

Hibiscus Underwater Club

First meeting

A general meeting was held at the Riverside Restaurant and Pub at Port Shepstone on Monday night 10 September and was chaired by Marc Lange. The following topics were discussed: Membership fees will be set at R150.00 per annum, 22 members have so far signed on. Treasurer Duane Louw can be contacted at 0823316664.

Competition

The first club competition will take place on Sunday 21 September (weather permitting) and a weigh-in and braai will follow at the Lange's property (next to Riverside Inn), it was decided that it will be a shore diving event, with the biggest fish from each divers bag to qualify for weighing. Area from Scottburgh to Port Edward. No entry fee is applicable for this one but one fish from each divers bag being donated to the braai, which will take place afterward irrespective of weather. Vice Chairman Brent Addison (ex NUU chairman who now resides in Margate) has put up a R500-00 prize for largest edible weighed in and Mike Kounatas also a R500.00 prize from Fairlet Construction in Margate.

Annual Crayfish Comp

Marc Lange also proposed an annual Crayfish competition. (Date to be decided on) The club emblem and T-shirt are still under discussion - two proposals have been put forward. D.Hattingh to follow up. It was also proposed that 3 memorial trophies in honour of Rene Neethling, Paul Kolenda and Steve De Phillipi be instituted with consent of their families. Brent Addison proposed forming a Underwater Hockey team for those interested and will be approaching the Margate town council for the use of the public pool for a Tuesday evening once the season begins and will network with Jeremy Cliff to include players from the South coast to join in at Kings Park on Wednesday evenings.

Video

The evening was rounded off with some beers and an excellent video played on the big screen, filmed by Brent and his son Mark with footage from the sardine run off the Transkei this year which included Brent swimming with and filming a pod of Killer Whales and Mark with the Tiger sharks on Aliwal.