



1st Class For Joe

CONGRATULATIONS TO Clydebank member Joe McNally on gaining his 1st Class Diver Award. Joe is only the 4th member in the history of Clydebank Branch to gain the award, the others being the late Eddie Docherty; Adam Curtis and Keith Waugh.

Joe received his congratulatory letter and signed up Training Schedule from ScotSAC HQ on 2 April, which also happened to be the same day as his 51st birthday, so he had two reasons to celebrate in style.

Joe joined Falkirk Branch back in 1981 as a fresh faced 18 year old. He has also been a member of Central Scotland

Divers and now Clydebank, where he has been Equipment Officer for the last 19 years. During this time he has kept the Clydebank branch equipment in first class condition.

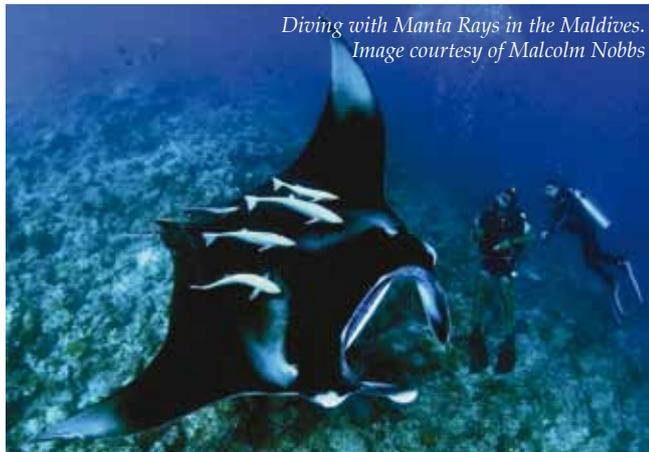
Joe has dived extensively all around the coast of Scotland, as well as the Mediterranean and Red Seas. For the future Joe is interested in mixed gas deep diving.

Clydebank Branch Committee is delighted that Joe has gained the 1st Class Diver award and hopes that his success will encourage other members to follow suit.

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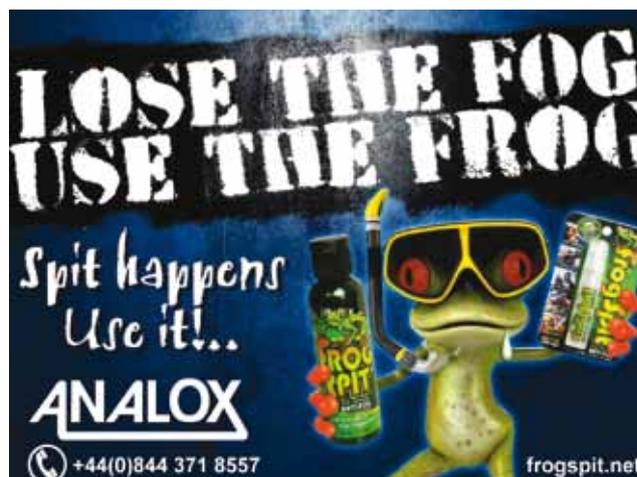
CUMNOCK AND Doon Valley branch would like to congratulate David Reeves on attaining his Branch Instructor award. Special thanks go to Alister Reid for all his help.

Date For Your Diary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 is the date for this year's Dive Conference which will be once again hosted by Stirling Sub Aqua Club.

As in 2013, the conference will take place at Stirling University and rather than being followed by a ceilidh, 2014's conference will be topped off with an Extravaganza Evening details of which will be announced in a future edition of **SCOTTISH DIVER**, so watch this space!

Organisers plan to build on last year's success and create new enthusiasm in diving and are asking for any ideas you think they can practically accommodate or that you yourself can provide. Email: info.stirlingscuba.com



Safeguarding Juniors

Marion Brown provides information on the newly updated Child Protection Policies and Procedures - 10 Steps in Safeguarding and Protecting Juniors ...

SCOTSAC WOULD like to draw the attention of CPOs, BDOs, all instructors, juniors and their parents / carers, and branch members to the updated Child Protection Policies and Procedures. These can be found on ScotSAC's website under the heading Child Protection : 10 Steps in Safeguarding and Protecting Juniors. www.scotsac.com

If anyone cannot access this information via the website please contact ScotSAC HQ on 0131 625 4404 or email hq@scotsac.com to arrange for a hard copy.

These have been developed taking account of the introduction of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme, and the minimum operating requirements (MORs) which sportscotland have requested all Sport Governing Bodies (SGB) implement.

The update consists of 10 steps to safeguard juniors participating in

snorkelling and diving activities with ScotSAC and is adapted from '10 Steps to Safeguard Children in Sport' compiled by the Safeguarding in Sport team which is a partnership between Children 1st and sportscotland.

Throughout all ScotSAC's policies and procedures a Junior Member is defined as any member under 18 years; also a reminder of the group status of Branches:

- Group 1 Branches do not accept members under 18years.
- Group 2 Branches have a regular intake of significant numbers of under 18s usually via a school or youth group connection.
- Group 3 Branches accept under 18s as they would any member of the public but do not have a significant number of under 18s.

The role of Instructors with Juniors Responsibility, which includes all BDOs and instructors in group 2 and 3 Branch-

es is clearly defined in Step 6. The changes from the previous Enhanced Disclosures to the current PVG Scheme and those in roles which are considered regulated work (BDOs and all Instructors who are members in group 2 Branches), who require to be members of the PVG Scheme, are also explained.

Attention is particularly drawn to ScotSAC's Code of Conduct – Step 4 which all members are required to agree to abide by when they complete their application for membership and on annual renewal. The Child Protection Policy is stated in Step 2, Risk Assessment in Step 3 and Procedures for Responding to Concerns (including flowcharts to follow) in Step 7.

It is important that CPOs, BDOs and all Instructors of group 2 and 3 Branches familiarise themselves with these updates and attempt to reach the wider membership through word and implementation of these Steps in their Branches.




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