

AROUND THE CLUBS

U.S.F.A. OF W.A.

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What a month we have had over here in the West. First, we had the finding of **THAT** wreck by skindivers who included some U.S.F.A. members. We are now waiting to see if it is the "Gilt Dragon."

Next we were shown "The Shark Hunters" and are now waiting for the replay. So that's what you mean by a "Shark Gutter." Congratulations to Ron and Ben. Our own underwater photographer, TON BOEKELMAN, showed us some of his underwater films of the Abrolhos Islands at the last meeting. The response was so great that we hope to have a club camp over in the clear, coral waters in June.

On the spearfishing side, club members accounted for over 5,000 lbs. of fish, headed by our club champion, DICK POLAND, with 825 lbs. Not to be out-done, a large group of our keen Juniors and Intermediates arranged a camp at Hamlin Bay where they found the water full of W.A. Jewfish, Blues and Samsonfish. Amongst over 400 lbs. of fish added to the month's poundages was 16-year-old ALLEN KING'S 75 lbs. BLUE GROPER, equalling our Junior State Record.

Having been over to S.A. I think we can leave everything in the C.U.A. of S.A.'s capable hands. Kangaroo Island appears to be ideal from every aspect and providing you don't want everything served up on a plate there should be very few complaints. Bring your "Whopper Stopper" guns.

Not content with picking up coins and ivory off Ledge Point, several of our BLUE WATER WANDERER members have also had a trip to the Abrolhos where they helped to recover some cannon off the "Zeewyk" (1712). BRIAN STAGG seems to be a champion relic finder.

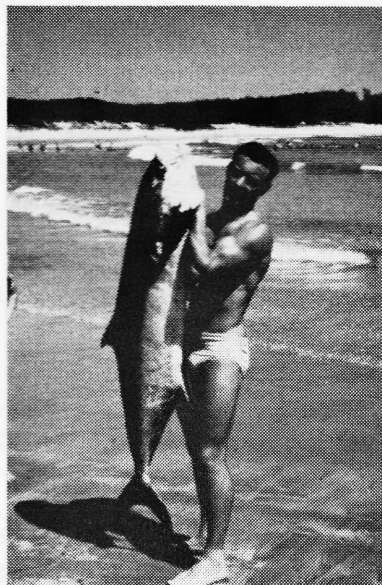
I see our member, Val Heighes, competed in the Pacific Coast Championships but under F.L.S.H. club colours. Now really Val!

The C.U.A. of W.A. wants to hold a mid-year convention. We have many good reasons which you will hear about soon. How about it men?

"SAND GROPER."



• Sylvia Sandler (by popular request) Scuba, and John Allen (Hardhat, S.P.C.).



• Colin Teede of Bunbury, W.A. with his 100 lb. Samson Fish landed with a double rubber gun. (The W.A. boys don't like sand on their fish!)

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

Congratulations must go to Bob Smith on becoming runner-up to Warren Kirkby in the Pacific Coast Championships, also to the other members who took 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th. Owing to the poor roll-up in the Ladies' Scuba, Joan Riley and Sylvia Sandler entered the men's Scuba and quickly dispelled any ideas about women divers by leaving half the boys in a trail of bubbles.

Club members please note the "1963 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS" will be held on 23rd JUNE (theory) and 24th JUNE (practical) at Wattamolla. Our second trawler diving day will be on 30th JUNE, 7 a.m., GUNNAMATTA BAY Wharf. Book now!

At the last club meeting Miss Sylvia Sandler was elected Social Secretary and Mr. Alan Moule; Publicity Officer (who is now 2,000 miles away on the Barrier Reef). The club's two tow-sub's are near completion, one having its 25 M.P.H. surface trials at Jibbon to the amazement of everybody concerned.

Denis Robinson's 14-foot aluminium bathtub now has a 40 h.p. heater on it, ideal for towing tow-sub's, skiers and diving (if only the water will clear).

CUDA SKINDIVING CLUB

Very little to report this month as winter has seemed to set in with a vengeance. On Sunday, 19th May, seven of our lads went out to the Broken Bottom, about 2½ miles off Glenelg. We were not able to obtain the DUKW, as previously planned, for this dive, but transport in the form of a 17-ft. Sea Knight was obligingly provided by John Lees. For this time of the year, conditions were perfect. A dead calm sea and extremely good visibility were all the encouragement we needed to brave the chilly water. Although we did not hit the best part of the Broken Bottom till most of our air was gone, a search with an underwater sledge eventually located it. Those who still had something left in their tanks went down and reported large schools of Sweep, Whiting and many good size Strong fish. As the working depth with a snorkel was only 30 feet, Ian Berry ruefully wished he had brought along a gun. Still, that's Show Biz!