

AROUND THE CLUBS:—

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Another month's diving over with some wonderful clear water and big fish aplenty to be speared.

On one particular Sunday, Allan and Trevor Gorge, and Barry Davies, left South West Rocks Creek by boat to fish the Black Rock Smokey Cape area. The day was fine and sunny, completely without any sign of wind, and the sea was flat with a visibility of at least 100 ft.

Anchoring "Davies" plywood Mercury powered boat at Black Rock on the inside reef, all three spearman were quickly into the water. The sight of big Kingies swimming in schools near the bottom, and long wary Spanish Mackerel circling in the distance plus thousands of smaller fish feeding on the rock covered bottom, was one a skindiver would never forget. Within a few hours, three Spanish Mackerel were in the boat, a couple of Kingies and a heap of smaller, tasty eating fish. Bent and twisted spears showed that the divers didn't have it all their own way with the big Spanish Mackerel.

When the happy divers finally made their way back to South West Rocks, their boat was so overloaded that they could only just plough through the water at a very steady pace.

A competition was held at Point Plummer last Sunday, mainly for the club to look the grounds over for the Northern Zone Championships. Tom Walker showed great form in winning the overall point score. This was no ordinary win for Walker because only a week before, Tom underwent an operation, and was very sick for a few days. A club meeting was held after the competition, where members made many secret plans on how to beat the Neptune Vikings and company.

Well, that seems all the latest news for now, next month we should have a full report on the Zone Championship.

BARRY DAVIES,
Publicity Officer

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Plumber, arriving three hours after the urgent call: "How's things, Mr. Brown?" Mr. Brown: "Not so bad. While we were waiting I taught the maid how to swim."

KINGFISHER CLUB NOTES

Our club has had some tragic changes in the past few months. We now have a female President, who knits booties on comp. days. I'm as much to blame as anyone, for it was I who nominated her. It was supposed to be a joke, but everyone jumped at the idea.

The club has not been going so well lately, we have been downed in the T/Shield and also by the Marlin.

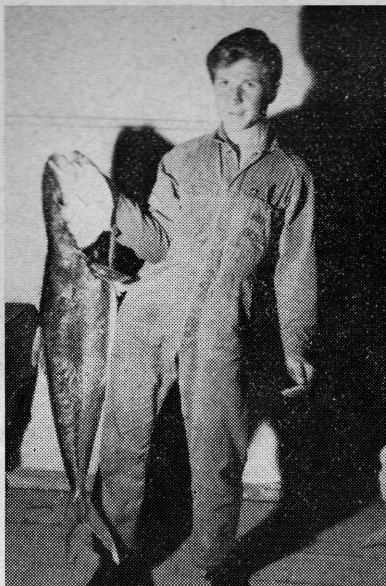
Easter week-end was not so successful as there were just no fish anywhere. Except a few scanty fleas (long feelered ones).

A member has moved up in the world with a brand new car that will set his wedding date a little further away.

Not much more to say as nothing much has happened! No social events have been on for at least six months, and nothing prepared for the future cabaret. **Better do some withdrawing, Social Committee, not much time left, and we do want a cabaret this year.** All out tries for the trophies are now quite evident, so fish hard P.C.

If you see a big bitie, and get scared and wish you had a few mates with you — just yell "CRAYS".

K. ANDERSON



● Bill Sutters (Kingfishers).

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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Sorry for lack of club notes last month.

Over the last two months a variety of interesting dives by various members of this club have taken place. Further cave dives at Coolaman by Bob Smith, Alan Moule, Peter Newton and myself have taken place. Dives within the area will continue after the snow season. On one of the latter dives it was quite unusual to drive into the diving area with the snow falling. Also further dives out on the "Peaks", 10 miles out and 220 feet down. There was Peter Harper, Bob Smith, Alan Moule and myself, the latter three using a hyperventilation technique to overcome the "narco" factor.

With the westerly winds returning, dives on the "Dunbar" have again commenced. Out there were Tom Byron, Dennis Robinson, Sylvia and Ted MacCulla. On one dive on the wreck, Tom was photographing Ben Cropp's efforts in lifting a cannon but had trouble getting the photographs — a diver (guess who), continually stumbled in front of the camera. It's a pity Ben, but all's fair in love and cannons.

Forthcoming club activities will be rapid riding and ice diving. Six members have already tried rapid riding, but we are hoping to do this on a larger scale. During the Easter period a whale shark was sighted by members off the South Coast — not a camera amongst the lot of them — among them there were Glen Mallot and Norm Rogers.

In answer to Peter Cullen's question at the end of his article in last month's issue, "where can you dive like this, and get paid?". Answer: Join South Pacific Divers, but you pay us — joining fee that is. For enquiries ring Dennis at 500268.

I hear Ron Taylor's Shark Column in the Sunday Telegraph will soon feature skin diving — good luck Ron.

JOHN ALLEN

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