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Subterranean Slovenia – MCG 2004 Expedition Venue

By Julie Hesketh

Team: Julie Hesketh and Ross Laird

Slovenia has been mooted as the venue for the MCG's 50th Anniversary Holiday in 2004 for a number of reasons. It is the birthplace of the term *karst* (the term is derived from the *Karst Region* of Slovenia known as *kras* in Slovene), because of its accessible and ubiquitous wild and show caves (despite the small size of this country, almost 7000 caves are registered with the Slovenian Karst Institute) and also because of the sheer variety of "other stuff" to do there. I spent my honeymoon in June 2002 in Slovenia – this is a write-up of the caving highlights of that trip – a further bulletin about the planned 2004 trip with more details about dates and possible accommodation etc. will appear in the next newsletter.

We chose Slovenia as a honeymoon destination as it offered a huge mixture of things we both enjoy doing – spectacular walking in the Julian Alps, caves, all over the country (but with the main ones near the Italian border in the Notranjska region), gothic style castles and accommodation (you can stay in a 5* castle for the price of a UK 2* hotel!), mile after mile of vines and occasional vineyards for tastings, hot springs, the lakes around Bled and the beautiful and refined Ljubljana. Slovenia, though part of the former Yugoslavia, has more political and cultural ties with central Europe than countries on its east and south and I found it surprisingly "western" in culture and attitude – a mini Austria, but at half the price!

Slovenia is becoming a fairly popular destination once again for many caving club trips because of all its attractions and value of money as well as the remaining potential for new cave discoveries. The Julian Alps tends to attract lovers of deep alpine, SRT-type caves whilst the areas further south around Postonja (where the MCG propose to go in 2004) have a mixture of beautiful river caves, horizontal stuff as well as some vertical for those who like dangling on ropes. Oh, and plenty of castles, lakes, rolling countryside, excellent food and wine, vineyards and some of the best show-caves in Europe.

Ross and I flew into Ljubljana and headed immediately out towards the south-east of the country, towards the Croatian border for a few nights of peace and quiet in a fabulous castle – well, it was our honeymoon! I will not dwell on this part of the trip as it didn't feature much caving (though there are plenty of caves in the area, and I WAS on my honeymoon if you get my drift) but it is worth mentioning some of the other highlights of the region. To be recommended are taking the waters at the thermal spa of Dolenjske Toplice, visiting the beautiful Krka Valley with the town of Kostanjeviske, cut off on an island because of the meandering river and wandering around the wonderfully painted Kostanjeviske castle and baronial hall.

We did manage to visit one small showcave – Kostanjeviske Jama – a small (by Slovenian standards) cave owned by the president of the local caving club who are actively digging the site. I was told by the guide that caves in this region are mostly horizontal – and more importantly, took details down of the local caving club for fu-

From the Editor

I have just come back from one holiday in Shetland and now I am off to Newcastle for a week (well, I do work very long hours during term time) so this newsletter has been produced in rather a hurry. There may be a few white spaces which I didn't have time to fill with snippets of news this month, but it will be back to normal with the next newsletter.

Just enough time to tell you about the October member's weekend. As BCRA have changed the date of their conference to the first weekend in October, the MCG meeting that month will be on second weekend, **10th - 12th October.**

Thanks to all who continue to send articles and snippets. If your article hasn't appeared yet, don't panic- it is because I am saving it for a future edition

Yvonne Rowe

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MCG doings...**On the move:**

Richard Carey is temporarily abroad, but can still be contacted by email

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Membership:

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Vacant committee post

Jane Baldwin has stood down as Recorder, and a replacement is needed. Suggestions to any committee member, please.

National Caving Association Survey

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a survey form from NCA. The NCA receive significant funding from UK Sport, and to obtain this funding they need to show that they are adhering to equality and race policies. Therefore, they are conducting a survey to determine the age, race and gender of UK cavers.

NCA would appreciate our help with this, so would you please complete the form and return it to Lee Hawkswell so that he can forward them en masse to NCA

ture reference! Disappointingly, we didn't see any *Paladilhopsis kostanjevicae*, a snail unique to this cave. Despite the main guidebooks making few references to showcaves other than the major tourist attractions of Postojna and Skocjan Caves, we noticed that there are many showcaves open to the public all over the country, all signposted locally and which look like they vary in how "wild" they really are.

