

AROUND THE CLUBS

MOSMAN WHALERS

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The first Sunday in September was a beauty! It was Father's Day. That made the day a beauty for fathers, but also possibly accounted for part of the poor sign-on of Whalers at the La Perouse venue — and another reason could have been a psychological "thing" about that venue after the final round in June. But no matter about us and our "sign-on" of 12, we do all join in offering hearty congratulations to Sans Souci, Canterbury and St. George for beating us — it is about time the Dragons beat us. We also congratulate our top-scorers, Trevor Collins (Jnr.), John Wright and John Capper. Young Trevor also won the Junior "M.M." with a 50-point black drummer.

The September club comp. scheduled for Curl Curl was changed to Fairy Bower due to poor conditions at "Curly". John Gillies won that day, with John Capper and John John Wright running-up.

The quarterly trophy winners were John Gillies (A Grade), John Wright (B Grade) and John James (C Grade). Congratulations, John and John and John. John Gillies has been off sick again recently, so his efforts were all the more meritorious.

"Uncle Jeff" had a dip and enjoyed it after his three months "out" due to old-age complaints.

In a general report we must offer condolences to Athol Adams, whose father died recently. Hope to see you back with us later, Athol. Then we must report that "Clicker" Clark and crew got a fright at Norah Head when John Wright tried to spear a great big sunfish from the boat—and from further north, "J.G." off Forster was ordering "T.C." to shoot a "bitey" which turned out to be an outside manta ray. But right back here in Sydney, and just at North Head, the "mad three" had more success. Young Paul Dawson got a 20-odd-lb. jewie on Saturday so went back on Sunday and got a 30-odd-pounder (see photo).

Reports on the Ball are all mighty —so we congratulate the social organisers and the "Queen" candidates winner, and the losers, for putting up with mad spears. And finally we thank Diana Blowes for being our candidate and Len Atkins for permitting her to do so.

Cheers for now. — "Old Monstro"



• Mosman "Junior" Whalers Paul Dawson and Barry McDonald off North Head with a jewie (mulloay).

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES —

8th September — Theatre Party to see "A Hard Day's Nite", supper at the Cross afterwards.

13th September — U.S.F.A. Scuba Day at Bass Point. This was held at South Pacific's National Park, 32 of our members turned up and one or two from other clubs. Members explored and photographed Bruce's cave. The dimensions are smaller than the "blowhole" but it is completely under water. A Bar-B-Q was held afterwards, and who took those photos of "J."?

18th September — U.S.F.A. Ball, a really first-class night. Let's hope the Joy Boys will be there next year.

21st September — Second Annual Club Meeting (Party Night). At the close of the financial year our membership stood at 120 members, not bad for the second year.

Club Photographic Comp. Results—
B/W above water:

1. Valerie Heighes.
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- H/C Bob Scott.

Colour Prints:

1. Alan Moule.
2. Bob Scott.

Emphasis this year was placed on Underwater Colour Slides. Due to the volume, judging had not been completed at the writing of these notes. *The Results of the 15 gns. Open Black and White Underwater Section:*

The winner is Mr. John Boermans of Victoria. He will receive the cheque shortly. Entries were also received from overseas. Our judge, as last year, is Mr. Bill Gail, A.R.P.S.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES —

8th October — Theatre Party to see "Tom Jones".

19th October — Club Meeting. Slides from the comp. will be shown.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

Joan Riley and Peter Harper have announced their engagement. Joan may be losing her independence, but she's gaining our Treasurer. Congratulations from the club.

Bob George and Carol Goff will be married this month. Happy honeymoon.

Brick of the Month goes to Bob Smith for exceptional behaviour on a deep dive.

Back to business . . . over the last month certain members have made a series of deep dives. The first dive was made by Kurt Reichstader and yours truly to a depth of 225 ft., on the second dive to 280 ft. Peter Harper and Kurt went down. On this dive yours truly and two others had slight effects of "Narco" at 180 ft. and with safety in mind all went back to the surface. Hate these people who seem "Narco" proof. If "Narco" affects the brain, some divers will not have to worry.

Reading in "Spearline", the Newcastle U.R.G. are recognised as the leading lung club in Australia. I wonder who recognised them, I thought our trumpet was large enough.

WANTED: Girls to make deep dives. must be inexperienced in diving.

— JOHN ALLEN.

Could any reader please assist in securing a copy of the revolutionary new book "Theories on How to Avoid Nitrogen Narcosis at Depths down to 30 Feet and Even Beyond" written by a certain John Allen?

— M. Nelson, c/- S.P.D.