

# THE SOUTHERN SPEARO

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This year marks the 12<sup>th</sup> year of the establishment of the Southern Free Divers and the selection of two of our members to represent Australia at the World Spearfishing Titles later this year in Portugal. I of course talk about Rob Torelli and Drew Fenney. A remarkable achievement for a small club and as far as I know the first time a club has had two of their members in an Australian Team.

Eight years ago Angie Perna started a regular competition calendar with divisions and prizes and after he left due to illness I continued as Convenor. With the support of an enthusiastic committee the Southern Freedivers has now very successfully hosted two Australian titles and reinvigorated the Competition scene in Victoria.

It was particularly satisfying to see the success the Victorian spearfishing team had during the recent Australian Titles held at Kangaroo Island. We came second to NSW by the narrowest of margins and had three of our members achieve a top ten placing.

However the Southern Freedivers is not just about competition diving. We run several social dives and encourage non competitors to attend our comps as a non competitor. We recently ran a New Zealand style Boat Comp at Cape Woolamai (Four Boats anchored in a formation with the Comp starting and finishing within this area). 25 divers attended of which 11 competed and was declared the best dive of the season.

The first comp of the season will be run in the same fashion and is a must dive. Boats will be leaving Fairhaven boat ramp and registration with our new convenor Brett Illingworth will be required to secure your spot on a boat.

In closing I remind you to log on to our website. Thanks to the work of Loui Papas and Matt Koopman

we now have one of the best sites on the net. Records, Competitions, Social events, Past newsletters, Australian Underwater Federation, Weather and a forum are just some of the information available. Check it out at [www.southernfreedivers.org](http://www.southernfreedivers.org).

-Club President, Paul Dorfstatter



▲ Club Champion, Drew Fenney

### Southern Freedivers

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## VICTORIAN SPEARFISHING CHALLENGE

Brett Illingworth has won this seasons Vic Challenge, holding out Matt Koopman by only two points. This is the second time Brett has won this, his favourite event. Even though Matt had managed to weigh in all ten species, the size of the fish submitted by Brett were bigger enough to take out the cup. Here is a summary of the results:

1. Brett Illingworth 83 points (9 species)
  2. Matt Koopman 81 (10)
  3. Jack Monkiewicz 59 (9)
  4. Chris Monaghan 57 (9)
  5. Louie Papadopoulos 40 (6)
  5. Aaron Crocombe 40 (6)
  7. Frank DiMartino 36 (7)
  8. Paul Dorfstatter 29 (6)
  9. Justin Goss 12 (2)
  10. Joseph Bednarek 8 (2)
  10. Drew Fenney 8 (1)
  12. Grant Temple 6 (1)
  12. Ziya Mustafa 6 (1)
- See the club wesite for the in-depth leaderboard.

Jack took out the random prize for the second year running, this year it was a pair of PICASSO fins. The new season "Challenge" will begin on the 10th of September.

## DIRK HARTOG ISLAND, W.A.



▲ *Some Southern Freedivers with Snapper*



▲ *Jake and Chris with Sampson Fish*



▲ *Grant with Big Spanish Mackerel*



▲ *Brett Illingworth, Vic Challenge, Heaviest Fish, Most Meritorious Fish Trophy Winner*

## JERVIS BAY

This years jervis bay trip on the 11th and 12th of march fell short of a few people who dropped out and numbers were down on last year. On the monday before the trip I was talking to Brett who convinced me to come along so that made four of us Brett Scott Liam and Myself.

So thursday night after work we left for the cannonball run up to jervis bay. Every year the same trip seems to take longer and longer. Early Friday morning seen us check in at the caravan park and then have a quick dive at the point, heaps of flashing and burlying but no kings were seen or shot.

On the Saturday and Sunday we went out to the banks and a fad 5 km out further, where we saw Dolphin fish but none were shot. We also dived the shallows and drum sticks where everyone saw kings and at one stage in the water Brett, Scott and Myself had kings on our spears all at the same time. One of the kings I shot was a little on the large side and I ended up losing my rife spear to him. Overall we had good vis and great weather.

