

PORT KEMBLA

"Sea Serpents"

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N.S.W.

Our October and November months have been active ones for the Sea Serpents.

The competitions meets have been unsuccessful with the C.U.C.A. and the Northshore boys, but socialside has been a different story. On the second of November we held our presentation and party night at the Lake Heights Illawarra Yacht Club.

The premises was really rocking that night. We had one of the best rock groups playing for us, local boys called the Wanderers.

Even the sixty-year-olds were rocking and stomping wildly about, and for the least active types there was cheer with beer at the well-stocked club bar.

About 260 people were at the night, which passed into early morning (glad to see the Sydney lads there).

Our Senior Champ for 1963 was Bob Dickson who was presented with the Chapell trophy. Our Lady Champion was Enid Gorton and Junior Champion Mike Keenan also both received trophy awards.

Those Sea Serpent members who spent the day at Watsons Bay enjoyed a well-organised day in perfect weather. Some very nice fish were weighed-in and sold in quick style by Dick Charles.

Worthy of mention is a couple of the serpents' members who volunteered to find the body of first-time skindiving, nineteen-year-old lad who drowned in company of two friends at Boat Harbour, south of Kiama, on 19th November, 1963. Two members, Bob Dickson and Carlo Filapette, assisted police in rescue operations. Using scuba gear they found the body after being in the water for ten minutes.

This death and others shows that the right type of encouragement is needed and required to show new beginners how to approach diving in safety and respect the sea by joining a known Skindiving Club.

As the 1963 year closes we look forward to 1964 for bigger and better skindiving times.

Our programme for '64 is to introduce the first time the South Coast Carnical of Sport Championships in March and it will be well organised with many good trophies to be awarded.

The Port Kembla's five Islands is good diving area, conveniently positioned for the championships which will be held at Wollongong showground.

Entertainment will be well organised by the Sea Serpents that weekend. Those who want further particulars ring our Secretary at 4-1560 (Jack Chappell).

"Enthusiasm".

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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Dec. Activities:

Dec. 1st. 28 Conformists at Bass Point. Junior Peter Burr got a 4ft. 6in. kingie on snorkel, and has put the seniors to shame. 6 individualists spent the same day at Coalcliff exploring the gutters and caves. Both spots can be recommended for lung diving, Coalcliff only on the calmer days.

Dec. 7th-8th. N.S.W. Lung Championships:

Due to this club's performance we are now turning to skiing and board riding. Our highest points scorer, Gary Dowse, received our financial assistance to S.A. to represent us there. Although our performance was not the best, the performance of the so-called Lung Clubs in Sydney was worse as they did not even turn up. Disappointing to both Joan and Sylvia was the fact that there were no other lady contestants in the championships. One supposed from club notes that there were capable lady divers in both Sydney and Newcastle. Congratulations to the winners.

Dec., Saturday 14th:

Stomp Nite (Xmas Party). Certainly a success probably because the organiser was Bob Scott. Alan Moule's theme song is now "I want my —".

Dec., Sunday 15th:

Some ten members that arose after Saturday night spent the day board riding at Cronulla with Warner Power and Guy Emery. Denis had the "Jibbon Ferry" running when seen off the beach.

Dec., Monday 16th:

Members saw some Heron Island slides after the meeting, over 120

slides were shown by Bob Scott. Bruce Richards' 24 squares were not completely mounted so the 20 shown were only a preview. Bruce's colour close-ups would undoubtedly rival anything published in Australia to date.

January Activities:

January 20th, Club Meeting:

January 26-28th, Spearfishing Comp., to be held at Ulladulla on 27th. This is a 4-hour comp. with U.S.F.A. ruling.

February Activities:

February 2nd, Trawler Day.

February 17th, Club Meeting.



Don Lock (S.P.D.).

Announcements:

Congratulations to Ron Taylor and Val Heighes who were married on 20th December. Ron and Val will have represented us in the lung champ. at S.A. Alan Moule left for Heron on 18th December. It's his turn with a camera now.

Thought for the Month:

Is it possible to achieve an Air Embolism whilst diving without breathing apparatus. Before answering please read chapter 17 — 17.2.4 of Submarine Medicine Practice. Any person having information of an authentic accident of this nature please contact us through this magazine. Most diving manuals claim this type of accident to be impossible as the air cannot expand to more than its original volume.

Hard Hat.

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