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Editors comments

Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of 2006!

May I gently remind you that this is your Newsletter and in order for it to continue I need your support. Therefore, if you have any reports, stories, articles or general comments - good or bad please let me have them.

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AGM

Thanks to all who attended the AGM. Your new Committee is:

Chairman - Nick Keightley
Treasurer - Andy Coyne
Diving Officer - Frances Parkinson
Training Officer - Chris Chew
Equipment Officer - Steve Priestley
Secretary - Guy Bramley

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.scubanaut.co.uk



Raft Race

Once again, the Boxing Day Raft Race was a fantastic day, and as you can see from the photo, our rafters looked 'spot on' as dominoes.



Here's an extract from the email circulated by Pete Smith from the organising dive club:

"What another great raft race, I'm already looking forward to next years and I'm sure that many of you will be imagining great new ideas for your raft designs and or how you can stop it falling apart. The event raised £3218 from the Street collection in aid of the RNLI, a super result and about £300 pounds up on last year.

The winners were HMS Victory (IKSAC), 2nd place, Ghostbusters (Woodhouse Warblers) 3rd Place, Human Beans (IKSAC) and a special merit award to the Crusaders from the Carsington Club who were the most vocal. Well done to all the participants there were some very innovative rafts this year and the standard of entry remains high with over 50 rafts having taken part. Pictures of the event can be found on "www.equipics.co.uk" the official photographers."



Trips/Activities Planned

Easter - Porthkerris

15 April - 22 April

See Pete Shelton for details. Further information to follow.



Christmas Party

Presented at the Christmas Party, the lucky winners of the esteemed 2005 Scubaut Awards were:

Award for Most Dives

Frances Parkinson



Award for Best Trainees

Zoe and David Maughan (collected by Paula)



Award for Longest Dive

Gary Pavier, Ann Pavier and Guy Bramley

Lost & Found - Andy Coyne

Despite stiff competition from David 'Shark bait' Maughan, Andy Coyne's ability to lose a 131m long, 2500 tonne ship (HMS Scylla) made him a runaway winner. A tip Andy - it's the big metal thing at the end of the shot line.



Mr Forgetful - Pete Shelton

After trying hard to win it for 3 years Pete Shelton has at last secured this prestigious prize, having fought off last minute 'holiday capers' competition from Steve, Wendy and Chris Chew. Pete's perfection of the 'leaving my dry-suit zip open' technique is an example to all (of what not to do!).



High & Dry - Laura Fisher

Whilst on a social trip to try their hand at 'Zorbing' on the lakes at Holme Pierrepont the zorbing instructor advised the participants, "Don't worry, nobody has ever fallen through the hole into the water". Well there is a first time for everything, and these fateful words must have been ringing in Laura Fisher's ears as she elegantly plummeted through the hole in the zorb and into the lake.

