

AROUND THE CLUBS:—

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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Sorry for no notes last month, I got them in, but too late.

We've had word from Bob Scott in New Guinea, seems he's going to take up teaching, pity the poor natives?

In the month of July a group of members from this club were involved in an underwater endurance attempt, the place, Manly Marineland. Bob Nicholls spent 20 hours in 55 degrees water, he was using Hard Hat gear.

Good coverage was given by press, radio and television. Radio station 2SM ran a contest during the night to see who could guess what Bob would say when he came out of the water the following day.

Our thanks go to Sylvia Sandler for making the 2SM coverage possible, although a dive like this seems simple the amount of problems that can arise in 20 hours is enough to fill a book, loss of body heat was the main one.

There is nothing like being kicked in the ribs at 2 o'clock in the morning and told it's your time to feed him, still all those concerned will agree it was a good weekend. Thanks to St. George Underwater Centre for the air, thanks also to Denis and Sylvia, Peter and Joan, Dave and Jill Allen, John Cameron, Chris Cooper, Lloyd Large, Kurt Reichstaten, last but not most of all Bob Nicolls and Janice Richards, Bruce Richards, Peter Newton and myself recorded the dive on camera.

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Theatre night "My Fair Lady" thanks to Joan Riley for the organising.

Club Meeting, election of Officers.
Pres.: Denis Robinson (re-elected).
Sec.: Peter Harper.
Min. Sec.: Bob Nicolls.
Treas.: Denis Robinson.
P/O: John Allen (re-elected).
Soc. Sec.: Joan Riley (re-elected).

Club dive, Gibbon the "ferry" runs again, a good turn-up but dirty water ruined the day (for diving).

Although not a club dive a good attendance down at Kiama Blowhole the following Sunday.

We hear that Denis Robinson, Peter Harper and Joan Riley are going over to Noumea in September, we hope that the water is clear and there is plenty of fish.

Thought for the month.

What has two legs and blue all over—Bob Nicholls.

We are 3 years old this month.

John Allen.



• Janis Richards and Bob Nicholls (S.P.D.)

PACIFIC SUB-AQUA

Slight seas and dirty water greeted us when we arrived for our last club competition at Long Reef. There was not a great deal of fish taken, but Ron Skinner fished hard and won the monthly trophy.

Graham Mercer, while fishing, was surrounded by a large school of porpoises which were seen from shore, he says that all he heard was faint beeping noises and "packed death" when we told him that they could have been sharks.

The Southern Division Cabaret Night was held at Auburn on Friday, 27th August. The night was a great success and approximately 350 people attended.

Best decorated table prize was taken by our club, and also we ran all over the other clubs in the tug-of-war. (How about eating your spinach, Marlins?)

Proceeds from the night will go towards the World Championships Fund.

An Australian Record Pike was taken by yours truly recently at Bass Point, the fish was 29½ ins. long and weighed 3lb. 12ozs.

Until next month's news, fish hard Morays.

"JACKO"

NORTH SHORE UNDERWATER CLUB

"Sea Hawks"

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The Annual Presentation Cabaret on July 31st at the Mosman Town Hall went with a swing and by 10 p.m. the joint was really jumping with 130 odd spearo and partners.

Some of the purists carped at doing the Barn Dance to a modified Mersey-beat, and the National Anthem played in the same fashion was remarkable, nevertheless we had a ball. Bill Lewis of U.S.F.A. fame did the honours and presented this year's trophies. Everything was just moving into high gear when the night ended.

Congratulations to Social Secretary, Barry Bullen and his unsung cohorts, for a well-organised effort, but please don't pick the night before an Alliman again! Finally thank you to the many guests from the Mosman Whalers whose presence added to the fun.

The Alliman at Palm Beach was only a few hours away when we closed down for a brief sleep. A subdued crew signed on at 9 a.m., only half our usual number, and the result was a record low score for the Hawks. However, we fluttered into second place behind the strongly fishing Dolphins. Even Pee Tee 73 failed to show up and by 2 p.m. most were on the way home to recuperate.

Sunday, August 15th at Mona Vale was a different story. This was an inter-club meeting and with a full roll-up we had no trouble in running out clear winners despite indifferent conditions.

With the school holidays upon us many spearfairs to the North are underway, ranging from Heron and Nth. West Islands where Ken Wardrop and John Gillies are heading down to Coffs Harbour which is the venue for a large team including Bob Williams, Bob O'Brien and Bruce Garlick. Good fishing to all and don't forget the photos, otherwise we won't believe your usual "fishy" stories.

Finally all members give our congratulations and best wishes to our Club President who has announced his engagement:

"Thy blessed freedom soon be o'er, a happy bachelor ne-er more."

"Triton".

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Editor.