AROUND THE CLUBS

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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JUNE ACTIVITIES

June 5

Interclub Ten-Pin Bowls Nite between Brighton and ourselves. We were beaten and they received the Perpetual Trophy. Bob Nicholls came equal highest in a three game match.

Spearfishing comp. cancelled as water visibility was like wearing a blackout mask on a night dive.

June 21

U.S.F.A.-S.C.U.B.A. day. After this club holding two sports days recently, interest has dropped to a very low point.

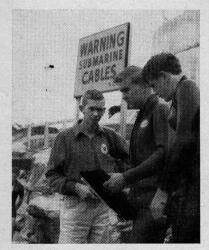
June 23

Club meeting. The library now has a small but excellent collection of books which are covered with heavyduty plastic; courtesy Bob Smith.

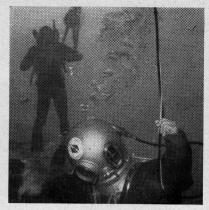
June 28

Trawler Day. Deep dive (shallow, 125 ft.) flat seas and almost perfect visibility. Bert Davies, Bruce Richards, Kurt Reichstater and yours truly went over the side when told the depth was 200 ft. but somebody made a boo-boo, as it was only 125 ft. Anyway we landed in a big school of Tragline, but as no one had a weapon there was a mad rush to the surface and the rest of the air was spent on Tragline.

Guess who turned up late and will be fined 5/-, and did not get wet and his name starts with "D" and it's not Dave?



Denis Robinson, Bob Scott and Chris Cooper (S.P.D.).



Kurt Reichstater is the helmet diver from S.P.D.

JULY ACTIVITIES

July 5

Spearfishing comp. between Brighton and ourselves.

July 20

Annual general club meeting.

July 26 Trawler Day.

Joan Riley has arranged a theatre party to the "Forum" to see "The Fall of the Roman Empire".

Club photo comp. entries shall be in by the 15th September.

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Recently in Sydney a university student was involved in a diving accident and for his trouble spent a considerable time in the R.A.N. Recompression chamber at Rushcutters Bay. Quote from a newspaper, "It's a pity the stunt didn't come off. Wouldn't it have been a riot if the ferry and police had organised a search." This sort of publicity can give the sport a bad name.

Helmet-mania has gripped certain members of this club since last month. A transistorised telephone has been fitted, courtesy Kurt Reichstater, it is now possible to have music to dive or stomp by, fitting a TV in the helmet is going to present problems.

Thought for the month:— What is yellow and dangerous? — A shark-infested custard.

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

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Our club outing on Sunday, July 26, will be a spearfishing comp. at South Moana running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. No power boats will be allowed and a small entry fee of 2/- will be charged.

General Meeting on July 28 will be held at the Adelaide Skindiving Centre, Compton Street.

Trevor Castle took out his monthly award with a 2lb. 8oz. sand flathead.

Bit early yet, but our club have been asked to organise the first of a series of beach days with running and swimming races, etc., plus a bit of fun. It will take place on October 4 at Pt. Noarlunga South, so start training up, fellers.

Somebody should tell Harry Giles it is still not sporting to spear fish when wearing a Scuba outfit even if you do hold your breath while you do it!

The U.E.C. will have to get up earlier to catch the U.S.F.A. as a recent trip to Mt. Gambier proved. Having driven to the Piccaninny Lake to dive early one morning, they found our mob had been there long enough to dirty it up for them.

Our thanks go to the Mt. Gambier Skindiving and Spearfishing Club for making our members so welcome on the long weekend. When it comes to putting up with and providing supper for eight burly blokes from our club they DESERVE thanks. Needless to say, Allen Phillips held them enthralled with (tall) stories of his past adventures. Pity we didn't take the "Cross" down there with us.

Recent slide evening on the theory side of Scuba diving put on by Don Cooper proved very interesting and informative. However, Mrs. Francis's feelings were that it was just as well she did not see them BEFORE she made two dives to 125ft. at the Mt. Gambier Lakes.

Our very best wishes to Roger and Kath Eddy on the arrival of their son and heir, Gerald Scott.

You've heard of those low people who go around writing on beauty spots, well some crew with the initials U.E.C. left their trade mark on the bottom of the Ewen Ponds, Mt. Gambier.

Certain person caught in a compromising situation at a party recently, offering to buy back the negatives! Last heard the price was £5 each. Has Lawrie agreed to pay the price yet, Noel?