Knowing full well the sort of woman he had married, Ross had planned a couple of days for us around Postojna so that we could visit the 3 main showcaves in the area – Scočjan, Postojna and Predjama Caves. One of the highlights of the whole trip for both of us though was a cave we stopped at en-route to the area – Krizna Cave. We had read about this river cave in the Lonely Planet Guide – and followed the instructions to book a trip by telephone in advance.

The day came to get underground at last and we headed toward the showcave in a spectacular thunderstorm and torrential rain, which lead us to question whether this particular showcave would still be open. I had expected a "normal" showcave but on arrival, I was surprised to find a very low-key set-up with a small hut near the gated cave entrance. Ross and I were the only people on the tour. We were greeted by our Guide, Igor – the supremely chilly and depressive fellow who was to take us on what turned out to be a 4-hour visit. Igor kitted us up in jolly red oversuits and helmets with homemade lights and we set off into the cave.

The first section of the cave is a walk through very large and dry entrance series – akin to the larger sections of OFD, though with fossil bear bones piled in the passage for inspection. After a short while we reached the first lake where we took a bottom lit boat. It was just wonderful to gently be paddled through emerald green lakes (effectively giant, water filled active gour pools), one after the other, surrounded by stal, albeit by the depressive Igor who lived up to his dark-sounding name by telling us in a monotone voice how many hundreds of times he had visited the cave. The trip took us to the chamber of Kalvarija, where the river splits into two. We were able to alight the boat here for a while and wander around the stal forest and clamber over active gour pools and take a photo or two (if only to prove that Ross did a proper caving trip – helmet, wellies and all!) This trip rates as probably one of the most beautiful caves I have ever done and I am really looking forward to going back to finish the rest of the "wild" cave off with the MCG.

The next day we headed off to the town of Postojna – a fairly unremarkable town, known mostly for its showcaves. The caves of the Slovenian Karst are unique as the home of the famous Cave Salamander or *Proteus Anguinus*. Postojna showcave advertises the fact that you can see Proteus as one of its key selling points, along with the fact that part of the tour (around 4km) is taken by train. As time was short for us in this region, we opted not to visit the cave but instead head to the less commercialised Skocjan Cave.

We had a long wait until the next tour so we wandered along the gorge to the lookout to see the superb views of the Velika Dolina (Big Valley) and see the thundering resurgence from Skocjan Cave – an amazing sight that gave us some idea of the sheer size of the active passage in the cave itself. The water finally re-emerges at Duino in Italy 40 km to the north-west where, as the River Timavo, it then empties into the Gulf of Trieste. Skocjan cave has been awarded UNESCO status as a world heritage site – not surprisingly as it is so varied and a quite exhilarating showcave. We joined only 2 other tourists for the guided tour that started through an artificial tunnel. We wandered down through the vast "Silent Cave" and were given the usual explanations of cave formation etc by the guide and I was feeling a little disappointed at this stage – yes, it was huge but not really spectacular. Until, that was, we rounded a corner and heard the absolute booming river Reka thundering away in the distance. This has to be the biggest underground river I have ever seen and it was impossible to speak over the incredibly loud noise of the water.

We turned into the river passage to be greeted by a vast rift taking the water – lit with lanterns hanging from high up in the roof. The halos around the lights, caused by the

water spraying up from some 45m below gave the passage the look of something straight out of a Tolkein fantasy. Depending on your head for heights, the Hanke Canal Bridge was either the highlight or lowlight of the visit - suspended at 45m above the river. I scuttled across at top speed, thanking my lucky stars that we were not using the old bridge, the remains of which were another 20m higher than the newer bridge.

The tour took us along a wide ledge along the river for another 10 minutes or so before we emerged into the quieter Bowls Hall with its colossal dry gour pools and finally into the doline – again with spectacular views down the valley. Finally, a funicular took us back to the reception area.

