

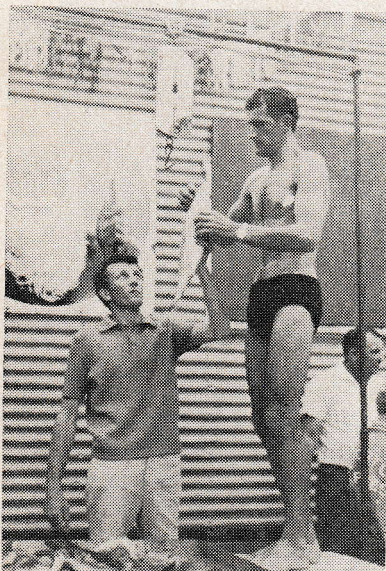
## NEWCASTLE NEPTUNES

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Due to a patch of really crook weather our No. 6 competition, scheduled for Norah Head on 23rd June, was postponed for a week, so no results were available before the deadline.

Our roving sailor boy, Ernie Thirkell, recently back from a Vietnam holiday cruise on H.M.A.S. "Perth" as the guest of the Government, is shortly off to Flinders base in Melbourne to be trained as a petty officer, no less! Thank heaven we have an Air Force, says I. Ernie hopes to get in a bit of fishing time with his old buddy Barry Andrewartha. Ernie's wife, Sue, is going with him this time, not that she doesn't trust him, but...

Pat and Patricia Cavanagh of the Kingfishers visited Henry and Ann Mahl on the long week-end after getting lost in the back of Cessnock somewhere. They fished Cabbage Tree Island with St. George Junior Howard Mulvey. They managed to rake up a feed of Bream and Niggers and finished the week-end with a tour of the Pokolbin Vineyards on the Monday, complete with free samples, etc.



● Ray Smith and Ron Smith,  
Neptunes.

Must tell you about an incredible trip to Broughton by a couple of our club members (no names, no pack drill). They left for the island at 2 o'clock on Saturday morning and found it by **torchlight!** After this splendid navigational feat they spoiled the whole week-end by sinking

the boat in the surf. Contrary to popular belief, "Kool Kat" Forrester was not in command.

New Junior member Graham Ekert speared his first decent fish at Norah Head over the long week-end — a Flathead which weighed close to 4 lb. cleaned. He was only in the water five minutes but kept that fish a week in the fridge waiting for me to turn up to have a gander at it!

Our chief handicapper, Mick Tather, has the handicap system working smoothly and members are very keen after each comp. to see who takes out this section. Some results have been very close, which speaks well for the system.

Our birthday cabaret will be held on 8th August at the "Princeton" in Hamilton. All spearmen and friends everywhere are cordially invited to be there. Tickets are available from George Davies at the Victoria Street address. The club has had many enquiries lately regarding social membership, and it has been decided to alter our constitution to admit social members to the club. These would be non-spearing friends and supporters, and we believe this could be a good thing for the club.

Reg and Mrs. Burgoyne, parents of our late member Johnny, have donated a trophy to be known as the John Burgoyne Memorial Trophy. This will be presented each year to the member who weighs in the most species over the 12 monthly comps., beginning from January this year. The Graham Twigger Memorial Trophy will go to the most improved Junior each year.

\*Well, with the bad weather news is scarce. I could write a page or two about our public relations man, "Chubby" Mason, but the censor would only cut it anyway, so

Hasta la vista,

EL PRESIDENTE

\*Cut what?—Editor.

## SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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### Club Meeting, 23rd June

This meeting was combined to make a film night, with Rick Latimer from Australian Divers showing the films "Aqua-lung Adventures" and the "Blue Continent". Both films were particularly good, especially to the newer members who have not had much experience, as they gave a very descriptive account of all aspects of skin diving. The club extends its thanks to you, Rick.

## Past Activities

**25th May:** Boat day at Jibbon with about 30 bods there along with six boats. All in all it was a good day, even though the water was a bit dirty.

**31st May:** Barbecue at Bob Smith's place. This was a great night, with only two things wrong. Firstly, a pretty poor roll-up of members, only 16 attending. Secondly, Lindsay and Ron won all my money in pontoon. To all those who missed the night—condolences—as we ate your steaks and drank your share of the grog. Our thanks go to Bob for arranging the party, and Robyn Denmead for the cooking.

**8th June:** Whale Beach cave dive. another good day, but the seas were a little against us as there were waves breaking over the cave entrance.

**June long week-end:** Caving trip to Bendethra Caves, and on this trip we joined forces with the Sydney Bat Hunting Society and had, from all reports, a very good trip. Many stories have emerged from this outing. At this point we should give the Rubbishing of the Month Award to Alan, as on the caving trip at one time he must have been feeling a bit funny, as he could not walk — or stand — or talk for that matter. All he could do was sit on a log and say "Let's get this show on the road". Must have thought we was in a circus.

There is also another story going around concerning someone called "Eskimo Nell". If anyone want to hear about it, see Jack.

Another thing that happened on the caving trip: Denis, to the delight of the crowd and midst applause and calls for "more", did a helicopter!

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## GOULBURN UNDERWATER CLUB

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The annual meeting for the election of officer bearers for the coming year was held on June 6th. Our congratulations go to the following members who were elected:

Col Mynors, President; Henri Van Bilsen, Secretary; Bob Lamb, Treasurer; Alan Curtin, Records Officer; Rod Hutchins, Public Relations; Geoff Hug, Sergeant of Arms; Brian Webb, Social Secretary; Barry Morton, Competition Secretary.

Thanks were extended to the retiring committee who achieved the successful inception of the club. We hope the coming year will be as rewarding and as much a success as the last one.

Recently the club enjoyed a suc-