



New South Wales

MOSMAN WHALERS

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First, we salute and congratulate Brian Bailey on winning the State Intermediate Title at Swansea on the long weekend — we also congratulate Wally Gibbins on his great win, and all other trophy winners.

Since then Brian has been seeking his fortune in South Australia — last report received from his mother was that he and Doug Trinder were fishing for "ab" at Streaky Bay on the Great Australian Bight. No doubt they will be in W.A. for the Australian Championships, as Brian has been named as a reserve member of the N.S.W. team.

John Capper, "Mort" and Peter Burgess, all for different reasons, stayed home on the long weekend but did quite well with fish and Crays from Long Reef and Palm Beach respectively.

Up till now there has been a theory among Whalers that if things are crook up north you can always fish Currarong down south, so a whole contingent of over 20 Whalers with families and friends went down for the long weekend to prove the theory to be wrong. While the blokes in Sydney and at Swansea had "blue current" fishing, we had a dirty 10ft. average crawl around — no Crays, just a feed of fish — but a mighty good time.

Bob George was extra happy — his new boat team won the boat point-score — and he got his first Tassie and his first Balmain Bug.

Back to Sydney and up to Palm Beach to fish another Alliman round where we were able to accommodate all our fishermen (approximately 20) in seven boats — what a change from three years ago.

As yet I have not heard the results of this competition except that our score of over 500 was quite good for the day. If the North Shore Hawks won, they deserved it with such a fantastic sign-on — 46, I heard.

Must go and get my ears cleaned out now — they've been ringing ever since we went to the Mako's "do" at Redfern — one lady arrived with a headache, but after the first bracket she went numb from the neck up — and the boys on stage seemed to enjoy doing it to us!

Cheers for now,
OLD MONSTRO

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SEPTEMBER —

Club Meeting was held as usual and the Club extends its welcome to new members and the return of some old faces who evidently hibernate during the winter.



The Club outing was in the form of a "beerbecue" at Jibbon, where everyone who attended enjoyed a good day.

The long weekend was spent at Seal Rocks and a visit to the Championships at Swansea and a visit to the

parachute championships at Taree.

The highlight of the trip was at Seal Rocks where Big Ears Ditchburn and Noddy Smith were found at 70 feet wrestling on the bottom over a 2lb. Cray.

We see that Alan Moule is sporting a new 65 h.p. Mercury on his boat. Also, it looks like he has given away diving in preference to ski-ing (I should talk).

Looks like Denis (alias Young-un) had some fun trying to get news film of the submarine at Disaster Bay recently. It appears that everyone except the Navy knows the whereabouts of the sub.

Well it was good news to hear that the proposed ban on spearing with a lung was crushed. The spearos soon changed their minds when they found that abalone comes under the heading of fish. Anyway, when are they going to grow up and realise that only about 10 per cent of lungers spear fish regularly. The remaining 90 per cent have far better things to use their air on.

It looks like Christmas is going to find several of us at Mt. Gambier again. Can't wait to get back to the shaft.

Don't forget our Xmas-type Barbecue coming up. Venue to be decided at next meeting, so see you then.

BOB (Free Fall) SMITH

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