

AROUND THE CLUBS

AUBURN (N.S.W.)

KINGFISHERS' KAPERS

First, congratulations to the Newcastle Neptunes for making yet another success of the Pacific Coast Championships. We were represented by only two staunch members, "Bimbo" Seckold and Bob O'Brien. What happened to the rest of the Kingfishers? Scared of a bit of dirty water?

"Bimbo" was elated with the "Pig Pen's" performance in the chop on the Friday. It even beat John Gillies' new boat . . . but the crew suffered.

Congratulations also to Bill Lewis and Jack Evans for a well organised Presidential Congress. I think it should be an Annual event. All items put forward were sound and should inject new life into the U.S.F.A. and those who benefit by it.

Hear tell of a twin to the "Pig Pen", taking shape. Art and Ken Stevenson have been working L for leather to get it christened before the June weekend. Good luck boys.

Keep in mind 12th August. We have a Social Comp. day with North Shore, and please put on a better display than last year!

I'm also rather ashamed of our display at the Long Reef Alliman. One solitary bod weighed in fish, three others signed on, whilst the rest of the club went fishing at Kiama. If things don't improve at the May Alliman, there'll be a new scribe for Kingfisher's Kapers.

See you all next month. That's all for now from — "Casper".



John Allen (South Pacific Divers).



Miss Sylvia Sandler

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

On the 24th February a club outing was held at a private pool (thanks to Jeff) to give the members some idea of what a championship entails.

The morning was spent in doing a course equivalent to that of the Australian Championships and I'm happy to report that over 90% of the members passed. That same afternoon, the club went over to Taronga Park and Manly Pool, to have a look at some of the Denizens of the Deep. (Man, are they Big.)

The long weekend was a Lulu, with the first payment being made on the local hotel. That should teach some of the members that grog and ground swells don't mix. Even old Allen had his head in a five-gallon drum making weird noises. Dennis took some nice movies while floating around the bottom, so here's hoping we shall see them in the near future.

A frantic day was had by all at the old Oak Park Wharf on the 10th March. Ye Olde diving dress was

brought out of cold storage so that a few members could have a go at diving wearing the full dress and helmet. The reason for this particular outing was to try and get some good Photo's for the A.S.M. cover. Well, it started out being an overcast day and water vis. down to 10 ft. maximum. (It was lousy.) But surprisingly enough the Photo's turned out extra well, so we might see some good cover shots in the near future.

The club film night turned out to be a roaring success (and I mean "roaring") when we screened "The Silent Enemy".

After the film a few members got together and decided to attack the famous (ahem!) "Leaky Tiki" one dark night. So remember "Capt." those Limpets go off with a bang.

A word of warning to those members who turn up at the next outing without their own smokes and eat's. You shall be tied to the "Leaky" when it goes "POOF"!

Commodore Cuthbert.