

CANTERBURY UNDERWATER CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

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Howdy folks. Been on any night dives lately? We have had plenty, and in different locations, which should defeat that old excuse "there's nothing THERE". It seems that almost anywhere at night underwater you'll see something of interest and at close range too; so stop waiting for a sunny day and go with the club when the moon is out. Bob Hogan arrived one night minus wet suit and couldn't be convinced that baretop diving is fun, fun, fun.

The night dive at Shiprock Road was well attended and amongst the nightlife were seen those men-about-town: Messrs. Russell Dean and his mate, Richard Taylor. Russell, as well as getting two Crays, reckons he saw a 10 lb. Mowie—how big?—well, 7 lb.! A Wobbie on night shift was also seen sneaking around the bottom.

Wollongong Alliman and our boys fished the islands, except for Frank and Pat, who came back with many fine Catfish and Ling. I'm told the organisation of the sign-on was superb and was all over in 15 minutes. Just shows what a little preparation can accomplish.

Thanks to Steve Duffy, a diver from another club, the old Bell Boy still has its anchor, which was stuck in about 80 feet of water, which is about 25 feet too much for its regular crew. Steve Duffy went down for a minute, then came up, not even puffing, and said, "Pull 'er up". It seems to me that some people are physiologically more suited to various sports and no amount of practice will get you to the same ability if it is not naturally in you. I am not saying that practice and perseverance won't get you a long way, but that some individuals, given the same practice and training, will surpass the average bloke.

No doubt some of you will be saying, when you find no Canterbury notes, that I didn't write any. Well that is not so — only once have I missed out on writing same. The main trouble is the P.M.G. I have taken notes in two or three days before the deadline to the Sydney G.P.O. and they still haven't appeared in the magazine, and anyone associated with any business will declare the mail system to be chaotic at present. I'm told by John Thompson, the Skindiver Magazine circulation man, that six other clubs missed out last month for the same reason. That's enough "belly-acheing"—on with the news.

The night dive at Balmoral was



● "Three bags full" (CUCA).

changed to Clifton Gardens, but apart from that I haven't got any other information about it—oh yes—John Sumner found plenty of sea horses.

The social day at Fishermans Beach, Port Kembla, was a little bit disorganised timewise and we arrived late with the boats and apologise to anyone who waited and then left. We did get there about an hour late and fished Windang Island for Mowies and Tassies. We didn't recognise Marcello, one of our newer members, in the water at Fishermans Beach, and steamed off to Windang without him.

The week-end away at Green Patch, Jervis Bay, was terrific for the two families who attended. This is a really marvellous place. Quiet water in the bay and a lagoon for the kids. The spearfishing was quite good just outside from the bay, although the boat is needed to get there.

That's as far as I can take the notes this time before going to press, and will conclude with a brief summary of the notes that missed the magazine the month before.

John Sumner won the Club Senior Championship at Currarong, and Peter Constantine won the Intermediate.

Richard Brewin speared a 27 lb. Kingie at Watsons Bay Alliman.

Pat McCue bought a 12 ft. deep vee—"just for the kids to row around the river!" . . . what a laugh!

STEPHEN ANDREWS.

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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October Activities

27th October, Club dive to Boat Harbour but poorly attended, possibly due to strong wind and rough seas.

10th November, dive to Pt. Perpendicular replaced by a jump in Kiama Blowhole for filming purposes.

18th November, Club meeting. Firstly a welcome to the visitors and new members turning up. A reasonably short meeting and it was decided that the December Club meeting would be incorporated in with a film night showing a selection of diving movies.

Important Notice

Members and visitors are particularly asked to observe the "Correct Dress" rule when coming to the Club meetings. Also a note to the juniors: Juniors under the age of 21 are not admitted to R.S.L. clubs, although this may be overcome by any juniors wanting to come along, and they are asked to get in touch with the President, Denis Robinson, or myself.

December Activities

24th December, Club dive to Montague Island with the purpose of getting some more sharks and seals on film.

8th December, trawler dive on a wreck of an old tugboat in 110 ft. off Bowen Island. Alternative: Dive to the caves at Pt. Perpendicular.

14th December, Club Christmas Party to be held at Wattamolla. Outcome of this wild "Baccanalian Turn" next month.

A special welcome to the Club is extended to Art Mayer and his wife Sue.

Art has been sent to Australia to film a series on 18 ft. sailing and a film called "Where the Action Is", which covers all the activities of the South Pacific Club exclusively (girl watching, beer drinking).

This film is for Eastman-Kodak and United Artists, to be released throughout the world on the theatre circuits. Club President, Denis Robinson, has been assigned to do the underwater filming for the series.

So far the guys have made a film on jumping in the Blowhole, which has been processed and is most successful. Other aspects of diving will include a para-scuba drop about mid-December by our Treasurer, Ron Smith. Diving with seals and sharks will be shot in the next few weeks.

Art is a close diving buddy of Jordan Klein of Mako Products in Miami, and together they worked on the James Bond film "Thunderball", designing the special underwater gear and photographic effects. We hope to see Art and Sue out here in 1969 and coming on a few dives with us.

Noticed at the meeting that the Red Baron (Al) has traded in the red Fokker and is now flying a white monaro!

Saw our "Riptide Hero" leaping in the Blowhole on the TV last week. Looked really dangerous, didn't it Lindsay?

Meetings third Monday of each month at Kingsgrove R.S.L. Visitors and new members especially welcome. Any correspondence to the Secretary, Alan Moule, 30 Wolli Street, Kingsgrove, 2208 (telephone 50-4859).

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

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