Training Officer for the last few years. He has done an excellent job being there for us nearly every week.. As we now have two Training Officers, Andy is stepping aside from this role to concentrate more on instructing. I am assured he will still be around most weeks, so you should remember to thank him yourselves when you see him.

Red Sea Holiday

I asked in the last newsletter for your ideas on club holidays, and in particular whether there would be support for a Red Sea liveaboard in August. I had in mind that we have some members who find it easier to go on holiday in the school holidays. I had the magnificent total of three replies, of which two indicated they would prefer later in the year, and that is the way we are more likely to go at the moment. However, before deciding, I am giving you two further opportunities to let me know what you think about this idea.

1. I am repeating the reply form - find it at the end of this e-mail. Even if you are just not interested, I would like to hear from you. It at least shows that I am making contact with you!
2. I am organising a meeting for Tuesday 15 January to talk about holiday ideas - not just the Red Sea, but anywhere else you would like to go. Please come along - if you have experience of interesting destinations, come and tell us about them. We will kick off at 20.30.

Skill Development Courses

One thing we can do during the winter is to improve our skills in subjects related to diving. BSAC South East Region offer a range of courses to make you more complete divers. They are good fun and are an opportunity to learn something new and meet divers from other local clubs. See <http://www.bsac-se.org.uk/SDCPOE.asp> for details or look on the noticeboard in the club hut.

They have Oxygen Administration and First Aid Courses coming up soon and both are being held at Crawley. These are skills that all divers should have, so please book up for these if you have never done them before. You need to be an Ocean Diver for Oxygen Admin, but any member can do First Aid.

Following on from this, I will be running refresher courses for people who have done the courses in the past. These will aim to bring skills up to date and make sure everyone is familiar with the oxygen equipment which we use.

Diverse '08 - Sunday 10 February

This is a divers' conference organised by BSAC SE Region. I've had good reports on previous events and have booked my ticket for this year's event. See <http://www.bsac-se.org.uk/Events.asp#72> for details and to book your place.

Happy New Year to all Crawley Divers and your families
with best wishes
Ted

A penguin went into a bar and went up and asked the barman "I'm supposed to be meeting my brother here - have you seen him?"

"I don't know" replied the barman "what does he look like?"

RED SEA LIVEBOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

please delete whichever does not apply

1. I am interested in coming in the second half of August
2. I am interested in coming but would prefer another date (please indicate)
3. I am not interested this year

Name

Comments and suggestions