

AROUND THE CLUBS

BELLAMBI

C/o 45 Gladstone St., Bellambi,

Well, here we are back again after missing for a few months.

Club elections have been held and the results are as follows.

President — Mark McKinnery.

Secretary — Raymond Andrews.

Treasurer — Don Morrison.

Also, the trophies have been presented. Here are the official winners—

Champion of Champions — Don Morrison

Senior Champion—Don Morrison

Junior Champion—Marcel Meyer

Largest Fish — Hubert Andrews

Most Merit. Fish—Don Morrison

A trophy was also given to Ray Andrews for the fine work he put into the club and for getting a club record snapper, which weighed 15 lbs.! Not bad for a junior . . . hey, "Gob".

As the years in the club all know, the beginning of the year started off well. The club had a general outing—I won't name the place, it's top-secret—but getting back to the outing Ray, Peter, Mark, Marcel and Hubert went out for about two hours in the boat and when yours truly arrived I was shocked at what they had caught. They had a blue groper each, sizes from 20 to 25 lbs., and also plenty of Tassies and red mowies; between the five they had about 300 lbs. of fish. Good going, boys . . . keep it up.

"Gob" I mean Raymond Andrews "Junior", also speared and landed a 6ft. blue pointer. "Worm", or rather Peter Harper, also hit one but it snapped his cord. Graham Hill, Gob and yours truly swam out again in the afternoon and we were greeted by a sight that would make any spearo's heart fall out. We were in about 40 ft. of water when eight bronze whalers from 6 ft. to 10 ft. in length started swimming around us, but that wasn't enough—they were chasing a school of kingies which were after a school of sardines. After waving our guns frantically we managed to find our way out, we lost sight of the sharks and swam straight for shore. We landed, we kissed it.

A few weeks later Mr. Midnight, "Mac", "Gob" and "Nob" (yours



● Mark McKinnery (B.B.S.C.) and his beaut "kingie".

truly) went out again and we were greeted by a school of kingfish. One of the fish went straight for Ray's leg, probably at the flash of his knife, but as the kingie passed a shark followed missing his leg by two feet. The shark then disappeared, Gob's heart was on the bottom. You want to watch them bities, Ray, they can bite you know.

Mr. Midnight managed to get one of the kingies, the "rat".

I'll C.U. next month.



● Bob Smith helps Jill Allen (S.I.D.) with her gear prior to a dive into the Blowhole.

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February Activities—

February 2—Trawler Day. Water dirty close in shore, 100ft. visibility half a mile out.

February 17—Club Meeting. After meeting movies were shown by Ron Taylor.

February 23—Trawler. A heavy swell, sick, sick, sick?

February 28—Night Dive, Clovelly pool.

March Activities—

March 1—Bass Point training day.

March 7 and 8—Scuba Competition, Wattamolla.

March 15—Scuba Sports Day at Oak Park wharf.

March 16—Club Meeting.

March 23—Trawler Day.

Coming Attractions—

Standard Dress diving day from trawler in Port Hacking.

Shoal Bay Scuba Championships.

Various assorted social functions which should get the club's winter activities off in a big way.

Announcements—

"Thanks" to Mr. Tom Coleman for taking the time and trouble to reply to our question on Air Embolism While Free Diving.

Miss Joan Riley, who is now sporting a new hair-do, is singing "My Little Diver's Turned Surfy".

During Easter Alan Moule, Dave "Fidel" Allen and yours truly hope to be at Mt. Gambier.

If club notes are any indication, Sydney seems to have lost three of its five lung clubs. It looks like you need more than a book of B.S.A. Diving Standards to succeed.

By the flood of diving articles in weekly magazines, one would think it would attract new divers to the sport. Let's hope so. Wish the authors would not get carried away though; quote — "You would be looking at the young Australian girl who has already become something of a legend to those who revel in the watery wonderland of the skindiver."

Two first-class books for any diver's bookshelf are "The Sea by Life" and the newly revised edition of "Dive".

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