An interesting showcave I visited on a day when Ross seemed all showcaved-out was the cave under Predjama Grad (castle). Whilst the tour of the cave was fairly unremarkable other than the 16th Century graffiti on the walls of one of the chambers, the situation of the early 13th Century castle, perched in the mouth of the cave under dramatic cliffs is a quite impressive enough reason for a visit. The cave had no electric lighting and we were given lights by the guide and the trip was a little rushed. I understand that there is more to this cave than the showcave bits and a return visit by the MCG should attempt to contact the owners to arrange a fuller caving trip.

The final cave worth a mention is Zelske Jame – a wild cave that was one of the highlights of our trip. Zelske Jame was so impressive mainly as it was so unexpected. The Lonely Planet guidebook makes passing reference to the Rakov Skocjan gorge and its natural rock bridges but the author fails to mention how absolutely fantastic they are and how hidden away in some excellent wooded valleys they lie. We parked up in a nondescript woodland carpark at the top of the gorge and ambled towards the very discreetly signposted doline only to find that the woodland opened up to reveal a spectacular doline with an impressive 20m long natural rock bridge, 6, thick spanning the river which is 42m below. Ian Bishop's book has a great photo of a caver abseiling off this bridge, but luckily for Ross, there is an easier way in – a walk down one side of the doline.

From the doline, there are various short sections of cave to explore (one area gated off – but easily accessible to anyone with even the slightest hint of curiosity and no fear of getting her feet wet) and many clammers into other nearby dolines. In fact we had great fun scrambling around the gorge and downstream to where the river rumbled into the mouth of a cave. Ian Bishop's guidebook describes the whole area as one trip to be made with a rubber boat. In fact, the whole gorge would make a superb day out for cavers, picnickers, scramblers and anyone who fancied a paddle in a beautiful surrounding – one I'd definitely like to go back to do properly.

So, I hope that I have whetted appetites for a caving holiday in the home of Karst, sometime in the summer of 2004. I will prepare a further article for the next newsletter with details of some of the planned practicalities – dates, accommodation and so on in order that folk can consider if you wish to come along to help the MCG celebrate 50 years of caving in Slovenian style.

In the meantime though below are a few references and websites for perusal if you are interested. So, Cheers for now or "Na zdravje!" as they say in Slovenia.

Useful References: For general tourist information see the Lonely Planet Guide to Slovenia, 3rd edition published August 2001.

For further information about the caves of Slovenia see the *Cave Guide to Slovenia* written by Ian Bishop and published by *Riverside Reproductions Ltd.* in 1997 (ISBN 0 9531312 0 3).

For general information on Slovenian showcaves see www.ijs.si/slo-kast.html

For a virtual tour of Krizna Cave, see www.burger.si/Jame/KriznaJama/KriznaJamaENG.html

For Slovenian caving clubs, see <http://members.aol.com/arcanes/europe.htm#22>

Stoke Lane & Brownes Hole

It is recommended that cavers do not go down either cave until after the summer is over.

A recent drowning at Holcombe Quarry (200 meters down the road from the layby where you park for Stoke) has caused the police and local council to put no parking cones all the way down the lane in every possible parking area. In addition the quarry company has Group 4 security patrolling 24 hours a day (they even have a portaloo at the quarry entrance!).

As access to Stoke is dubious anyway any conflict with the security firm/police could result in the landowner being informed and access stopped for good. I believe the problem will pass once the good weather is over.

For further info check out BBC news website, using search engine enter "Holcombe Quarry".

Bone Hole

There will be a Bone Hole work weekend on 06/07th September. The intention is to finish the bl**dy lid. This project has been on-going for as long as I can remember - for pete's sake, will enough people please turn up this time - if only to get it off the Committee minutes!!!

Fragments from France –24

By Tony Knibbs

The fact that 14th July public holiday this year fell on a Monday created a long weekend on which a caving trip in the Hérault département was planned. The two caves targeted are not easy to visit, and require a guide (with key) from the Spéléo Club de Beziers. Access is controlled due to the profusion and fragility of the formations. There are probably hundreds of caves in France about which virtually nothing is ever published in order to minimise visits and the consequential damage.

The SCB hut was an old stone farmhouse on a plateau in the Parc Naturel du Haut Languedoc between St Pons-en Thommières and Bédarieux SE of the D908. From the village of Olargues a narrow road zig-zags up the steep left bank of the river Jaur, continuing as an unsurfaced track across the plateau, initially crossing ridges of schist until the hamlet of La Salle (alt. 500m) is reached. The SCB hut is situated here and commands a fine view southeastwards over ridges of Cambrian limestone.

