

AROUND THE CLUBS:—

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Not quite a club activity was the marriage of Joan and Peter Harper; congratulations from the Club. Bruce—you can now return the Bridal Suite key!

On our return to Coolaman Caves, Allan Moule, Bob Smith, Peter Newton and myself investigated the river system both upstream and down. The latter was a 40ft. swim through a water-filled tunnel to air.

Peter Newton is now testing the world's largest steam driven, all leather underwater camera.

February 21st—Club Meeting

Movies were shown by Tom Byron after the meeting.

February 27th

The club dive, Fairlight (shades of U.R.G.). What a place to dive, but with a chance to dive on a midget Japanese sub its worth it; of course, its in pieces. In the search for the remains new member, Ron Smith, came across a well-preserved bayonet and scabbard. The blade was dated 1871.

Rek Buddey came across pieces which could have been the submarine. A good day, with a good turn-up.

MARCH ACTIVITIES—March 12-13

Northern Zone U.S.F.A. Scuba Convention organised by Newcastle U.R.G.

March 21st—Club Meeting

March 27th—Club Dive

Latest South Pacific members to visit Mt. Gambier were Denis and Sylvia, Tom Byron and his wife and John Jansen. For anyone thinking about a trip, this is the place.

Back in at the moment are night dives. Apart from the occasional 90ft. night dives at Bent Basin, Clovelly pool and Kiama Blowhole, our first dive recently was off the front between Boat Harbour and Voodoo. Bombie—there were Peter Newton, Lloyd Larget and myself.

THIS MONTH'S "IN" LIST

Night dives.

Constant volume suits.

Rubber Rafts (according to Denis).

After using the same wetsuit for three years (cave diving, river diving, lake diving and sea diving), it's now a little thin. I'll accept the first offer from Australia's top suit manufacturers. Knowing the intensity of the replies to this, only the first suit will be accepted.

Top praises to Edward DuCros' spivbodge, it more than sums up the World Championship.

JOHN ALLEN



● John Allen (S.P.D.), "Cavediver"!

SOUTH COAST

240 Flagstaff Rd., Warrawong

The annual election of officers was held at our last meeting on 27th January, 1966, and the following members were elected:

President George Brown
Vice-President Kevin Walsh
Treasurer Laurie Whiteman
Secretary Enid Gorton
Sports Sec. Garry McKenzie
Safety Officer Bob Williams
Delegates to U.S.F.A.:

George Brown, Enid Gorton
Publicity Officer Jim Beattie

Some good fish were taken by our members in the last month. Junior Colin Howard speared a 30 lb. Jewfish and yours truly speared a 52 lb. Jewfish, both being taken off Wollongong Lighthouse. Darcy Wright speared a 98 lb. Cod while on his honeymoon at Byron Bay. On the same day he "smokied" an 8 ft. Nurse which persisted in taking the fish from his hand spear. Some of our members went to Bowen Island recently and brought back reports of plenty of fish and sharks.

The Taylor Shield Competition held at Perkins Beach, Port Kembla, was held under poor conditions, with a big swell, strong southerly and dirty water. Catches were poor, although there was a big roll call. Several sharks were sighted, Gary McKenzie taking on a Bronze Whaler. The shark got away, nearly taking gun and Gary with it. The Club outing which was to be held at Minamurra on the 20th of February was a wash-out due to big seas and heavy rain which prevailed over the week-end.

JIM BEATTIE,
Publicity Officer

METROPOLITAN MAKO'S

The Mako's have a new publicity officer, so stand by!

Former holder of this office, Darcy Eldridge, is down on the Victorian border diving for abalone. I wonder if he took his surfboard with him. I believe they're inseparable.

The long weekend at Toowoomb Bay was well attended by this club, but a "slight breeze" forced some members to pick up what was left of their tents and return home on Sunday night.

The Alliman Shield at Watsons Bay was a great day for all, our lost spearo, Darcy, bringing home a trophy for the largest red morwong (4lb. 14oz.). The trophy was donated by the Vaucluse Lion's Club.

Worthy cause of the month: to buy a watch for a certain boat crew, so they will know when to come in and sign off.

Three new members to be welcomed. Robert Robinson, a keen spearo but somewhat allergic to boats, and two novices ready to brave the depths — John Hickel and Alan Gardener.

A night dive was held at Clovelly Pool a few weeks back. Everything went according to plan until a large wave washed out our lights, and a clumsy diver (me) falling over her own feet and ending up in a hospital when somebody yelled "blood". Despite these minor mishaps, we were back there to terrorise the locals the following week.

And Alan Wilson, stop eating the spoons at the hospital. They resent it.

DIANNE.

THESE CLUBS WERE TOO LATE!

Mosman Whalers, North Shore, Knights of Neptune, Newcastle Vikings, Mid-South Marlins and South Coast Whisper!

Regrettably, the club news from these clubs was not received by February 28th (last day of the month), and consequently missed the absolute deadline for the March issue. Club news is welcome from all State Affiliated clubs, but must not exceed 300 words (plus photos) and must be at Box 1192, G.P.O. Sydney, by the last day of the month.

JACK EVANS (Editor)