

AROUND THE CLUBS:—

NORTH SHORE UNDERWATER CLUB

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What a howling gale for the first try at the July Alliman. Funny thing is that more North Shore members (all fit to be certified) turned up for fishing than the following weekend when the water was calmer. Dirty water kept most scores down and these scores were quickly disposed of with the Club's new adding machine.

The Club competition this month was held at Whale Beach, once again in poor visibility. The front of Newport reef providing the best visibility and fish. John Gillies and Mike Rich made a good Senior-Junior combination with first and second on the day. Some members enjoyed the surfing after the competition more than the fishing—certainly the conditions suited surfing better.

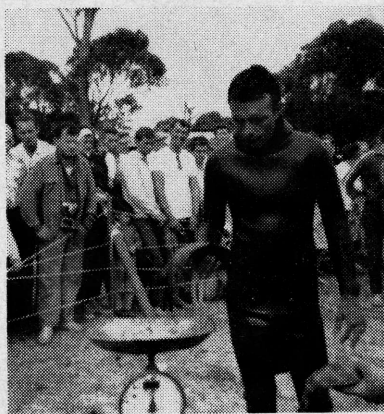
Club and Alliman scores are much improved. I'm sure those generously-donated chickens for top score on the day is one of the main reasons.

The Club Social for August was a bowling night at Balgowlah. About 30 keen bowlers had a fierce competition, with President Bob Kemp running out the winner in the men's competition and Joyce Mears cleaned up in the women's. The profit for the evening boosted our Queen-of-the-Sea fund. And, of course, the North Shore Cabaret at the end of July.

Some points of interest—All the dressing and undressing in the barn-dance left many people agog. A lot of them couldn't decide whether to help their partner disrobe (for extra speed to the prizes) or to stand gazing at everybody else, so as not to miss anything—One member, no doubt helped by his professional expertise, demonstrated the beast in us all but I thought it was a poor show, surely he could have cut his hair and toenails for the cabaret.—A "long legs" competition had many fingers itching for tape measures—many spearoos appear to be bagging chickens instead of lobsters judging by the table fare.

And so to next month and better fishing.

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● Ron Taylor (weighing in at State Championships, 1966).

ST. GEORGE

After a postponement of one week due to atrocious conditions, St. George again showed top form in winning the August Alliman.

Paul McDonald, with 288 points, topped the list this month, with Steve Duffy following with 266.

Wal Gibbins, fishing close to a bombie, espied a bug, thought it would be nice for dinner, then spent half an hour looking for his gun which was washed over the bombie; Steve found it about 400 yards from where Wal had left it. Nevertheless, Wal still ended with a good score to team with Paul and Steve in the No. 1 boat team to overwhelm the opposition.

At the last Club meeting, we were entertained with slides by Ray Whitbread and Wal Gibbins. After much trouble with a blown projector bulb, we watched the salvage of Ray's boat and motor which sank at Tweed Heads last year and Wal's salvage of scrap metal of various types from New Guinea and adjacent islands, taken some years ago.

Congratulations to Col Boomer, who during the previous month speared an 8lb. 11oz. Silver Trum-peter, which has since been entered for a State and Australian record.

The Social Day at Bonney Vale was provided with beautiful weather and good visibility, but only average fish weighed in; Mick Bray had a good bag. The fishing was followed by a barbecue on the beach.

A large crowd of divers was at the airport to farewell the World Championship Team, who took with them the best wishes of all of us.

See you next Alliman,

IAN PEDEN

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August Meeting

The President, D.R., was doomed to have full and sole control of the meeting as the Secretary was to be found on the slopes of Perisher Valley and the Treasurer, plus myself, were at Mt. Gambier diving at Piccaninny and The Shaft. The latter turned out to be far better than Ron Taylor's description. Visibility was virtually unlimited, as usual in this area.

Congratulations to Frank and Caroline on the occasion of their recent wedding, another diver shot down in flames.

We are all waiting patiently to see the results of Lindsay's new Rollei, especially the shots of the shark eating the Oar Fish at Marineland.

John Allen tells me that life in Melbourne is pretty boring (even the diving is lousy due to the permanent bad weather), he hasn't even unpacked his gear yet. Anyway John, you only have six long months to go.

Future Activities

Glen Millat has plans under way for a weekend at Seal Rocks, anyone wanting to go, please contact Glen.

Alan Maule also has plans, for a weekend on Montague Island (what, no snow?), in the near future.

Urgent Notice

Donations are needed urgently for a cause from which all Club members will benefit. The funds will be used to have Lloyd Large's vocal chords removed for some well-earned peace and quiet.

We are all glad to hear that Wal Gibbins has acquired the new edition of the N.S.W. Railway timetable for future decompression.

Till next time, good lung diving.



BOB SMITH