-Rob Miler



## 30 YEARS AGO

### 1<sup>st</sup> Anchor- Boat Comp-Cowes- 27<sup>th</sup> November 1977

Fifty divers weighed-in in almost perfect conditions. Small boats had no worries and were able to fish as far as Kilcunda and Cape Schank. The top score came from Cape Schank, 707 points, with Alan Buck showing how it's done. A Snook of 2880 grams scored a well deserved 100 points to Reggy Roordink. Other good fish taken included a 11100 Conger Eel by Geoff Skinner (100 points), a 2060 gram Banded Morwong by Les Bell (100 points) a Banded weighing 2500 gram and it goes on. Summing up a really good comp.

### 1<sup>st</sup> CHAMPION- Land Based- Kennett River – 11<sup>th</sup> December 1977

Forty one divers sign on and thirty two scored because conditions were not the best with overcast skies, on shore winds and a small swell of 2 to 4 feet which got worse during the day. Mark Telford top scored with 341 points. Bruce Lowenthal had to unload excess weight in the current of the point and this may have cost him top score but he managed to retain a beautiful Barracouta (1400 gram) which scored 72 points. Summing up, a good hard comp, no fish were gotten easily and no hassles from the lifeguard.

## MORNINGTON

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of March dad and I went for a great dive to Mornington. We hoped in at 8:30 and dived until 1pm. When we first got in we just looked around dad had swam right over a big flathead. It was huge. I had a shot at it but missed by a finger nail I was spewing so the day went on as I shot some squid some red mullet and leather jackets but the day was good and the condition were awesome with about 8 meters vis.

-Matt Miler



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## CLUB SERIES



▲ *Joseph Bednarek, B Grade Winner*

The 2005/06 club series was completed in June at Grey River on the west coast. The series went down to the wire with Louie and Drew at the top of the table. Drew managed to beat Louie in the 8th and final comp by a bigger enough margin to be named this seasons club champion. Final results:

1. Drew Fenney 497% (A grade)
2. Louie Papadopoulos 492 (A)
3. Paul Dorfstatter 383 (A)
4. Rob Torelli 285 (A)
5. Chris Monaghan 282 (A)
6. Joseph Bednarek 234 (B)
7. Frank DiMartino 183 (A)
8. Russell Bennett 156 (C)
9. Justin Goss 132 (B)
10. Brett Illingworth 122 (B)
11. Hein Preller 95 (C)
12. Ziya Mustafa 80 (B)
13. Aaron Crocombe 62 (A)
14. Jake Morris-Torelli 61 (J)
15. Jason Horne 46 (C)
16. Robbie Livermore 30 (C)

*Southern Freedivers Inc. Invite you to the:*

## Southern Spearfishing Extravaganza

Sunday August 13, 2006, 12 noon - 5 pm.

- Your ticket includes one free spearfishing DVD, free entry into the Southern Spearfishing Extravaganza (includes BBQ lunch) as well as entry into our SUPER DRAW. (see opposite for prizes)
- You will also have an opportunity to buy some cheap dive gear and view some amazing videos.

**Picasso** **WHERE?**  
Dandenong Demons Football Club Social Rooms at Greaves Reserve, Bennet St, Dandenong.

**PRICE \$40**  
Proceeds of this fundraising event will be donated to Drew Fenney (Southern Freediver Club Member) who will be representing Australia at the 2006 World Spearfishing Champs in Portugal in September.

For more info contact: Rob Torelli on 03 5998 1116 or Paul Dorfstatter on 03 9387 8491.

## SUPER DRAW PRIZE

**1st Prize:**  
PICASSO 5 mm Mimetical wetsuit, PICASSO Carbon Fibre Fins and 1 meter Carbono speargun. (as pictured).  
Donated by Legendary Skindiving Equipment (Value \$1800)

**2nd Prize:**  
1 Day Exclusive Charter Dive at Wilson's Promontory guided by multiple Australian Spearfishing Representatives Rob Torelli and Drew Fenney

**3rd Prize:**  
1 Day Exclusive Charter Dive at Wilson's Promontory guided by multiple Australian Spearfishing Representatives Rob Torelli and Drew Fenney

The first club dive for the coming season is on the 10th of September at Phillip Island, but our next event is the "Southern Spearfishing Extravaganza" on Sunday August 13th. Hope to see you all there to support our world title representative. See the new calender for more upcoming club activities....

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