We arrived at about midday on Saturday 12th July. It was a very hot day; uphill from the Jaur the outside temperature gauge registered 50.5°C and the engine showed great reluctance to restart after a two-minute stop to admire the scenery – my first experience of vapour lock in the fuel line! Following a light lunch we set off on foot SE along the track for about a kilometre before thankfully turning off downhill on a vague path into the welcome shade of sweet chestnut trees down to the dry valley bottom where a small cliff just beyond the streambed held the gated entrance to **P.N. (Pieds nicklés) 77**.



The shade temperature in the valley was probably around 40°C, so climbing down the entrance pitch (13°C) on a 15m fixed ladder was very pleasant indeed. From the entrance rift a succession of stoops and hands-and-knees crawls brought us into the aptly named Salle de la Géode where masses of

calcite and aragonite formations got our cameras clicking. The cave ended at two sumps: upstream and downstream. The cleanwashed stream passage walls were pale grey, tinged with pale blue. The water resurges at the Illoule spring a few kilometres away. We returned to the hut in the early evening, hot and dusty. Copious liquid refreshment with the communal evening meal, prepared by SCB members Paul and Sandrine, quenched our thirsts. The presence of flying ants was blamed on the full moon which rose impressively above a wooded ridge to the southeast. Flying insects were absent inside the SCB hut, due I'm sure to the impressive population of healthy-looking house spiders.

Sunday's trip was to coincide with a filming session in **Grotte de la Pousselières** near the village of that name, just off the N112 Beziers road between St Pons and St Chinian. There was much brave talk of being at the cave - an hour's drive away - by 08h00. But it was 07h30 before people really started to get up.

Part of the gear was an electric (3kW) generator, so it was a relief to find that the en-

trance was only 100m from where the cars were parked. A short fixed ladder led down from the gated entrance to the start of a boulder ruckle 80m deep through which the route was indicated by the heavy cable running from the generator on the surface to the bottom of the cave. Working downwards through the boulders was relatively easy with gravity in one's favour. François, a SCB sherpa, kept up a constant stream of comments and curses as he fought his way through the boulders carrying a heavy, bulky tripod for the film camera.

Eventually boulders gave way to a deep rift with a handline and stemples formed from steel reinforcing rod bent into wide U shapes, each fitted into two holes drilled in the rock. The rift opened out: first into Salle de la Comète, then into Salle du Téléphone. The latter was aptly named from a striking formation resembling a telephone handset hanging by its cable. The mixture of calcite and aragonite formations became more and more stunning as one followed the marker tapes around the chambers. At one point I became concerned that I might be on the wrong side of a tape. Some form of taping to clearly indicate a notion of "this side or that" would have been useful. Once the filming had got under way it was time to leave.



At the deepest point (125m) was a small stream running over flowstone. The climb back up through the boulders was tiring and thirst-provoking; out into the hot sunshine, a cold beer was most welcome. The communal evening meal was enlivened by François giving a virtuoso performance as a stand-up comedian.



More progress in Hunters Lodge Sink

Ok, so it isn't an MCG dig, but I need to fill the space, and there is a picture to go with it.....

Recently, the Hunter's Lodge dig "went", with another 275 feet of mostly walking-sized passage (with some decorations) discovered.

The passage stops at the head of a possible 100 feet pitch. Amongst the decorations is a *Bos* leg bone, stalled over. The shaft is emitting a draught and the passage is heading towards "Hunters Hole"



Rescuers save injured caver trapped by tide

By Richard Savill

news.telegraph.co.uk



A young caver who was trapped underground for 24 hours with a suspected broken pelvis remained cheerful and calm as she was rescued in a "superhuman" effort by 100 volunteers. Laura Trowbridge, 22, an experienced caver, was taking part in a television documentary 500ft underground. The alarm was raised on Tuesday afternoon after she fell seven feet from a ledge inside the cave. She was too hurt to make it out of the cave and her plight was made worse when part of the escape route flooded at high tide.

