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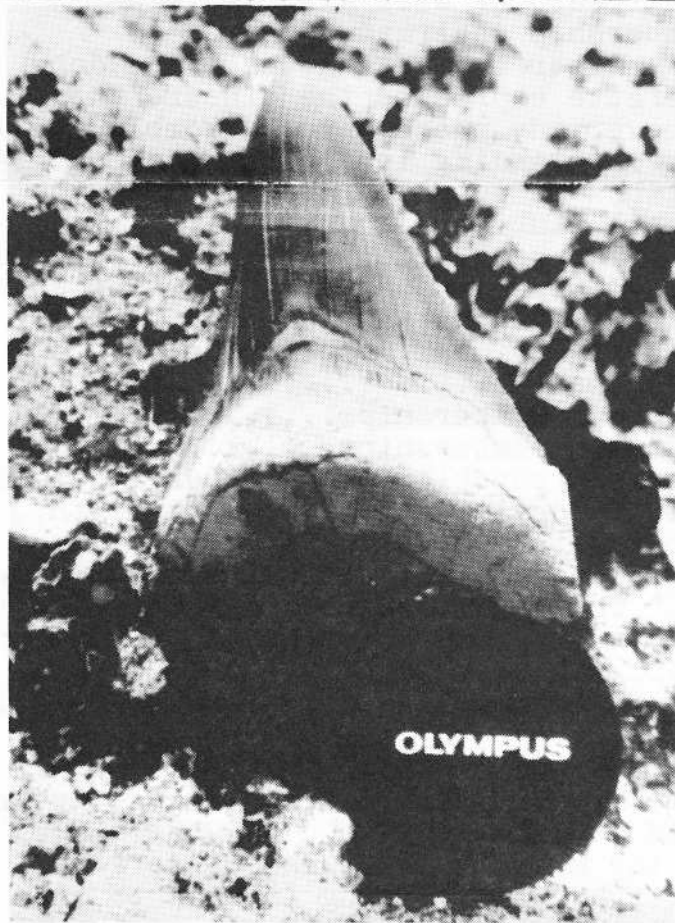
JANUS

The title of this newsletter comes from an ancient god of Roman mythology. Janus was a god of two faces, one young and one old; one face to see the future, the other to see the past. He was "the god of good beginnings" and therefore of good endings. The name Janus, then, should apply to the Fossil Club, which looks to the past for clues to the future, and also to this newsletter, which will be (with your support) the beginning of something good.

NEW BOARD ELECTED

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Fossil Club was held at the Museum of Natural History in Raleigh on Saturday, November 17th, for the purpose of electing a new Board of Directors. Vince Schneider was declared President by acclamation after no other nominees were proposed. He replaces Ed Womble, who chose not to run for re-election. Four other club members were elected for two-year terms as directors; these were Ed Womble, Bob Baldrige, Annette Seymour, and Leland Whittle. Grace Peacock was elected for a one-year term to fill the vacancy left by Vince Schneider.

Other club business handled at this meeting included discussion on a proposal that the Board of Directors be increased from eight members to twelve. This proposal was defeated, however, so the Board membership remains at eight. Another proposal was heard that a trip to the Smithsonian Institution be planned for every other



Carcharodon megalodon - Aurora, N.C.

year. All members present approved and decided that, since no trip was made this year, a trip would be planned for 1980. A third proposal was submitted and approved that the club adopt a new logo (which appears on this newsletter) to represent our club on letterheads, ID buttons, and other official paraphernalia.

The new President, Vince Schneider, called a Board meeting immediately following the club meeting. Since Board meetings are open to all members, all were invited to stay. A report on this meeting and other club news is on page two.

REPORT ON ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Newly elected president Vince Schneider began the board meeting by having the board members vote on the nominees for Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Results were:

Vice-President - Bob Baldridge

Secretary - Judy Raynor

Treasurer - John Everette

The treasurer will also serve as membership chairman.

After the voting was over, John Everette expressed the sincere thanks of everyone present to Ed Womble for his outstanding leadership and contributions as outgoing president of the Fossil Club.

The next order of business was to set membership dues for 1980. The dues will remain the same as last year:

New individual memberships..\$10.00

Renewals 5.00

Spouse memberships..... 2.50

Junior memberships..... 1.50

Dues are payable as of January 1st and will be delinquent after April 15th, 1980, after which the \$10.00 new membership fee will be required for renewal. The board decided to offer charter members who did not renew their memberships in 1979 a one-time chance to renew their active memberships for only \$5.00.

Before closing, the board set a date for the next board meeting, to be held on January 19th, 1980, at 10:00, at the Museum of Natural History in Raleigh. This meeting is open to all Fossil Club members and all are urged to attend. The agenda for this meeting will include the scheduling of fossil trips for next year, as well as discussion on car-pooling to fossil sites, new fossil localities, the possibility of out-of-state fossil trips, guest policies, and the organization of educational programs of interest to Fossil Club members. Please come!

A membership application is printed on page 3 for both new and renewing members to fill out and return with their 1980 dues.

SUGGESTIONS WANTED!

JANUS is the result of a proposal that a Fossil Club newsletter be published on a regular, year-round basis as a service to our members. This newsletter will be printed quarterly (more often if necessary) and circulated to all Fossil Club members. This is one of the benefits of membership covered by your yearly dues.

The purpose of this newsletter will be to inform Club members of upcoming events, to evaluate recent trips and activities, and to provide articles on paleontology of interest to our readers. This will require a great deal of input from you. Several members have already suggested these ideas:

- 1) Book Review - to review and evaluate new and current publications on paleontology,
- 2) Swap Shop - a column to provide fossil collectors a chance to trade specimens, and
- 3) Car-Pooling - for readers who are interested in sharing rides to trips and meetings.

Other ideas, or comments on these, are welcome.

We would also like to know when any of our members finds a particularly interesting fossil or makes a donation to a museum. Photographs of well-preserved specimens may be printed to help members identify and sort their own collections.

Please send suggestions and news items to Judy Raynor, North Carolina Museum of Natural History, Paleontology Dept., P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, N.C., 27611.

TIP: For fossil trips during hot weather, a canteen of water or Kool-Aid that has been allowed to freeze overnight will stay cool a long time. Be sure, though, to leave the cap off the canteen when you put it in the freezer the night before a trip, and replace it the next morning.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	
Individual	_____	
Spouse	_____	spouse of individual member
Junior	_____	under 17 years of age with an individual member parent

Name _____
 Last First Middle

Address _____

Town, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number Home _____ County _____
 Business _____

Occupation: _____

1. Experience with fossils (what, when, how long, courses, etc.)

2. Special skills you would be willing to share (fossil jewelry, displaying, teaching, etc.)

3. What type of fossils are you primarily interested in. (shells, other invertebrates, sharks teeth, other vertebrates, plants, etc.)

4. Check all activities you would be willing to help with:

___ Public Relations	___ Organizing field trips
___ Membership	___ Newsletter
___ Education	___ Other (specify)

5. Suggestions for specific activities or programs. _____

Signature

Date

ABOUT THE PRESIDENT

Vince Schneider, who replaces Ed Womble as president of the Fossil Club, has been a member of the club for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years and was elected to the Board of Directors in 1978. He also holds the position of Associate Curator of Paleontology at the N.C. Museum of Natural History, where he is in charge of identifying and caring for the fossil collection. In addition, he works full-time as an environmental technician for the State Dept. of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Future issues of JANUS will feature a column called "The President's Corner" written by Mr. Schneider.