

AROUND THE CLUBS:—

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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May 17.

Club Meeting. After meeting Mr. Wally Gibbins gave us an excellent slide night. This was the first meeting that we have had a bad roll-up, so don't forget its the 3rd Monday in the month. Visitors are especially welcome.

Seems certain members of S.P.D. fished in the Avalon Alliman. Who was it who took a 1lb. cocky on a gas gun?

During May 12 members dived at Coalcliff. This is a very interesting place to dive with a lung. No fish but plenty of caves, gutters and growth much to a photographer's delight. I wonder why all my slides came back showing close-ups of Lloyd Large's head. Probably Bruce Richards was paying him to get in the way.

While diving down at Bass Point with Norm Rogers, Chris Cooper and Glen Mallot, we met John Luton who was up this way for a few days. He is doing pretty good "Ab" diving down south.

Sorry to see that Bob Scott has gone up to New Guinea and in typical fashion was given an S.P.D. send-off. **Limpet mines, torpedoes, etc., failed to daunt him. As the ship was leaving the dock he lowered a little plastic boat over the side. This caused such an uproar from the members that the crew turned out to have a look. They were followed by the Captain of the vessel and last but not least came the wharfies.** Good luck, Scotty, from all your friends and all members of S.P.D. Maybe some of us will see you up there some day.

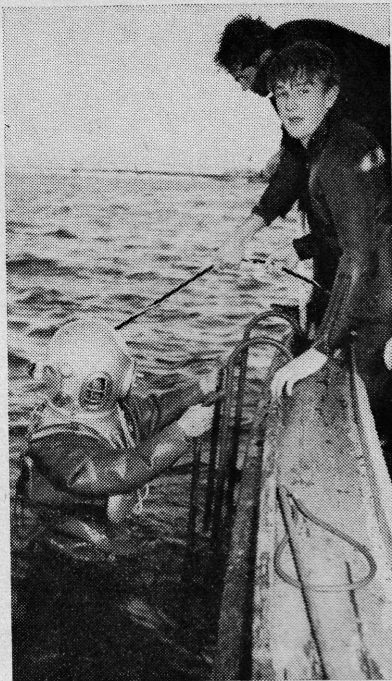
Seems Glen Mallot and Colin Linklater are out of the water. Glen, with an infected ear and Colin, with a burst ear drum. Hope to see them back in the water in the not-too-distant future. Bob Nicholls is also out of the water due to a common disease—women.

On the Queen's Birthday weekend a S.C.U.B.A. Convention will be held at Port Stephens. This Convention will be run by the N.U.R.G.. If run in the usual manner of the N.U.R.G. this should be a first-class weekend, weather permitting.

June 21. Club Meeting.

Lots of dead fish floating into the "Letters to the Editor" column lately.

Spearfishermen and women turned Marine Biologists are telling us that the fish population is fast becoming depleted. Bet their whole argument is based on two fish, e.g., blue groper and morwong. I fail to see how this



Chris Cooper says, "We'll make it" (Ray Crew in Helmet).

constitutes the fish population. Because of this the cry is now ban the taking of fish with an aqualung. The taking of fish with lungs within twelve months by this club would be equal to one month's spearfishing by one of Sydney's larger spearing clubs. **What does the spearfisherman want, a larger share of the cake?**

John Allen.

MOSMAN WHALERS

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Two Mosman Whalers came of age, in this period of reporting club news. Terry Casey turned quietly around the adult milestone on Anzac Weekend without letting us make a fuss — but Doug Buckley quietly let it slip out that he turns 21 on 30th May.

On 29th May, as all Whalers know, there's a barbecue on at John and Joan Capper's house — so it is a moral, now, that this gathering will stay till midnight to extend birthday honours to young Doug, if he lasts the distance — and if he doesn't we'll sing "FREEZA jolly good FELLA" over his empty glass. Happy 21st birthday to both Terry and Doug! Also on the personal news list is Terry Morrison — Since our last writing Terry has been into North Shore Hospital where the surgeons

cut his right arm nearly off at the shoulder, put in a new universal joint, did a bit of welding and lubricating and then stitched the skin back over, so that he is just a natural born "White Stag" perma-sewn skin, but he's still smiling and looking forward to driving that mechanical wonder of the age again, and to going for his usual 3 or 4-mile swim (solo) in each competition.

Within our club we offer congratulations to three members who were elected to office at the last meeting, namely Phil Wayne, now a Vice-President, Don Gould, now a USFA Delegate and K. "Clicker" Clark, Asst. Safety Officer.

On the sporting side John Capper reports that we came second to Sans Souci at Avalon on 2nd May. Thanks indeed to the 26 who signed-on, and to the many who lost gear and got knocked about trying to hop the rough rocks, all for the sake of the club — such enthusiasm is the most valuable asset we can possibly have. Brian Bailey had some of his gear swiped while launching the one and only boat on that day and so we were minus his usual healthy score. Our top scorers were P. Wayne 130, B. Morrison 114 and A. Wayne 112. Ashley Barnes and "Ada" Wayne won the most meritorious awards.

Ashley Barnes will be making his presence felt more and more, I predict, despite his effort at the club competition on 16th May at Wollongong Harbour when he returned with a couple of proteges 1½ hours late. On that day Brian Bailey was top scorer with John Capper and Phil Wayne trailing well behind. Bob Blount won the Snr. Most Meritorious with a 47-point "Tassie" (good work, Bob — "Old Kedge"?) and John Tregaskis of Undersee turned in a 30-point pike.

Our recent meeting was once again packed out — to the visitors and new members who attended we apologise for the lack of room and assure them that we are hopeful of having a more comfortable meeting room for our next get-together. Cheers for now!

"Old Monstro".

THE EDITOR REGRETS . . .

that so many clubs (including Newcastle Neptunes, Western Sub-Mariners, Black Rock, Marauders, Newcastle U.R.G., W.A. Sea Shooters and S.W. Sea Shooters) forwarded their "Club Notes" copy too late for inclusion in this issue—DEADLINE is the end of the month at Box 1192, G.P.O. Sydney

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