A 100-strong team rescued her after the tide dropped on the River Wye near Chepstow, allowing them to crawl through the muddy rock system. She was carried 700 yards on a stretcher through mud and slippery rocks to the entrance of the Otter Hole cave by a chain of people who worked throughout the night and day. Miss Trowbridge, a student from Taunton, Somerset, said "thank you, thank you" as she was brought to the surface at 4.20pm yesterday.

Peter Hobson, a rescuer, said: "She was put on a stretcher and was a super patient. She was very cheerful and calm and her attitude made our job so much easier. She must have been in a lot of pain but did not show it." He added: "It was very tight and restricted in the caves and the amount of mud made movement difficult. It has been a superhuman effort by the rescue team in very difficult conditions." Paul Taylor, of Gloucestershire Cave Rescue, said: "They were passing some equipment to each other and she just slipped. Luckily there was a doctor in the team who gave first aid to the woman."



The rescue operation was delayed by last-minute problems. The last 10 yards took more than two hours to complete, and Miss Trowbridge was given painkillers. One passage was compared to a letterbox. She had to be removed from the stretcher due to the tight passages and narrow tunnels. She was later ferried by lifeboat to a waiting helicopter which flew her to the Royal Gwent Hospital in Newport.

Otter Hole Cave, which is 2,500 yards long, is famous for its hall of 13 stalagmites and stalactites. There have been no other injuries at the cave since it opened in 1974. Miss Trowbridge was part of a nine-strong team, including a film crew working for the HTV television company, who were making a new series on "out of the way" places. Four of the team crawled for two hours out of the caves to raise the alarm. The other four, including the doctor, stayed with her.

Eleven members of a rescue team climbed into the cave system before the tide flooded the entrance. All 15 stayed with Miss Trowbridge until the tide dropped shortly before dawn. Sam Moore, another rescuer, said: "I feel a great sense of relief. I have spent a lot of time lying on my back with the stretcher on top of me to keep it out of the mud. She was very determined throughout." Miss Trowbridge, a member of Wessex Caving Club, is studying at Aberystwyth University, where she is secretary of the caving club. Her parents, John and Susan, travelled from Somerset to the scene of the rescue and were said to be "very relieved" she was safe.

A spokesman for Redweather Productions, an independent company making the documentary for HTV, said viewers would not see the fall. "Unfortunately, our camera was nowhere near the incident so we did not get it on tape."



Extracts from the MCG Log Book (3rd Jul – 3rd Aug 03)

03.07.03 – **Triple Hole** – (Doug Harris, Mick Norton.). In a larch plantation are four shafts surrounded by fencing. We belayed a ladder to a tree and descended the first pitch, beyond a concrete block..... down a loose shaft, then a loose slope of boulders, dead sheep/cows etc. – not a cave to do again in a hurry! *[MN]*

06.07.2003 – **Carcass Cave** – (Tim Francis, Mick Norton, Doug Harris). Forty drums out. Left hand route now terminated. Digging along right hand wall straight down – loose sand (Bi-curious Passage). Air OK.

09.07.2003 – **Swildons** – (Richard Carey, Paul Craddy). Very low water Round Trip.

19.07.2003 – **OFD I** – (Geoff Beale, Joan Goddard). After fighting our way past a fly infested sheep's carcass near the entrance chain (Ugh!) we ambled along the stream passage to the end choke, water level low. On our way out we investigated one of the passages near the entrance – a bit of scrambling led up to some pretties. In the afternoon JG walked up to Babysitters Dig above Top Entrance – an impressive dig complete with wheelbarrow 'garage'.

As part of **RESCON Conference at SWCC Gavin Newman showed his new audio-visual on Wookey which was very good (and will be shown again at BCRA Conference In October).

[** RESCON Conference delegates had some real rescue practice later in the week when a caver fell in Otter Hole and it took 23 hours to get her out]. *[JG]*

26.07.2003 – **Carcass Cave** – Ben Cooper, Lee Hawkswell, Tim Francis). Bumped into the massed hordes from the Wessex on a tourist trip. Continued digging at Bi-curious. Very promising right from the start with pockets of air space all along the fault. Lee eventually heaved out a couple of rocks and a large descending void appeared. There is definitely a breakthrough here, the air seemed to improve – but it was too tight. Biff, please bring your drill!!

