



BRANCHLINES

All New Schedule



THE NEW training schedule which the National Diving Council (NDC) has been working on for the last few years is almost ready. Actually, it is ready and will come into force on 1 April this year. From that date anyone joining ScotSAC will get the new training schedule. Anyone who has started their training will have until October to finish so by the end of this year all trainees will be using the new training schedule.

A workshop was held at Caledonia House in Edinburgh on 2 February where 101 instructors and 11 regional coaches representing 33 branches were introduced to the changes. NDO Gordon Young and his team talked the instructors through it explaining the hows and whys.

While the workshop was more about the content it also gave members the chance to see that the schedule looks completely different to what went before.

Gone are the wee red and blue books and in is a nifty blue zip folder with the ScotSAC logo on the front. Inside the pages are loose-leaf just like a Filofax so you can add pages when necessary. This should make it easier to archive your log pages and copy them just in case. New members will get them on joining but they will also be on sale to existing members for £19.99.

Why did it take so long? Well the NDC are volunteers, and work on things like this in their spare time and to quote a well known bawdy song, 'the yin that did it last time canny dae it noo'. This is a crude way of saying there have been several project managers who for various reasons have had to pass it on to others, each time that happens it takes time to get up to speed in order to progress.

Add to that the fact they have all been extremely diligent and thorough, I would hate to have to calculate the number

of man-hours that have gone into the production of the schedule but it would probably be measured in years.

Too many people have been involved in the preparation and production to name and a simple thank you seems inadequate so let's not just say thank you. Let's use the new TS to welcome new members and spread the message that diving with ScotSAC is safe and fun.



The all new training pack!



CLYDEBANK BRANCH is delighted that their new compressor is now fully operational and providing high quality air for the members of the branch.

Breath Of Fresh Air

As you can see from the photo, a fully heat insulated cabinet has been constructed by Joe McNally and his team of helpers. A corner of the compressor room has been specially modified to keep the unit in the best condition. The walls and floor around the compressor are insulated and there is a folding insulated lid. In line with the manufacturer's instructions the compressor needs to be maintained above 5°C to avoid the lubricating oils being too thick at 'start up'.

The walls will finally need a coat of paint to complete the job. In the meantime Gordon Downie is busy filling members cylinders. Eventually Clydebank Branch will sell their old compressor once they are completely satisfied that the new one is running correctly. The money raised will enable them to complete the project with a new, multi-outlet charging bank enabling them to fill several cylinders at once.

The project has been generously supported with a Grant from Awards4All.

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO Ross Shearer of Kilmarnock SAC and David Reive of Cumnock & Doune Valley SAC on achieving their Branch Instructor award.