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**Graeme Campbell Challenge Cup**

This cup is for winning Diver of the year and is awarded to the person who does most for diving in the year by way of personal achievement and/or contribution to club activities

The Diver of the Year trophy is awarded by the committee to someone who we think does the most for diving in the year by way of personal achievement and contribution to club activities.

The last bit is easy, there aren’t many occasions that drinking do’s take place that this person isn’t there.

I was quite surprised when looking back at previous winners of this trophy that it has been over 10 years since they last won it. There must have been some good winner’s inbetween for this person not to have won. They are always making themselves available not only by assisting with training and lectures, being there on a club night for members to chat too and to approach with queries and by supporting the club in giving back what has been given to them in the past. I suspect there aren’t many people in the room that haven’t asked them for advice over the last few years. I know I have. There are many people ring the winner for a chat and just a social, a good mark of the position of esteem they hold within all the club.

Mix into the pot 11 years worth of various positions on the committee since they joined the club in February 1994 and you begin to see how much time they put towards not only the club but towards developing themselves as a diver as well. Many Skill Development courses are run with them as the lead instructor, skills that have undoubtedly not only assisted the club, but themselves as by way of personal achievement, this year has seen them progress to be an Advanced Instructor.

They continue to give new divers opportunity to use the club RIBs by booking them out at least once a year, which this year has contributed to a much needed increase in dives from the RIBs. Also, they have not lost sight of why we are here as a club, to go diving, by doing around 40 dives of their own this year.

It puts him 2-1 up for this award in their household, but I’m sure that’s something he won’t gloat over, ladies and gentlemen, if you’ve not worked it out already, can you join me in congratulating this year’s Diver of the Year, Dave Godson.