28.07.2003 – **Hunters Lodge Inn Sink** - (Tim Francis, Ben Cooper, Tangent [UBSS]). Tour of the latest dig faces. Bottom dig was rather wet, more of a canal than a puddle, so we didn't attempt to bail it out. Inlet dig on the left draughts well. J'Rat has bought some drain rods to go and do something nasty to it. Made the pub by 1.00 pm. *[TF]*

28.07.2003 – (Malcolm Cotter). Inspected rock shelter in valley parallel to Gorge and behind Lion Rock. 10 feet deep. Must have been excavated leaving hanging stalagmite floor. *[MC]*

29.07.2003 – **Carcass Cave** – (Norma Cotter, Malcolm Cotter). Tourist trip. Very impressed with the progress. *[NC]*

31.07.03 – **Withyhill Cave** – (Jacky Ankermann, Lee Hawkswell, Martin Grass). A trip to Glistening Pool Series and Green Lake Chamber. Only a few puddles encountered on the way although the cave is liable to flood to a depth of up to one metre. Formations throughout the length of the cave are amazing and very close to the walkway – sometimes too close! Great care has to be taken *[JA]*

03.08.2003 - **Sandford Levvy** – (Joan Goddard [leader], Geoff Beale [led]). Found the entrance with ease and followed the mined adit to end and back, Looked into some of the passages to right and left. Failed to find entrance to Mangle Hole. *[JG]*

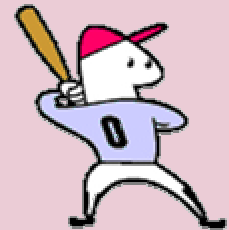
Shocking news

Several members reported electric shocks at the cottage on the July member's weekend. Shocks were felt in the kitchen, outside tap, hand basins and showers.

Inspection of the earth cable revealed that the cable had become detached from the ground spike, possibly by someone tugging at the cable which runs from the meter box to the spike.

The earth has been reconnected and driven deeper into the ground until an inspection pit can be installed to house the earth spike.

Anyone for..... baseball?



Jacky has kindly donated a baseball bat for social functions. For security purposes, it will be kept in the old Shop cupboard.



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Monthly Member's Mendip Meets

Meet MCG Cottage

Saturday **6th Sept** and
Sat **11th Oct** 2003 at
10.00am

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Booking the Cottage

Please make bookings
for Groups (whether MCG
or Guests) through the
Cottage Warden to avoid
double bookings

GROUP INFORMATION

Weekly Meeting	At The Hunters Lodge, Somerset, Tuesday at about 10pm		
Monthly Meeting	At the Group HQ on the first Fri/Sat/Sunday of the month		
Accommodation	Available at the Group HQ (for members and guests)		
Cottage Fees	MCG members, members children, SWCC, NPC	£	1.50
(per night)	Guest clubs and member's guests	£	2.50
Season Ticket	Available to members only		£30.00
Subscription 2004	Full and Probationary (excluding BCRA insurance)	£	25.00
	Associate Members (excluding BCRA insurance)	£	10.00
Reciprocal rights	MCG members have reciprocal rights with SWCC and NPC		
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2003/04 CAVING AND SOCIAL CALENDAR

DATE	AREA	EVENT	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
Members W/Es	Mendip	Digging in Carcass Cave	Bill Chadwick	0118 9691812
Oct 3rd - 5th	BCRA	Hidden Earth conference		
Oct 10th - 12th	Mendip	Members weekend	Lee Hawkswell	01985 212690
Oct 11th	Mendip	Beer & skittles	Linda Milne	01344 774589
Autumn 2003	Mendip	EGM - BCRA Insurance	Lee Hawkswell	01985 212690
27th March 2004	Mendip	50th Anniversary Dinner	Lee Hawkswell	01985 212690

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COTTAGE BOOKINGS

Who	Date Arrive	Date Leave	Nights	Beds
Pete Mullins	Fri 12/09/03	Sun 14/09/03	2	24
Pete Mullins	Fri 17/10/03	Sat 18/10/03	1	20
Pete Mullins	Sat 18/10/03	Sun 19/10/03	1	4

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