

## AROUND THE CLUBS:—

### SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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#### Australian Championships:

Down at Victoria for the Champs. were Peter Harper, Joan Riley and Bob Delander. Peter was placed fourth in the S.C.U.B.A. Champs. and the placings were very close. Seems you could pick the Victorian S.C.U.B.A. divers by the amount of instruments they were wearing. They look like 707 flight decks.

#### January 1st:

Night Dive Kiama Blow-Hole. Bob Scott, Frank Stevenson and yours truly entered the Blow-Hole at night. Possibly this is the first time this has ever been done.

#### Jan. 2nd:

Bob Scott, Colin Linklater, Frank Stevenson and myself made an initial exploration of Friars Cave. This tidal cave goes back approx. 200'-300' into the side of a hill situated South of Kiama.

#### Jan. 10th:

Dive on "Birchgrove Park". Peter Harper, Joan Riley, Bob Delander and yours truly made their first dive on the wreck. Thanks to Wally Gibbins for making this dive possible.

#### Jan. 17th:

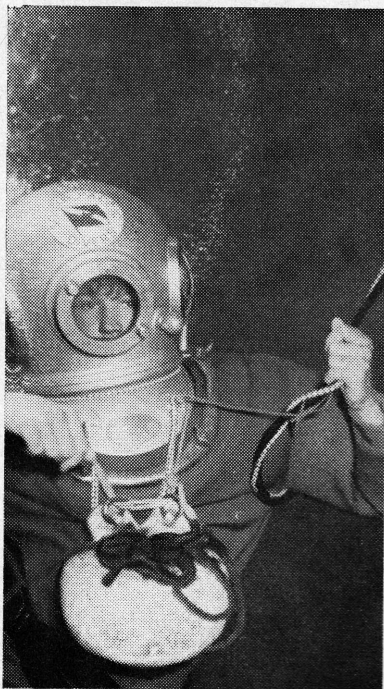
Kiama Blow-Hole and Friars Cave. 19 members spent the day exploring the Blow-Hole and Friars Cave, most of them for the first time. All the male members jumped into the Blow-Hole followed by the girls. First to jump were Rosalie and Liz Auty followed by Joan Riley and Sylvia Sandler, then Lin dived in and caused a stir among the boys by losing the top of her costume. After this Pat swam in from the front. Not much danger from the jump, but used flash bulbs presented a problem. Seems the night before Bruce "Clique" Richards, Prince Valiant and Bob Delander, after a couple of glasses, decided to jump in the hole thinking that they were the first, but no.

#### Jan. 18th:

Club Meeting. Guest of evening, Mr. Karl Nuebuhr.

#### Jan. 24th:

Another dive on the wreck of the "Birchgrove". Bob Delander and yours truly jumped into the water. Bob almost landed astride an 8ft. white pointer shark and almost in the same instant was back in the boat while yours truly tried to hide himself inside his camera housing. Possibly it was hanging around because Ron Taylor, Val Heighes and John Harding were in the boat.



*Chris Cooper (S.P.D.)*

Whilst down at Jervis Bay Bruce Richards and Bob Nicholls picked-up four large crays, the largest being 11½ pounds.

Peter Harper was elected Federal S.C.U.B.A. Chairman while down in Victoria. Please humble yourself in front of him.

Thought for the Month. It seems the title of B.C.'s new book is "I'm The Greatest."

John Allen.

### WESTERN SUBMARINERS

C/- H. Banks, 44 Chiswick Road, Greenacre, N.S.W.

Well, here we are again after the Christmas break, all ready for a new year of competition.

As our competition year ended in December, we are now starting afresh. This year will be a big year for our club, we hope. And we have increased our competitions, apart from our monthly comp. held in conjunction with the Alliman Shield. We will be holding a novice competition and this will be a separate comp. altogether and not to be confused with our usual A and B grade, so if you are a novice spearo and want to join a good club that will cater for you. Come and see us.

Over Christmas we basically had 2 groups away, one at Woolgoolga and one at Hat Head. I have still to hear the reports from Woolgoolga, but I believe that the fishing was not

the best, with a lot of dirty water, but I heard that our President, Peter Robertson, shot a good cod of 65lb., but I will give a full story next month about Woolgoolga. At Hat Head we had a few good days but on the whole there was a lot of wind, mainly N.E., and dirty water. A couple of club records were set, one being a 7½lb. flathead by Alf O'Dell and the other an 83lb. brown spotted cod by Harry Banks. Quite a few kingies and jewies were caught by all, and Ken Kemp, a newcomer to spear-fishing, made a great effort in catching a 30lb. kingie and a 30lb. jewie, as this is Ken's first year fishing he can hope for big things for the future.

We hold our club meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month. All are welcome. If any new members would like to come contact either Peter Robertson, phone 88-3970, or Harry Banks, phone 709-1291.

### PORT HACKING

C/- Ross Page, Secretary, 20 Robinson Street, Cronulla.

The Club Competition held at Oak Park was in reasonable weather but dirty water. Why is it that few people show-up for "signing-on" at this place? The scores for the weekend were:—

1st Les. Stanley, 98 points.

2nd James Bond (007), 65 points.

Most Meritorious — Bernard Thompson, 6lb. 8oz. wirrah cod, 62 points.

The Safety Officer was on the prowl at Oak Park, and I was fined 5/- for having an uncovered spear head. So, everybody, play it safe and save yourself some money.

By the way, who was it that shot a 7ft. 6in. jewfish (so he thought) up at South West Rocks. Boy, that water must be dirty.

Les Stanley, who has just returned from South West Rocks, had many a wild story to tell. There he was, swimming along in very dirty water (again) when something—about nine feet long — ripped his 40-odd-foot rig out of his hands. After he had then swam up to and over the beach, he could see a grey nurse demolishing his fish on the rig. Within a short period the water was infested with sharks. So boys, watch out when you're carrying fish, especially when they're not on a rig.

Greg. Mokeef suggested that a day should be set aside to show inexperienced members how to fish. This is, I think, a good idea and should be carried out.

Well, that's all for now. See you next month.

Deep Diver.